Dear Volunteers,

We are quickly approaching summer which means you and your members need to be aware of a lot of 4-H information and deadlines. Please be sure to read through each newsletter and utilize the information given to you in your packets at the February Advisor Trainings as well as what’s available on our website.

I would like to send out a heart-felt thank-you to the 40+ people who came out to 4-H Camp Piedmont on Saturday, April 22 for the T-County Spring Clean-Up Day! We had an awesome crew of 4-H members, advisors, and parents. There are a lot of improvements being made at camp and the staff at Piedmont certainly appreciates the efforts our county makes each spring. Many hands make work lighter. Thank you to our crew from 4-H Jr. Achievers, Above and Beyond, Happy Homesteaders, Heels Down, Mix-N-Match, New Horizons, Stillwater Clover Harvesters, Strasburg Country, and various members of the 4-H Committee. It was a good day!

Have a great spring!

Kiersten Heckel
Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development

4-H Motto
To Make the Best Better

4-H Pledge
I pledge
My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
My health to better living for
my club, my community, my
country, and my world.

FINAL LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE—MAY 9!

The final Livestock Quality Assurance session will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at Tuscarawas Valley Middle School. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the program will start at 7:00 p.m. There will be no makeups for youth who miss Quality Assurance and per Senior Fair Board instruction, youth may not attend a session outside of Tuscarawas County.
Kent-Tusc Makerspace - We were contacted by the Makerspace in the Academic Commons at Kent Tuscarawas. It is their intention to represent this space as an open play environment where people can discover new ideas through self-exploration or collaboration with others. The Makerspace offers: 3D pens, Wacom Tablets, vinyl cutter, OWI Robotic Arm, parallax BOE-Bot Robot, 3D Printers, HP Sprout, Cricut, Sewing Machine, laminators and very soon, a video studio. A greater detailed description of each piece of equipment is located at:  http://libguides.tusc.kent.edu/makerspace. If any clubs are interested in utilizing these tools, please contact Jeff Burkey at jaburkey@kent.edu

NEW Cloverbud Kit - Jefferson County recently put together and sold Weather Fun kits to accompany the first lesson in the new Big Book of Cloverbud Activities. Any profit Jefferson’s 4-H Committee made from these kits are being donated to 4-H Camp Piedmont. Several of our county volunteers mentioned at the 4-H Conference that they were interested in these kits. Our 4-H Committee purchased one which is now available for clubs to check out and utilize if they purchased the Big Book of Cloverbud Activities.

2017 Plat Books – We have been getting a lot of questions regarding when the new edition of the Tuscarawas County Plat Books will be available. The 4-H Committee has ordered their first batch and they will be available for purchase in the Extension Office in the next couple of weeks.

4-H Equine Advisors – Riverland Arena has reached out to see if any 4-H equine clubs are interested in utilizing their full-size indoor arena. For more information, please contact Michelle Flickinger at 330-340-6593.

Fundraising
  • Pizza Hut offers several fundraising programs for organizations throughout the community. Contact Michelle Smith, Local Sales Manager, at mksmith@hallrich.net or 330-565-7731 for more information.

4-H Fridays at The Garden Gurl Shop in New Philadelphia (18817 Seven Mile Drive)! 4-H and FFA members will receive 15% off their purchase every Friday. Show your project book or membership card to receive the discount.

Adopt-A-Cabin Refurbishment Campaign—This can be counted as Community Service for those clubs making a donation. Camp Piedmont is asking each county to Adopt-A-Cabin. The cost to refurbish a single cabin is $5,000. Refurbishment will include:
  ⇒ New roof, walls, floors, ceilings, and doors. The cabins had new lighting and windows recently installed.
  ⇒ Contractors will be doing work under the leadership of the Maintenance Manager, John Gardner.

The committee is encouraging 4-H clubs to participate by making donations to the Cabin Campaign. Flyer and donation form are available online at: http://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/tuscarawas-county-4-h-camp

Thank you to the clubs that have donated! We are getting closer to our goal! We’ve currently raised approximately $3,000!

Spring 2017 Paper Clover Drive – One last reminder that the Spring Paper Clover Drive with Tractor Supply Company will be held April 26 – May 7. Profits from this drive support national, state, and county 4-H programming!

Pre-Judging appointments can be made by calling our office beginning June 1. Pre-judging dates for 2017 are June 27 and July 13.

See the Livestock Requirement Summary for weigh-in, tag/tattooing, banding, DNA, or picture/registration due dates for June.

4-H Olympics - June 12, 5-9 PM, Fairgrounds. Tuscarawas County 4-H'ers will invade the fairgrounds for the annual 4-H Olympics. Hot dogs, courtesy of Union Hospital’s Nurse’s Association, will be provided from 5-6 PM at the Clover Café. Opening ceremony and instructions will be at 6:30 PM at the grandstands. Event is sponsored by the 4-H Committee, and they ask that advisors call the office as soon as possible with an approximate number attending. We want to have plenty of food. All family members are welcome. There will be special games for Cloverbuds. The evening will end with the club tug-of-war.
Livestock Registration Forms are due June 15 as indicated on the Livestock Summary. These are distributed with project book guidelines and are available on our web site.

Member Evaluation Forms are due by June 15 for members who need special consideration at Interview Judging. These forms must be completed by the parent/guardian AND advisor. Forms are available at the office and on our web site.

June 20 is the postmark and online entry deadline for all junior and open livestock entries (including poultry and rabbits) for the Ohio State Fair. See their website for all entry information: http://ohiostatefair.com/livestock/. State Fair Dressage entries are due July 1 and State Fair Horse entries are due by noon on July 11.

Interview Judging schedules will be available the first week of July. Please contact our office if you are interested in assisting with judging.

Tuscarawas County Cloverbud Camp - Registrations will be available soon for the August 3 camp. Please contact Kiersten if you’re an advisor who is interested in assisting.

Attention Uhrichsville & Dennison area 4-H Clubs! – We were contacted by the Dennison Mayor’s Office looking for any 4-H clubs that would be interested in participating and setting up displays during 922 Day which takes place, of course, on September 22! Please note this day does fall during the county fair but if any clubs are interested, please contact Tammie Taggart at 740-922-4072 or dennsec@att.net

Food & Fashion Board Shirt Fundraiser Underway!

The Tuscarawas County 4-H Food and Fashion Board is taking orders for their bi-annual shirt fundraiser. The design features the slogan "Tuscarawas County 4-H To Make the Best Better" in white lettering along with the 4-H clover. Four different shirt types are available as well as five different shirt colors. Shirt colors can be viewed at the office.

Remaining order and pick up dates:
- May 22 for pick up at 4-H Olympics;
- June 30 for pick up at Interview Judging; and
- August 28 for pick up at fair.

Order forms are available in the office or online at: https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/news/tuscarawas-county-4-h-food-and-fashion-board-fundraiser-underway.

Payment is required when order is placed.

For any questions, contact Chris Kendle.