Happy New Year, T-County 4-H Advisors!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season with their family and friends. It’s officially 2022 and time to get back to business. Here are a few important updates as we begin the 4-H year:

2022 Tuscarawas County Advisor Training
There will be three options for advisor trainings this year. You only need to attend ONE of these dates. It is required that each club have a minimum of one advisor in attendance.

- Thursday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. (In-person at New Philadelphia First UMC)
- Saturday, February 5 at 9:00 a.m. (In-person at New Philadelphia First UMC)
- Saturday, February 5 at 1:00 p.m. (VIRTUAL ONLY)

Register for any one of the advisor trainings here: https://go.osu.edu/tuscadvisorupdate2022.

State Advisor Training Requirement
NEW in 2022, Ohio State has announced that for volunteers to remain active and in good standing, they must participate in trainings covering two identified volunteer competencies annually. These trainings are in addition to the Recognizing & Reporting Child Abuse (Policy 1.50) training.

To assist you in meeting this requirement, we have incorporated everything you need into our 2022 Advisor Trainings, thus those attending one of the above trainings will have this requirement met for the year. **ALL ADVISORS are highly encouraged to attend one of the county advisor training opportunities.**

If you are not able to attend one of these options, it will be your responsibility to complete your 1.50 training virtually AND identify two additional trainings to fulfill this new requirement. One of the two trainings MUST be Extension provided (i.e., Ohio 4-H Conference, Jr. Swine Day, etc.). The second could be an outside source such as Mental Health First Aid, CPR, etc. Outside trainings must be pre-approved by me.

2021 Secretary and Treasurer books (including the 2021 club financial summary) are due to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 14. If you need to access the financial summary or the secretary/treasurer books, these items can be found here: https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-parents-and-volunteers/advisors-and-volunteers

Club Premiums and Sale Checks
If you have not yet picked up your club premium check (or cashed it), please do so ASAP so Senior Fair Board can wrap up their end-of-year financials. Remaining club premium checks and Jr. Fair sale checks are in the Extension Office. If you have members who still haven’t picked up their sale checks, please tell them to do so IMMEDIATELY. A stamped thank-you card is still required at the time of pick-up.
New 4-H Volunteers
If you are adding new advisors to your club this year, the new volunteer application has been updated and can be accessed here: http://go.osu.edu/tusc4hnewvolunteer once the application has been electronically submitted, the individual will receive a confirmation email with further instructions and New 4-H Volunteer Orientation date options.

2022 Club Info Sheets
Head advisors were also emailed a link earlier this week to fill out their 2022 Club Info Sheet. Please fill this out and submit it as quickly as you can. I use these a LOT as new families begin to call/email in looking for a club to join so even if you aren’t accepting new members this year, please fill it out and submit so I know NOT to give your club’s name out 😊. This is also a great way for me to filter new members to your club if you are trying to expand membership numbers.

Stay warm out there and I’m looking forward to seeing many of you soon!

Kiersten