It was GREAT seeing many of you when I dropped in for the Jr. Leaders meeting last Saturday.

I was super excited by our meeting and extremely thrilled with the number of youths who want to be involved in Jr. Leaders. I know not everyone could make the first meeting so we’re sending this email out to ALL age-eligible youth. Attached to this email are the minutes that Jen Randolph took for us during the January meeting. Read those over if you couldn’t be there or if you just want to review what we discussed (there was a LOT).

A few things to make note of: In February, we are going to be electing officers via Qualtrics so it will be an electronic vote and only the adult staff will see your electronic ballots. At the February meeting (date is TBD but will be in the second half of the month), we will hold an officer installation. Those who are elected should plan to stay after the meeting for roughly an extra 30 minutes so we can work on finalizing the remainder of the 2022 calendar. If you are interested in running for an office, please email me (heckel.13@osu.edu) no later than February 1 with a short bio, a nice selfie and why you should be elected for the office you’re interested in. From there, we’ll put the ballot together and email it out. As a reminder, those who are elected to an office MUST attend a minimum of 75% of the meetings.

Looking ahead: Our planned activity for March is attending the Ohio 4-H Conference which is scheduled for Saturday, March 12 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Registration is due by February 7 to our office! Please find the registration info here: [http://go.osu.edu/2022Ohio4HConference](http://go.osu.edu/2022Ohio4HConference)

The Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee pays a portion of the registration fees for T-County volunteers and teens who attend. If you turn your registration into our office by February 7, your cost is $25. We will most likely not be renting vans to go so once we know how many people are registered, we will figure out transportation. If you plan to attend the Conference, you will need to turn in your $25 fee AND your completed registration form to our office by 4:00 p.m. on February 7. To decide on the sessions you would like to attend, please refer to the “Program Booklet.” Many sessions have a limited number of people so bear that in mind. If there are no restrictions for on-campus programming, Collegiate 4-H will most likely hold their annual Plowboy Prom Saturday evening at the Ohio 4-H Center following the conference. As time gets closer, I’ll keep you updated but we will plan to stay for Plowboy Prom if it’s scheduled.

If you plan on joining Jr. Leaders for 2022, please fill out this registration form: [http://go.osu.edu/TuscJrLeaderReg](http://go.osu.edu/TuscJrLeaderReg) AND bring your $15 membership fee to the February meeting. If writing a check, you can make it out to “Tuscarawas County 4-H Junior Leaders.”

Let me know if you have any questions!

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