

NEWSLETTER

Thank you

Thank you so much to the volunteers who attended the Kick-Off Meeting in January. We truly appreciate your time and effort you put into making our clubs great!!!

Attend a Meeting

I want to invite myself to one of your 4-H meetings. I would like 10-15 minutes to talk to your youth about the many opportunities that are available to them through 4-H. Please call me at the Extension Office at 330-533-5538 or email at smith.11958@osu.edu

Volunteer training for 1.50 Policy

Volunteer Training Dates for the 1.50 Child Abuse Training are:

- Thursday, February 16th from 6pm-7pm at the Extension Office
- Saturday, February 18th from 10am-11am at the Extension Office

Please call or email Beth Smith to register for a time to do your training 330-533-5538 or smith.11958@osu.edu

I will also be offering 1.50 training classes at Quality Assurance on March 4th at South Range High School and at the Horse Symposium on April 1st at South Range High School (times to be announced)

Club Fundraiser Opportunity

Concession stand space is available during the Saddle Horse Shows on June 18, July 8 and August 13. This is a great opportunity to do a fundraiser with your club. If you are interested, please contact Jane Malmsberry at 330-853-3949.

Quality Assurance Test Out

QA Test Out Guidelines

- Youth ages 12-14 who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA program for up to 3 years. Passing of THIS test only exempts attendance at QA until the member reaches a 4-H age of 15. At that time, they would take the 15-18 year old test.
- Youth ages 15-18 years who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA program permanently.
- These ages are as of January 1, 2016 – a youth's 4-H age.

NOTE: The Canfield Fairboard has a policy stating, "Youth must attend the Canfield Fairboard's QA program for at least 3 years before they can test out." Even if you take the test and pass, the fairboard will be double checking your eligibility and ultimately decide if your passing the test exempts you from their QA requirement.

This year the test will primarily be over the **Good Production Practices 1, 3, and 6**. We are **no** longer able to have the review session before the test, so we recommend that members study their 4-H Project Resource Book, focusing on the Quality Assurance section of the book.

Reservations are required for Quality Assurance Test Out

- Please call the OSU Extension Office with your Name, Age (as of January 1).
- We need your preference of test (Small Animal or Large Animal).
- You must register two days before the test to assist with test preparation.
- The size of each class is limited. The dates are:
February 20 10:00-12:00p.m.
February 20 5:00-7:00pm
February 23 6:30-8:30pm

Mahoning County 4-H Endowment Dinner & Auction

Saturday, April 29, 2017 at St. Michael's Family Life Center 300 North Broad St., Canfield

What's it all about?

- 4-H is a non-profit youth development organization of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.
- The endowment is an interest-bearing account, maintained at Ohio State University. All monies are used for Mahoning County 4-H.
- Each year the 4-H Advisory Committee receives an interest check from the Endowment. Currently, the amount exceeds \$1,000 per year! A local committee makes all decisions on spending interest.
- This money is spent to send youth to state and national camps, to train volunteers, for educational supplies and to promote 4-H.

Tickets: Advance ticket sales are Adults: \$20.00 Youth: \$10.00 Tickets are available at the Mahoning County Extension Office or from any Endowment Committee members

Donations are needed for the auction. Please bring your donations to the extension Office by Monday, April 17.

Forms to be returned to the Extension Office by April 1st

- 2017 4-H Club Meeting Dates
- 2017 Club Officers
- Ohio 4-H Member Enrollment
- Ohio 4-H Charter Checklist
- Request Membership Across County Lines
- Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims
- Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Horse Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims
- 2017 Ohio Project Books and Resources Advisor Order Form