

FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H

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4-H IS A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE
ACROSS AMERICA WHO ARE LEARNING
LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS.

Important Dates

- ▶ **January 29, 2009**
New Volunteer Orientation, 7:00PM
Franklin County Extension Office
- ▶ **February 8, 2009**
Winter Project Fair, 2:00-5:00PM
Ohio 4-H Center
- ▶ **February 26, 2009**
Officer & Advisor Training, 7:00-9:00PM
Ohio 4-H Center

Winter Project Fair

Come in out of the cold and have some 4-H fun!

You and your friends are invited to the 2009 Franklin County 4-H Winter Project Fair sponsored by the 4-H Advisory Committee and the Teen Leaders Council. The theme of this year's event is "4-H is the heart of Ohio". The 4-H Winter Project Fair will be held on Sunday, February 8th from 2:00 – 5:00 PM at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center located at 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, Ohio.

I encourage all 4-H Families and prospective 4-H'ers to attend to view projects available to members. Throughout the event, 4-H'ers will be displaying prior years' projects and will be available to answer questions that you may have about the difficulty, complexity, time involvement, skills required, etc about specific projects. Please make sure you invite any prospective 4-H members to attend and view all that 4-H has to offer.

In addition to 4-H projects, many interactive activities have been planned by the Teen Leaders Council including special activities for Cloverbud members. The 4-H Camp and Award programs will also have displays and activities available for all attendees. All 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to participate in a Community Service activity during the event, by making valentines for the Troops and kids will have the opportunity to decorate a sweatshirt for themselves or a friend. Plan to join the fun on Sunday, February 8th. See you there!

In the Spirit of 4-H,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Beth'.

Beth Boomershine
4-H Youth Development Educator



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Ohio 4-H Teen Conference



Who: 4-H Teens

When: February 21, 2009

Where: Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio

Registration Deadline: February 5, 2009 to the Franklin County Extension Office

Cost: \$25.00 – The Franklin County 4-H Advisory Committee is generously paying for Franklin County 4-H members to attend the conference for free. Please send in your check with your registration materials and it will be returned to you after your presence at the conference is verified.

How: Registration Materials are available at: http://franklin.osu.edu/home_family_youth/forms

Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference

The 2009 Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference and Bob Evans Farms Recognition Luncheon will take place at the Columbus Convention Center on March 14, 2008. This event is designed to bring together 4-H Volunteers from across the State of Ohio. The objective of this event is to learn together and from each other in order to improve our abilities to deliver the Ohio 4-H Program to its members. We truly believe that these educational selections offer something for everyone, and have the ability to satisfy every taste and need. Nearly 100 sessions will be available to choose from.

Who: All Ohio 4-H volunteers are welcome to attend.

When: Saturday, March 14, 2008

Where: Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio

How? Print and fill out the registration form at: http://franklin.osu.edu/home_family_youth/forms and return it to the Extension Office by February 12, 2009.

Cost: \$30.00 - The Franklin County 4-H Advisory Committee is generously paying for Franklin County 4-H members to attend the conference for free. Please send in your check with your registration materials and it will be returned to you after your presence at the conference is verified.

Officer & Advisor Training – Don't Miss It!

PLEASE NOTE:
One advisor from each club is **required** to attend!
Important 2009 4-H information will be shared.



The **Officer & Advisor Training** is being held on **Thursday, February 26, 2009**, at the **Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center** on Ohio State's campus. The address is **2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210**. The activities will be from **7:00PM until 9:00PM**.

There will be sessions for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, News Reporters, Health/Safety Officers, Historians, Environmental Officers, and Recreation Leaders. All 4-H members, regardless of whether they are an officer are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity for young members to learn how to be club officers. The event will include a mock meeting and an officer installation ceremony. You don't want to miss it.

At least one advisor from each club is required to be present at this event as there will be important information regarding changes for 2009. Pick up your club's fair books and other resources. Parents are also welcome to come and take part in the advisor update. See you there!



4-H Has Gone to the Dogs!

Have you or someone you know been wanting to take your dog as a 4-H project, but just didn't know enough about how to go about training your dog and preparing for project evaluations and shows? This is your opportunity to be a part of the 4-H Dog Program. We have a new 4-H dog club starting in Franklin County! This club will hold bi-weekly obedience and showmanship training sessions as well as prepare your child for the Franklin County Fair dog show and evaluations in July! With the help of advisors Julie Kohus, Nancy Willoughby, and Tina Hocker, this club also hopes to hold USDAA sanctioned junior agility trials. The advisors have high hopes for the club and are looking forward to working with a great group of 4-H members.

All current members and anyone interested in joining 4-H are welcome to join the club. If you are interested in learning more, please attend the parent information session on February 17th, 7:00PM at the Ohio 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210. Questions? Contact Julie Kohus for more information at julie.kohus@gmail.com.

Horse Bits...



Horse Safety & Ethics Program Requirement for new Horse Project Members

What: Required attendance for any member taking a horse project for the first time.

When: April 23rd, 7:00PM or June 17th, 7:00PM

Where: Franklin County Extension Office, 2105 S Hamilton Rd., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43232

Horse Royalty Information

It is time to think about the Junior Fair Horse Royalty Program for the year 2009! The up coming 4-H year promises to be very exciting! The only thing missing is YOU! This is a chance for our most knowledgeable and skilled riders to compete. We had an excellent slate of contestants in 2008. We anticipate another great year for 2009. If you are interested in running for horse royalty, all of the details can be found at: http://franklin.osu.edu/home_family_youth/horse-happenings. Applications are due on or before March 31, 2009.

Do you know a past horse royalty winner?

The Franklin County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee is looking for past royalty winners to participate in a special 40 year anniversary event. Please notify Dolores Tewell, tewellmom@att.net, or Lisa Miller, MillerOH@aol.com, if you can provide them with information on how to contact any of the past horse royalty winners. A list of those winners can be found at http://franklin.osu.edu/home_family_youth/horse-happenings.

Correction to November Newsletter

Please note the following correction to the November newsletter regarding dates for 2009.

Creative Baking Contest will be held on the evening of Monday, June 22, 2009.

Royalty Contest will be held on the evening of Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

Public Speaking Contest will be held on the evening of Tuesday, June 16, 2009.



Welding Projects

Youth interested in taking a welding project, but don't have the resources or a knowledgeable adult to help them, should consider coming to the new Franklin County Welding Club that will be meeting in a welding lab at OSU. 4-H Advisor and welding instructor, Peter Gehres, will be offering guidance and providing youth with the equipment they need to complete some stellar welding projects. The first meeting will tentatively be March 14th. For more information contact Peter Gehres at petergehres@gmail.com. Note: If youth would rather not join another 4-H club, they are still welcome!

Congratulations, Camp Counselors

Congratulations to the excellent group of 4-H teens that were selected to be 2009 4-H Camp Counselors and Counselors in Training at Franklin County's 4-H camp June 26-30 at Camp Ohio. This group will spend the next five months receiving training and planning activities for camp.

Eric Bohanan
Kelsey Brobst
Hanna Clark
Mariah Clark
Jodi Cook
Danielle Elefritz
Kirstyn Federer
Anthony Fraley

Matthew Feldcamp
Clint Fleshman
Heath Fleshman
Natalie Hull
Jordan Jameson
Nate Johnson
Molly Kerr
George Kvaratskhelia

Sean McVicker
Jake Moser
PJ Peters
Connie Price
Abby Russell
Andrew Seiler
Hailee Thornton
Michael Toth

Christy Wildermuth
Cassandra Williams
Jaclyn Williams
Johnathan Williams



2009 Project Books

Please be aware that the shipments of some of the newly revised project books such as *179 Uniform Rules for Horse Shows* and *528 Investigating Electricity* seem to be arriving at the Extension Office at a very slow pace. Before making a trip into the Extension Office, please call Carolyn at 614-866-6900 ext. 213, to verify that we have the books you want to purchase.

Also, in the book order forms that were sent with the enrollment packets, it was noted that **491 Adventures in Home Living** would not be revised for 2009 – that was a misprint.

PLEASE NOTE: This book is revised for 2009 and members should make sure that they have the current book. Any member who purchased the old version of the book can exchange it at the Extension Office. Please contact Carolyn for more details.

It is highly recommended that clubs place their project book orders as a club rather than individually. Please make club checks payable to OSU Extension, Franklin County.



Calling All Artists...

The Junior Fair Board is looking for a brand new cover for the 2009 Junior Fair Book and for a new Junior Fair Winner T-Shirt design. If you have any ideas, please create your drawing and send them to the Junior Board postmarked no later than April 1st. Your cover drawings should be black ink on white paper. The T-shirt design will only appear on the front of the shirt. These drawings can be computer generated or hand made. The Junior Fair Board will vote on the entries and one cover and one shirt design will be selected. Please send all entries to this address:

**Franklin County Jr. Fair Board
P.O Box 288 Hilliard, OH 43026**



Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

If in the event of severe weather conditions, you have a question as to whether a 4-H event will be cancelled, please check our website http://franklin.osu.edu/home_family_youth. We will do our best to post any cancellations to the front page of our website.

New 4-H Volunteer Orientation

What: Orientation required for any adult who would like to become a 4-H advisor/volunteer.

When: January 29, 2009, 7:00-9:00PM

Where: Franklin County Extension Office, 2105 S. Hamilton Road, Columbus, 43232

Registration: Contact Carolyn at 614-866-6900 ext. 213



Club Enrollment Packets

4-H club enrollment packets were mailed to organizational advisors on January 13th. If your club did not receive their packet, please notify Carolyn at 614-866-6900 ext. 213, as soon as possible.

Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Connections

The Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Connections newsletter is geared toward volunteers working with 4-H Cloverbuds. This great resource is published four times a year at this website: <http://cloverbudconnections.osu.edu/>. There is another great resource found at this site called *Click it, Print it, Do it*. This new page has all sorts of activities that you can print and use at your Cloverbud meeting. Check it out!

Teen Leaders Council

Any Franklin County 4-H teen interested in a great leadership opportunity should consider joining the Franklin County Teen Leaders Council. All are welcome!

When: Sunday, March 15, 4:00PM

Where: Norwich Township Building, 5181 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard, OH 43026
(Close to the Fairgrounds)

For more info contact Ashlea at: hullsoh@aol.com or Jean at: PRICEJ13@nationwide.com

Livestock Possession Info

Please pay close attention to the livestock possession dates and livestock I.D. form deadlines if you are planning on taking an animal to the Franklin County Fair. You can find this information at: http://franklin.osu.edu/home_family_youth/forms.



Master 4-H PetPALS Training

What: 4-H Volunteer interested in becoming certified in PetPALS should attend this training.

When: March 28, 2009

More info and registration forms: <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~prec/4h/petpals/>

Ohio Rabbit & Cavy Clinic

When: Saturday, March 21, 2009

Time: Registration 8:45AM – 9:15AM

Where: Champaign County Fairgrounds 4-H Activity Bldg., 384 Park Ave., Urbana, OH 43078

Cost: Free!

More Information: <http://champaign.osu.edu/4h/documents/2009RabbitCavyClinic.pdf>

Ohio Show Ring Success Seminar

What: Seminar focusing on show pigs, lambs, and goats. Quality Assurance will be offered.

When: Saturday, March 14, 2009

Time: 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Where: Clark County Fairgrounds, 4401 South Charleston Pike, Springfield, OH 45502

More Information:

http://honorshowchow.com/EventDownloads/1069_Ohio_Showring_Success_LR.pdf

Ohio Beef Expo Quality Assurance

When: March 21, 2009

Time: 1:00PM

Where: Ohio Expo Center (Ohio State Fairgrounds)

More Information: www.ohiobeefexpo.com

Sale Committee

The Livestock Sale Committee is looking for new members / volunteers. The sale committee organizes and runs the annual livestock sale at the fair. The sale committee also organizes things like the Buyers' Luncheon, The Row of Champions, Sale Pictures and Plaques, Sale Arena, and Sale Booklet.

They meet the third Wednesday, every other month at the Pleasant Township Firehouse meeting room. (Norton Rd, Grove City) The next meeting is March 18th, 7:00PM. For more info, contact Rachel Bausch @ 614-877-1477 or Megan Witteman @ 614-875-3241.



How may we help you?



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