

FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H

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Important Dates

- ▶ **September 11, 2009**
County Award Forms Due
Franklin County Extension Office
- ▶ **October 9, 2009**
Silent Auction Items Due
- ▶ **October 11, 2009**
Franklin County 4-H Recognition Reception
Ohio 4-H Center

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

Everyone at the Franklin County Extension Office would like to extend their sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to making all of the 2009 Franklin County 4-H events a huge success. None of it would be possible without the dedication and hard work of hundreds of volunteers, members, and family members. It would be impossible to list you all in this newsletter, but please know that your time and effort has not gone unnoticed.

Thanks to:

- ▶ All 4-H Advisors & Volunteers
- ▶ All 4-H Members & their Families
- ▶ Camp Counselors, CIT's, and Adult Staff
- ▶ 4-H Advisory Committee Members
- ▶ 4-H Horse Advisory Committee Members
- ▶ Junior Fair Board Members, Advisors, & Coordinators
- ▶ Senior Fair Board Members
- ▶ Sale Committee Members
- ▶ 4-H Teen Leaders Council Members & Advisors
- ▶ Volunteers and Clubs who worked in the Pop Stand
- ▶ 4-H Volunteers who help at the Extension Office

I hope to see you all at the 4-H Recognition Reception on October 11th, so that I may personally extend my thanks to you. See you soon.

In the 4-H Spirit,

Beth Boomershine
4-H Educator



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2009 4-H Award Forms Due Sept. 11

Did you know that the award forms changed this year for some of the awards available to 4-H members and volunteers? Please take a few minutes to fill out the appropriate forms to receive the recognition that you deserve. Awards will be announced at the Oct. 11th Recognition Reception.

All award forms and information can be found on the 4-H Resource CD or at this website http://franklin.osu.edu/home_family_youth/forms

Awards for Youth:

Cloverbud Clover Award: This award recognizes youth for their involvement in 4-H Cloverbud activities. Complete the [Cloverbud Clover Award Record Sheet](#) and submit with a club advisor's signature. (No minimum number of activities is required to receive the Cloverbud Clover Award Pin.)



Gold Clover Award: This award recognizes youth for their involvement in 4-H activities throughout the year at the club, county, and state levels. [Complete the Clover Award Member Record](#) sheet by checking off and adding up the points earned for completing each of the activities listed. A minimum of 100 points is needed to receive this award.

Silver Clover Award: This award recognizes youth for their involvement in 4-H activities throughout the year at the club, county, and state levels. Complete the [Clover Award Member Record](#) sheet by checking off and adding up the points earned for completing each of the activities listed. A minimum of 80 points is needed to receive this award.

Bronze Clover Award: This award recognizes youth for their involvement in 4-H activities throughout the year at the club, county, and state levels. Complete the [Clover Award Member Record](#) sheet by checking off and adding up the points earned for completing each of the activities listed. A minimum of 60 points is needed to receive this award.

Public Speaking Award: This pin is awarded to youth who have participated in public speaking activities throughout the year. Complete the [Public Speaking Award Record](#) Sheet by checking off and adding up the points earned for completing each of the activities listed. A minimum number of 25 points is needed for first year and junior age division applicants, 35 points for intermediate age division applicants, and 45 points for senior age division applicants to receive this award.

Community Service / Citizenship Award: This pin is awarded to youth who have participated in community service and citizenship activities throughout the year. Complete the [Citizenship/Community Service Award Record](#) Sheet by checking off and adding up the points earned for completing each of the activities listed. A minimum number of 25 points is needed for first year and junior age division applicants, 35 points for intermediate age division applicants, and 45 points for senior age division applicants to receive this award.

Leadership Award: This pin is awarded to youth who have participated in leadership activities throughout the year. Complete the [Leadership Award Record](#) Sheet by checking off and adding up the points earned for completing each of the activities listed. A minimum number of 25 points is needed for first year and junior age division applicants, 35 points for intermediate age division applicants, and 45 points for senior age division applicants to receive this award.

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Outstanding 1st Year 4-Her of the Year Award: This award is presented to 1st year members who can document that they have accomplished a great deal as a 4-H member in their inaugural year. There are two age categories: junior (ages 8 and in the 3rd grade to 14) and senior (ages 15 to 19). All ages are as of 1/1/09. Applicants must submit the [record sheets](#) and have met the minimum points requirement for the Public Speaking Award, Community Service and Citizenship Award, and the Leadership Award. They must also submit the [4-H Projects and Activities Page](#) and an [Outstanding 4-Her of the Year Award Essay](#). These awards are selected by a judge.

Outstanding 4-Her of the Year: This award is presented to members who can document that they have accomplished a great deal as a 4-H member in the current award year. There are three age categories: junior (ages 8 and in the 3rd grade to 11) intermediate (ages 12 to 14) and senior (ages 15 to 19). All ages are as of 1/1/09. Applicants must submit the [record sheets](#) and have met the minimum points requirement for the Public Speaking Award, Community Service and Citizenship Award, and the Leadership Award. They must also submit the [4-H Projects and Activities Page](#) and an [Outstanding 4-Her of the Year Award Essay](#). These awards are selected by a judge.



F.R.O.G. Award: This award is presented to Four-Hers Recognized On Growth (F.R.O.G.). 4-H Advisors and Volunteers may nominate members. A recipient of this award will have overcome significant personal challenges in their 4-H experience or will have given to another selflessly through their 4-H experience. To nominate a 4-H member for this award, submit a [F.R.O.G. Nomination Essay](#). These awards are selected by a judge.

I Dare You Award: This award is presented to a member who shown great leadership and integrity through their 4-H experience. To apply for this award, submit an [I Dare You Award Essay](#). This award is selected by a judge.

Helping Hand Community Service Club Award: This award is presented to clubs based on community service activity. To apply for this award, the club must submit a [Helping Hand Community Service Award Essay](#). This award is selected by a judge.



Awards for Adults:

Hall of Fame Award: This award is presented to a Volunteer, Advisor, Parent, Staff Member, Organization, or other entity that has provided continuous, significant service to Franklin County 4-H. This award may only be presented to the person/organization once. To make a nomination for this award, submit the information as indicated [here](#). A maximum of 2 Hall of Fame Awards will be given each year. This award is selected by a judge. Former winners of this award can be found [here](#).

Distinguished Service Award: This award is presented to a person/organization that has provided a significant contribution of service to Franklin County 4-H. Their service may be short term, long term, or a one time contribution. To nominate someone for this award, submit the appropriate information as indicated [here](#). This award may be presented to the person/organization more than once, but may not be awarded to them in two consecutive years. A maximum of 6 Distinguished Service Awards will be presented each year. This award is selected by a judge.

Franklin Co. Recognition Reception

Join fellow 4-H families at the 2009 Franklin County 4-H Recognition Reception and Awards Ceremony. The afternoon will consist of light refreshments, a silent auction and a live auction, a slideshow of the 2009 4-H year in pictures, and an awards ceremony to recognize the hard work of our 4-H members and volunteers.

When: Sunday, October 11, 2009

Time: 2:00PM-4:30PM

Where: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, OH

Sold!

That's right - it is auction time again. And we need your help!!! The advisory committee will be holding a live and silent auction at the upcoming Recognition Reception. This is our biggest fund raiser for the year. Funding is becoming harder than ever to secure and the Committee relies on the success of this auction to help finance the annual camps and trips offered to the youth in our county as well as camperships to summer camp at Camp Ohio. This is only possible with the generous support of our 4-H families and clubs. Every dollar raised stays in Franklin County and is spent on our 4-H youth.

We are accepting donations of gift baskets, gift cards and certificates, admission tickets, etc. just about anything (no live animals please!!!). Creating a themed basket is a great club activity and there have been some fantastic ones in past years. We also ask for your help in contacting local businesses. Even in this economy many companies continue to provide support to non-profits with donations and sponsorships.

Deadlines for donations are October 5 for Live Auction Items and October 9 for Silent Auction items. Please note that it is extremely important that we have your item(s) turned in by the deadlines in order to properly prepare for the auction and create the necessary staging. Donations may be dropped off at the County Extension Office on or before the above dates. If you have questions or need to make arrangements to have your item(s) picked up please contact Mary Ann Amari at 614-855-2203 or maryann@cbusinc.com. See you at the auction!!!



Congratulations Jr. Fair Participants

Congratulations to each and every 4-H member who participated in any of the Franklin County Junior Fair or pre-fair activities. Hopefully, it was a positive learning experience and fun, too. To view results from 2009 events at pre-fair activities and Franklin County Jr. Fair activities, check out this website: <http://franklincojrfairbd.tripod.com/winners.htm>

Spread the Word

A challenge from President Obama this year is to encourage everyone to serve in their communities and to share their story. You can earn recognition nationwide by going to <http://serve.gov/> to post any community service activities you and your youth members are involved with. Anyone can go to this site to post service activities if they have access to a computer. Please consider taking the time to share what wonderful services your 4-H club is providing.



Congratulations State Fair Participants

Congratulations to all of our 4-H members who proudly represented Franklin County at the Ohio State Fair. You are a shining example and we are proud of you and the work that you put into your exceptional 4-H projects. To view results from events at the Ohio State Fair, check out these websites:

Non Livestock results can be found at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/statefair/scores/index.html>

Livestock skillathon results can be found at: <http://4hansci.osu.edu/>

Ohio State Fair Junior Livestock results can be found at: http://ohiostatefair.com/osf/osf4_4.php

Note from the Jr. Fair Board President

Elizabeth Hirth, president of the Franklin County Jr. Fair Board, would like to express her thanks to all who contributed to the success of the float for the Hilliard 4th of July parade. The theme for the float was Home of the Free Because of the Brave and it was a beautiful addition to the parade because of everyone's hard work. Special thanks to Barb Rushley, Kathy McNutt, Kathy and Sarah Hale, Debbie Johnson, Allison Rushley, the Hartig family, and members of the Serendipity 4-H Club for all of their help assembling the float, and Mr. John Hartig for providing the John Deere Tractor and wagon and for taking time to pull the float in the parade. Thank you! Your dedication is much appreciated.



We Need Your 4-H Photos

4-H member, Aleesha Martin, is putting together an end of the year slideshow of pictures to be shown at the 2009 Franklin County 4-H Recognition Reception and we need your help. If you have photos from any 4-H activity this year featuring 4-H members and volunteers, please submit them to the Extension Office so they can be included in the program.

Photos can be from club meetings/activities, evaluation events, camp, fair, or any other 4-H activity. We want to highlight as many of our 4-H members and volunteers as possible, so please share your photo memories with us. Please only submit photos featuring youth who have photo release consent on their enrollment forms.

We accept photos in the following formats:

1. Compact Disc (CD)
2. USB Drive Memory (Jump or Thumb Drives)
3. Email Files to: aleeshamartin@gmail.com or
4. Printed Photos (We can scan them.)



Please place all photo material in an envelope and place your name, club, and phone number on the envelope and send to or drop off at: **Franklin County 4-H, 2105 S. Hamilton Rd., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43232.**

4-H Achievement Record Workshop

4-H Members, Parents, and Volunteers are invited to attend an informative workshop that is sure to help you fill out the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record. This form is your ticket to getting selected for trips and other great opportunities. Go to the website for more [information](#). The workshop is free of charge. Reservations should be called in by September 18 to the Licking County Extension Office.



2010 4-H Sneak Peak...

Many of you have asked for it, so it's finally making its way into reality. Numerous 4-H advisors and parents have asked for a list of 4-H volunteers to contact with questions regarding specific project related information. Have you ever had a member in your club ask a question about a project that you have no idea how to answer? The 4-H Key Leader program may be the answer to your questions.

In the coming months, 4-H Advisors and Volunteers will be getting information about the Franklin County 4-H Key Leader program. This program will identify 4-H Advisors and Volunteers who have experience and knowledge about various subjects. The contact information for those volunteers will then be made available to you so the next time you need a little advice from someone who knows the project you'll know who to contact.

4-H Key Leaders will soon be a "key" part of the Franklin County 4-H program. In addition to being a source for project knowledge, they will help plan and facilitate a number of county 4-H programs, including project based clinics, project evaluations, and even pre-fair and fair events. A list of approximately 30 Key Leader positions and volunteer job descriptions is currently being created. A few examples of these positions include Key Leaders for *Small Animals, Beef, Dogs, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine, Natural Resources, Shooting Sports, Photography, Food & Nutrition, Woodworking, Horticulture, Camp, Teens, and Cloverbuds.*

An application process will determine the selection of these 4-H Key Leaders followed by a training program. If you are interested in a certain Key Leader position or would like to suggest an area of 4-H that you feel needs a Key Leader, please contact Beth Boomershine at boomershine.10@osu.edu. Applications for Key Leader positions will be mailed to all current 4-H volunteers soon!

Horse Advisory Committee



The 4-H Horse Advisory Committee is cancelling its September meeting due to the Labor day holiday.

Please plan on attending the annual reorganizational meeting on Monday, October 5, 7:00PM at the Franklin County Fairgrounds.

"Summer ends, and Autumn comes, and he who would have it otherwise would have high tide always and a full moon every night"

- Hal Borland, 1900-1978



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