

4-H CLOVER TIMES NEWSLETTER
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DEAR PARENTS, ADVISORS, VOLUNTEERS AND 4-HER'S

Dear Parents, Volunteers, and 4-Her's,

It is nice to see the 4-H program in Putnam County start off to a great beginning. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new 4-H families, volunteers and advisors! We are glad to have you aboard! We had an overwhelming attendance at the Advisor Kick Off and I appreciate the good ideas generated from the discussions. We hope to see many more at our February 7th training too. **Please be sure to read this newsletter carefully as it contains lots of 2012 information.** My door is always open if you have questions, comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Jason Hedrick
Extension Educator, Putnam County
4-H Youth Development



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<http://putnam.osu.edu/4H>

KIDS OUTDOOR SCIENCE CAMP (FORMERLY CONSERVATION CAMP)
LOOKING FOR TEEN COUNSELORS

If you want to join a team of counselors that coordinate and implement the annual Science Camp here is your opportunity. Much like our own 4-H camp, chosen counselors must participate in an interview and then attend several counselor trainings to prepare for the program. This year, the Science Camp will be held June 10 - 13, 2012 at Camp Palmer. Call the Extension office for more information and application materials. Applicants are preferred to be 16 years old or older. Applications are due March 1, 2012.



PUTNAM COUNTY FAIR DATES 2012

The Putnam County Fair dates are June 18-23, 2012. Please see our web site to review the schedule of events for the Junior Fair, fair parade and so on. It can be found at www.putnam.osu.edu.

4-H CHICKEN BBQ – SELL THOSE TICKETS!

The 4-H Chicken BBQ is scheduled for Sunday, April 22nd at the Putnam County Fair Grounds. The 4-H Council will serve chicken carry out only again this year with the help of our caterer, Dale Niese. Tickets, which will be \$7.50 this year, and will be sent to all advisors soon. Please help your clubs sell tickets! The success of our BBQ is critical to help offset the costs of providing 4-H books and scholarships to our 4-H youth. Last year we sold more tickets than ever. Hopefully we can continue the great support.

Final ticket sales and money are due to the Extension Office no later than April 17, 2012
WE MUST HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT SO WE DO NOT RUN SHORT ON MEALS

ATTENTION 4-HER'S TAKING SPECIAL INTEREST AND MISC. PROJECTS

An award designed to recognize 4-Her's who do outstanding work in special interest and miscellaneous projects is being offered again this year! It is called the **Special Interest 4-H Project Sweepstakes!** Here are the general guidelines:

1. Must be a 4-H member enrolled in Putnam County.
2. Must be enrolled in at least one special interest and miscellaneous project for the current year.
3. Display the projects at the county fair.
4. Complete the Sweepstakes Application and return it to the Extension Office by the deadline.
5. Can only be eligible to win every other year in each division.
6. Winner will be announced during the 4-H Family Open House.
Must submit an Advisor Reference Form with application.

Winners will be selected based on accrued points with tie's being broken based on project judging scores. There will be a Jr. and Sr. division with each winner receiving a \$50 Gift Card. Please call the extension office or visit:

<http://putnam.osu.edu/topics/4-h-youth-development/4-h-youth-achievements-awards>

Deadline is July 20, 2012. The award is sponsored by Dick and Delores Schroeder.

4-H STATE TRIP REGISTRATIONS DUE APRIL 15TH

Each year numerous out-of-county trips are made available to 4-Her's 14 years old or older. If you are interested in attending one of these awesome camps, please fill out an application and return by April 15th. Again this year, Putnam County 4-H Council is offering scholarships for those that attend the camps. Applications can be found at: www.putnam.osu.edu

* **Ohio Sea Camp, July 13-17, 2012 at Kelley's Island.** For over 21 years, Sea Camp at Lake Erie's Kelley's Island 4-H Camp has offered over 1,600 young Ohioans opportunities to explore outdoor recreation, safety skills training and a variety of water related activities, including: wind surfing, charter fishing, sailing, wave running, and snorkeling!

* **Ohio State 4-H Leadership Camp, August 8 - 12, 2012** at 4-H Camp Ohio, in Utica. The camp is an exciting, challenging, learn-by-doing leadership development experience. Leadership campers plan, conduct, and evaluate the program themselves! Participants learn in-depth about new and creative programming ideas that can be used in their own counties 4-H programs.

CLUB DUES FOR 2012

Thanks for supporting Putnam County 4-H again this year! At the Advisor Kick Off's in January, we discussed club dues and will again include annual group accident insurance for members/advisors. An outline of how the dues will be utilized by council is below.

- Dues for all members (not including horse members) will be \$7.00 each.
- \$6.00 of the fee will be used to cover books (4-H Council will absorb the remainder of the balance of the book bill again for 2012) and \$1 of the dues will be used to purchase the county wide insurance policy.
- The Club Dues **will not cover the cost of resource books**. Members will have to purchase those individually from the Extension Office.
- Dues for horse members will be \$8.00 per member.
- \$6.00 will be used to cover book costs (4-H Council will absorb the remainder of the balance of the book bill again for 2012). \$2.00 will be used to purchase the county wide insurance policy.
- 4-H Council decided to extend the policy for all 4-H advisors. Each advisor (not including horse advisors) is asked to provide a \$1 for their coverage. Horse advisors are asked to provide \$2.00 for their coverage (as required by the policy).
- Please submit the club dues plus advisor contributions together by the **June 8th** Club Due deadline – however, the 4-H Council would like to request early payment of dues.
- All Cloverbuds are asked to contribute a \$1.00 for coverage.

HORSE PAS

- ✦ Registration forms are due June 1st to your home county Extension Office. May not switch shows after registration date. There will be a \$10/exhibitor fee for all youth payable at any Maumee Valley EERA PAS show.
- ✦ **Read CAREFULLY:** The Putnam County PAS is scheduled for June 9th. The Putnam County Horse Council is also conducting a PAS Qualifying Show during our county fair (open to Putnam County youth only).
- ✦ A youth cannot compete in more than two (2) PAS shows or one PAS show with two judges.
- ✦ A youth may only use one horse to try out in PAS shows and cannot replace a horse for any reason after they have shown in their first PAS class. 4-H Helmet rule applies.

A youth must qualify in any two (2) classes in order to compete in the State Fair Junior Horse Show. If they qualify in more than two classes, the youth can select which classes (maximum of three, not including Ground Roping or maximum of four if including Ground Roping) they will enter in the State Fair Junior Horse Show. At the State Fair Junior Horse Show, youth will only be allowed to show in classes for which they qualified. Youth should review the 2012 State Fair Junior Horse Show schedule carefully for potential class conflicts when selecting their classes. At State Fair, classes will not be held for youth with conflicting classes.

HOOF TRIMMING FOR CATTLE - MAKE A RESERVATION

Matt Wiechart has scheduled Duane Kimple for steer hoof trimming on Saturday, February 18th at his home. Please call Matt at 419-286-2783 or 419-890-7654 to schedule your appointment. Contact Matt on or before February 13th to set your appointment.

JUNIOR FAIR LITTLE WOOD CAR DERBY KITS AVAILABLE

The pine wood derby car kits are available to those 4-H members (ages 5-19) interested in building one to race at the June 20th Junior Fair Little Wood Car Derby. The kits can be picked up from the Extension Office and cost \$3.00. Kits will be sold until they are gone. See www.putnam.osu.edu for details.

4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE – SPONSORED BY PUTNAM COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

How would you like to go to 4-H Camp for a fraction of the cost? Any 4-H member in the 3rd - 8th grade is eligible to apply for a **4-H Camp Scholarship** (*preference will be given to those that have not previously been awarded a scholarship*). Last year the council award 37 scholarships to campers! The 4-H Camp Scholarship Application Form can be found at: <http://putnam.osu.edu/topics/4-h-youth-development/4-h-camp-palmer-campers-counselors> (click on 4-H Camp Scholarships) These must be completed and returned by **MAY 15, 2012**. Don't hesitate - get your form turned in now!

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

4-H members ages 12-14 are eligible to apply for the Putnam County Jr. Achievement Awards. Gift Certificates of \$25.00 and \$15.00 are awarded to numerous applicants. The winners will be announced at the 4-H Open House. A Junior Achievement Form can be found at:

<http://putnam.osu.edu/topics/4-h-youth-development/4-h-youth-achievements-awards> (click on Junior Achievement)

The form must be filled out and returned to the Extension Office by Friday, **MAY 15, 2012**.

RABBIT TATTOOING

The Putnam County Rabbit and Poultry Committee has scheduled the mandatory rabbit tattooing for Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 8:00 - 10:00 AM (*rabbit barn*) at the Fairgrounds. Anyone planning to exhibit a meat pen of rabbits at the fair must bring their animals for tattooing on that day or they will be ineligible to show. Anyone needing breeding rabbits tattooed is asked to do so on that day as well. Meat pen exhibitors are required to be there for tattooing.

CAMP COUNSELORS & CIT MEETING

The first camp counselor and CIT meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23rd from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Putnam County Education Service Center in Skills Trade 2 meeting room.

JR. FAIRBOARD & JR. LEADERS MEETING

The Jr. Fairboard and Jr. Leaders next meeting will be on Thursday, February 16th at 6:00 PM and Jr. Leaders at 7:45 PM. You are scheduled to meet in Skills Trade 2 room in the Putnam County Education Service Center Building.

ATTENTION FEEDER CALF EXHIBITORS:

The calf keeper group has made some very nice improvements in the dairy barn. We are hoping that in time this will make things easier for everyone involved with the feeder calf program.

Special thanks to Tim Schnipke for electrical work (and bright lights!) and Grant Weihrauch for painting and door repairs. We are in need of a few more dollars to complete the project...please consider making a contribution in the effort to make the barn bright and safe.

1. All calves are required to be officially ID'd on April 21. Exhibitors need to bring calves to the fairgrounds between 8:30AM and 10:30 AM to be tagged. Rate of gain weighing is optional. Pre-registration for tagging of feeder calves is due April 18th. Weight-in forms can be found at: www.putnam.osu.edu.
2. The calf keeper group will handle pen assignments in the dairy barn. Each dairy feeder will be allowed approximately three feet of space. Any changes needed must be discussed with one of the members of the calf keeper group.
3. Gates are to be the same size as what the requirement has been over the past couple of years. What we ask is please keep in mind that the fence posts used for these gates cannot be any taller than the gate itself.
4. Another request the calf keepers are asking: **remember** the cement running down the middle of the aisle ways is to remain clear and clean. Please store feed and show boxes behind your calves and not on the cement. We want to keep the barn as public friendly as possible. Wheelbarrows, brooms, and shovels were donated last year specifically for the dairy barn. This equipment is to stay in the dairy barn. We greatly appreciate the businesses that donated this equipment so please show them how we all can be responsible enough to take care of it.
5. The calf keeper group has decided to implement a reward system for those members that work really hard to keep their area and animal clean every day of the week.
6. The group will be awarding gift certificates for various vendors every day at different times during the week of the fair.
7. The load out time for the dairy feeder calves will be **Sunday, June 24**, between 8AM and 4PM. Feeder calves that were purchased through the auction will be released to buyers between 10AM- 12PM. All the members of the calf keeper group will be available to help the farmers load out their calves so hopefully this will be done rather quickly.
8. Each Exhibitor may bring no more than 4 calves to weigh in.
9. Feeder Calves must be halter broke.
10. No vaccinations are required.

OHIO 4-H VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE AND TEEN CONFERENCE

The 2012 Ohio 4-H Teen Conference and Bob Evans Farms Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will take place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on March 10, 2012. This event is designed to bring together 4-H Volunteers and 4-H Teens 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. The Conference Steering Committee works diligently to offer a broad and diverse workshop selection. We truly believe that these educational selections offer something for everyone, and have the ability to satisfy every taste and need. Contact the Putnam County Extension Office for registration information. For all registrations postmarked by February 11th, the fee is \$35 and includes all sessions and the luncheon. All registrations postmarked after February 12th, the fee is \$45 and does not include the luncheon.

The first (10) 4-H teen applicants to return their registration forms to the Putnam County Extension office will have their fees covered by local scholarships this year. Registration deadline is February 10, 2012.

Advisor with 1, 5, 10, 15, etc. years of service who attend the conference will have their registration paid by Putnam County 4-H Council. Registration forms are due to the office on or before February 10th. Check out www.ohio4h.org/teenconference for details.

PUTNAM COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR RULES

- A. The Putnam County Agriculture Society adopted these county guidelines regarding grooming practices of animals for exhibition at the Putnam County Fair. The guidelines now follow the adopted practices of the Ohio State Fair. Below you will find the revised guidelines:
1. “UNETHICAL FITTING” – Means to alter or change the natural appearance, weight, musculature or conformation of an animal in an unnatural or artificial manner, including but not limited to, the removal of animal tissue or body part, to cut or tear the hide, to cover, dye or color the hair or hide, to add artificial tail heads, switches, polls, hair or heels, or to administer, feed, give or inject any substance or drug to an animal exhibited, except when medically necessary or when the drug used has been approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture.
 2. **Special Rule:** Any product which changes, enhances, or alters the natural color of an animal will not be permitted (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PAINTS, DYE, POWDER, NON-CLEAR ADHESIVE AND FOAM OR SHOE POLISH).
- B. **Youth Quality Assurance:** As a youth livestock exhibitor taking one of the following: market lambs, market goats, market beef, lactating dairy, market poultry, market rabbits and swine; you will be required to complete a Youth Quality Assurance (YQA) Program in 2012. This requirement is mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The Putnam County Ag Society has asked OSU Extension, Putnam County to coordinate this educational effort.
- If FFA and 4-H members do not complete YQA this year, you will not be eligible to show and sell your project at the Putnam County Fair.** There are several ways to get the YQA training in 2012. Please review your options below and select one.
1. You can attend a scheduled Youth Quality Assurance Program in any county within the Maumee Valley EERA (Extension Education and Research Areas). This area includes the following counties: Allen, Putnam, Hancock, Van Wert, Henry, Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, Lucas, and Williams.
 2. All 4-H members can attend the training on their own and parents no longer have to attend, but it is suggested that new members’ parents attend with the 4-H member.
 3. If you are between the ages of 15-18, you have the option to take a YQA test out exam. If you pass, the test out option is good for three years; meaning it will be in effect until the end of your FFA/4-H career. There are various counties that are YQA Test Out locations (please see YQA schedule).
The YQA requirement must be completed at least two weeks prior to the Putnam County fair.
Please call the Extension office for training date details
- C. The Senior Fair Board has not made mandatory vaccines for feeder calves a requirement for 2012. However, exhibitors are encouraged to vaccinate on their own.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2012 4-H JUNIOR FAIRBOARD

Dana Cattell	Lindsey Erhart	Sienna Gerdeman	Megan Hoehn
Conner Hovest	Joseph Karhoff	Morgan Karhoff	Wyatt Karhoff
Chloe Kaufman	Megan Klear	Adam Kleman	Ben Kleman
Ryan Kraner	Brooke Kreinbrink	Lindsay Langhals	Nathan Mangas
Ryan Mangas	Brandi Merschman	Devin Merschman	Erin Miller
Jessica Schmenk	Jeremy Schnipke	Rachel Schroeder	Aaron Siebeneck
Jacob Siebeneck	Jessica Siefker	Cassie Stechschulte	Megan Verhoff
Alexandria Warnimont	Chelsea Warnimont		

ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS PLEASE READ
QUALITY ASSURANCE MEETING DATES: APRIL 2ND OR APRIL 10TH
KALIDA K OF C HALL - 718 NAPOLEON ROAD (ST RTE 115)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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NOTE: DAIRY/BEEF FEEDER CALVES DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND QUALITY ASSURANCE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2012 4-H CAMP COUNSELORS
AND COUNSELORS IN TRAINING!

COUNSELORS

Melissa Crumrine	Sienna Gerdeman	Kendra Gerten	Megan Hoehn
Morgan Karhoff	Wyatt Karhoff	Adam Kleman	Breana Kosch
Brooke Kreinbrink	Kelsey Lozano	Kristen Maag	Allie Maas
Devin Merschman	Jackie Niese	Jeremy Schnipke	Maggie Schroeder
Rachel Schroeder	Aaron Siebeneck	Jacob Siebeneck	Logan Siebeneck
Jessica Siefker	Cassie Stechschulte	Cece Utendorf	Megan Verhoff
Liz Wagner	Chelsea Warnimont	Emily Westrick	

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING

Emma Eickholt	Anna Gerten	Nick Goedde	Madyson Haselman
Dylan Hoffman	Michelle Kahle	Emily Kreinbrink	Kasey Kruse
Brad Siebeneck	Brynn Tadena	Kindra Theisen	

APPLICATION FOR PUTNAM COUNTY PORK PRINCESS

Enclosed is an application for the Putnam County Pork Princess. The application is due to the Extension office by February 3, 2012.

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PORK PRINCESS APPLICATION

Due: 02/03/2012

Send to: Dale Ricker

Putnam County Extension Office

PO Box 189

Ottawa, OH 45875

**Attach Photo
Here**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Age as of January 1st: _____

Years Taking a Swine Project: _____

High School (year entering into Fall of 2011): _____

School Involvement: _____

4-H, FFA, Community Involvement: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING SET FOR 2012

This year our training is reformatted to better serve the needs of our volunteers. We are requiring each club to have at least one advisor at the 4-H Kick Off Training and at least one advisor at one of the two scheduled Maumee Valley EERA regional Volunteers Trainings. This is a minimum expectation. We encourage all volunteers to take advantage of the training opportunities. It's the foundation for quality club work. Below you will find the 2012 4-H volunteer training schedule.

- February 7, 2012 Maumee Valley EERA Regional Volunteer Training – 6:30 – 8:30PM:
Putnam County Extension Office (to include new 4-H Advisor training)
- March 20, 2012 Maumee Valley EERA Regional Volunteer Training – 6:30 – 8:30PM:
St. John Lutheran Church, Archbold, Ohio (to include new 4-H Advisor training)

THE OHIO 4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECORD AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE DATE OF FEBRUARY 1ST TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE

The due date for the form and separate applications is February 1st. There is still time left. Call the office to receive a copy of the applications for State College Scholarships, Awards, Honors and International programs. The forms do take some time to complete. Work on them should be started as soon as possible.

State Awards and Scholarship Opportunities can be found here:

<http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/awards/achievement.htm>

Follow this link to a list of all the scholarships and awards offered for 2012. Please review the list and take note of the requirements. For further information on specific opportunities, please give the office a call.

4-H VOLUNTEER SELECTION PROCESS FOR 2012

All new 4-H volunteers wishing to be part of Putnam County 4-H must comply with mandates set forth by House Bill 187 and OSU Extension. All new volunteers must:

- Receive a position description.
- Complete an application.
- Have references checked.
- Complete a fingerprint background check.
- Complete an interview (New Advisor Training).
- Agree to and sign the volunteer standards of behavior.
- All requirements must be complete by June 1st of application year.

The New Volunteer Training is scheduled for February 7, 2012 from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM at the Putnam County Extension Office or March 20, 2012 from 6:30PM – 8:30PM in St. John's Lutheran Church Archbold, Ohio.

SHOOTING SPORTS 4-H CLUB

Shooting Sports 4-H Club is being launched in Putnam County under the direction of Rob and Angi Schmersal. The Putnam County Shooting Stars will begin enrollment February 4th. Enrollment will be limited to 20 members. Rob is trained in the discipline of shotgun through the Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports Program. If your child is interested in joining the club they must:

1. Be able to safely handle a 20 gauge shotgun and/or rifle.
2. Call the Schmersal's no later than February 1, 2012. Contact office for number @ 419-523-6294.
3. 2011 Shooting Star members must call the Schmersal's by deadline.

Anticipating a high interest, there will be a selection process developed for enrollment.

CHANGES FOR THE 2012 FAIR

Junior Fair Sheep: This year there will no longer be a class for pairs. Exhibitors may now have up to three single entries. Entries can be any *combination* of ewes and whethers but cannot be three of the same gender. There will be a Champion/Res Champion market ewe and a Champion/Res Champion market whether selected and each will have a recognized spot in the sale. There will not be an overall Grand Champion market lamb.

Pygmy Goats: An additional class of pygmy goats has been added to the show this year. The classes will include Pygmy goats over the age of 12 months and another class for Pygmy goats under 12 months of age. Also, entries may be whethers or does.

Dairy Show: The Senior Fair Board has voted to discontinue the Open Class Dairy show in 2012 due to lack of entries. The Junior Fair Dairy Show is still being reviewed for possible changes.

Open Class Feeder Calf Show: There will be an open class feeder calf show during the fair on Thursday, June 21st, 6PM. Show Order is as follows: Dairy Feeders, Beef Feeders, Dairy Steers, and Showmanship (time permitting).

- * Limit of two entries in any one class per exhibitor
- * Classes decided after weigh in on Thursday 1PM – 3:30 PM
- * Cattle will show by weight
- * Entry fee is \$15 per head. Grand Champion receives \$50 and Res Champion \$25
- * Max weight for feeder calves 650lbs. Minimum weight for dairy steers is 900 lbs
- * Call Extension Office or Jane Warnimont (419-615-2372) for more details

Horse Shows: Putnam County will host a Regional PAS show June 9th and fun show on the 10th. During the Junior Fair Horse show there will be a second opportunity for PAS. However, PAS classes must be held separately within that show and not combined with other classes. In other words, during our junior fair shows at the Putnam County fair, we will need to have a separate PAS qualifying show for those youth wanting to qualify. We can no longer integrate it into the regular show bill. PAS entries are due to the Extension office no later than 12PM on June 1st. Late entries will not be accepted. Forms will be shared in upcoming newsletters. Two additional classes have been added this year: Stakes Race and Keyhole.

The junior fair horse shows have schedule changes.

- * Mon. June 18th @9:00 Jr Fair Horse and /Pony Showmanship and Performance Classes
- * Wed. June 20th @12:00 Jr Fair Horse Performance Classes continued (Moved from Fri)
- * Wed. June 20th @ 5:00 Jr Fair Horse Contesting classes (Moved from Fri)
- * Thurs. June 21st @ 6:00 pm Jr Fair Versatility Horse Show (Moved from Wed)

ARE YOU PLANNING TO TAKE YOUR DOG TO THE COUNTY FAIR? IF SO PLEASE READ: HOLY HOUNDS DOG CLUB MEETING

Anyone interested in showing their dog at the Putnam County fair must participate in two of their dog clinics in preparation for show. For more information and location, please email Marcy Kraner at luvmywheatenterrier@hotmail.com or contact the Extension Office at 419-523-6294.

POULTRY SHOW

The West Central Ohio Poultry Club is hosting the 1st Annual Poultry Show on March 3-4 at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds. There is an open Show and Junior Show. Contact Brian Schmieder (937-623-7749) for more information or visit www.wcop2012@gmail.com.

CARDBOARD BOAT RACES AND YMCA LOCK-IN – CLUB TEAMS WELCOME: APRIL 13, 2012

After years of building and racing cardboard boats at 4-H Camp, its time to bring the program to 4-H members in Putnam County, not just campers. We would like to extend an invitation to your club to register teams to participate in the first annual cardboard boat races in Putnam County. Teams must be at least 7th grade or older. We invite any 4-H Club to develop a team of four members to participate. Clubs can register a maximum of two teams. The team is responsible for building their own cardboard boat prior to the event. Teams must follow the guidelines found at www.putnam.osu.edu. Once you know your teams, be sure they register for the event by April 4. The event will start at 7PM at the Putnam County YMCA with a boat inspection and debriefing about the event. Boats will then be placed in the pool to race against the clock and other competitors.

At the conclusion of the event, the YMCA will be open to participants for recreation, swimming, and gym activities. We also will provide pizza and drinks. The event will conclude at 11:30PM. Parents and advisors are welcome to stay for the boat races and must pick up participating youth by 11:30PM.

Each club is welcome to designate two teams to participate. Flyer posted at www.putnam.osu.edu.

PUTNAM DAIRY SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2012 Putnam County Dairy Scholarship are being accepted at this time. A one-time scholarship of \$300.00 will be awarded to the qualified applicant. Applicants shall be deemed more qualified if they have displayed leadership qualities in youth organizations, community activities and dairy related activities, although this is not mandatory. Applicants must have declared a major in some aspect of Agriculture. The recipient must be a full-time student and maintain a minimum of a 2.0 accumulative grade point average. Applications are available at all the Putnam County Local Schools Guidance Counselors' Offices or call the Putnam County Extension Office for an application.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Listed below are a few scholarship opportunities you may want to consider.

Andrea Karhoff Memorial/Putnam County Farm Bureau \$1000 Scholarship – parents must be Farm Bureau members. Application deadline March 1. Call Extension office for details

Ohio State Fair Scholarships – there are several scholarships available and sometimes few applicants. See <http://4hansci.osu.edu/livestock/livestockResources.php> for a complete list. Deadline for applications is July 1, 2012

National Association of Farm Broadcasting Scholarship Program: information can be found at <http://www.nafb.com/index.aspx?mid=7401>

Monsanto offers scholarships for commitment in Ag Education. Visit : <http://www.monsanto.com/ourcommitments/Pages/youth-and-education.aspx> for more information



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Address Correction Requested



QUALITY ASSURANCE DATES

All Quality Assurance must be completed two weeks prior to county fair or July 1, 2012.

- Feb. 20 - QA Test Out 1 - 5 pm at OSU Extension Hancock Co.
- Feb. 21 - QA Test Out 3:30-5:30 pm at OSU Extension Henry Co.
- March 4 - Quality Assurance Training, 2 - 4 pm; and QA Test Out at OSU Extension Van Wert
- March 13 - QA Test Out 3:30-5:30 pm at OSU Extension Henry Co.
- March 15 - Quality Assurance Training, 6-8 pm at Paulding Co. Fairgrounds
- March 17 - Quality Assurance Training, 9-11 am at Paulding Co. Fairgrounds
- March 19 - Quality Assurance Training, 6-8 pm in Henry County
- March 19 - Quality Assurance Training, 6:30 pm in Gillette Bldg at Williams Co. Fairgrounds
- March 22 - Quality Assurance Training, 7 pm at Cory Rawson High School in Hancock Co.