

Weekly 4-H Word

January 21, 2020

OFFICE HOURS—Our regular office hours are M–F 8:30 AM–4:30 PM. As always, it is not a bad idea to call ahead. With only 2 of us, there are times where we are both out of the office.

NEWLY POSTED TO OUR WEBSITE

- 2020 4-H Calendar
- 2020 Junior Fair Changes (as of January 21, 2020)
- QA Information

A NEW 4-H YEAR—Many of our 4-H clubs are beginning to meet, club advisors are attending training and we are gearing up for another great 4-H year! Now that we are beginning to have more information to share we will get back to more regular communication. We will also begin posting items for 2020 on our website as they are updated. You will find a 2020 4-H Calendar on our website and we are posting updated forms, etc. We are looking forward to a great year. Please share your love of 4-H and encourage others to be a part of our great organization!

4-H SCIENCE DAY/ RECRUITMENT EVENT—March 8 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Toney Building—We are excited to continue a new community event that is open to all Preble County Youth—not just 4-H members. The afternoon will be full of hands-on science activities that will be fun and highlight some of what 4-H can offer. This event is replacing the Family Fun Day that has been held in the past. We hope it will be a great way for families to come out and enjoy the afternoon together. 4-H Clubs are welcome to set up a table promoting your club at this event.

Do you love science?—we are looking for volunteers to help with the activities. Would also like ALL 4-H Clubs to help with science stations. We will provide the materials and instructions—you just need to help participants have fun! If you would like to help—call our office or email Christy at millhouse.10@osu.edu.

PS. Thanks to everyone who helped last year to make this event a success!

PREBLE COUNTY TRASH BASH—Residents of Preble County will have a unique opportunity to make a real impact on the problem that is littering by participating in the 2020 Trash Bash. This new effort is a great community service opportunity for 4-H Clubs! The Preble County Community Roadside Clean-Up Days will be held April 4-5, 2020. It is a 2-day event hosted by the Preble County Solid Waste District. Volunteers will be assigned a 2 mile stretch of roadway and provided with the supplies needed to pick up trash. The Preble County Engineer's Office will collect the trash left at predetermined collection points.

A news release with more information is posted on our website. You can also contact the Solid Waste District at 937-456-6880 for more information.

4-H ENROLLMENT—The 4-H enrollment system is available for you to enroll in 4-H. If you need help logging into your profile, please contact our office.

4-H FAMILY GUIDE—We will have print copies of the 2020 Family Guide in our office soon. You can also find it at <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>. This is your place to connect to our entire collection of Ohio 4-H project books for the year.

PROJECT CENTRAL— Project Central is an easy way for 4-H members to preview Ohio 4-H project books and resources. Take a closer look at a book, find out what others have to say, and share your experience! Find it at <https://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/>

SEND A CAMPER TO CAMP—We are again making available gift certificates that can be purchased for 4-H Camp. Consider purchasing one as a gift for your favorite potential camper. You can purchase one for any amount just contact our office.

JUNIOR FAIR AWARD SPONSORS—We are continuing an effort to find continuing sponsors for all junior fair awards, to recognize those sponsors and to encourage our exhibitors to thank sponsors. If you know of someone—a business or individual—who would be willing to sponsor an award, please let us or a JFB member know so that we can send them a sponsorship form. The cost of one award can range from \$12 to \$35 depending on the award.

Ohio Afterschool Network (OAN) Entrepreneur Pitch Challenge—Homeschool, afterschool clubs, community- and faith-based programs that serve high school students can participate in the OAN Pitch Challenge. Teens pitch their ideas, compete for prizes, and meet successful entrepreneurs. Get involved in 3 easy steps:

1. Register your teen program before March 2.
2. Use the free Young Entrepreneur Pitch curriculum and get free resources to teach entrepreneurship.
3. Hold a pitch challenge in your program.

The top two pitches advance to regional contests and the top regional pitches advance to the May 6th OAN State Pitch Challenge--held in conjunction with COSI Columbus' Science Festival. Tickets to COSI, lunch, and stipends to offset transportation costs are provided.

A full day intensive training on teaching entrepreneurship to high school students will be held at the Ohio Afterschool Network Best Foot Forward Conference on Thursday, February 20. A 90-minute session for adults who work with elementary and middle school students will be held on Friday, February 21. More information about these trainings is at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmQkOuUn5hPXnYYYYDmWscH8SJwjIHOjqsgkpf7ZOqBtPrzBQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

2020 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition

2020 Essay Topic: Overwintering: Bee Survival through the Cold Season

Submission Deadline: April 1, 2020

Please visit <http://preservationofhoneybees.org/essays/2020-essays> for the full details.

Honey bees have developed special skills to overwinter in the United States. Please discuss one of these skills and then include a discussion about what you do to prepare your hives for winter. Include a photo of one of your hives, either using infrared technology or showing winter wrap, hay bales, special feeders, etc. to demonstrate how you prepare your hives for winter.

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