



Portage County 4-H Opportunities for Older Youth

Applications and additional information are available on-line at:

<http://portage.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/youth-opportunities>

For more information about 4-H older youth programs go to:

<http://www.ohio4h.org/families/just-teens>

Opportunities funded by the Portage County Randolph Fair Board

Buckeye Leadership Workshop (April 4-8, 2018)

Ages 15 & older

Buckeye Leadership Workshop is a learning, sharing “workshop” intended as a balanced program of social, physical, mental, and spiritual activities. In a positive and supportive atmosphere, workshopers are encouraged and empowered to experiment with new activities, develop new abilities, discover new interests, expand their creativity, practice and master new leadership skills, share ideas and personal skills, establish new friendships, and develop networks of human resources.

Requires completion of the State 4-H Achievement Record application by February 5th

Carving New Ideas Workshop (November 2018)

Grades 8-12

This program is conducted by Ohio State's Collegiate 4-H Club at Camp Ohio and emphasizes recreational leadership skills and fun activities. Full time participation of all delegates is required.

Requires completion of the State 4-H Achievement Record application by February 5th

Citizenship Washington Focus (June 24 – June 30, 2018)

Ages 15-19

The Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program and District American Heritage Tours help youth understand how their individual actions can make a difference in our world. The programs use our nation's capital as a classroom to foster youth appreciation, understanding and involvement in civic responsibility, government operations and current issues. Teens and adult coordinators and chaperones are invited to participate. The program includes a week of workshops and programs, visits with government officials, and visits to historic sites, museums, monuments and a variety of other exciting hands-on opportunities. Full time participation of all delegates is required.

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Leadership Washington Focus (July 16-20 2018)

Grades 7-9

The Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) is the first national 4-H event designed exclusively for **middle school 4-H'ers**. This is a 4-H leadership program for youth entering grades 7 through 9. The program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just 1 mile from the Washington, D.C. border. For more than 50 years, thousands of 4-H'ers have participated in our high school program, Citizenship Washington Focus and now we are happy to introduce its precursor for middle school 4-H'ers, LWF. Led by our team of program assistants, delegates will learn by doing and leave LWF with the experiences, tools, and connections to be leaders in their communities today.

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4-H Leadership Camp (June 2-6, 2018)

Ages 15-18

The Ohio 4-H State Leadership Camp is the premiere leadership development opportunity available to Ohio 4-H members. The focus of the five-day leadership experience is the development of concrete peer leadership skills that will enable participants to have an immediate impact in their home 4-H club, county, community, or school. The camp is active and engaged—there's very little sitting and listening, and much opportunity for group interaction. Participants leave the camp ready to take on new challenges—after they take an afternoon nap.

The camp program targets 4-H members with significant leadership potential or leadership experience within their home county's 4-H program. Leadership Camp participants are selected by county 4-H professionals, or by the committees designated by the 4-H professionals. The camp is open to young men and young women age 15 to 18 years old and mature (as deemed by county 4-H professional) 14 year olds. Accommodations for campers with special needs will be made to the extent possible. The camp program offers a balance of mental and physical challenges, allowing participants of all backgrounds to have fun and learn new skills and about the variety of their peers' perspectives.

The partial participant scholarships for the 2018 Ohio 4-H State Leadership Camp have been graciously funded by our sponsors, Nationwide and Farm Credit Mid-America.

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4-H Sea Camp (July 7-11, 2018)**Ages 13-18**

Experience marine biology first-hand at Kelley's Island 4-H Camp on Lake Erie. Youth participate in a wide variety of experiences including: fishing, lure making, boat and water safety, scuba and snorkeling, weather and the Great Lakes, astronomy, navigation and geology, water sports and power boating, sailing and wind surfing, swimming, charter boat fishing, and aquatic biology. Full time participation of all delegates is required.

Requires completion of the State 4-H Achievement Record application by February 5th

Ohio 4-H Junior Shooting Education Camp (June 29 – July 1, 2018)**Age 9-12**

This camp takes place at Canter's Cave and youth will learn different shooting sports disciplines. Cost is \$225 for campers.

Requires completion of the State 4-H Achievement Record application by February 5th

Ohio 4-H Senior Shooting Education Camp (July 8 – 13, 2018)**Age 12-18**

This camp takes place at Canter's Cave and youth will learn different shooting sports disciplines. Cost is \$225 for campers.

Requires completion of the State 4-H Achievement Record application by February 5th

Ohio Forestry Camp (TBA 2018)**Ages 15 or completed 8th grade**

This six-day camp is held at FFA Camp Muskingum, Leesville Lake, and Carroll County. The program focuses on tree identification, silviculture, ecology and forest products. Full time participation of all delegates is required.

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Space Adventure Camp (TBA 2018)**Ages 11 - 13**

4-H Space Adventure Camp is for boys and girls ages 11 to 13 and/or students who were fifth to seventh graders during the past school year. They will have the opportunity to explore the world of flight and science as they build and test flying machines, conduct computer flight simulations, learn about the principles of aerodynamics and gain an overview of the development of the space flight program. The three action-packed days will take girls and boys through an exciting adventure in "hands-on" learning including: building and flying hot air balloons, model rockets and other "things that fly", touring the universe within a planetarium, exploring the stars and planets, computer flight simulation and space exploration, enjoying the closest experience to weightlessness possible on earth (swimming) and conducting a model rocket launch.

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Opportunities funded by the Benefit and Advisory Committees

4-H Camp Whitewood – Portage and Mahoning Counties (July 8-14, 2018)**Ages 8-13**

Campers stay very busy during their time at Whitewood, enjoying campfires, singing, crafts, hiking, swimming, shooting sports, boating, games and much more. Each of our week-long County Camp sessions is hosted by one or more of our county OSU Extension Staff, giving each week a new twist. Campers do not need to be in 4-H or live in a certain county to attend any of our County Camps. <http://www.4hcampwhitewood.com/>

Registration for camp is TBA - Camper scholarships will also be available with registration

County 4-H Camp Counselor (December-July)**Ages 16 - 19**

Join other older youth in providing leadership for a camp of 100 (8-13 year old) campers held at Camp Whitewood in Windsor, Ohio (July 9-15, 2018). Selected counselor candidates assist in developing the camp program and supervising the youth campers. Full-time participation is expected. A separate specialized application form is required to be completed for eligibility. Application forms are available online or in the Extension Office.

Requires completion of a Camp Counselor Application, References, and a Health History Form

Deadline: December 1st, 2017

Ohio 4-H Conference (Saturday, March 10, 2018)**Ages 13-18**

This one day long conference replaces the Ohio 4-H Youth Expo, includes a luncheon and keynote speaker, and offers over 75 sessions and workshops to teens participating. Youth select the sessions or workshops of their choice. The conference is held at the Columbus Convention Center and is open to all interested older youth (cost is \$35). The county 4-H Advisory Committee will provide scholarships for youth delegates on a first come, first serve basis.

Requires completion of the 4-H Conference Registration form. Registration is covered by the Benefit Committee if turned in by deadline. Deadline: Due to Extension Office by February 5th.

Other County Opportunities

Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council

Ages 14-18

The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC) is a statewide group of 4-H teens and young 4-H alumni that provides a youth stakeholder perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Ohio 4-H programming. In this process, council members develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for future success. Council members share advice and recommendations to 4-H professionals in order to improve, strengthen, and expand the Ohio 4-H program. Members also make recommendations regarding opportunities for Ohio 4-H teen programming. They serve as a sounding board for Ohio 4-H program direction.

For more information about the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council please go go.osu.edu/TLC You can also email the advisors: Hannah Epley: epley.24@osu.edu or Kayla Oberstadt: oberstadt.1@osu.edu

Requires completion of the State 4-H Achievement Record.

Deadline: TBA

County Junior Fair Board (Year Round)

Ages 14-19

Junior Fair Board members organize and implement Junior Fair activities for the annual Randolph Fair. Meetings are monthly. Be prepared to make a larger commitment in July and August due to fair preparation. (20) Hours are required to be served during the Portage County Randolph Fair week. Applications are available on-line, from the Extension Office, or by contacting a junior fair board advisor. Any 4-H member meeting the requirements may apply. For questions, call the Fair Office at 330-325-7476.

Deadline: TBA – Typically February to the Fair Office.

Youth Representative, 4-H Advisory Committee (Year Round)

Ages 13-19

Working with adults and other youth, you'll represent the voice of other 4-H members and assist in setting the direction of the Portage County 4-H Program. Youth serving in this position have the opportunity to become involved in the planning of both the volunteer and members' recognition events, and selection of award winners. Requires maturity, insightfulness, and a commitment to be involved. Selection of 4 individuals is made by the Portage County 4-H Advisory Committee.

Contact the Extension Office for more information, 4 meetings a year starting in January.

Livestock Evaluation Team (Year Round)

Ages 8-19

Interested individuals can join other youth in learning about market beef, sheep, and swine, live and carcass evaluation. Members will have the opportunity to gain experience in general livestock evaluation, oral reasoning, leadership and teamwork through county practice sessions, other livestock evaluation clinics and judging contests, and field trips. General livestock education and ethics will be included.

Contact Stephen Heppe - 330-249-1234

County Horse Bowl and Hippology Team (Year Round)

Interested youth can join others with an interest in the study of horses. Members have the opportunity to develop knowledge about the horse and share it in competition as a team in a quiz bowl format. Participating youth attend regular practice sessions, contests and trips to national competitions.

Contact Ruth Matheos - 330-935-2638

County Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Team (Year Round)

Ages 8-19

Participating youth gain practical knowledge and evaluation experience related to poultry-based projects. Members have the opportunity to gain new knowledge and demonstrate their level of knowledge in team practice sessions and competitions. The team also takes the opportunity to participate in county, regional and state level trainings, clinics and field trips as offered throughout the year.

Contact Pat Allen - 330-947-0818

Portage County Scholarship Information

<http://portage.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-infoforms>



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