

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES, TRIPS & AWARDS

COUNTY – STATE 4-H COMMITTEES

Adults who serve terms on these committees are appointed or elected and become the backbone for determining 4-H programs needs and direction in accordance with state and national policy. These committees serve a vital role in working with Extension Educators, in evaluating current programs, and philosophies, and in turn assisting in the formation and execution of new programs or policies. (See Coshocton County 4-H Committees in Section II.)

BUCKEYE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Open to both adults and teens, this March workshop offers an opportunity to develop skills and confidence in the use of recreation as a vital process in human development and leadership. Applications and more information are available at the Extension Office.

THE OHIO 4-H VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

The goal of the Conference is to provide expanded educational opportunities for individuals to develop their knowledge, leadership, attitudes, skills, and aspirations as Ohio 4-H volunteers and to recognize volunteers who have reached significant milestones in their dedication of time, efforts, and resources to Ohio 4-H programs and their impact upon Ohio 4-H and the lives of Ohio 4-H youth. The Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference provides volunteers with the opportunity to interact with other volunteers, participants and program leaders in an educational setting, while enhancing their knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations through seminars. The highlight of the conference, the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, sponsored by Bob Evans Farms, is held to honor current and former Hall of Fame members, tenured volunteers (of five year interval milestones and service of 40+ years), and recipients of the following awards: Meritorious Service, Innovator, Community Service, Recruitment, Leadership Development, and Friend of 4-H.

4-H VOLUNTEER STATE RECOGNITION AWARDS

- ❖ **Meritorious Service Award** (Adult) - current 4-H Volunteers who have at least 15 years in adult 4-H service; a wide range of contributions to 4-H on the club, county, regional, state or national level; and serve as a positive influence.
- ❖ **Innovator Award** (Adult and/or Youth) - current volunteers; have developed and implemented new innovative programs or activities and have positively impacted 4-Hers.
- ❖ **Community Service Award** (Adult and Youth) - adult 4-H volunteers (and their youth club members) who are current volunteers; have successfully undertaken a service activity which benefited an individual, group, or community.
- ❖ **Recruitment Award** (Adult and/or Youth) - current volunteers who have undertaken a recruitment effort which significantly increased the membership in their club.
- ❖ **Leadership Development** (Adult and/or Youth) - current volunteer who has demonstrated an ability to develop leadership in youth and have an impact that can be documented.
- ❖ **Friend of 4-H Award** - An individual, family, business or corporation which has generally supported and is currently supporting the 4-H Program, either financially or philanthropically, at the local, county, regional, state or national level. The recipient(s) must be currently supporting 4-H; not previously won and has given observable and measurable support and contribution to the 4-H Program.

OHIO 4-H HALL OF FAME

Individuals who have given a great amount of time, energy, or money to 4-H helping boys and girls become responsible citizens of our county, may be honored by enshrinement in the Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame. During February, each county 4-H committee in Ohio may nominate two individuals for this honor.

ASSIST WITH STATE FAIR EVENTS

Adult volunteers are needed to assist with 4-H activities at the Ohio State Fair .Advisors with a special interest in state fair activities who are willing to help should contact the Extension Office during January.

HOST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE DELEGATES

4-H advisors and their families may apply to host a youth through the LABO, IFYE, or other 4-H exchange programs. Visits range from two weeks to one year. Any 4-H member and his family may apply to host an exchange delegate. Contact the Extension Office for more information and application forms.