

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR & CIT (Counselor in Training)

Camp Dates: July 14 – 18, 2008

Selection Date: December 2007

Who's Eligible: Hancock County 4-H Members age 14 and older (as of 1/1/08) and at least a freshman in high school.

Description: Any 4-H youth meeting the age specification may apply. An Ohio 4-H Achievement Record does not need to be completed in order to be eligible for this award/opportunity. A separate, specialized application form is required to be filled out for this award/opportunity and you should indicate your interest on page 1 of this form. Camp Counselor application forms are available at the Extension Office, and due in December.

Camp counselors and counselors-in-training provide program leadership and supervise younger campers within the cabin and during activities. This is a working position requiring a minimum of 24 hours of training (at least six of them on-site at 4-H Camp Ohio). Applicants should: enjoy working with people of all ages, especially children; must possess a positive attitude; and be willing to work hard for the good of the camp program. This position offers teens an excellent opportunity to develop their leadership potential and to build some very close friendships that may last a lifetime.

Counselor applications are due to the Extension Office **no later than December 1, 2007 and selections will be held in December 2007.**

Opportunities for 4-H Members

4-H Contests – Members may receive awards and gain valuable experience by entering various contests such as: Public Speaking, Health Skits, Demonstrations, and General Livestock Judging.

4-H Educational Workshops and Activities – A variety of workshops are held each year to enhance learning and project work.

4-H Junior Camp & Teen Camp – 4-H summer camping experiences are offered for members of all ages at 4-H Camp Ohio and other 4-H camps.

County Achievement Awards from Local Donors – Awards are given in various project areas for outstanding achievements.

County Committees – Older members (14 years and older as of January 1st of the current year) are often asked or can volunteer to work on various committees related to the Hancock County 4-H program (4-H Advisory Council, Horse Council, Goat Council, etc.)

Frozen Food Sales – Members can earn 4-H Camp Credits and awards by selling frozen food.

Hancock County Fair – A variety of activities are available to members at the county fair. Participating in the Hancock Co. Fair is NOT a completion of the 4-H project. The fair is an opportunity to share the accomplishments of each member.

“I Dare You” Award – Two older 4-H members are recognized each autumn for their outstanding achievements in striving to live well-balanced lives. In addition, they have the opportunity to apply to attend an International Leadership Conference. Members are nominated by advisors, complete an application form and are interviewed.

Individual Honor Awards – Members may work toward earning various awards in a progressive program by participating in various activities and events and then completing an Individual Honor Award application form which is due September 15th of the current year.

Junior Fair Board – Older members are selected to assist in planning and conducting junior fair activities. Applications are due October 1 of each year.

Junior Fair King & Queen – Members 16 years and older (as of January 1st of the current year) may apply and then be interviewed for the titles of Hancock County Junior Fair King, Queen, Prince and Princess.

Junior Leadership Club – Older members (14 years or older as of January 1st of the current year OR at least a freshman in high school) may participate in the Hancock County Junior Leadership Club. Members will develop leadership skills while given the opportunity to conduct county events.

Ohio State Fair – Competition in Bicycles, Clothing, Creative Arts, Demonstrations, Dogs, Electricity, Foods and Nutrition, Genealogy, General Livestock Judging, Health and Safety, Health and Safety Speaking, Horse Judging, Natural Resources and Conservation, Photography, Poultry Judging, Radio Controlled Vehicles, Rope, Saddle Horses, Welding, and Woodworking.

Outstanding 4-H Member Awards – Two older 4-H members are recognized each autumn for their outstanding achievements in 4-H. Members are nominated by advisors, fill out an application form and are interviewed.

Program Assistant at the National 4-H Center – Paid, temporary positions are available to coordinate and conduct activities at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C.

Secretary/Treasurer Awards – Secretaries and treasurers of county clubs can submit their record books to receive outstanding awards. These books are due to the Extension Office by September 15th of the current year.

For more information about any of these opportunities –

Please contact the Hancock County Office of Ohio State University Extension at 419-422-3851.