

## Opportunities for Adult 4-H Volunteers

**4-H Advisor Volunteer Opportunities** – Volunteers are always needed to help with county activities, programs and contests (livestock judging, Ag and Misc. judging, project workshops, etc.) In addition, help is often needed at statewide events and 4-H activities at the Ohio State Fair.

**County Committees** – 4-H volunteers are elected annually to the 4-H Advisory Council of Hancock County. This election is held during the 4-H Advisors' Recognition Banquet in November. In Hancock County, we have a horse council and a goat council, and advisors in those areas are encouraged to participate in the meetings and activities of their respective council. In addition, the Hancock County Extension Advisory Committee has several positions especially for 4-H volunteers.

**North Central Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum** – this regional event is a great way for 4-H volunteers to sharpen their skills, get interesting ideas, and meet new people. Plus, it's a lot of fun! The regional forum meets in a different city each fall.

**Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame Award** – This award is to recognize individuals that have made significant lifetime contributions of service to the 4-H program. They should have also made an impact upon local clubs, communities and the state 4-H program. Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

**Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference and Recognition Luncheon** – All 4-H volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend this one-day workshop where they can choose from over 100 sessions designed to improve their skills. In addition, volunteers with 1,5,10,15,20,25,30,35, and 40 or more years of service to the 4-H program will be recognized at a special luncheon. At this luncheon, district winners of the **Meritorious Service, Innovator, Community Service, Recruitment and Leadership Development Awards** and the state winners of the **Friend of 4-H Award** will be recognized. The conference is held each year in March and award applications are due December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

**Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award** – Each year this award is presented to at least one individual who was a 4-H member **and** has made significant contributions to the 4-H program here in Hancock County. Individuals must be nominated and the awards are presented at the 4-H Advisors' Recognition Banquet in November.

**Outstanding Service to 4-H Award** – Each year this award is presented to at least one individual, or business - which was not a 4-H member, but has made significant contributions to the 4-H program here in Hancock County. Individuals must be nominated and the awards are presented at the 4-H Advisors' Recognition Banquet in November.

For more information about any of these opportunities –

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

## Special Rules and Regulations

- No individual may be a 4-H member in two or more counties at the same time. Youth are expected to participate in the 4-H program of their county of residence. However, in situations where youth live out of the county, membership considerations will be given by the 4-H Educators in the county of residence and county of participation when a positive educational experience will result. **An Across County Line Application Form must be on file for members residing outside of Hancock County.**
- The secretary and treasurer books are the only books that must be turned in at the 4-H Office by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Clubs and/or members entering their 4-H projects in the Hancock County Junior Fair will abide by Junior Fair guidelines.
- 4-H members should take only those projects that can successfully be completed.
- **ANY PROJECT MADE FOR COMPLETION OR FOR A GRADE IN ANY OTHER ACTIVITY SUCH AS FFA, FCCLA, SCHOOL, OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS CANNOT BE ENTERED AS A 4-H PROJECT AT THE COUNTY FAIR OR USED FOR ANY OTHER 4-H JUDGING.**
- All enrollment forms must be turned in at the Extension Office BY THE 4-H ADVISOR no later than April 1 of the current year.
- No substitution of livestock may be made after June 1<sup>st</sup>. **EXCEPTION:** All steers must be selected and on feed by January 15<sup>th</sup>, and no changes can be made after this time.
- All 4-H livestock projects (except horses and llamas) must be owned and cared for by the 4-H member. If the member prefers, horses and llamas may be leased. All 4-H livestock projects, including llamas and horses must be under the exclusive care of the member by June 1. For horse projects, a copy of the HORSE lease and HORSE IDENTIFICATION CARD must be on file at the Extension office by June 1. All members taking a horse project must submit a liability waiver and sign the safety and ethics form prior to riding a horse/pony during a 4-H event. Members enrolled in a llama project must have a LLAMA LEASE AGREEMENT on file at the Extension Office by June 1. (Meat rabbits must be in member's possession by August 1)
- **ALL** 4-H projects need to be the work of the individual 4-H member. Help from parents, advisors, and other interested adults is encouraged as long as it is of an educational nature. The final exhibit **MUST** be the work of the member.
- Any complete or incomplete project information for members **MUST BE TURNED IN BY AUGUST 1** of the current year to the Extension office.