



The 4-H Link



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Greetings,

As the spring season rapidly approaches, it seems that many of us are excited to get our gardens going and to participate in our favorite warm weather activities. For many of us that includes a busy three months of preparing for camps, 4-H member projects, and for another fair season. As we gear up for the growing season, the following suggestions show how we can grow more than just a garden.

For the garden of your daily living

Plant three rows of Peas.

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant four rows of Squash.

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant four rows of Lettuce.

1. Lettuce be Faithful
2. Lettuce us be Kind
3. Lettuce be Patient
4. Lettuce really love one Another

No Garden is without Turnips.

1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Service
3. Turnip to Help one another

To Conclude our Garden, we must have Thyme.

1. Thyme for each Other
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friends

Water freely with patience, and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden, because you reap what you sow and members grow with your guidance and care.

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Enrollment Deadline

In order for the youth in your 4-H club to participate in project judging and exhibit at the fair, they must be enrolled with our office by April 15th. To enroll, members should complete the enrollment forms in your organizational packet and turn them into the Extension Office. It helps to schedule an appointment with the office to minimize your wait time and allows us to serve you better. Remember, if all the clubs were to come in at the same time, the wait would be long and frustrating. Joyce is already taking enrollment appointments beginning March 22nd.

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Project Change Deadline 5/16

The last day for members to add or drop a project and change their enrollment with the Extension Office is May 16th. This deadline allows club members the opportunity to examine their project books and determine if the level of difficulty for the project fits their skills and abilities. After the May 16th deadline, the member will be unable to change their project. Please make sure all the members of your club have a chance to view their books by this date.

BBQ & Benefit Auction Help

We still need clubs, individuals, and families to help with the Chicken BBQ and Auction. There are many different times and jobs available. Also, we are accepting donations for the Benefit Auction. If you or your club would like to donate an item for the auction or sign up to help please call us at 419-627-7631.

Officer Training to be held 4/25

This year we will offer a Parliamentary Procedure and Officer Training program on April 25th. The program will be held at EHOVE in Building F from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Participants will view a demonstration of parliamentary procedure then break into officer workshops for job specific training. We had a great turnout last year and received several positive comments. We encourage you, your club officers, and anyone else that is interested to attend.

Again this year, there will be a breakout session for advisors on teaching parliamentary procedure to club members. This session is mostly geared toward newer clubs or clubs with mostly younger members. Advisors will leave the session with hands-on activities that can be incorporated into club meetings to strengthen the use of parliamentary procedure.

New Volunteer Training

If you are having new volunteers join your club this year, they must contact our office for an application, successfully complete a background check, have a face-to-face interview with either Angie or Elise, and attend a new volunteer training. The remaining training dates are 4/14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and 5/5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All new volunteers must be through the process by May 6th to be a volunteer for 2005.

Public Speaking Contests

It might seem a little early to be thinking of Health and Safety Speaking or Demonstration Contest, but now is the time to start working with your 4-H members. Public speaking is an important life skill and what better place for youth to develop this skill than with the comfort of their own friends? We encourage you to have your club members do a demonstration at a club meeting. If you are interested in working with club members to develop this skill, we have resources available at our office to help you in your coaching efforts. Once members begin speaking in front of their 4-H group, encourage them to try one of the county speaking events.

Shooting Sports Volunteers

If anybody is interested in attending a shooting sports instructor training camp, please contact Elise. Currently our county is only able to offer archery to 4-H members. Other shooting sports projects that could be offered include pistol, rifle and shotgun.

Quality Assurance Program

Don't forget your club is responsible for conducting its own Quality Assurance (QA) program this year. Information was shared at the Advisor Updates. Once your club has worked out the details, call the Extension Office to register these details. Even if your club will not be conducting a QA program, you must still call the office let us know. QA programs must be completed and all paper work must be turned in by May 31st.

Arlene Miller Scholarship

Please encourage the seniors in your club to apply for the Arlene Miller Memorial Scholarship. The schools should already have the scholarship information. If members need further information, they may contact Judy Driscoll at 419-684-9705.

4-H Member Insurance Available

American Income Life Insurance Company provides insurance for 4-H clubs, members, and volunteers. Accident insurance is available for \$1.00 per member or volunteer and \$2.00 per horse member and horse volunteer. They also provide special activities and events coverage for accidents or illness. This insurance costs between 15¢ per person per day up to 23¢ per person per day. This insurance could be used to cover a trip or horse show. If you would like more information you may contact the Extension Office for a copy of the brochure or you may contact American Income Life directly at 1-800-849-4820.

Bake Sale Safety

Please keep in mind as fund raising season approaches, if you decide to do a bake sale there are certain laws and guidelines you must follow. Your club is subject to local and state laws. Additionally, a person or group is liable if an unsafe product is sold. If you are planning on conducting a bake sale, please contact our office to get copies of the pamphlet *Make Your Bake Sale a Safe Sale*. This pamphlet lists items you can and cannot sell along with other tips.

Key Leader Positions Available

The following Key Leader positions are available if you, or someone you is interested in volunteering with the 4-H program: Athletics, Rockets & Radio Controlled Vehicles, Bicycles, Rope, Lawn Care, Welding, and Theatre Arts.

Treasury & Fund Raising Guidelines

As you get organized for the 4-H year, be sure your club finances are in order. If you are just setting your finances up do it correctly, or if they have been wrong in the past get it corrected for 2005. Here are a few guidelines from the *Finances and Fund Raising* Extension Fact Sheet.

1. If money is to be raised, your club should have a reason to raise it. Do not raise money for the sake of raising money. The reason should be voted on by the club members.
2. Only a minimal carry over should remain in the treasury from year to year. Members who helped raise the funds should spend the funds.
3. The treasurer should keep neat accurate records with a treasurer's report given at each meeting. The minutes should reflect these reports and actions taken on finances.
4. Detailed deposit records should be kept with the sources and amounts of all income. Your club can purchase a basic receipt book to use for documenting income. Receipt all funds collected.
5. Your club is encouraged to keep its money in a bank account. To open a bank account (or update an existing one) the club must use an Employer Identification Number. **DO NOT USE ANYONE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON THE 4-H ACCOUNT!** Your club can obtain an Employer Identification Number by completing an SS-4 form. This form is simple and can be obtained from the Extension Office or from the IRS. The IRS has the form available online. Make sure the account name has 4-H in the title for example: The Fabulous Buckeyes 4-H Club.

For further information about club finances review the *Finances and Fund Raising* Extension Fact Sheet in its entirety. If you don't have a copy in your Advisor Handbook, contact the Extension Office. If you have further questions, please contact Angie.

Ghostly Manor

The Ghostly Manor in Sandusky is offering special rates. They are open June-October and can accommodate large groups. They will open at special times, by appointment only, for groups of 40 or more. They do not recommend this experience for those under the age of 10 years old. Upon request, they will adapt the "scare" to the groups desired fright level up to and including: "lights on" and a "no actors" experience.

The self guided experience lasts about 20-25 minutes. They offer appointments for a "behind the scenes" tour to show how a haunted house is run and operated and to learn how to apply make up in one of their monster make-up classes. Contact Jayme Criscione 419-626-4467 or go to the website www.ghostlymanor.com for additional information and specify days and times of operation. A DVD of is also available for viewing.

Admission is:

Adults (10 & older) \$10;

Child under 10 \$6.

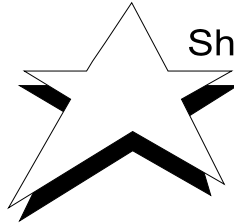
Call for special group rates.

Fund Raising Made Easy

Corso's Flower and Garden Center, 3404 Milan Rd., in Sandusky is offering a fundraiser for any interested group. Your group would sell \$20.00 Corso's gift cards which could be used in their store any day of the year. Your group would earn 20% (\$4.00) from the sale of each card. Please call Paula, Betty, or Michelle at Corso's at 419-626-0765 for more information.



2005 North Central Volunteer Forum



Shining Bright Forum

November 10-13
Rapid City, South Dakota

The forum is to be held at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center.

21111 N. LaCrosse St.

Rapid City, SD

For Reservations please call

1-800-528-1234

or 605-343-8550

\$89 per night (until October 10, 2005)

Registration Fees	Date	Full	Daily
Early Bird	9-09-05	\$200	\$120
Regular	10-10-05	\$220	\$140
Late	10-28-05	\$240	\$160

