



The 4-H Link



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Welcome to another 4-H year. Your clubs have been meeting, enrollment is over (whew), and hopefully your 4-H members have started their projects. We wish everybody a successful club year. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the 4-H program.

Sincerely,

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Club Printouts

After May 16th, final club printouts will be mailed to you. Please double check the printouts. If corrections are needed, please contact our office immediately. It will be too late to make project changes, though.

Mandatory Club Audit

As you are already aware, every year we require 1/3 of our clubs to submit their secretary and treasurer books for audit. The clubs randomly chosen this year are:

Berlin Busy Bees
Busy Beavers
Clever Clovers
Erie Eagles
Erie Elites
Erie Shooting Stars
Just Horsin' Around
Margaretta Achievers
Margaretta Livestock
Pony Express

All clubs who must submit their books and who have an account at a bank will also have a form to complete showing that proper account setup procedures have been followed.

Needed: Camp Nurse

We are in need of a nurse for Jr. 4-H Camp (June 13-16). In fact, we cannot go to camp without a nurse! Please share this information with your 4-Her's and their parents. If you know of anyone who is interested, please have them contact Elise or Angie for more information.

Condolences

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go to Angie & B-O-B Holmes on the loss of their infant daughter. Ella Kathleen Holmes was born on March 18 and passed away unexpectedly on March 22. Please keep the Holmes family in your thoughts.

GloryBe

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a flier for GloryBe 4-H products available for purchase. Please contact GloryBe directly for price information.

Recycling Available

The Erie County Solid Waste District has 24 recycling bins available for non-profit organizations to borrow for either short term community projects (like trash pick up) or events (such as club picnics). For more information, contact Tina Sevenbergen at 419-433-7303 x249 or tsevenbergen@erie-county-ohio.net.

QA Paperwork

Those clubs who have completed their quality assurance programs must turn in all the paperwork to the Extension Office by May 31st. This allows us time to check our records and contact those individuals who will need to attend the countywide make-up session on June 9th. If you have not yet scheduled your QA program, you need to do so soon!

Key Leader Positions Available

At the time of this newsletter we still had some key leader vacancies in the still project areas for 2005.

ATV	Engineering (Lawn Care, Rope)
Athletics	Theatre Arts
Bicycles	

If you know anybody who may be interested in becoming a key leader in any of the vacant key leader positions please contact Elise at the Extension Office.

How to Show Support for 4-Her's

The following ideas were generated by fellow volunteers during our Advisor Updates in February.

Advisors/Key Leaders

1. Recognize 4-Her's at the end of each year with awards or a point system for participation.
2. Do public relations for kids at fair, letting your 4-Her's know who's showing or being judged, where and when.
3. Ask how projects are coming at each meeting.
4. Make achievements a special event.
5. Attend judging.
6. Create more learning experiences.
7. Check projects at a meeting in June.
8. After judging - Talk to the kids & point out their growth for the year.
9. Show enthusiasm.
10. Give words of encouragement.
11. Have fun activities planned for meetings.
12. Plan club meetings, including snacks & drinks.
13. Mentoring
14. Have New Reporters mention specific 4-Her's names in their newspaper write-ups.
15. If a child doesn't place as well as they had hoped, allow 10 them minutes to pout, then have them congratulate everybody.

Parents

1. Stay at 4-H meetings.
2. Volunteer to give talks at 4-H meetings.
3. Attend project judging(s).
4. Give parents roles at the club meetings.
5. Do not nag.
6. Give parents roles at the club meetings.