

September 2005

TO: Advisors & Key Leaders  
RE: 4-H Updates and Newsletter

Hello,

Let us begin by saying thank you for a great 4-H year and fair! We can hardly believe that fall is almost here and that 4-H is beginning to wind down. This letter and the enclosed Buzz highlight several important items and are taking the place of the Link. Please take a few moments to read through the Buzz, which was mailed to all the 4-H members yesterday.

In this mailing, **organizational advisors** received a **County 4-H Certificates Nomination Form**. Our office supplies certificates of award for Outstanding Participation, Member Progress, Superior Standards, and Excellence in Competition to members nominated by their club to receive these awards. Organizational advisors need to complete, sign, and return the form to the Extension Office by Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The awards will be printed and placed in the club packets which will be available beginning Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Club packets will contain county 4-H certificates, member participation certificates, honor club results, officer's books, and any other items or information that needs to be distributed to the club.

Regarding member year pins, the 4-H Committee decided pins will be given upon request only. A request form has been supplied to each of the organizational advisors. Simply complete the form and return it with the County 4-H Certificates Nomination Form to the Extension Office.

Also, the 4-H Committee will be looking to fill vacant spots. If you are interested in serving on the 4-H Committee or would like further information, please call Angie. We would love to tell you about the great things the 4-H Committee does.

The annual recognition banquet will be held November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please mark this date on your calendar and watch for more details to be mailed later. It is a great meal and a wonderful evening. We would love to have you attend.

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We hope all of you are planning your own recognition events for your clubs. These activities are a great way to put closure to the 4-H year, get everyone together, and pass out awards and certificates. Enclosed is an advisor's guide to conducting achievement programs. Please take a few moments to read this over and maybe incorporate some of the suggestions into your own program.

Just a reminder, the following clubs must submit their secretary and treasurer books to our office for a mandatory audit: Berlin Busy Bees, Busy Beavers, Clever Clovers, Erie Eagles, Erie Elites, Erie Shooting Stars, Just Horsin' Around, Margaretta Achievers, Margaretta Livestock, Super Superiors, and Pony Express. If you are one of these clubs, enclosed with this letter, you will find a Mandatory Audit Form to complete and submit with your officer books. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Finally, early bird registration for the North Central Regional Volunteer Forum in Indianapolis is due by September 9<sup>th</sup>. We highly encourage you to go to this wonderful event. For more information, please contact Elise.

Again, thank you for all the dedication and time you give to the 4-H youth. We hope to see you at the annual volunteer recognition banquet, if not sooner.

Sincerely,

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Older Youth Pin Order Form  
Advisors Guide for Club Achievement Programs  
Mandatory Club Audit Form