



Portage County 4-H Opportunities for Older Youth

Applications and additional information are available from the Extension Office or on-line at <http://portage.osu.edu/4-H/teenopportunities.htm> . For more information about trips check out youth opportunities online at <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/EventsandOpport/index.html>



Ohio 4-H Teen Conference (Saturday, February 2, 2006)

Ages 13-18

This one day long conference replaces the Ohio 4-H Youth Expo, includes a luncheon and keynote speaker, and offers over 75 sessions and workshops to teens participating. Youth select the sessions or workshops of their choice. The conference is held at the Columbus Convention Center and is open to all interested older youth (cost is \$20). The county will provide scholarships for a set number of delegates that complete the Portage County Opportunities Application and are selected as delegates by the 4-H Advisory Scholarship Committee.

Requires completion of Portage County Opportunities Application for 2006 scholarships

Deadline: Registration for 2006 conference due to Extension Office by February 3

Application deadline for 2006 is March 1, 2006.

4-H Sea Camp (June 26 –30, 2006)

Ages 13-18

Experience marine biology first-hand at Kelleys Island 4-H Camp on Lake Erie. Youth participate in a wide variety of experiences including: fishing, lure making, boat and water safety, scuba and snorkeling, weather and the Great Lakes, astronomy, navigation and geology, water sports and power boating, sailing and wind surfing, swimming, charter boat fishing, and aquatic biology. Selection of delegates is conducted by the county 4-H advisory scholarship committee. Funding for county delegates is provided by the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board. Full time participation of all delegates is required.

Requires completion of Portage County Opportunities Application.

Deadline: March 1

Citizenship Washington Focus (July 2-8, 2006)

Ages 16-18

The Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program and District American Heritage Tours help youth understand how their individual actions can make a difference in our world. The programs use our nation's capital as a classroom to foster youth appreciation, understanding and involvement in civic responsibility, government operations and current issues. Teens and adult coordinators and chaperones are invited to participate. The program includes a week of workshops and programs, visits with government officials, visits to historic sites, museums, monuments and a variety of other exciting hands-on opportunities. Selection of delegates is conducted by the county 4-H advisory scholarship committee. Funding for county delegates is provided by the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board. Full time participation of all delegates is required.

Requires completion of Portage County Opportunities Application.

Deadline: March 1

4-H Leadership Camp (July 9-14, 2006)

Ages 14-18

State 4-H Leadership Camp is a six day camp held at Camp Ohio in Utica. This program is a once-in-a-lifetime, exciting, challenging, in-depth, learn-by-doing leadership development experience. It is one of the best programs of its kind in the nation. Leadership Campers plan, conduct, and evaluate the program themselves! Other Leadership Camp opportunities include in-depth experiences focusing on daily leadership themes, options for campers in such areas as leadership skills, local and county programs and ideas, cultural heritage and citizenship, communications, career and personal development. Campers will also take advantage of Camp Ohio's natural environment. Exciting evening programs and inspiration services provide campers additional opportunities for leadership development. Nationwide and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Inc. generously provide full scholarships for two (2) 4-H teens from each county, as well as full program costs. Selection of delegates is conducted by the county 4-H advisory scholarship committee. Full time participation of all delegates is required.

Requires completion of Portage County Opportunities Application.

Deadline: March 1

4-H Conservation Camp (June 5-10, 2006)**Ages 13-18**

This six-day camp held at Camp Ohio in Utica is primarily designed for youth who have a sincere interest in the Environmental Sciences. The Ohio 4-H Conservation Camp is considered by many to be the best 4-H Conservation Camp conducted anywhere. Campers study about land use capability, soil, water, forestry, wildlife and recreational land use. They participate in a land use planning exercise and present their land use plans. The last day is an educational tour of many points of interest. Selection of delegates is conducted by the county 4-H advisory scholarship committee. Funding for county delegates is provided by the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board. Full time participation of all delegates is required.

Requires completion of Portage County Opportunities Application.

Deadline: March 1

Carving New Ideas Workshop (December 8-10, 2006)**Ages 16 & older**

This program is conducted by Ohio State's Collegiate 4-H Club at Camp Ohio and emphasizes recreational leadership skills and fun activities. Selection of delegates is conducted by the county 4-H advisory scholarship committee. Funding for county delegates is provided by the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board. Full time participation of all delegates is required.

Requires completion of Portage County Opportunities Application.

Deadline: March 1

Ohio Forestry Camp (June 11-16, 2006)**Ages 15 or completed 8th grade**

This six day camp is held at FFA Camp Muskingum, Leesville Lake, Carroll County. The program focuses on tree identification, silviculture, ecology and forest products. Selection of delegates is conducted by the county 4-H advisory scholarship committee. Funding for county delegates is provided by Portage County Soil and Water Conservation. Full time participation of all delegates is required.

Requires completion of Portage County Opportunities Application.

Deadline: March 1

Buckeye Leadership Workshop (March 2007)**Ages 16 & older**

Learn recreational leadership skills at this outstanding event held at Recreation Unlimited Camp in Delaware, Ohio. Scholarships may be available for the Workshop. Selection of delegates is conducted by the county 4-H advisory scholarship committee. Funding for county delegates is provided by Portage County Soil and Water Conservation. Full time participation of all delegates is required.

Requires completion of Portage County Opportunities Application.

Deadline: March 1

County Junior Fair Board (Year Round)**Ages 14-19**

Junior Fair Board members organize and implement Junior Fair activities for the annual Randolph Fair. Meetings are monthly. Be prepared to make a larger commitment in July and August due to fair preparation. (20) Hours are required to be served during the Portage County Randolph Fair week, August 21-26, 2001. Applications are available from the Extension Office. Any 4-H member meeting the requirements may apply.

Deadline: Applications will be available in February from the Extension Office or the Fair Office.

County 4-H Camp Counselor (March-July)**Ages 15 & older preferred**

Join other older youth in providing leadership for a camp of 70-100 (8-14 year old) campers held at Camp Whitewood in Windsor, Ohio (July 4-). Selected counselor candidates assist in developing the camp program and supervising the youth campers. Full-time participation is expected. A separate specialized application form is required to be completed for eligibility. Application forms are available from the Extension Office.

Deadline: February 17, 2006 to the Extension Office by 4:30 PM

County 4-H Cloverbud Camp Counselor (May-August)**Ages 11 & older preferred**

Join other youth in tackling the challenge of 30-50 (5-8 year old) Cloverbud 4-H members at a one-day camp either at the Moore Farm in Aurora or at Camp Whitewood in Windsor. Assist the day camp director with planning and program development. Minimal time commitment. Application forms available from the Extension Office in March.

Deadline: April 1 to Extension Office

County Junior Leaders Club (Year Round)**Ages 13 -19**

Junior Leaders is a county-based leadership club whose purpose is to aid in the development of local 4-H Clubs, to develop leadership in its members, and to provide opportunities for personal development and social involvement and interaction. The club is run by teen members with support from advisors. Meetings are monthly. Members are expected to participate fully through planning, organizing, conducting and attending all activities. No application required. Contact the Extension Office for meeting times and location.

Youth Representative, 4-H Advisory Committee (Year Round)**Ages 13-19**

Working with adults and other youth, you'll represent the voice of other 4-H members and assist in setting the direction of the Portage County 4-H Program. Youth serving in this position have the opportunity to become involved in the planning of both the volunteer and members recognition events, and selection of award winners. Requires maturity, insightfulness, and a commitment to be involved. Selection of 5-7 individuals is made by the Portage County 4-H Advisory Committee.

Livestock Evaluation Team (Year Round)**Ages 8-19**

Interested individuals can join other youth in learning about market beef, sheep, and swine, live and carcass evaluation. Members will have the opportunity to gain experience in general livestock evaluation, oral reasoning, leadership and teamwork through county practice sessions, other livestock evaluation clinics and judging contests, and field trips. General livestock education and ethics will be included.

County Horse Bowl and Hippology Team (Year Round)

Interested youth can join others with an interest in the study of horses. Members have the opportunity to develop knowledge about the horse and share it in competition as a team in a quiz bowl format. Participating youth attend regular practice sessions, contests and trips to national competitions.

County Light Horse Judging Team (Year Round)

Youth who participate learn gain valuable assessment tools for evaluating and judging horses through team practice sessions and competitions.