



MEDIA ADVISORY

Event: Ohio 4-H Centennial Kick-Off Reception

As part of the Ohio 4-H Centennial Celebration, Ohio State University Extension's state 4-H office is sponsoring a special reception to officially kick off the Ohio 4-H Centennial.

When: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

On this date 100 years ago, the first meeting of a "Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Club" was held in Springfield, Ohio. This club would serve as the model for other clubs that would later become known as "4-H clubs."

(For more on 4-H's beginnings in Ohio, see Ohio 4-H Centennial websites on founder A.B. Graham, at <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~fourhoh/centennial/Founder.html>, and Ohio 4-H significant events, <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~fourhoh/centennial/History.html>.)

Where: 2120 Fyffe Road, Columbus, Ohio
Agricultural Administration Building, Main Auditorium
The Ohio State University

Who: The event is being held for media, elected officials, state legislators, Ohio State University administrators, state and county 4-H staff, 4-H advocates, and 4-H volunteers. Several of A.B. Graham's descendants will be at the event to be recognized.

What: Approximately 150 adults and youth from diverse communities will gather at The Ohio State University to celebrate Ohio's 4-H Centennial to learn how the program began in 1902 and where the program is heading in the future. After the program, a bus tour is scheduled to take dignitaries to Clark County where A.B. Graham held his first meeting; to Graham High School (named after A.B. Graham) in Champaign County; and then to the A.B. Graham Center, a museum and exhibit center in Miami County.

Why: To join Ohio 4-H professionals and volunteers in celebrating 100 years of positive youth development in our state, our nation, and our world. Ohio 4-H is part of The Ohio State University under the umbrella of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and Ohio State University Extension.

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