

# Ohio 4-H News & Notes

## Week of April 2, 2017



### Raise Your Hand for Ohio 4-H

Complete this [form](#) to let us know you're an Ohio 4-H alum.

The states with the most hands raised wins a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 reward for their local programs.

Ohio is in the lead right now, but other states are gaining. Help Ohio 4-H win the top prize.

Share with friends and families, post on social media.

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### Summer Opportunities

- Lights! Camera! Action! If you want to know more about making films, joins us for 4-H Film Project Day on April 8 at the Nationwide & Ohio 4-H Farm Bureau Center in Columbus. Cinematographer Scott Spears will teach film basics and you'll help make a short film. Limited to just 16 participants; find the details at <http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/filmmaking>
- Engaging with Insects – Summer Day Camp is back! Young entomologists interested in learning about the little creatures that really rule the world are invited for a week of hands-on experiences with experts from OSU's Triplehorn Insect Collection and the Department of Entomology. The camp runs June 26-30 at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus. Details at <https://insects.osu.edu/engaging-insects-summer-day-camp>

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### Project Book Survey: Print or Digital

If you are interested in administering this survey in your county, please ask your volunteers and members to visit [go.osu.edu/4hprojectbooksurvey](http://go.osu.edu/4hprojectbooksurvey). Do it soon though! The survey closes on

April 14. An invitation is posted on Facebook and on the Ohio 4-H homepage, so you can easily re-share with your clients.

It asks mainly about preferences for print or digital project books, although questions about basic demographic information—such as county, role in 4-H, and years in 4-H—and a place for comments are included too. It is a quick and anonymous process; no personal identifying information is asked.

So that you can view the results, every 4-H professional has been included in Qualtrics as a collaborator. If you have any trouble accessing them, please email Annie Steel at [steel.46@osu.edu](mailto:steel.46@osu.edu).

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### **Ohio 4-H Special Needs Camp**

Camp is designed with individual youth in mind and is tailored to their needs. It gives youth a chance to try new things in a safe environment while building relationships. When campers and caregivers were asked about the Camp in the past, 100% of those surveyed stated that they want to return next year and one caregiver stated, “Everyone helps all the kids have a great time. No one is left out.” Campers feel the same way – one Camper listed their favorite memory as, “Seeing all of the kids, staff, counselors & parents.”

Thanks to the generous support of the Ohio 4-H Foundation, costs are kept to a minimum and Campers are exposed to experiences including archery, music, crafts, nature, campfire, horseback riding, and more. This year’s theme of, “Finding the Superhero in YOU” will even include a visit from the Dark Knight of Gotham City!

If you would like more information about attending, or supporting, Special Needs Camp at Canter’s Cave 4-H Camp, please contact Michelle Stumbo, Camp Program Director, at 740-992-6696 or [Stumbo.5@osu.edu](mailto:Stumbo.5@osu.edu). - <http://4hcanterscave.osu.edu/home/experience-it/special-needs-camp>

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### **Jefferson County’s New 4-H Cloverbud Kit**

The Jefferson County 4-H Committee has created a new 4-H Cloverbud kit entitled, “Weather Fun”, to accompany the first lesson in the “Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities” (Title #710GPM). This new kit includes five weather-related science activities and all the materials needed to complete them. It also includes the book, Storm is Coming, which is a fun look at storms to help kids deal with any fear they may have about storms. The kit also contains games, crafts, songs, and snack ideas, which are weather-related and age appropriate.

The kit will come in a sturdy plastic tote for easy storage for you and convenient handling by your Cloverbud volunteers. The cost of the kit is \$50.00.

To order a kit, email Janine Yeske at [yeske.1@osu.edu](mailto:yeske.1@osu.edu) . Those ordering by Monday, April 3, will be able to pick up their kits at the 4-H Center on or after Wednesday, April 19 (County Director Meeting) for use in 2017.

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### **Ohio Youth Capital Challenge**

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Ohio FFA and Ohio 4-H joined forces March 17 for the Ohio Youth Capital Challenge. Nearly 40 students from across the state of Ohio gathered in Columbus to discuss agricultural issues and policy as the initial part of a four-step experience. [CLICK HERE FOR FULL ARTICLE.](#)

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### **Tractor Supply Company Announces 2017 ‘Great Neighbor’ Essay Contest**

Tractor Supply Company, the largest rural lifestyle retailer in the United States, has just announced the launch of its first ever ‘Great Neighbor’ essay contest. The competition is a new component of the retailer’s Mobile Fair Tour — a 19-stop journey across the United States that will begin its route June 8 in Illinois and conclude Oct. 22 in Arkansas. Winners will be recognized during ceremonies at state and county fairs across the country.

Beginning Friday, March 24, Tractor Supply is asking 4-H and FFA members living in or near one of its 19 fair stops to submit essays in response to the following question: What does 4-H/FFA mean to you, and how has your organization allowed you to be the best neighbor you can be in your community? Eligible 4-H and FFA members have until Monday, April 24, at 5 p.m. CST to submit an essay. To submit an essay, review contest rules and regulations and view a list of fair stops, visit [www.tractorsupply.com/fairtour](http://www.tractorsupply.com/fairtour).

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### **Oklahoma 4-H Wildfire Relief**

Assist Oklahoma families affected by the devastating wildfires that occurred in Oklahoma as well as Kansas and Texas. Oklahoma 4-H, is asking for donations in the form of pre-paid gift cards (VISA, Discover, etc.). As families have lost homes, clothes, fencing, livestock feed, equipment, etc., it is impossible to determine one thing that is needed most by families. It would be wonderful to have cards in \$50 increments; however, any generous support will gladly be accepted.

Donations can be mailed to: Oklahoma 4-H: Wildfire Relief, 205 4-H Youth Development Building, Stillwater OK 74078. As donations are not being submitted to a foundation, so a tax exemption statement will not be issued. Contact: Kevin Allen, Ph.D., Assistant Director and State 4-H Program Leader, Phone: 405.744.5394, E-mail: [kevin.allen@okstate.edu](mailto:kevin.allen@okstate.edu)

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**Kentucky Kingdom & Hurricane Bay**

The amusement and waterpark in Louisville, KY is offering a special discounted ticket packages for 4-H Members. This opportunity allows your 4-H members to purchase a two day ticket, for only \$19.95 (FREE unlimited fountain drinks). We simply set up a custom URL link that your 4-H members use to purchase tickets for themselves, 4-H volunteers, family and friends. This is an 80% discount off our one day general admission of \$49.95, with no minimum purchase required and no contracts to sign. Contact Steve Johnson, Regional Sales Manager & Sponsorship Specialist, 502-235-1986 (call/text), [sjohnson@kentuckykingdom.com](mailto:sjohnson@kentuckykingdom.com)

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