

Brown County News & Notes

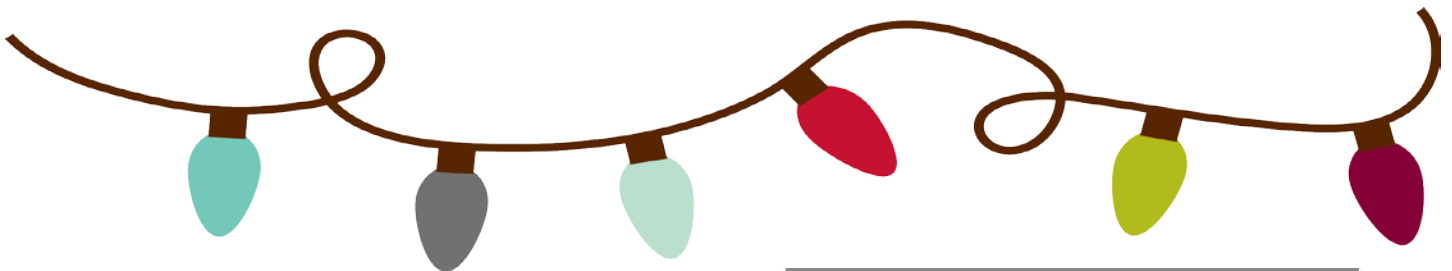
December | 2018

December is here and the weather has turned colder. While the year is coming to an end, it doesn't mean the 4-H work has stopped. Junior Leaders completed their bench project and kept over 800 pounds of plastic out of the landfill. Our Camp Ambassador for 2019 has attended training and is excited to start recruiting new members. I've had clubs share about recent community service projects and ways that they are engaged in holiday fun. While all that is still going on, we have had a pretty great year. We have once again had 4-H'ers active at the local, state and national level, saw an increase in camp numbers, recruited new volunteers and expanded our offerings of programs.

None of this would be possible without all of our volunteers. So as we close out 2018 and start looking to 2019 I say thank you! Each and every one of you have had a positive impact on the 4-H program this year, and I can't wait to see what 2019 has in store!

Christy

Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development



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2019 Brown County 4-H Theme "4-H Inspires"

What?! How?! Why?! As you think about the upcoming 4-H year and all the activities, ask yourself these questions. What does 4-H inspire? How does 4-H inspire youth, adults and volunteers? Why is 4-H inspiring? Be creative! Incorporate these into club meetings, window displays, floats and more. And celebrate during **Brown County and Ohio 4-H Week March 3rd-9th!**

2019 Policies and Procedures

The 2019 Brown County 4-H Policies and Procedures document has been uploaded to our website <http://brown.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-club-forms>. Please review this document and share it with your club members. These policies and procedures will guide our 2019 4-H program year.

New Volunteer Applications Available

Applications for new volunteers are now available on the website. If you know someone who is interested in being a volunteer, please direct them to the website for the application and instructions on how to become an approved volunteer: <http://brown.osu.edu/volunteers>

All new volunteer applications and supporting materials must be received **by April 1st**. No one may act as a volunteer until they have been approved notified by the Extension Office in writing.

Also please note: If an approved adviser wishes to move into the role of organizational adviser, they must be approved by the Extension Office first. Please contact the Extension Office for more information.

Volunteer Re-Enrollment

An email was sent to all volunteers with information on re-enrolling for 2019. Thank you to those who have already completed that process. Please visit www.oh.4honline.com and log-in using your information from last year. If you need help, please refer to the documents on our website: <https://brown.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4honline-enrollment-help> or contact the office.

If you forgot your password, please follow the steps to reset your password. If you forgot which email address is associated with your family account, it is most likely the email address that this email was received. You may also contact us to find out for sure.

PLEASE NOTE: While you are submitting your re-enrollment paperwork now, you will still be a pending volunteer for 2019 until all background check and training requirements are met.

Member Enrollment: Members may submit their enrollment at this time, but we will not be contacting them until after the first of the year to start the process officially. We will be notifying head advisors of any changes for members as we get closer to the time of enrollment.

Volunteer Background Checks

4-H Volunteer Background Check Rescreening is due by December 31st. The volunteer rescreening process is every 4 years. **All 4-H volunteers up for rescreening for 2019 must complete by December 31st.** Each volunteer should have received the letter with instructions and the form for reimbursement. If you have any questions, please contact the office. If you are going to the ESC to get your background check please visit: <http://brown.osu.edu/volunteers> for a form specific to the ESC.

End-of-Year Treasury Requirements

Your annual Financial Summary is due by January 31st. As they were last year your club financial reports need to be for the calendar year January 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2018. These reports MUST be submitted no later than **January 31, 2019**. You can access these forms online from this website: <http://brown.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-club-forms>
The form you need is the Ohio 4-H Club/Affiliate Yearly Financial Summary.

When you get to this page, please read the instructions carefully! These instructions will assist you in filling out the form correctly. To submit the form you will be asked for our county submission email address. This email is ONLY for financial form submissions. For Brown County the correct email address is: brown4h@osu.edu. **Clubs will not be allowed to re-enroll for the new year until this report is filed and approved. This is a required document and clubs who do not comply will not be recognized for 2019.** If you have trouble accessing and filling out the form you may submit a hard copy. Contact the extension office if you find you need to do this.

Ohio 4-H Conference

The 2019 Ohio 4-H Conference will take place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on Saturday, March 9, 2019. This event is designed to bring together 4-H volunteers and teens from across the State of Ohio. The objective of this event is to learn together and from each other in order to improve our abilities to deliver the Ohio 4-H Program to its members. All advisors and teens should consider as this is a great opportunity to develop skills, learn about opportunities and meet others from across the state.

Who: All Ohio 4-H Teens and Volunteers

Junior Leaders will be presenting a session!

When: Saturday, March 9, 2019

Where: Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus, OH

How do I sign up? Complete the registration form available on the link below and submit the form and payment to Brown County Extension office by **February 8th, 2019**. <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>

Register Early! When you register you are selecting which classes you would like to attend. Space is limited and classes are filled on first come basis!

How much does it cost? \$40---this cost may be reduced by scholarships made available by the Brown County 4-H Committee. If this is available, it will be announced prior to the February 8th deadline.

ASK US ABOUT CAMP!

Meet your 2019 Brown County 4-H Camp Ambassador– Libby Scott. Libby is a 3rd year camp counselor who is enthusiastic and passionate about 4-H Camp. Libby has gone through training on how to promote camp and is available to come speak at your 4-H meetings or events. Contact the Extension Office for more information on how to have a camp ambassador speak to your members and help us grow our camping program!



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

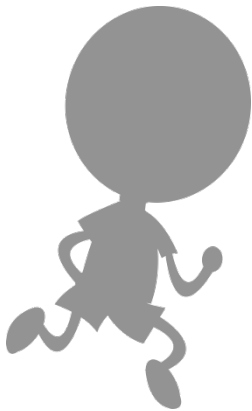
Volunteer training for 2019 will be similar to 2018. RETURNING volunteers who have two or more years of service may complete their training online or in person. Organizational volunteers must attend in person, if they are unable to then a minimum of two volunteers from your club must attend in person. Anyone choosing to complete the online training must complete the training no later than April 1st. If you select the online training option, it is your responsibility to read all the information on upcoming events. The PowerPoint slides for the in-person training will be posted online shortly after the first training is complete. Failure to read and understand information is not an acceptable reason for unmet requirements or missed deadlines. Failure to complete training will remove you as a volunteer for 2019 and you will have to reapply to be a volunteer in 2020. All NEW volunteers must attend NEW volunteer training. This training WILL NOT meet the requirements for new volunteers.

Training Dates – all trainings will be held in the Carpeted Room:

January 22nd @ 7:00 pm – This training will include volunteer and youth recognition!

February 18th @ 1:00pm

February 18th @ 7:00pm



SAVE THE DATE **March 30th** **Craft Show and Fun**

We had a great craft show and 5K last spring. Mark your calendars and spread the word. Information on table space at the craft show will be available early 2019!

Also mark your calendar now for the 4th annual Fall Craft Show on October 26th!

Brown County and Ohio 4-H Week **March 3rd-9th**

“4-H Inspires”

We will be doing the Window Contest again this year using the theme above. Details with the judging criteria will be available in January, but start planning your windows now!

4th Annual Kick-Off Event

We will also be holding our 4th Annual Kick-Off Event! We had over 125 people attend last year and that included a potential 30 new 4-H families. This will be on Thursday **March 7th** from 6-8pm in Rhonemus Hall. We would like to invite clubs to come in and set up displays and/or activities to promote your individual club and projects. Community members and current 4-H families alike will be invited to check out the event.

Potential new members will be able to talk to club advisers and members to find out which club is the best fit. Additionally, we will have family guides and project books available for people to browse through.

What do we need from you? Your club to participate! If you are interested in having space at the event, please contact the Extension Office by March 1st to reserve your spot. Also, help us advertise our event!

Teen Opportunities

The application is now available for countywide and state opportunities for teens. These opportunities include: **Award Trips!** **CARTEENS!** **Camp Counselors!** and **more!** All the information is available on our website at: <http://brown.osu.edu/teenopportunities> The deadline to apply for all the county and most of the state opportunities is **January 15th**! Please remind all your teens of these great opportunities and to read all the requirements and deadlines carefully. **NEW IN 2019:** This is now an ONLINE Application. Please remember to still treat it as an application and provide complete and thoughtful answers!

The application for state level scholarships for alumni and graduating seniors is an online process. The link is available on the teen opportunity page. State 4-H scholarship applications are due **February 15th**.

Have someone interested in applying for a State Achievement Award?

There are resources available on the state website: <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships> for filling out this form. Christy is more than willing to go over information, give tips, provide a look at successful forms, and give feedback. If you would like help, you must contact her in advance. The earlier you contact Christy for help, the more help and feedback you will receive. If you would like your form edited a rough draft must be submitted no later than January 5th.

All information is on the website at

<http://brown.osu.edu/teenopportunities>

Leadership Washington Focus

Just for youth who are currently in grades 6-8th (entering 7th-9th fall 2019) is an award trip all their own. Leadership Washington Focus will be held **July 15-19** and is the only national leadership development experience designed exclusively for our middle school 4-H'ers. It prepares 4-H youth for the future by teaching them leadership skills using an experiential learning model based in 4-H curriculum and the living classroom of Washington D.C. Youth will travel with a delegation from Ohio to the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD.

Applications are due **January 15th** and are available on the teen opportunity page of our website: <http://brown.osu.edu/teenopportunities>. Encourage your middle school youth to apply today!



Save the Date: Teen Winter Retreat

February 2nd-3rd

Registration and information will be available soon!



Open to teens (13 as of Jan. 1st 2019) this is a fun filled overnight opportunity to hang out with teens from all over southern Ohio. Information will be available on our website here:

<http://brown.osu.edu/4hcamp>

Junior Leaders

The Brown County Junior Leaders is open to any 4-H youth once they turn 14. Junior Leaders (JLs) is a service learning group for teens who want to develop their leadership skills. Teens involved in JLs will be helping with various 4-H programs throughout the year such as the 4-H 5K, project judging, and school enrichment programs. Additionally, they will be developing their own community service projects.

2018-2019 Officers

President: Libby Scott
Vice President: Cat Rocky
Secretary: Olivia Waits
Treasurer: Jeremy Ackley
Reporter: Rachel Luti
4-H Committee Rep: Jeremy Ackley

Meetings are typically held the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. Any teen who would like to receive email notification of meetings should contact Christy by calling the Extension Office or emailing her at clary.42@osu.edu. What did JLs do in 2018? They planned the B-Fit event at the fair, helped plan Cloverbud Fun Day, collected over 800 pounds of plastic lids and raised over \$1,000 to buy benches, painted pumpkins, assisted with other 4-H events and much more!

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 15th at 6:00pm.

CARTEENS NEEDED

Another great opportunity for teens to get involved is the CARTEENS program. We are in need of additional teens to help facilitate sessions for juvenile traffic offenders. CARTEENS meets the first Wednesday of the month at 3:45 at the State Highway Patrol. Members facilitate traffic safety workshops for youth who have a traffic violation.

Interested in being a CARTEEN? Contact Christy for more information!

Camp Counselors Applications Due January 15th!

Being a camp counselor is a big responsibility, but a lot of fun and a great learning experience. If you have any teens who will be 14 as of January 1st, encourage them to apply to be a camp counselor! Camp Counselor Applications are now **ONLINE** at the following link and due Jan. 15th:
<http://brown.osu.edu/4hcamp>

All applicants will be required to complete the application, interviews and training. Final selection and ability to counsel at camp is based on the applicants ability to successfully complete each of these requirements to a satisfactory level.



Brown County 2019 Camp Dates

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a summer you won't forget!

- Teen Winter Retreat (13+ as of Jan 1) February 2nd-3rd
- Spring Fling (Grades 3-6th) May 4th-5th
- Camp Open House May 5th
- Beginner Camp (Grades 3-5th) May 31st- June 3rd
- STEM Camp (Grades 5-7th) June 3rd-5th
- Junior High Camp (Grades 6th-8th) June 6th-9th
- Teen Camp (Grades 9th +) June 14th-17th
- Cloverbud Overnight (with a parent) June 21st-22nd
- Junior Shooting Sports (ages 9-12) June 28th-30th
- Special Needs Camp July 5th-7th
- Senior Shooting Sports (ages 12-18) July 14th-19th

All camps listed will be held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson, OH.

All ages/grades are based on January 1, 2019.

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All I want for
Christmas is
to go to 4-H
Camp!

Give the Gift of Camp!

Canter's Cave 4-H Camp Gift Certificates are available at the Brown County Extension Office. Stop in to purchase one for the camper on your list!

Gift Certificates will be available through the beginning of May!

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Brown County 4-H Endowment

What is an Endowment?

Endowments are a means of providing long-term support for the 4-H program in Brown County. Contributions to the Endowment are invested, producing annual distributions from the interest earnings in perpetuity – which essentially means forever. Endowment funds are managed by the Office of the Treasurer of Ohio State University, which in turn gives us approximately a 4.5% interest rate. For County 4-H Endowments, each county has full control over the interest income generated by their endowment.

What does this mean for Brown County?

The Brown County 4-H Endowment Fund was established in 2007. Monies generated through earned interest is placed in the Brown County 4-H Fund which is managed by the Brown County 4-H Advisory Committee. The funds are used to sponsor award trips and state wide opportunities such as Citizenship Washington Focus and the Ohio 4-H Conference fees.

Consider Giving

As the Endowment grows, there will be more funds generated to support the Brown County 4-H program. Consider giving to the Endowment so that your donation can generate funds in perpetuity to help grow and strengthen the program. Gifts are tax deductible as The Ohio 4-H Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. Consult your accountant or tax attorney for specific guidance on your gift.

How to Give

Current gifts of a monetary donation can be made by using the Ohio State University Giving Form and mailing your donation. Select Other and use fund: 650875
Donations can also be made online by visiting: <http://go.osu.edu/brown4hendowment>

Make Your Money Count – 2018 Ohio 4-H Foundation Match

The Ohio 4-H Foundation is matching donations up to \$1,000 for every county 4-H Endowment! Double the impact of your gift!



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Looking for a specific form? Wondering when something is due? Need a quick copy of the family guide to reference? Check out our website! We work hard to keep it up to date with useful information for you! Most of our forms, requirements, letters to members etc. are posted on the site for quick reference. Our website also just got a makeover-new look and more mobile friendly.

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Don't forget to download the Brown County 4-H App!

Search for "4-H Now" in the Apple or Android App Store. Download the App and select Brown County. The app provides links to project letters, volunteer information, calendars, and other updates.

2019 Brown County 4-H Committee

Thank you to everyone who nominated and voted for the 2019 Brown County 4-H Committee. These individuals are elected by the volunteers of Brown County 4-H and serve as the advisory board for the county. They help select award trip winners, conduct events and fundraisers to support Brown County 4-H.

Barb Howser
Lee Ann Gauche
LoAnn Haines
Charlotte Gifford
Jeremy Sweet
Teri Dunning
Randy Yockey
Beth Kress

Julia Clubb
Marilyn Cluxton
Heather Hauke
Jessika Taylor
Paula Hauke (Youth Rep)
Jeremy Ackley (Youth Rep)