

# Brown County News & Notes

December | 2016

I think I say this every December, but *where* has 2016 gone? Once again it went to a very busy year of 4-H events with our youth being actively involved on the local, state and national level! None of it would have been possible without our dedicated volunteers and 4-H parents. To you, I say thank you! Thank you for giving your time, knowledge, resources and kindness to the youth in our program. To our 4-H parents, thank you for letting your kids be involved, and giving of all that you do. Some information in this newsletter is tentative. I'm still trying to confirm dates and times. I wanted to make you aware of some of these opportunities though as the deadlines are early in the year. This is especially true of our teen opportunities. Please share this information with your members. I try to reach out to them, but sometimes a quick word of encouragement from a volunteer to apply for something can make all the difference in a youth taking the step to be more involved. Thank you all for a great 2016, let's make 2017 another spectacular year!

Christy

Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development



Eager to get your club packets?

Club packets will be available mid to late January. We will notify you when they are ready. If you would like to pick up your family guides we do have those available now. You can also view the family guide online at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-parents-volunteers/family-guide>

## 2017 Volunteer Training

Four times have been set for 2017 Volunteer Training. In accordance with Ohio State University policy 1.50, all 4-H advisors and volunteers will be required to complete an annual training session focused on recognizing and reporting the signs of child abuse and neglect as well as other important details related to your responsibilities as a 4-H advisor/volunteer.

### Required Volunteer Training Dates-must attend one.

January 24*	7pm	Rhonemus Hall
January 30*	1pm	Rhonemus Hall
January 30*	7pm	Rhonemus Hall
February 1st	7pm	Rhonemus Hall

\*This training will include the basics of filling out the annual club financial summary. Organizational Advisers must submit the annual club financial summary by January 31st.

If a volunteer fails to attend one of the trainings, they will not be recognized as a volunteer in 2017. To return as a volunteer in 2018 they would be required to complete the new volunteer process. The 2017 new volunteer application is available on our website. This DOES NOT meet the requirements for new volunteers.

Volunteers who are unable to attend one of the three scheduled trainings must contact the Extension office prior to the last training to make the appropriate arrangements.

## 2017 Policies and Procedures

The 2017 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 2017 4-H program year.

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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.

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### End-of-Year Treasury Requirements

Your annual Financial Summary is due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. As they were last year your club financial reports need to be for the calendar year January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016. These reports **MUST** be submitted no later than **January 31, 2017**. 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](mailto: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 2017. 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.

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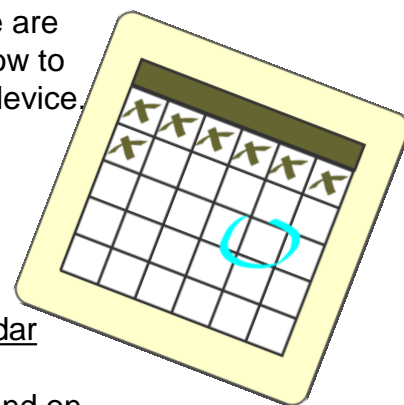
### 2017 Brown County 4-H Calendar

The calendar is going to look a little different this year. After some discussion we are going to use Google Calendar for our calendar this year. You have options on how to access the calendar including printing it off by month or synching it to a mobile device.

There are still several dates and times to be determined for 2017 but the initial calendar is posted. There are some events that are listed as tentative. We will update the calendar as soon as these dates are set and confirmed.

Dates, times and locations are subject to change: <http://brown.osu.edu/4hcalendar>

If an event has to be cancelled we will post it on our website, Facebook page, and on C103. We attempt to post it on the Cincinnati TV stations, but it is not always possible.



## Ohio 4-H Conference

The 2017 Ohio 4-H Conference will take place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on Saturday, March 11, 2017. 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

**When:** Saturday, March 11, 2017

**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 10th, 2017**. Please note this earlier than the state deadline. <http://www.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?** \$35---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 10 deadline.

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## Environmental/Recycling Information

Did you know that Brown County Extension gets funding from the Solid Waste Authority (SWA)? This funding helps us provide great programming throughout the year. One of the reasons we receive this funding is because we include various environmental education programs and opportunities. Because we receive this funding, we must provide reports to the SWA on a monthly basis and we need your help! Please share with the Extension Office if you have a recycling/environmental officer; if your club does a roadside cleanup; or anything else related to environmental education or recycling that your club does!

### 2016 County Wide Recycling Project a HUGE Success!

We had 9 clubs participate in the county wide aluminum can recycling project! In total these clubs recycled 1,648 pounds of aluminum cans. Members encouraged family members, parents' workplaces and other businesses to participate in the project.

#### 2016 Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Hammersville Livestock

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Showtime

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Kountry Kickers



Because of the projects success we will be continuing the project in 2017! Keep collecting those cans. Details will be announced in early 2017. Let's work together to beat our numbers from 2016!

# Brown County 4-H Week

## February 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

A theme for 4-H week will not be selected until the January 19th Advisory Committee meeting. Have ideas for a theme? Submit them to [clary.42@osu.edu](mailto:clary.42@osu.edu) for consideration.

We will be doing the Window Contest again this year, more information will be available after the first of the year and the theme is picked.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kick-Off Event

We will also be holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kick-Off Event! We had over 125 people attend last year and that included a potential 20 new 4-H families. This will be on Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> 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 February 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your spot. Also, help us advertise our event!



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## Save the Date

### April 8<sup>th</sup>

## 4-H 5K and Craft Show

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 2017!

Also, mark your calendars now for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Craft Show and Fun Run on October 28<sup>th</sup>!

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## ASK US ABOUT CAMP!

Meet your 2017 Brown County 4-H Camp Ambassadors! Laura Wood and Maria Rockey! Laura and Maria are both 3<sup>rd</sup> year camp counselors who are enthusiastic and passionate about 4-H Camp. These ladies have went through training on how to promote camp and are 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!



## 4-H Camp Dates for 2017

Dates have been set for our 2017 residential camping season. Most of the dates are listed here. More information and dates are on our website: <http://brown.osu.edu/4hcamp>

As registration materials, scholarship information, and camp letters become available they will be posted on the linked page on our website. Please share these dates with your members so they can plan to have a great time at camp!

CAMP EVENT	2017 DATE	FEE
Teen Winter Retreat Registration Due by: Jan 20th	Jan. 28-29	\$35
Spring Fling (Grades 3-6)	April 21-22	TBD
Open House	May 7 from 12-4pm	Free
STEM Camp	June 5-7	\$TBD
Beginner Camp (completing grades 3-5)	June 8-11th	\$136 (4-H Member) \$140 (non 4-H)
Cloverbud Overnight (Youth & Parent)	June 16-17	\$55 (first adult and Cloverbud) \$25 per additional adult or Cloverbud
Jr. High Camp (completing grades 6-8)	June 13-16	\$136 (4-H Member) \$140 (non 4-H)
Teen Camp	June 23-26	\$140 (4-H member) \$145 (non 4-H)
Special Needs Camp	July 7-9	TBD
Cloverbud Day Camp (Held at the Brown County Fairgrounds)	TBD	TBD
Junior Shooting Sports	June 30-July 2	\$225 – Scholarship application will be due at the same time as other residential camps.
Senior Shooting Sports	July 23-28	\$325 – Scholarship application will be due at the same time as Teen Opportunities (Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup> ).

### Camp Counselors Needed-Apply Today Applications Due January 17<sup>th</sup>!

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 1<sup>st</sup>, encourage them to apply to be a camp counselor! Camp Counselor Applications are on the website at the following link and due Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>:  
<http://brown.osu.edu/4hcamp>

All applicants will be required to attend interviews, complete all training AND attend Counselor College at Canters Cave March 18-19.

## Teen Opportunities

The application is now available for countywide and state opportunities for teens. These opportunities include: **Award Trips!** **CARTEENS!** **Camp Counselors!** and **more!** A letter was sent to all youth who will be 14 years or older as of January 1, 2017. A follow up email will be sent also. 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 17<sup>th</sup>!** Please remind all your teens of these great opportunities and to read all the requirements and deadlines carefully.

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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### Have someone interested in applying for at State Achievement Award?

There will be a workshop/help session on **December 28<sup>th</sup> in Piketon at the OSU South Centers** on how to fill out the state achievement award application. 4-H Educators from the area will go over how to fill out the form, look at successful forms, and have the opportunity to work on youth's forms. We will be working in a computer lab, so bring something to save your document on. Questions? Contact the office for more information! If you would like Christy to review your form before submitting, please contact her no later than **January 6<sup>th</sup>!** If there is enough additional interest, a county workday will be scheduled also.

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## Leadership Washington Focus

Just for youth who are currently in grades 6-8<sup>th</sup> (entering 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> fall 2017) is an award trip all their own.

Leadership Washington Focus will be held **July 17-21** 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 17<sup>th</sup>** and are available on the teen opportunity page of our website: <http://brown.osu.edu/teenopportunities>. Encourage your middle school youth to apply today!



### Teen Winter Retreat

**January 28-29th**

**Cost: \$35**

**Applications Due: Jan. 20th (sent to camp)**

Open to teens (13 as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2017) this is a fun filled overnight opportunity to hang out with teens from all over southern Ohio. Applications are on our website here: <http://brown.osu.edu/4hcamp>

## 2016 4-H Awards

We would like to recognize the following individuals and businesses who were recognized at the 2016 Annual 4-H Achievement Event. Their help and support makes a significant contribution to making the Brown County 4-H program a success! Thank you and Congratulations!

### Friend of 4-H

Tom & Marilyn Cluxton

### 4-H Alumni

Brett Rogers

### I Dare You Award

Laura Wood

Bright Future Award

Kaelyn Long

### Outstanding 4-H'er (announced at the fair)

Tristen Cahall

Amanda McQueary

### Passion for Compassion

(awarded by the Brown County Humane Society)

Madison Brown

Cordell Curtis



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## 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.

Meetings are typically held the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm. 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](mailto:clary.42@osu.edu). What did JLs do in 2016? They went skiing with other counties, planned the B-Fit event at the fair, held two lock-in's, helped plan Cloverbud Fun Day, presented at the Ohio 4-H Conference, assisted with other 4-H events and much more!

What's coming up for JLs? JLs have already started working on school presentations to promote 4-H, are planning on going on a multicounty ski trip in February, and are looking at travel opportunities. Please encourage your teens to get involved in this program! The next Junior Leaders meeting will be January 17th at 5:30pm at the Extension Office.

### 2016-2017 Officers:

President: Ethan Neal  
Vice President: Laura Wood  
Treasurer: Maria Rockey  
Secretary: Seth Dunning  
Reporter: Luke Clubb

Junior Leaders information is also posted on our website here: <http://brown.osu.edu/juniorleaders>  
Teen's can also check out their own calendar at: <http://go.osu.edu/brown4hteencalendar>

# Veterinary Feed Directive

January 1, 2017

On January 1, 2017, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) new regulations addressing on-farm antibiotic use in food-animal production must be implemented. The agency's effort is aimed at eliminating the use of medically important (to human illness) antibiotics for growth promotion purposes in food-animal production and bringing therapeutic use in feed and water – to treat, control or prevent specific disease – under additional veterinary oversight. Producers, veterinarians, feed mills and suppliers will all face new requirements. This affects everyone (including 4-H members as youth producers) keeping, owning, and/or raising food-producing animals.

It is very important that 4-H members and their families establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) prior to January 1, 2017. Click on the link below to download the *Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) Fact Sheet for 4-H Youth Livestock Producers and Families*, important to read and understand when taking Ohio 4-H food-producing animal projects, even if they are not intended for food production.



[http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/VFD%20Fact%20Sheet\\_4H\\_%20FINAL\\_5Dec16\\_2.pdf](http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/VFD%20Fact%20Sheet_4H_%20FINAL_5Dec16_2.pdf)

More information can also be found on the Ohio 4-H website livestock resources:  
<http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/livestock/livestock-resources>

**Please share this critical information with your members!**

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## 2017 Summary of Ohio 4-H Publication Changes

### NEW

200 All About Dogs  
383 Club Leadership 2  
550 Young Engineers in Solar Energy  
610GPM Climate Explorations Teacher Guide  
610RIand 610RS Climate Explorations Logbook  
715 My 4-H Cloverbud Year

### REVISED or REPLACED New Title (Old Title)

201 Dog Project and Record Book (Same)  
409 Sew Fun (Same)

### DISCONTINUED

431M Clothing Master: Design and Construction (was online only)  
511 CARTEENS Member Resource  
511GPM 4-H CARTEENS

**Don't forget to check out Project Central to rate and review projects!**  
<http://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/>





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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.

[brown.osu.edu](http://brown.osu.edu)

## 4-H Sun Catchers are now available!

4-H Sun Catchers make great gifts, prizes and even decorations for Christmas trees. The Sun Catchers were made locally at the Glass ReFactory and cost just \$10 each. You can pick up yours up at the Extension office today! Limited supplies are currently available. We plan to have additional made in the future, but don't delay! This is a fundraiser for the Brown County 4-H Committee. All proceeds from the sale of the Sun Catchers goes toward 4-H programming and opportunities for youth such as camp scholarships.

