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## Project Spotlight

This edition of the Clover Connection spotlights Project 370 – One on One. In this leadership and citizenship project, youth ages 13 and older with at least two years of 4-H experience, mentor at least one beginner 4-H member while completing a series of learning experiences with their protégés. This project is geared toward helping younger youth become successful 4-H members while boosting the leadership and mentoring skills of our older youth.

Youth who have rated this project on Project Central have given it 4.5 Stars for Learning, 3.8 stars for fun, and 3.5 stars for interest.



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# The Clover Connection



*Building Better Lives and Stronger Communities  
through Paulding County 4-H*

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# Welcome

## Michael's Note

What a wonderful time for excitement. The 2017 4-H year is starting, leaves are falling, the farmers are finishing up their harvest, and the holidays are right around the corner. This is the time of the year when my family and I think about everything that the year has presented us with and we begin to prepare for the next.

As I begin to look back on the successful 2016 4-H year that the youth of Paulding County experienced, I am getting excited for the upcoming year. 2017 looks promising with the dreams of making 4-H in Paulding County the largest it has ever been. Goals are set to have over 400 youth enrolled in 4-H in Paulding County. With the number of calls I am receiving, it looks like we may reach our goal. I continue to challenge each of you to keep talking to your friends and family about 4-H and what it means to you. 4-H is a rewarding activity that teaches more than you could ever possibly imagine. Sure, one learns a lot about the projects taken each year, but there is so much more that you are learning about. You just haven't realized it yet. I encourage all of you to continue learning and reaching for your dreams. Please also encourage others to take advantage of this amazing opportunity.

Best Wishes,

*Michael Schweinsberg*



## 4-H Updates

4-H in Paulding County has started for the 2017 year. Our pro-

*4-H Enrollment for 2017 has started!*

gram is continuing to look throughout Paulding County for youth who are interested about what 4-H has to offer. The benefits of being a 4-H member are tremendous and we would like for every youth to have the opportunities to gain from these benefits. As always, if you or your friends have questions about 4-H or what it takes to become a member, please feel free to give Michael a call at 419-399-8225 or e-mail at [Schweinsberg.5@osu.edu](mailto:Schweinsberg.5@osu.edu).

## Newsletter Update

Beginning January 2017, the Clover Connection Newsletter will be going paperless. Please be sure to double check and give us your updated email address when you fill out your 2017 Membership forms. If you have selected to receive updates by mail on your enrollment form you will continue to receive the paper copy in the mail. The May/June newsletter will continue to be mailed out due to all the information that it contains regarding the Paulding County Fair.

## 4-H Membership Enrollment

4-H enrollment forms for the 2017 4-H year will be available from your advisors after our 4-H Advisor Kick-Off meeting which will take place on Sept. 8th. 4-H enrollment forms can also be found in the Extension Office as well as on our website, [Paulding.osu.edu](http://Paulding.osu.edu). Please keep in mind when completing the 4-H enrollment form that you accurately fill out all areas of the form. It is important to have correct addresses and e-mails in order to ensure that all mailings are received. Enrollment for new and returning 4-H members is due by February 3, 2017.

## Do I have to wait to order my books?

4-H books can be ordered at any time. If you already know what project you want to take you are able to order the book through the Extension Office and get started as soon as you want. If you order your books through the Extension Office instead of through your club you will be responsible to pay the Extension Office for your books when ordering. Currently, books are ordered once a week and have been taking less than a week to get to the office. As more counties begin ordering books, the delivery time could increase.



# Camping Corner

Are you ready for 4-H Camp Palmer? Many of us haven't even started to think about the summer and 4-H Camp. That is not the case for the camp counselors. Camp Counselors have until Thursday, December 8, 2016 to submit their camp counselor application into the Extension Office.

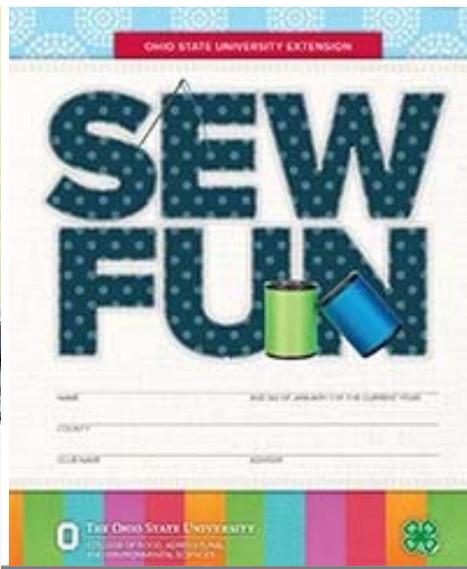
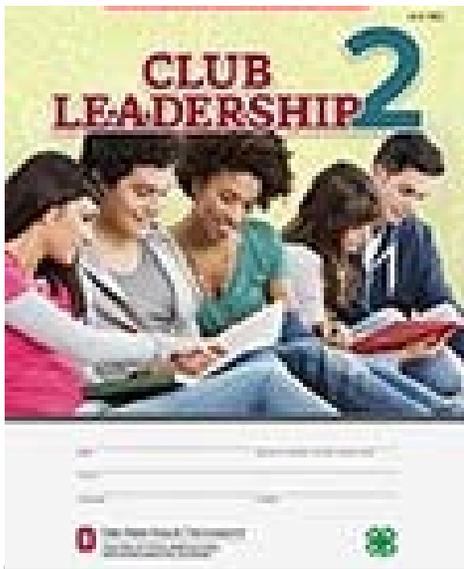
To be a 4-H Camp Counselor you must be at least 14 years old and a freshman in high school. 4-H Camp Counselors must complete an interview process and are required to have at least 24 hours of training. The meeting and training dates are listed below.

For all camp counselors, there is a new 4-H Camp Counselor application which will require at least two letters of reference. Letters of reference can come from teachers, advisors, or any other adult who knows the skills you possess and are not related to you. The Camp Counselor applications can be picked up in the Extension Office or printed off of our website, [paulding.osu.edu](http://paulding.osu.edu).

Dates for Counselor meeting and trainings for the year will be: Lock-In – January 15 (starts at 4:00 PM) thru January 18<sup>th</sup> – (Ends at 3:30 PM); Meetings - February 13 (6:00 – 8:00 PM); March 13 (6:00 – 8:00 PM), March 18 (time TBD, Held at 4-H Camp Palmer), April 10 (6:00 – 8:00 PM); June 5 (6:00 – 8:00 PM), June 20 (11 AM – 2 PM).

Mark July 9<sup>th</sup> thru July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 on your calendars now for Paulding County's 2016 4-H Camp. Our camp counselors and adult staff will be excitedly waiting for these dates when we all get to go back to 4-H Camp Palmer. Everyone should be excited to return to the place where memories and lifetime friends are made.

Camp Counselors Reminder: 4-H Camp Counselor Applications are due to the office by 4:30 pm on Thursday, December 8, 2016.



# New Projects for 2017

- **383 Club Leadership 2** - Make the best better in your 4-H club by improving your leadership skills and the way you assist advisors and club members. Use your life experiences to find your leadership strengths, assess past teamwork, improve your speaking skills, and build relationships. Also, discover innovative ways to get to know your team, to communicate to resolve issues, and to develop a team plan. Intended for current club officers or chairs of committees. 2017. Available now.
- **409 Sew Fun!** - This updated project will have you sewing in no time! Learn to make your own clothing. Select and make an "easy" or "beginner" commercial pattern. Serves as an introduction to sewing for members of any age. A member who successfully completes this project is ready to move on to 413 Sundresses and Jumpers or 419 Tops for Tweens.

Check out the 2017 Online Family Guide at <http://www.ohio4h.org/families/family-guide>. Printed copies of the 2017 Family Guide will be available the middle of November. Here you will find descriptions of these and all of the 4-H projects that are available.

With our county fair being the first in the state and shortly after school lets out for summer break, it is important to think ahead. If books are ordered in November, you will have Holiday breaks as well as all of our snow days to work on your projects. If you are unsure of what projects you would like to take or are offered through 4-H please checkout Project Central at <http://ohio4h.org/projectcentral>. Here you are able to look at every project and read descriptions. You can even preview all of the projects offered and look through the first sections of the book to see how interested you are. I encourage everyone to check this website out and rate the projects you completed last year. This helps other youth in Paulding County and across the state get an idea of what others thought about the project. If you have specific questions about a 4-H project or book feel free to contact Michael to discuss.

## Officer Training

Officer Training for 2016 will take place on Monday, November 21, 2016 in the Extension Hall starting at 6:30 PM. This event will teach the officers of the Paulding County 4-H Clubs how to complete their duties as an officer and fill out the needed paperwork that goes along with their position. We are asking for all elected Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasures, News Reporters, Health Officers, and Recreation Leaders to be in attendance for this very important training.

## Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school

youth, ages 14-19, from across the country. CWF gives 4-H youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need to be outstanding leaders in their home communities and at the national level. Through sightseeing tours in the living classroom of Washington, D.C. and hands-on educational workshops, youth will learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it, and how they can apply the leadership and citizenship skills they have learned at CWF when they return home. This event is held throughout the summer and they are currently taking applications for next year. Registrations are due online by Friday, January 27, 2017. If interested, please contact Michael at 419-399-8225 or check out the Citizenship Washington Focus website: <http://www.ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/citizenship-washington-focus> for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

## Amazon Smile

The Paulding 4-H Advisory Committee has opened an Amazon SMILE account. What this means is that if you normally shop at Amazon.com you need to use smile.amazon.com. You will then do a search for Paulding 4-H and choose the Paulding 4-H Advisory Council. By doing this, you will be giving back to Paulding County 4-H. We will get .5% of eligible purchase prices donated back to us. There is no cost for you to use this and 4-H benefits from your purchase. This will also work if you are an Amazon Prime member. Please remember Paulding County 4-H as you complete your holiday shopping this year.

## Shirts for Sale

The Paulding County 4-H Advisory Committee is contin-



uing to sell shirts to support the Paulding County 4-H program as well as the OSU Extension Office. The shirts are \$5 each and we have sizes from Youth Large through 3XL. These shirts can be purchased at the Extension Office. The shirts are green with white writing. The front has the four leaf clover with the saying "Better Lives, Stronger Communities" and the back lists 12 programs that the Paulding County OSU Extension office as a whole provides to our county. Pictures of the shirts can be found on page two of this edition of the Clover Connection and also on our Facebook page.

## Cloverbud Advisor Meeting

Michael has scheduled a Cloverbud Advisor meeting on Thursday, November 3rd beginning at 6:00 pm in the Youth Leadership Building. Each club has been asked to have a Cloverbud Advisor present at this meeting. All clubs will be receiving the new Cloverbud Curriculum book and will discuss how to best implement the Cloverbud 4-H program during their meetings.

## Christmas Light Display at the Fairgrounds

An e-mail from the Paulding County Senior Fairboard was recently received discussing the upcoming Christmas Light for 2016. The Paulding County Senior Fair-

board Christmas Light Display will make a return to the fairgrounds this year and we would love for you to join us in the fun! We would like to invite each 4-H club and School Organization in the county to participate in this year's festivities to be held December 9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> from dusk to 9pm. This is free will donation with all proceeds going to improvements to the fairgrounds. Santa is expected to make an appearance each night with the chance to have your picture taken from 7pm-9pm. If your club/organization would like to create a display or perhaps plan an activity for kids in the Extension hall, or volunteer; anything you may be able to offer is surely welcome!

If you or your club is interested in putting up a light display, please contact Dan Howell 419-769-1379.

## What is Your Club Up To?

The local newspapers have asked if clubs have any information about what they have been doing in their meetings, for their community service projects, and if they have any special activities coming up. I have decided to reach out to all of our amazing clubs to see if you would be interested in submitting information to the Extension Office about club happenings. This information could be shared with the newspapers as well as on our county website and Paulding County 4-H Facebook page. We would not need something turned in every month, but if you do something special in your club, I would like to hear about it. This is the time to show how special and important 4-H is in

Paulding County. Articles and/or pictures with captions are encouraged.

## Junior Master Gardener Program

Do you love flowers or gardens? If so this program is for you. The Jr. Master Gardener program is a plant science program that could be added in to your 4-H projects. This is a group project. The Paulding Master Gardener Volunteers are looking for youth to join this program. One of the highlights is the great service projects these individuals give to our community.

The Junior Master Gardener program is an international youth gardening program of the university cooperative Extension network. JMG engages children in novel, "hands-on" group and individual learning experiences that provide a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind.

The Jr. Master Gardner Program has been implemented most recently in the Divine Mercy Catholic School in Payne where youth were taught about pumpkins.

## Ohio Youth Capital Challenge

Exceptional community citizenship is one of the values that makes 4-H, FFA and Farm Bureau such successful organizations. These groups are partnering to bring the Ohio Youth Capital Challenge to you. Here is your chance to get involved and have a hands-on experience that will enable you to make your community a better place. Applicants must be in at least the ninth grade and between the ages of 14 and 18 during the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants are expected to have concern

for local community issues and a desire to be more involved. Cost to youth is \$30 upon selection. Up to 50 youth will be selected for the challenge. Participants will need to be ready to travel to Columbus for Phase One of the challenge. They will work in their assigned team during the following months developing a policy and presentation. Winning team members will come together at the 2017 Ohio State Fair to compete with their final presentation. For more information, please contact Michael.

## 4-H Dates

- 11/6 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/8 – Election Day
- 11/11 – Office Closed for Veteran's Day
- 11/18-11/20 – Carving New Ideas Camp at Camp Ohio
- 11/21 – Officer Training 6:30pm Extension Hall
- 11/24-11/25 – Office Closed for Thanksgiving Break
- 12/8/2016 – Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 12/9-12/15 – Christmas Light Display at the Fairgrounds
- 12/24-12/26 – Office Closed for Christmas Break
- 1/2/2016 – Office Closed for New Years Day
- 1/7/2016 – OFMA Junior Fair Annual Conference
- 1/16/16 – Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/27/2016 – Citizenship Washington Focus Registration Due
- 2/4/2016 – All 4-H Member Registrations Due