

# The Clover Connection

Your up to date information for the Paulding County 4-H Program

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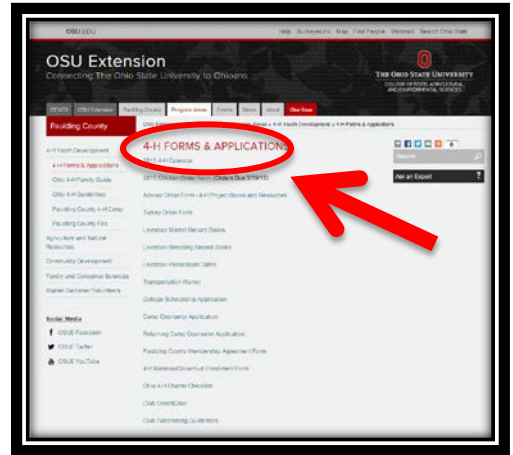
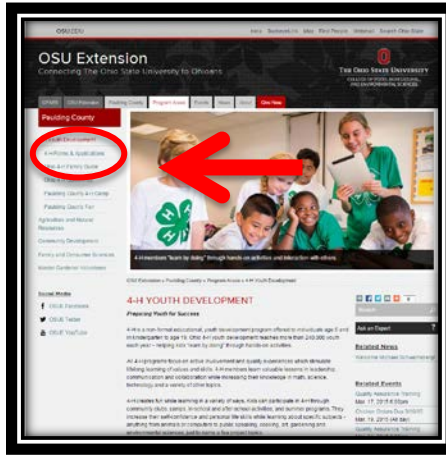


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### Michael's Note

Before I begin with the important updates and happenings within the Paulding County 4-H Program, I feel that it is important to first introduce myself. My name is Michael Schweinsberg and I was recently hired as the 4-H Youth Development Educator for Paulding County. I was born and raised in Paulding County and participated in the Paulding County 4-H program for many years within my home club, Jr. Leaders, Jr. Fairboard, and as a Camp Counselor. The passion I have for 4-H comes from within this county and I am blessed to once again be a part of it. I am married with three children. My two oldest children are involved in 4-H in Paulding County and my youngest is itching at the bit to be old enough to become a member. The experiences gained and lessons learned from being a 4-H member have led me to many successes in my life and I hope that all of you are able to gain experiences and learn the lessons that are taught through 4-H. By participating in 4-H you are laying the foundation that is needed to find great rewards in the years to come. If you have any questions, please feel free to call, e-mail, or stop by.



## 4-H Updates

4-H in Paulding County is in full swing. Clubs are meeting at least monthly to discuss projects, hold their business meetings, complete demonstrations, and build friendships that will last a lifetime. I have attended a couple meetings already and the enthusiasm I have seen is nothing short of exciting. The continued excitement is needed to grow our 4-H program. I challenge each 4-H member to talk with their friends that are not currently in 4-H and invite them to learn more about the 4-H program.

### 4-H Date Changes

Due to the crazy winter weather we have all enjoyed over the last two months, many clubs have had to cancel at least one of their monthly meetings. Due to the cancellations, I have decided to extend the project add/drop date for still projects to April 1<sup>st</sup>. The add/drop deadline for animal projects was not able to be moved this year due to the requirements of attending Quality Assurance. If you decide to drop your project after April 1, a refund will not be given for your project book. A refund will also not be given if your book has been marked in or damaged. The drop deadline is new this year. You may call or email the extension office or contact your advisor to add or drop projects.

*Add/Drop Deadline  
Extended to April 1.*

### 4-H Website and Facebook

Have you checked out our website recently? I have posted new information including the remainder of the 2015 4-H Calendar and 2015 Family Handbook. A helpful Parent's Guide brochure is also available which gives some useful parent information. Please check the website frequently as the most up to date information will be found

there first. The website address is [paulding.osu.edu](http://paulding.osu.edu). You will need to click on the 4-H tab on the right side of the page to find all of the 4-H information. The calendar on the right side will have all upcoming events scheduled through the OSU Extension Office, including 4-H events.

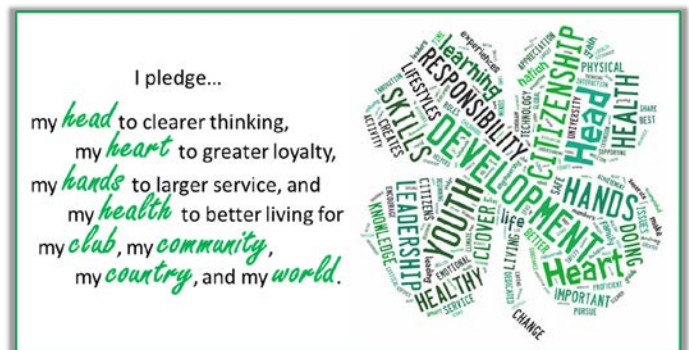
While you are checking out our website, please hop onto Facebook and like our page there as well. You can find us at by searching for The Paulding County 4-H Program. You will find posts about upcoming events and activities here as well as pictures and information about 4-H in Paulding County and the youth who participate.



## Modeling Contest

Clubs should be discussing who they will choose to represent their club for the 2015 Modeling Contest.

Remember, you can have four (4) club members plus clothing projects entered in the Modeling Contest.



# Livestock Information Update

Hopefully all individuals and families know that in order to show and sell your livestock and/or Horse at the Paulding County Fair you must complete Quality Assurance. This training took place on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, from 6:00-8:00 pm and Saturday, March 21, 2015, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Extension Building on the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Youth participants will only need to be in attendance for one of the Quality Assurance trainings. All youth planning on bringing an animal to the 2015 Paulding County Fair must complete Quality Assurance by June 1 in order to show and/or sell their animal at the fair. It is also required that a parent/guardian be in attendance with the youth while completing Quality Assurance. If you missed the in county training please call our office at 419-399-8225 to find out locations of other area trainings.



Chicken Meat Pen orders and payment will be due for the chickens when they are picked up on April 14<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm. If you have any questions please feel free to call the office at 419-399-8225.

Livestock tagging has been scheduled for April 4 from 9:00-11:00 am at the Fairgrounds. In order to bring Swine, Sheep, Dairy Feeder, Market Goats, or Beef

Feeders, the animal must first be tagged. Remember, a participant may tag up to three animals for each species but may only bring two animals to the Paulding County Jr. Fair. The third tagged animal may be designated for the Open Class Show. The maximum number of trips through the sale ring is two, no matter how many market animals you are taking to the fair.

Skillathon is currently scheduled Wednesday, May 27 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. All livestock exhibitors must complete a skill-a-thon for each animal project he/she exhibits at the fair. Members who have not completed this requirement shall not be permitted to bring their animal to the county fair.

## **ARE YOU LEASING A LIVESTOCK PROJECT?**

All leased livestock must have a livestock lease agreement on file by **April 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Extension Office. This is for non-horse project. Horses have a different lease agreement. This requires the owner's signature, parent signature, and 4-H member's signature. This form may be picked up at the Extension Office.

## **Jr. Fair Dates**

**Quality Assurance**  
March 21 from 9-11 am in  
Extension Hall

**Meat Pen Rabbit Birth Dates**  
March 29-April 5

**Livestock Tagging**  
April 4  
9-11 am at the Fairgrounds

**Chicken Order Pick-Up**  
April 14 from 3-4:30 pm at the  
Extension Office

**Meat Pen Duck Possession**  
No Later than April 19

## **4-H SKILLATHON:**

What do I need to bring to skillathon?

1. Completed Record Book (either the one purchased from your club or printed from the extension website)
2. Correct Attire (Given at QA)
3. Knowledge of your species for your interview.
4. Station Knowledge
  - a. Body Parts
  - b. Breeds
  - c. Medication Label

## 4-H Dates

- Camp Palmer Maple Syrup Breakfast – March 22
- Youth Poultry Clinic – March 28 – OARDC Wooster, OH
- Camp Counselor Meeting – March 23 – 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- 4-H Project Enrollment Change Deadline – April 1
- Dog Vaccination Papers Due – April 1
- Camp Palmer Volunteer Clean Up Day – April 11
- Chicken Pick Up – April 14 – 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
- Super Camp at Camp Palmer – April 11-12
- Livestock Lease Forms Due – April 15
- Camp Counselor Meeting – April 20 – Large Hall Extension Office
- Senior Profile Due – April 28
- Self-Determined Outlines Due – April 28
- Club Payment for Project Books and Family Fees due May 1
- Scholarship Applications Due- May 1
- King/Queen Applications Due – May 1
- Horse ID & Lease Forms Due – May 1
- Jr. Leaders Meeting – May 3 – Youth Leadership Bldg
- Club Community Service Day – May 9 – 9:00 am at the Fairgrounds
- Farm Bureau 4-H Camp Scholarships Due – May 12
- King/Queen – Outstanding Livestocker Interviews – May 13

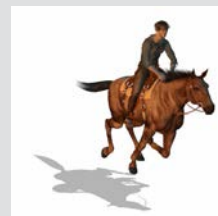
## Calling All Seniors

The end of the school year is quickly approaching and I'm sure many of the Seniors have begun their count down. Paulding County 4-H wants to recognize all Seniors for their excellence. To do this, it is requested that all 4-H Seniors complete a Senior Information profile. Your advisors have recently received this profile and should be getting it to you. If you have not heard from your advisor regarding the profile please call them to make arrangements to get it from them or call Michael at 419-399-8225. The information you give on the profile sheet is what will be used to create our Senior Spotlight in the next newsletter. The profiles are due back no later than April 28<sup>th</sup> so they can be included in the next Clover Connection. Don't forget to include a Senior Picture or a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project.

## Horse Projects

Are you new to the horse projects or not quite sure what you will need to have done in order to show for the fair? Look below to find the information you will need.

- ✿ All horses must have a horse identification form and photo on file by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Youth and the horse must be included in the picture. Pictures need to be current.
- ✿ All horse exhibitors must have an approved helmet (ANSI/SEI) in order to ride your horse on the fairgrounds at any time. The helmet must also be securely fastened under your chin.
- ✿ All horse exhibitors must have read the Horses, Safety, and You Project Book (191R)
- ✿ All horse exhibitors must view the two videos: *Every Time, Every Ride and Horses, Kids, and Ethics*.
- ✿ A Permission to Participate in 4-H Horse Activities Disclosure and release of Claims form must be signed and on file.
- ✿ If leasing a horse, exhibitors must have a completed, signed lease agreement on file.





# Jr. Fair Updates

## What's going on from the Jr. & Sr. Fairboard?

The Paulding County Jr. Fairboard is taking applications for the 2015 Paulding County Jr. Fair King and Queen. Applicants must be at least 14 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The King/Queen of the 2015 Paulding County Jr. Fair have a number of duties that they are asked to fulfill during the Paulding County Fair as well as other duties throughout the remainder of the year. If you feel that you are a good representative of our Fair and County then this would be a great opportunity for you. The Fair King/Queen applications can be found on our website, [paulding.osu.edu](http://paulding.osu.edu), under 4-H then Paulding County Fair.

The Paulding County Jr. and Sr. Fairboards are currently finishing up their work lists in order to prepare for the 2015 Paulding County Fair. The lists are long but, when completed, will make a

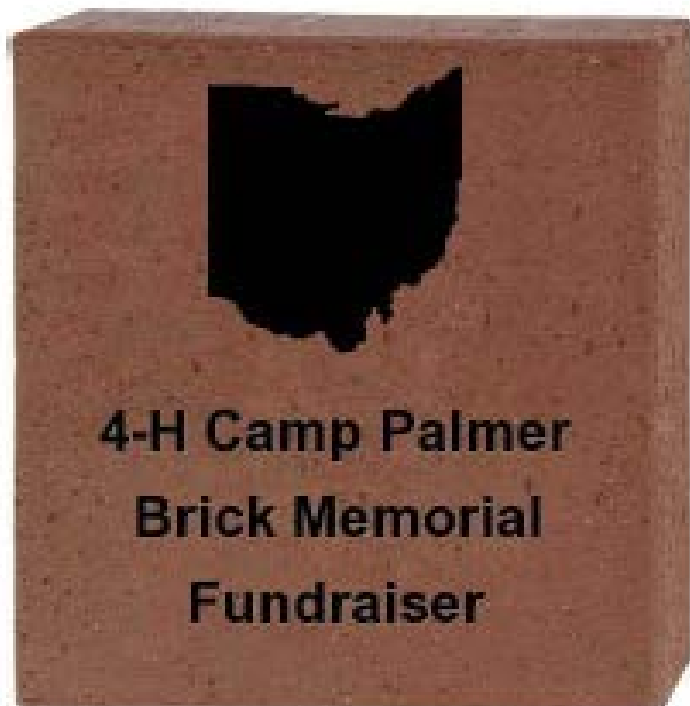
big difference throughout the Fairgrounds. A 4-H Club Community Service event has been scheduled on May 9<sup>th</sup> to help prepare for the 2015 Paulding County Fair. Advisors should be discussing this event at an upcoming meeting.



2014 Paulding County Fair Royalty

### 4-H Camp Palmer Brick Memorial Fundraiser

4-H Camp Palmer is continuing to sell bricks as a fundraiser for the new pool. These bricks will be placed around the flagpole in main camp. For more information contact our office or visit 4-H Camp Palmer's website at [camppalmer.org](http://camppalmer.org).



## The Family Guide

The 2015 Family Guide is available on our website, [pauldning.osu.edu](http://pauldning.osu.edu). One copy will be made for each family and will be passed out by your 4-H Advisors. This guide has all the information youth should need to understand what is needed for the project completion and judging. The Family Guide also lists the requirements for the Ohio State Fair.

Also found in the Family Guide is a brief explanation of what it takes to be a 4-H member in Paulding County, how to prepare your project for judging, how to become a volunteer, as well as 4-H activities and opportunities. Please review the family guide to be sure that you have the most up-to-date information about 4-H and available projects.

**Reminder: At a minimum youth must attend three (3) meetings, present a demonstration, pay membership dues and complete a community service project.**

### Volunteer Spotlight / Opportunity

The Paulding County Master Gardener volunteers are looking for interested youth to work with the Master Gardeners.

Youth can be involved by either volunteering at a Master Gardener event or even becoming a Jr. Master Gardener. Those youth with canning/freezing, vegetable gardening or flower gardening are encouraged to contact the Extension Office in how they can become involved.

## Parent Guide

Are you new to 4-H or unsure of what you should be expecting? The Parent Guide is a great resource that may help to answer any questions you may have. The Parent Guide explains where to go to find more information, what parents should expect from their club and advisors, what parents are expected to contribute, livestock information, and much more. The Parent Guide can be found on our website, [pauldning.osu.edu](http://pauldning.osu.edu), under 4-H then forms.

Don't give up.  
I believe in you all.  
A person's a person  
no matter how small.  
- Dr. Seuss



# Camping Corner

The Paulding County 4-H Camp Counselors are excited about the upcoming year. The theme for 4-H camp is *Stepping into the World of Seuss at 4-H Camp Palmer*. 4-H Camp will be held July 9-13 with Cloverbud Camp being held on Saturday, July 11 near Harrison Lake at 4-H Camp Palmer. Camp scholarships will be available again this year.

Camp Counselors for the 2015 Paulding County Camp include: Aaron Horstman, Alexis Howell, Blair Baumle, Brooke Weidenhamer, Christine Clapsaddle, Collin Perry, Ellie Miller, Emily Moore, Estee Miller, Faith Vogel, Isaac Nice, Joe Schmidt, Kacey Reinhart, Kathryn Clapsaddle, Megan Reineck, Sam Nickols, Sarah Young, Taylor Manz, Tori Bradford, Abby McDougall, Bailey Meyer, Arlyn Cooper, Ashley Miller, Austin Howell, Autumn Banks, Connor Baumle, Faith McDorman, Hunter Vogel, Kaitly Clevinger, Kalin Gerber, and Rebecca McCroskey. We would also like to thank Krisi Williams for heading up 4-H Camp this year. She puts in hours and hours of work to make camp memorable and safe.

The Camp Counselors have been working very hard to plan 4-H Camp for this year and are excited about the activities they have prepared so far. The creativity of Dr. Seuss has transferred to our Counselors and the wonderful ideas coming to life will be sure to make the 2015 4-H Camp the best one yet.

Be sure you or your child does not miss out on the fun and excitement that 4-H Camp at Camp Palmer has to offer. Watch for the announcement of when 4-H Camp registrations become available so you do not miss out on all the fun and excitement. Make sure to tell all your friends and family about 4-H Camp as well and invite them to join. You do not have to be a 4-Her to go to camp but it is a great recruitment tool for future 4-Hers. Our goal is to have the biggest camp Paulding County has ever seen.

**Camp Counselors Reminder: Training April 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Extension Office Large Hall**



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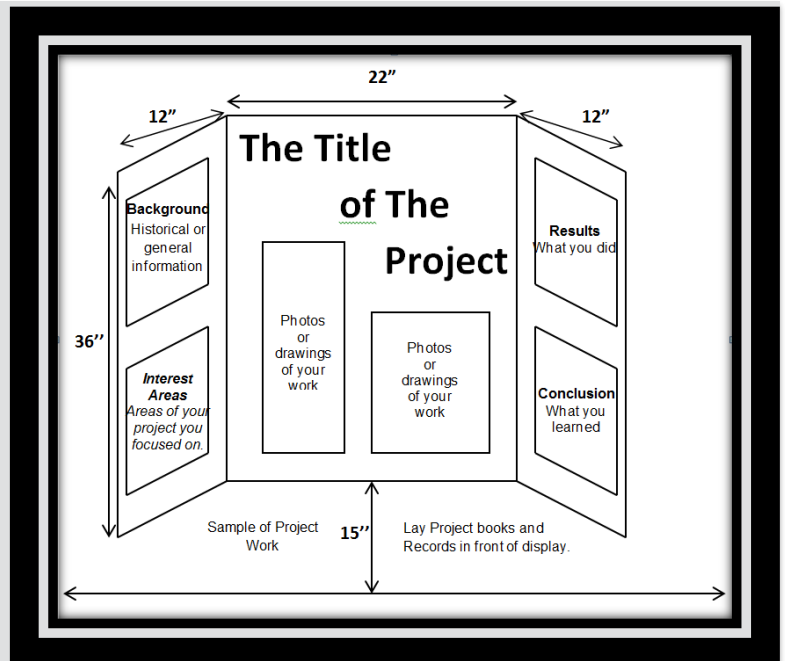
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## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Do you have a project you would like to take for 4-H but it is not offered? Did you know that there is a solution for that problem? Every year 4-H members come up with great project ideas but are not able to find a project. Project #365 Self-Determined is designed to meet individual ideas. It is with this project that the possibilities are endless when it comes to what one can learn in 4-H. Members who choose the Self-Determined project design their project on their own and present what they have learned during judging at the Paulding County Jr. Fair. A project is due to the office by April 28<sup>th</sup> to prepare those judges for your amazing ideas. Project starter ideas as well as an outline that can be used as a guide are available from Project Central ([projectcentral.oh4h.org](http://projectcentral.oh4h.org)) or from our office.



*What should be included on your Self-Determined Poster Display*