

# The Clover Connection

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

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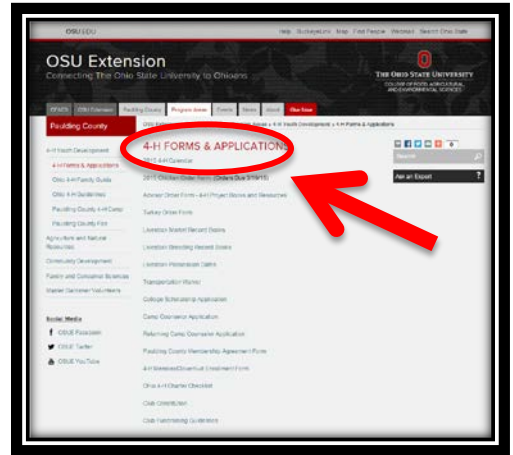
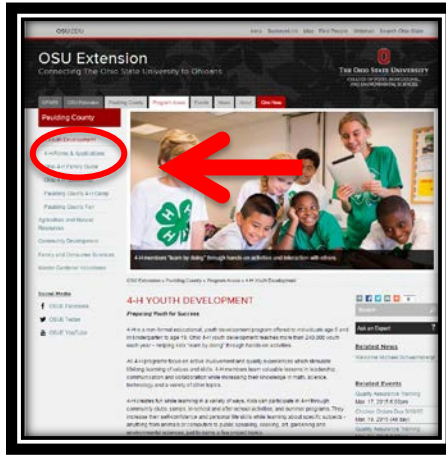
## Welcome

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### Michael's Note

I want to say "Thank You" to each and every one of you for making my first year as Paulding County's 4-H Educator successful. The experiences and knowledge gained are tremendous and will benefit Paulding County for years to come. More than 360 youth in Paulding County have chosen to be a part of 4-H this year with more than 70 first year members. This growth is tremendous and I want to tell all of you "Great Job for promoting 4-H in Paulding County and talking about all the fun you have while being a part of something special." Please continue to talk about 4-H to your family and friends.

I recently received a \$3,800 grant from the Ohio 4-H Foundation which was used to purchase six EV3 robot kits as well as a NASA Space Exploration add-on kit. These kits are currently being used in an Elementary School in Paulding County but will be available to those taking the EV3 Robotics projects around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April. The Robotics Program will then be available for use in the classrooms beginning at the start of the next school year. Great things are happening in Paulding County and I am glad that all of you are a part of it.



## 4-H Updates

There are a lot of happenings going on in Paulding County 4-H over the next few months. Be sure to check out the calendar and read this edition of the Clover Connection thoroughly to be sure that you don't miss anything.

### Paulding County 4-H College Scholarship

The purpose of the Paulding County 4-H College Scholarship is to help young people continue their efforts toward becoming self-directing, productive, contributive members of society. Applications for the Paulding County 4-H College Scholarship can be picked up in the Extension office or found on the website. The deadline for submitting the application is Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. One must be a Senior in HS to apply.

*Scholarship Deadline is  
Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>!!!*

### Paulding County Agricultural Scholarship

The Paulding County Agricultural Scholarship is for students pursuing a degree in agricultural or an agricultural related field in an Ohio based college. Applications for the Paulding County Agricultural Scholarship can be picked up in the Extension Office or found on the website. The deadline for submitting the application is Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. One must be a Senior in HS to apply.

### 4-H Website and Facebook

Have you checked out our website recently? I have posted new information including the 2016 4-H Calendar and 2016 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.



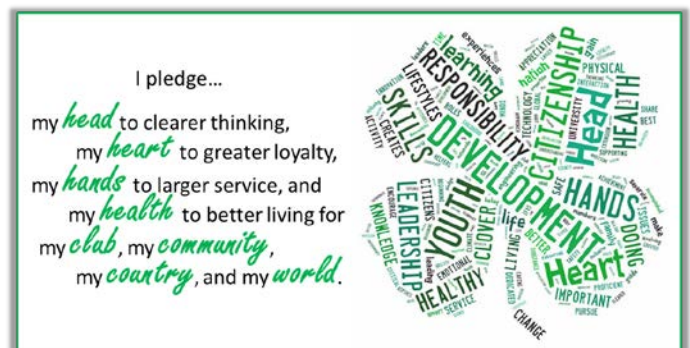
### Modeling Contest

Clubs should be discussing who they will choose to

represent their club for the 2016 Modeling Contest. Remember, you can have four (4) club members plus clothing projects entered in the Modeling Contest.

### Outstanding Livestocker

Applications for the Paulding County Outstanding Livestocker award can be found on our website or in the Extension Office. Outstanding Livestocker applications are due Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Interviews for Outstanding Livestocker will be held Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.



# 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 will take place on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm and Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 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 2016 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 in Paulding County that a parent/guardian be in attendance with the youth while completing Quality Assurance. If you unable to attend these dates due to conflicts, please call our office at 419-399-8225 to find out locations of other area trainings.

Chicken Meat Pen orders are due March 24<sup>th</sup> and payment will be due for the chickens when they are picked up on April 26<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm. The order form can be found online or in the Extension Office. If you have any questions please feel free to call the office at 419-399-8225.

Livestock tagging has been scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00-11:00 am at the Fairgrounds. The Jr. Fairboard has asked for all animals to be brought in through the main gate (in front of the Extension Building). 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.

Rabbit Tattooing will take place on May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds. Youth whose last name begins with letters A-L will need to be present with their rabbit/s for tattooing on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Youth whose last name begins with the letters M-Z will need to be present with their rabbit/s for tattooing on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Rabbit tattooing will begin at 5:00 pm both nights. As a reminder, all youth must possess their rabbits on or before May 16<sup>th</sup> in order to be eligible to show their animal at the Paulding County Fair.

Skillathon is currently scheduled Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. All livestock exhibitors must complete a skillathon 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. All youth with complete the following stations: Equipment Identification for all breeds, Parts for all breeds, Conformation for all breeds except Swine and Poultry. Swine and Poultry will complete Meat Cuts instead of Conformation.

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

All leased livestock must have a livestock lease agreement on file by **April 5<sup>th</sup>** at the Extension Office. This is for non-horse projects. 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**

**Geese Meat Pen Possession  
No Later than March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Chicken Orders due March  
24<sup>th</sup> to Extension Office**

**Meat Pen Rabbit Birth Dates  
March 29<sup>th</sup> thru April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Livestock Tagging  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9-11 am at the Fairgrounds**

**Livestock Lease Agreement  
due by April 5 to Extension  
Office**

**Quality Assurance  
April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm in  
Extension Hall**

**Quality Assurance  
April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am in  
Extension Hall**

**Chicken Order Pick-Up  
April 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30 pm at  
the Extension Office**

**Meat Pen Duck Possession  
No Later than April 26<sup>th</sup>**

## **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. See Skillathon information to the left



## 4-H Dates

- Camp Counselor Meeting – March 14 – 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- 4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline – March 17<sup>th</sup>
- Camp Palmer Maple Syrup Breakfast – March 20<sup>th</sup>
- 4-H Advisor Meeting – March 22 – 6:00 pm
- Dog Vaccination Papers Due – April 1
- Youth Poultry Clinic – April 2 – OARDC Wooster, OH
- Camp Palmer Volunteer Clean Up Day – April 2
- Ohio 4-H Dog Expo Reg. Deadline – April 4
- Camp Counselor Meeting – April 11 – Extension Office
- Senior Profile Due – April 14
- Ohio 4-H Dog Expo – April 16
- Self-Determined Outlines Due – April 28
- King/Queen Applications Due – May 2
- Outstanding Livestocker Applications Due – May 2
- Horse ID & Lease Forms Due – May 4
- College Scholarship Applications Due- May 5
- Club Payment for Project Books and Family Fees due May 9
- Farm Bureau 4-H Camp Scholarships Due – May 10
- Club Community Service Day – May 14 – 1:00 pm at the Fairgrounds
- King/Queen – Outstanding Livestocker Interviews – May 18
- Modeling Contest and Style Review Cards Due – May 19
- Advisor Count-Down Meeting – May 24

## 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 Senior Profile will be mailed to your home address. If you have not received your profile by April 1<sup>st</sup>, please call Michael at 419-399-8225 to obtain one. 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 14<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 4<sup>th</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?

### **2016 Paulding County Jr. Fair Theme**

The 2016 Paulding County Jr. Fair theme has been decided. This year's theme is...“Country Nights and Carnival Lights”. All 4-H groups should be starting to discuss the fair theme and how they will incorporate this into their floats.

### **Paulding County Jr. Fair King and Queen Contest**

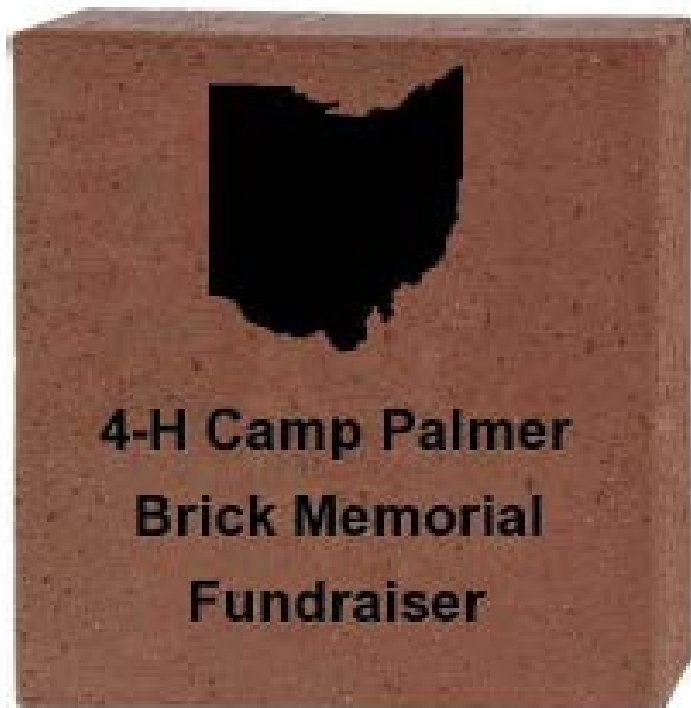
The Paulding County Jr. Fairboard is taking applications for the 2016 Paulding County Jr. Fair King and Queen. Applicants must be at least 14 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year and be an active member in any Paulding County Youth Group. The King/Queen of the 2016 Paulding County Jr. 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. Applications are due Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and can be turned in at the Extension Office. Interviews for the King and Queen contest will take place on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **4-H Work Day at the Paulding County Fairgrounds**

The Paulding County Jr. and Sr. Fairboards are currently finishing up their work lists in order to prepare for the 2016 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 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm to help prepare for the 2016 Paulding County Fair. Advisors should be discussing this event at an upcoming meeting. When your club has decided what area of the fairgrounds they will be concentrating on please let Michael know so the Jr. and Sr. Fairboards can be informed. If you need help with finding a task to complete for the work day please give Michael a call for a list of areas that need a little extra TLC.

### 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 2016 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 Oho 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.

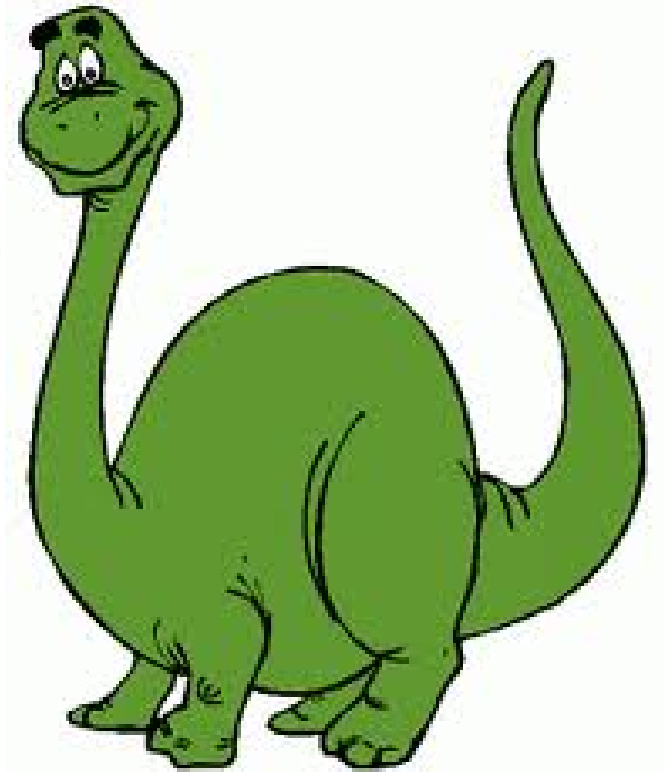
Youth can be involved by either volunteering at a Master Gardener event or even becoming a Jr. Master Gardener. Interested youth are encouraged to contact the Extension Office to see how they can become involved. The Paulding County Master Gardener volunteers complete many projects around our county and would love to share the knowledge and skills they have learned with the youth of Paulding County.

## 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.



## 4-H Camp Palmer: It's Dino- Might



# Camping Corner

The Paulding County 4-H Camp Counselors are excited about the upcoming year. The theme for the 2016 Paulding County 4-H camp is *4-H Camp Palmer: It's Dino-Might!* 4-H Camp will be held July 9-13 with Cloverbud Camp being held on Monday, July 11 near Harrison Lake at 4-H Camp Palmer. Camp scholarships will be available again this year.

Camp Counselors for the 2016 Paulding County Camp include: Aaron Horstman, Abby McDougall, Ashley Miller, Austin Howell, Brooke Weidenhamer, Christine Clapsaddle, Connor Baumle, Estee Miller, Faith McDorman, Faith Vogel, Hunter Vogel, Joe Schmidt, Kacey Reinhart, Kaitlyn Clevenger, Megan Reineck, Rebecca McCroskey, Sam Nickols, Taylor Manz, Victoria Bradford, Madison Coyne, Alli Hefner, Anne Eklund, Charles Clapsaddle, Chet Clevinger, Dylan Vogel, Emma Horstman, Joseph Reineck, Matthew Stouffer, and Meghan Todd.

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 excitement 4-H Camp Palmer and our counselors have to offer will send everyone home "Roaring" about all the fun that they had.

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. Youth who have just completed the third grade through those who have just completed the ninth grade are eligible to attend 4-H Camp with Paulding County. **Yes, you read that correctly...youth who just finished 9<sup>th</sup> grade are able to attend 4-H camp.** This is a change from the past. 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.

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



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## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

### Let's Start Cooking

Have you thought about the skills necessary to live? One important skill that we all must understand is how to cook. The project spotlight in this edition of The Clover Connection does just that. Let's Start Cooking is a nationally peer reviewed beginning level cooking project that takes a fresh look at basic cooking and baking skills. Youth learn about kitchen equipment and food prep, and how to read recipes and measure ingredients. Then they tackle how to slice and dice food, and how to cook in a microwave oven, on the stove, and in a conventional oven – all while keeping safety in mind. This project is sure to bring much enthusiasm and excitement to your kitchen.

