Dear 4-H Volunteer:

Pablo: “This is the new year the new you. You can pass through another year, coasting on cruise control. Or you can step out of your comfort zone, trying things you have never done before, and make 2017 as the year that you elevate from where you are and soar high. Make it happen!” You are encouraged to take advantage of time spent in your club program, but also take advantage of advisor development and educational activities on the county and state levels.

Office Hours
Each week the general “to the public” hours are the same unless a required in-service or other time conflict arises. The general weekly public hours are:
Monday: Noon – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (occasionally a lunch break 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.); this week it will be 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday: Closed to the public
Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (occasionally 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
It may be a good idea to call ahead before a planned visit. I apologize for any inconvenience. For those that may not be able to meet this schedule, I am generally in the Extension office between work hours and night meetings so please call ahead to make alternative arrangements. Extended hours will be listed on weekly phone messages.

4-H Enrollment is Open for 2017
Enrollment materials, including Pancake Supper tickets, are available for the 2017 4-H year. Please make arrangements to secure your materials soon if you have not already done so. If you cannot get your materials during the current public office hours, contact the office to make a pick-up appointment. An Advisor Check List is available to help lead clubs through the enrollment process. The 4-H club enrollment for fair participation preferred deadline is March 17, 2017 with the final date for additions, deletions and/or changes on April 3, 2017. Note: the latter is the same deadline for FFA members wishing to exhibit in the 2017 Richland County Junior Fair. NOTE: 4-H and FFA project enrollment should be on SEPARATE enrollment forms.

990N (e-Postcard) Update
The OSU Extension staff will be inputting all e990 filing information this year. DO NOT file this information yourself. For clubs that received a revocation letter this past fall,
Beth will be calling to help set up a new EIN number. These are the only clubs that Beth will be working on right now. If you receive any communication from the IRS, please forward that information to the Extension office. Our state staff are working with us to get all clubs in good standing with IRS.

As many of you know, the Internal Revenue Service has taken over the responsibility of the 990N (e-Postcard) filing process as of March 1, 2016 from the private firm (Urban Institute) that was handling the filings. The following url is a link to the new page: www.irs.gov/990n

The following Go-link has also been created to allow access to the filing form with one less click: http://go.osu.edu/IRSePostcard

NOTE: An IRS Agent that I spoke with recommends that no one attempt to file for at least four weeks. This is because they are continuing to work out programming issues with the new site.

NOTE: Those using Explorer as their browser will not be able to complete the filing. Firefox is currently working fine and successful filings have been achieved.

Each person who files for one or more EIN#s under our 5925 OSU Extension group exemption number will need to create a new profile within the new site. This profile is somewhat lengthy and we are continuing to consider how to best reproduce and simplify profile creation from one club/affiliate to the next during this four week delay. If you want to submit or allow your volunteers to submit during this time, they may be successful but please have them include their club name/affiliate name on the DBA (Doing Business As) entry line and warn them that they will need to save the username and password for future access. Our filing deadline continues to be May 15th.

There are currently approximately 280 (under our GEN#) successful 990N submissions for the 2015 tax year and, according to IRS records. These clubs/affiliates that have filed successfully will not be effected by the change and will not need to resubmit for the 2015 tax year. However, those that submitted prior to March 1st will need to create a new profile before submitting in 2016. However, those who were unsuccessful with their submission should attempt to file again prior to the May 15th deadline.

Please Help Support 4-H/Extension:
It is time for the 4-H/OSU Extension McDonald’s Pancake Supper. Mark your calendar for March 14, 2017 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at these locations:

Mansfield Avenue in Shelby
Stewart Road in Mansfield
Lexington-Springmill in Ontario
Hanley Road in Mansfield

Pre-sale tickets are available now along with a tally form. The planning committee is asking that all unsold tickets, monies collected from sold tickets and the tally form be
returned to the Extension office in a sealed envelope marked *Extension Support* by March 6.

A representative for each location will be calling upon clubs to help with the event. To help Extension (which includes 4-H) continue to do its outreach, we are asking for every club’s help. Please consider selling all of your allotted tickets and taking a shift at one of the locations (most kids really enjoy working at one of the sites!). Shift duties will include distributing pancakes, syrup and butter, plus clearing tables and being friendly to all of the customers supporting the 4-H program. If you have any questions about the event please call Lisa Crain (419-347-1163). We appreciate your support and look forward to this year’s pancake supper!

**Super Clinics Coming Up Soon**

All 4-H club officers should attend one of the Super Clinics for their officer guidelines and performance training. Advisors (new and returning) will benefit from the advisor update (including fair information and Cloverbud news) and the opportunity to sit in and learn from the officer trainings. Parents and other club members are also encouraged to attend one of the 2017 Super Clinics on February 26 (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.) or March 2 (6:15 – 8:15 p.m.). Both sessions will be held in the Longview Center and will be identical in subject matter. Note: Participants are expected to attend the entire two-hour session. A tentative teaching agenda is available upon request. Note: the time has been moved up to help assure 4-H members get home by their bed time. The required Policy 1.50 lesson will be available at both Super Clinics for the annual advisor certification.

**NEW CLUB AWARD: Recognition for Officer Training and Officer Book Submission**

Through funds from the Monsanto *America’s Farmers Grow Communities* gift in honor of farmers Keith and Sue Kisling, each 4-H club that has a) 100% attendance of club advisors and officers at the February 25 and/or 28 sessions (not the make-up) and b) submits a completed officer book by the fall deadline (August 31) for each office (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Health & Safety Chairperson, News Reporter, Historian and Recreation Leader) can receive $100 toward membership fees for 2017. Every club is eligible and encouraged to participate in this new club recognition opportunity. It’s important that each officer and advisor sign in during their training sessions (February 25 and 28) to receive credit. All eligible clubs after the Super Clinics training will be notified that they are in the running for this award.

**All 4-H Clubs to be Chartered/Re-Chartered in 2017**

As per the guidelines of the Ohio 4-H program, all 4-H clubs must be chartered (first year of operation) and then complete the charter checklist annually. Forms were placed in club mail boxes and are also available on-line. Please note the membership requirement (number of families and different members).

**EIN Numbers and IRS Filing**

All 4-H clubs must have an EIN number registered with the federal government regardless of whether you carry a treasury balance (savings, checking or petty cash).
These numbers are kept on file with the State 4-H Office. All clubs must e-file annually (e990) by May 15 (this is a simple procedure!). NOTE: This filing will be done for each club by the Extension staff. **IF YOUR CLUB HAS RECEIVED A REJECTION EMAIL FROM PAST e990 FILINGS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY!** We need to get all clubs current so no one receives a revocation of their EIN number and non-profit status this year.

Clubs that had previously filed (or the Extension staff filed for you), but received a revocation letter this past fall should bring any correspondence related to the letter to the Extension office as soon as possible. All new clubs and those that received an automatic revocation letter will need to complete a new SS-4 form to receive a new EIN number. Please talk to Beth if this applies to your club.

**Participant and Activity Fees**
All 4-H members (including Cloverbuds) will need to submit a $10 participant fee per person for 2017 (check payable to *OSU Extension*). In addition, 4-H members will need to submit a $2 activity fee per person ($3 for horse project kids) and volunteers will need to submit the $1 activity fee per person for the 2017 4-H year (check payable to *Richland County 4-H Committee*). Participant names should be recorded on the appropriate forms (distributed with enrollment materials) and submitted with the fees listed above by the final enrollment deadline of April 1. Note: the $2 ($3) activity fee includes additional accident coverage for 4-H members for a full year while involved as a 4-H member with 4-H activities.

**Financial Reminder**
All payments for fees, publications, resource materials, camp, etc. should be paid by check (payable to OSU Extension) or money order.

**Project Enrollment for 4-H and FFA Members**
Ohio 4-H members are sometimes also FFA members, often within the same county or in an adjacent county. These members especially need to keep in mind the 4-H policy about 4-H projects being separate from school projects. To keep both 4-H and FFA clearly separate, 4-H members are to take different species in the two organizations or, at the very least, to take market animals in one and breeding animals in the other. The idea is to refrain from exhibiting the same project more than once. **Allowable examples:** a) breeding sheep in 4-H and market lamb in FFA, b) market steer in 4-H and market hog in FFA. **Not allowable example:** market lamb in 4-H and market lamb in FFA. A copy of the full memorandum between 4-H and FFA was placed in each club mailbox.

**4-H Project Book Policies**
All members are required to have a new, completed project book and/or written record for project evaluation in June or July. Project books should be paid for (in a lump sum) at the time of pick-up with a check or money order payable to – *OSU Extension*. While most books will cost $6, some books do have a slightly higher price. **With a one-week notice,** your club’s project books can be pulled for you and a call made when the books are ready for pick-up.
When 4-H “clubs” purchase 4-H project books, the club is exempt from tax on the books as long as the Sales and Use Blanket Tax Exemption Certificate is on file in the office. It is important that all of your club’s books are purchased at once so tax is not charged. Individuals who purchase books will be charged Ohio sales tax for individual books.

For some of the newer project books (i.e., #117 beef), only one book would need to be purchased for taking multiple beef projects (i.e., steers, feeders, breeding), BUT separate written records will need to be kept for each animal. Remember to review the 2017 Junior Fair Project Requirements for specific requirements on weights, numbers of animals, fair and judging requirements, etc. That document will be distributed at the upcoming Super Clinics – one per club – with a copy also posted on the web site by March 6.

**New Insurance Coverage for 4-H Members**

The increased $1 per member paid to the 4-H Committee will be used to provide additional medical/accident benefits to each 4-H member enrolled by April 1, 2017. The plan provides maximum benefits of:

- $2,500 medical and hospital expenses resulting from injuries
- $5,000 loss of life
- $500 dental expense due to injury of sound natural teeth
- $10,000 loss of any two: arms, legs, feet or hands or sight of both eyes**
- $5,000 loss of any one: arm, leg, foot or hand**
- $3,000 loss of sight of one eye**

**When injury does not result in loss of life but does result in any of these losses within 100 days of the accident, one of these maximum benefits will be paid in addition to any other covered expenses.**

The plan calls for all members to be insured. The plan covers each registered member (leaders optional) while participating in or attending regularly approved and adult supervised group activities. There is FULL coverage while traveling directly to and from the member’s home and the meeting place for the purpose of participating in scheduled 4-H group activity.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Optional coverage for adult leaders, automatic coverage of new members, prompt claim service, covered expenses incurred within 52 weeks from the date of accident. The plan offers full coverage with no deductible.

**ITEMS NOT COVERED:** Eyeglass replacement; denture replacement or repair; suicide; illness; hernia in any form; losses covered under Medicare or Workman’s Compensation; injuries sustained while downhill skiing, tobogganing, sledding, and tubing; air travel

**Fair Booth Theme**

The camp theme is “Swinging Thru the Jungle” 4-H Camp”. The Richland 4-H Committee voted to **REQUIRE** this theme choice for 4-H booths at the 2017 Richland County Junior Fair. Although it’s not necessary to use those exact theme words, the booth should be related to the jungle theme.
New 4-H Committee Officers Elected for 2017
Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Richland County 4-H Advisory Committee: President – Carole Kirkpatrick, Vice-President – Jenny Circosta, Secretary – Amy Bays, Assistant Secretary – Lisa Crain, Treasurer – Beth Brown, and Livestock Sale Committee Representative – Joe Arnold (Lisa Crain, alternate). Other committee members include: Gene Kirkpatrick, Glen McLaughlin, Warren Rehberg, Becca Gregg, Kelcie Chance, Bri Given, Anna Circosta, Stephanie Bistline, and Penny Harriger. Their next meeting will be Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 4:10 p.m. in the Longview Center.

Volunteer Help
To help plan ahead for various events throughout the year, we have started a sign-up sheet in the Extension office. We hope to encourage more 4-H advisors, parents, 4-H alumni, etc. to help with county-wide programming in 2017.

VERY IMPORTANT: New 4-H Volunteers
The state 4-H office and The Ohio State University want to make it clear that potential/new volunteers CANNOT act in a volunteer role until the letter of acceptance from the local OSU Extension office is received. That letter will state that the new/potential volunteer has completed all of the steps/requirements of the new volunteer screening process. The volunteer selection process does take several weeks to complete so plan to get new volunteer started with the process as soon as possible. The first new volunteer training and orientation will be Saturday, March 25, 2017.

Continued Theme for 2017: Positive Communication Skills
As a goal for all Richland County 4-H clubs, each club will be asked to do at least one sportsmanship and etiquette activity as a group in 2017. The Etiquette & Sportsmanship Notebook was given to each club in 2012. Our county theme focus in 2017 will continue to be positive communication skills.

4-H Poster Contest
To help promote 4-H membership, the 4-H Poster Contest will be continued in 2017. Please encourage your members (8 and in the 3rd grade and older on January 1, 2017; Cloverbuds not eligible for competition) to participate. Here are the 4-H Week Poster Contest details: Posters must be on display by Sunday, February 26 and remain on display until Saturday, March 4 (entirety of Richland County 4-H Week). Youth who want to enter the county poster contest must have their entry (minimum size 14” X 22”) into the Extension office by Friday, March 17.

Each poster must contain the following information (“exactly”) to be eligible for awards:

Front of poster:
  a) Richland County 4-H,
  b) promotion of the 4-H program and/or membership (i.e., projects, activities, fun, community service, education, personal development)
  c) contact OSU (or can spell out Ohio State University) Extension for more information at 419-747-8755

Back of poster:
Selection of winners will be by age division and take place in early April. There will be four age categories: a) Beginner (9-10 year olds; 8 year olds if in the 3rd grade), b) Junior (11-12 year olds), c) Intermediate (13-15 year olds) and d) Senior (16-18 year olds). The Richland County 4-H Committee will provide awards for up to three places in each category if entries meet all of the requirements listed above.

Note: For clubs just getting organized, it would be beneficial to email this information out early.

**Dog Update**

The Richland County 4-H dog show will be held July 22, 2017 at the fairgrounds beginning at 9:00 a.m. More details to follow for those youth taking dog projects. Dog work-out classes will begin May 1, 2017 and will continue on Mondays at the Longview Center into the summer.

For information about the Ohio 4-H Dog Program, including various score sheets, please take a look at this link: [http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog](http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog)

**Quality Assurance Tip of the Month: What is Included in the QA Class?**

The QA classes help youth livestock exhibitors understand that they are producing a food product or that they are taking responsibility for an animal’s care. During QA, the 10 Good Production Practices (GPP’s) are taught so exhibitors can evaluate their production and care practices, plus identify areas where they can improve. Make exhibitors confident that they are producing safe, wholesome food products for consumers and/or raising an animal in a quality way is an important step in their life skills development.

**Quality Assurance “Test Out” Date**

4-H and FFA youth ages 16 years and older as of January 1, 2017 may opt to take the “test out” exam for quality assurance credit. A passing grade of 70% will meet the requirement for 2017, 2018 and 2019 or for remaining eligible exhibit years of that exhibitor. The exam is free to take, but all participants must pre-register for the test by noon on the exam day of Monday, March 13, 2017. The exam will be given in the Longview Center starting at 5:00 p.m. Participants must arrive no later than 5:45 p.m. Notification of results will be shared that evening. The test out exam will only be offered once in 2017 and cannot be re-taken in 2017.

**Quality Assurance Required Training**

4-H and FFA members will have several opportunities to meet the state requirements for Quality Assurance Training. Open QA trainings will be held at the Longview Center on Tuesday, April 18 and Saturday, May 6 at 6:15 p.m. and 9:30 a.m., respectively. Both sessions will last approximately one hour and 20 minutes in length. Note: this training is required annually (unless an exhibitor tests out) for all market livestock, horse, dog and...
breeding exhibitors. Additional QA sessions will be held at Shelby High School on Monday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. (arrive by 6:45 to take pre-test) and Plymouth High School on Monday, May 1 beginning at 7:00 p.m. All QA requirements must be complete by July 1, 2017 to qualify for 2017 Richland County Junior Fair participation. Note: All Quality Assurance programs are required to be a minimum of one hour in length and include an activity. Please make travel arrangements accordingly for these programs.

**New: Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) for Youth Livestock Producers and Families**

As of January 1, 2017, you can no longer stop by a feed store and buy a bag of medicated feed containing certain types of antibiotics that were previously classified as over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. As of January 1, 2017, the Food & Drug Administration requires that clients have a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) to be able to purchase animal feeds containing these antibiotics. A fact sheet with more information about VFD’s was placed in club mailboxes. This is a topic that will be covered at Quality Assurance classes, too.

**“Getting and Bringing Your Animals Home” Beginners Workshop**

The *Beginners Livestock and Learning more about 4-H* workshop will be held at the TSC store in Ontario on Saturday, February 18, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This free workshop will be focused on the beginner livestock project and new to 4-H participant.

**4-H Camp Enrollment Open**

Both the Junior and Cloverbud Camp enrollment is open and applications are online. Cost for both camps is similar to last year. Please encourage your members (and friends) to enroll in camp. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The Junior 4-H Camp theme is “Swinging thru the Jungle”.

**Attention: 2016 Banner Award Recipients**

If your club received recognition as a GOLD, SILVER or BRONZE BANNER award winner in 2016, please submit your request for award items promptly to the Extension office. Those requests are due now so awards can be distributed to winning clubs.

**Trophy Sponsors Needed**

The 2017 Junior Fair and 4-H award sponsor letters are going out this week. A few trophy and/or award sponsors are needed for the 2017 Richland County Junior Fair. If your family or club is interested, leave a message for Beth Brown at the Extension office. Most awards start at $18 each. Confirmed sponsors will be listed in the 2017 Richland County Junior Fair Book if trophies/awards are paid by April 1. Checks for trophies and awards should be made payable to the “Richland County Junior Fair Board”. If you have been a past donor, please make sure your 2017 sponsorship has been paid. New donors could be given the opportunity to support awards not already accounted for by the April 1 deadline.

**2017 Market Turkey Program**
The 2017 market turkey member nomination forms are due in the Extension office by Monday, February 27, 2017 with advisor changes/additions until March 15, 2017. The turkey poult pick-up date is April 12 at the Extension Office from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (note later time). Participants should bring a container to transport birds home safely and have food ready on April 12. The turkey nomination form is live on the county web site.

Earth Stewardship Opportunity
Since most 4-H clubs already do some great community service projects, why not register now for the 2017 Earth Stewardship Celebration? Potential projects – which help create a sustainable environment and transform something ugly to something beautiful – include such things as litter clean up in your neighborhood, park, place of business, church, or another problem area; beautification project of planting flowers or beautifying an area; graffiti project of removing graffiti; recycling drive with proceeds going to a favorite group or charity; and community gardens. Registration deadline is May 31, 2017. You can register by getting a form in the Extension office. Projects must be completed by June 24, 2017, including before/after pictures of participants. A limited number of collection bags and gloves are available for clean-up projects. All volunteers and groups will be recognized at the Taking Pride! Earth Stewardship Awards Ceremony.

America in Bloom
Many volunteers from the Richland County area are coming together to make Mansfield and Richland County an America in Bloom participant. The project focus is planting pride in America’s communities. The purpose of the program is to provide a framework for enhancing the overall quality of life in communities of all sizes. 4-H clubs can get involved with committees targeted at floral displays, landscaped areas, urban forestry, environmental efforts, heritage preservation and overall impression. This is a great way to build our county as a “destination” place. More information will be forthcoming, but get your group excited now.

4-H Clubs and Certificates of Liability/Insurance
Many facilities are now being asked by their insurance companies to secure a “certificate of liability” or a “certificate of insurance” from the groups they allow to use their facilities. Ohio 4-H does not have a Certificate of Insurance or Liability for contractual agreements between 4-H clubs and other facilities (churches, community buildings, schools, etc.). The university will only provide those for agreements that are made between OSU offices and other agencies, and not for those clubs that we may have in the county program.

Richland County 4-H volunteers are covered with liability insurance as OSU Extension purchases liability coverage for the volunteers, with OSU Extension administration covering the entire cost (statewide). This liability coverage is applied to volunteers when they are acting as 4-H volunteers, within the scope of their duties. If you need a receipt that this coverage has paid, that is available upon request. Secondly, A letter can be requested from our local Extension office to a facility, if needed, to state that your club is a legitimate 4-H club of OSU Extension and that the advisors are authorized volunteers of the Richland County 4-H program. Hopefully, verification that
the club is a legitimate club, under the leadership of authorized 4-H volunteers covered by liability insurance by OSUE, and that club members have accident insurance will be adequate.

**Attention Shelby Area 4-H Clubs**
The Shelby 4-H Club fund of the Shelby Foundation wants to offer support to 4-H clubs that have at least one member with a “44875” zip code. These funds can help with club expenses, community service projects, equipment and supplies, county fair expenses, etc. Shelby area clubs should have recently received a letter from the foundation.

**Richland Rural Life Center (RRLC) a Place for Club Activities**
The RRLC was started back in the 1950’s as a place for 4-H camp and other community groups (including 4-H clubs) to hold their club activities. If interested in using the RRLC for a club outing, please contact 419-589-3206. The RRLC Board is also actively seeking interested adults to serve on their Board of Directors, particularly those who are under the age of 30. If you or a parent in your club is interested in serving on their board, please contact Jeremy Wolford at 419-544-2418.

**Start Your Own Flock**
The Ohio Corriedale Club is offering two Corriedale ewes to help a 4-H or FFA member start their own flock. For more information contact Jodie Duffy, duffviy@msn.com, Ohio Corriedale Club, by March 15.

**OUT OF COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Ohio 4-H Day at Cedar Point (and Other Opportunities)**
4-H Day at Cedar Point for two days in 2017! Those days are Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 22, 2017. On these days, 4-H members, volunteers, and friends can visit Cedar Point at a reduced rate (includes admission to Dinosaurs Alive exhibit). Tickets are available at the 4-H window from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. One person should purchase the tickets for the entire group. That person should have a membership card or something representing 4-H (Call the Extension office for a letter or card). If you have questions, please call the Erie County Extension Office at 419-627-7631.

Check out the state 4-H web site (http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-youth/club-members/events-opportunities) for more discount opportunities and more events & opportunities information.

1. 2017 Youth Poultry Clinic – March 25 at Fisher Auditorium, OSU/OARDC, Wooster. Registrations are to be postmarked by Friday, March 17. Space is limited. Jarrod Snell, Assistant Poultry Operations Manager, snell.41@osu.edu, is the contact person. The link to this information is posted at www.poultry.osu.edu on the Calendar of Events page.
Ohio Junior Swine Day
The Ohio Junior Swine Day will be held in both Wooster and Columbus on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Sessions will include: Judging 101, Making Sausage, Youth PQA Plus Certification, Keeping Pigs Healthy, Nutrition & Weight Management for Show Pigs, and Showmanship and OHPIGS– The Ohio Summer Show Circuit. Participants can rotate through these sessions throughout the day. The registration fee of $10 is due by March 19, 2017. Your registration and check should be mailed to: OSU Extension – Putnam County, P.O. Box 189, Ottawa, Ohio 45875. More information and a flyer are available in the Extension office.

YOUTH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
CARTEENS a Great Teen Opportunity
The Richland County 4-H CARTEENS program is gearing up for another great year of teaching teens about driving safely and positive driving behavior. Youth 14 years and older (as of 1/1/17) should consider observing the next session on Saturday, February 25, 2017. Observers and instructors should arrive at the Longview Center by 8:15 a.m. We had four of our teen instructors (Laurasen Combs, Keturah Crouch, Susanna Crouch, and Sierra Schaffer) attend the state 4-H CARTEENS Teen Conference last Saturday.

Junior Leader Merit Award Updated
Since the County Junior Leadership Club is not currently operating, the Junior Leader Merit Award has been revamped and expanded. Encourage older youth to review the criteria and apply for this award in August. We thank the Mansfield Noon Optimist Club for their continued support of this nice leadership award.

Ohio State Fair Scholarships
Ohio State Fair Scholarship applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 1 this year! Scholarships are available for junior fair livestock and non-livestock exhibitors. This scholarship information is posted at http://ohiostatefair.com/scholarships/

Ohio Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp Scholarships
The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District will be sponsoring a scholarship for the 2017 Ohio Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp from June 11 – 16, 2017 at the FFA Camp Muskingum at Leesville Lake in Carrol County. Scholarship applicants must be a Richland County, Ohio resident and a high school student at least 15 years old at the
time of camp. The value of the scholarship is $375. Applications are available in the Extension Office or the Richland SWCD Office.

**State Farm® Good Neighbor Scholarship**
The State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship Program was established to provide financial assistance to fifty high school seniors who plan to attend college, technical, or vocational school, but may not be able to meet the expenses of a higher education without such aid and often do not qualify for other scholarships. For more information and to apply, please visit [scholarshipamerica.org](http://scholarshipamerica.org) or contact Scholarship America at 1-507-931-1682. Email: statefarm@scholarshipamerica.org

**Ohio State Fair Youth Sciences Activity Calendar**
To view activities at the Ohio State Fair in a variety of areas check out this calendar: [http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/2016%20OSF%20Youth%20Animal%20Sciences%20Events%20Calendar_4.pdf](http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/2016%20OSF%20Youth%20Animal%20Sciences%20Events%20Calendar_4.pdf)
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