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4-H News & Notes

Allegheny County Spring 2011

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Welcome to the spring edition of the 4-H newsletter. It has a new look with the Penn State Extension brand.

This newsletter has information about several 4-H events. If you have questions or need a registration form, you can call us at (412)473-2540 or e-mail me at STaylor@psu.edu,

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Regional 4-H Camp – June 19-22

Boys and girls who are 7-12 years old are invited to come to the SW Regional 4-H Camp at Laurelville Retreat Center near Mt Pleasant. This year's theme is "Agriculture Adventures". Campers will learn about agriculture through hands-on science workshops. They will get to enjoy nature activities, games, and crafts and have an opportunity to meet other 4-H'ers from SW PA. Allegheny County 4-H will provide partial camp scholarships for the first 20 campers to register. Register by May 25 and your camp fee will be only \$75. A camp brochure is enclosed.



4-H Regional Activity Day

The Southwest Regional Activity Day will be Tuesday, June 28 at the Word of Life Church in Greensburg. Members can compete in: Public Speeches, Presentations or Demonstrations, Impromptu Speeches, and Dramatic Interpretation. There are junior (ages 8-12) and senior (13-18) categories for each of the contests. Speeches and presentations will be judged and ribbons and trophies awarded to recognize the presenters. The registration fee for participants is \$18, which includes lunch. If you want to bring your own lunch, the fee is \$8. Additional lunches for guests cost \$14. Registration starts at 8:30 am and the contests start at 9:30 am. The awards ceremony and the Regional Fashion Revue will be after lunch. You can get a registration form from the extension office.

4-H Hoodies, Sweatshirts and T-shirts for Sale

Show that you are proud to be a 4-H member or leader – wear one of our new regional shirts. We have 4-H hoodies and sweatshirts and T-shirts for sale. They are navy blue or bright orange with orange lettering on the front. Contact us for sizes and prices.

Good Production Practices (GPP) – formerly called Ethics Training – Now re- quired each year

All 4-H members who are taking an animal project must complete training about Good Production Practices each year. This is a state requirement for members with an animal science project – horse, livestock, small animals – rabbit, dog, poultry. Members must complete a certified training before July 1 annually. Members who do not participate in a training will not be able to show their project animals at a county, state, or national 4-H roundup or show. Allegheny County has two staff members and four volunteer leaders trained in the first three modules of Good Production Practices. If you need this training, it is your responsibility to attend a training.

Mark Your Calendars

May 17 – Primary Election
Day – Office closed
May 30 – Memorial Day – Office closed
June 1 – Horse ID sheets due
June 19-22 – Regional 4-H Camp
June 24 – 4-H Day at Kennywood
June 28 – Regional Activity Day
July 4 – Office closed
July 26-28 – 4-H State Achievement Days
August 13 – County Horse Show



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E-data Registration

E-data online registration is the only enrollment system we will be using this year. All 4-H Club members and leaders should be entered into e-data by June 30. This is your responsibility. Club leaders and 4-H staff cannot enter the information for you. 4-H members and their parents need to enter the information. A parental notification and permission form must be signed and returned. Each person will need a Friends of Penn State account to access the system. You can read instructions on how to do this at <http://edata.extension.psu.edu/>. A page of e-data instructions is enclosed.

4-H State Achievement Days – July 26-28

4-H members who are thirteen years old or older are invited to participate in the annual 4-H Achievement Days, July 28-28, at the Penn State University Park campus. Members from across the state will participate in competitive and non competitive events and service learning projects. These educational events provide opportunities for 4-H members to develop life skills and project work skills, receive recognition, meet other 4-H members and adults from across the state, and experience living on the university campus. This year a new event – questing – has been added, and a new leadership track and a robotics track will be offered. For more about the contests and registration instructions, contact the extension office.

Allegheny County 4-H Advisory Board

We are looking for adult leaders

and teen leaders to serve on the Allegheny County Advisory Board. The board will meet three times a year to give program direction to the county 4-H program. Members will also be asked to be advocates to 4-H and extension. If you are interested in serving in this leadership role, contact the extension office. The first organizational meeting will be in late summer.

New County Website

Allegheny County Extension is working on a new look to its website. To access Allegheny County 4-H information: from the homepage: <http://allegheny.extension.psu.edu>, click on Programs, then click on 4-H. There will be more 4-H information on the website, including 4-H news and events and forms and documents for members and leaders to use.

Allegheny County Extension E-Newsletter

Penn State Extension of Allegheny County has a new e-mail newsletter. If you would like to receive this electronic newsletter, send your name and e-mail address to AlleghenyExt@psu.edu.

2012 PA 4-H Centennial

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of 4-H in Pennsylvania. To be part of the celebration, stay tuned for more information about centennial events.



Team Horse Power

Congratulations to Leah Craig and Liadan Sussoeff of North Ridge Riders. They have been

chosen for the 2011 Team Horse Power. You will see them at 4-H club events and regional horse events demonstrating and promoting horsemanship skills.



Attention 4-H Horse Club Members!

Your horse ID sheets are due in the extension of-

office by June 1. Work with your leaders to get them completed. May 20-22 Armstrong Horse Camp
June 14-17 Westmoreland Horse Camp
July 1—Good Production Practices training must be completed
July 31 – Washington County 4-H and Open Horse Show
August 1 – NW Production Show – Erie Hunt & Saddle Club
August 2 – SW Production Show – Hookstown, Beaver County
August 13 – Allegheny County 4-H Horse Show – North Park
September 16-17 – District 11 Horse Show – Washington Co. Fairgrounds
October 28-30 – PA State Horse Show - Harrisburg

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