Hardin County Teens have TONS of Opportunities!

Hardin County 4-H has a lot of great opportunities that are only for teens! From local leadership positions to state camps to national trips, your 4-H experience could unlock the door to a once in a lifetime experience. This newsletter will give you all the information you need about the exciting trips and opportunities available to Hardin County 4-Hers. Dates and deadlines are included, so be sure to read carefully, and if you have any questions, give us a call at 419-674-2297.

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Achievement Record

So, what exactly is the Hardin County Achievement Record? The HCAR is a standard application that documents your 4-H involvement, from projects to leadership to community service. Once you complete the application, you can use it to apply for Ohio Achievement Awards in specific project areas, State opportunities, such as State Jr. Fair Board and Fashion Board, and trip scholarships from Hardin County 4-H Council. Due February 1.

The following opportunities require filling out the HCAR:

State Opportunities
- State Jr. Fair Board
- National 4-H Dairy Conference
- Ohio 4-H Scholarships
- Ohio 4-H Teen Advisory Council
- International Program
- State Achievement Awards – winners represent Ohio at National 4-H Congress

Local Trip Scholarship Opportunities
- Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports Camp
- Buckeye Leadership Workshop
- Citizenship Washington Focus
- Ohio 4-H Leadership Camp
- Ohio Sea Camp

Filling out the HCAR is the first step to many of the opportunities listed. If you are chosen to receive a Local Trip Scholarship, you will be asked to complete the paperwork required by that specific camp or trip, as well as pay a small portion of the trip fee as a deposit. Here are some descriptions and dates for the trips that we typically award in Hardin County:

Find the HCAR online at: http://go.osu.edu/hardin teens

NOTE: Hardin County 4-H Camp is July 21-25, 2022.

OHIO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD/NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS
The top youth from the state is chosen in each project area to represent Ohio 4-H at national 4-H congress in Atlanta, Georgia November 25 – 29, 2022. You will meet 4-Hers from across the country and participate in exciting activities and events. Youth who have high achievements in a specific project area, as well as community service and leadership experience, are encouraged to apply.

OHIO 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CAMP-
July 24-29, 2022 Ages 13-18
A 5-day camp experience at Canter’s Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson County. Campers will choose a discipline to study; shotgun, archery, pistol, living history, or rifle. Spend time learning safety and shooting technique.

OHIO 4-H LEADERSHIP CAMP-
June 1-5, 2022 Ages 15-18
Meet teens from across Ohio during a five-day camp at Camp Ohio. The program involves activities that increase your leadership skills, knowledge, attitudes and personal growth.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS-
June 12-17, 2022 Ages 14-19
CWF is 4-H’s premier leadership and citizenship program for high school students. During this unique virtual experience, you will study government operation, write bill proposals, meet with your congressperson, and more.

BUCKEYE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP –
March 23-27, 2022, Freshman and up
BLW is a multi-generational workshop experience at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, Ohio. Participants will learn teambuilding, leadership, and select special skills classes to attend. BLW is a camp atmosphere with participants from 14 to 94 years old.

OHIO SEA CAMP-
July 15 – 19, 2022 Ages 15-18
Learn all about marine biology and the Great Lakes ecosystems at Kelley’s Island 4-H Camp. Fishing, boating, and aquatic science!
Other Opportunities
Hardin County 4-H also has several opportunities that are JUST FOR TEENS, which do not require filling out the achievement record. These activities are not competitive and any 4-Her over the age of 13 can participate. The first step is to fill out the Teen Interest Survey at http://go.osu.edu/hardinsurvey. When you select YES for any of the opportunities listed, we will send you more information about how you can participate and when specific groups or events will happen. Descriptions of the opportunities can be found below:

**PROMOTION TEAM** - Any youth 13 or older, interested in promoting 4-H throughout the county, can join the Promotions Team. Activities include school visits, radio spots, in-club presentations and fair booth decorating. The group will meet 1 or 2 times to plan and conduct 4-H promotion activities like the 4-H Family Information Fair.

**COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING** - Any 4-H member currently enrolled in 8th or 9th grade is eligible to become a Counselor-In-Training. CITs provide leadership at camp as they learn the skills it takes to be a counselor. CITs must complete two training sessions and a mandatory meeting. More information will be sent in late April.

**4-H EVENT VOLUNTEER** – Be a leader and help out where needed at various county events. Volunteers will be needed for project judging, livestock judging, the fishing derby, 4-H info fair, etc.

**LABO EXCHANGE PROGRAM HOST** - Host a Japanese exchange student in your home for 4 weeks during the summer. Exchange students are eager to learn what it is like to live in an American family. Host families are encouraged to continue their lives as normal, from doing chores to taking trips. Exchange students will be matched with your family based on interests, age, and gender.

**Take the TEEN INTEREST SURVEY**
and tell us what opportunities you would like to do:
http://go.osu.edu/hardinsurvey

**Complete Survey by:**
February 1

**DEADLINES:**
Hardin County
Achievement Record
DUE to OSU Extension Office by
February 1st at 4:30 p.m.
All HCAR must be typed. HCAR found at
http://go.osu.edu/hardinteens
Bring hard copies to OSU
Extension office Mon-Fri from
8:00-4:30 OR place in drop box
outside front door. E-mail as a
PDF file to raines.74@osu.edu.

**Teen Interest Survey**
DUE on February 1
Complete online at
http://go.osu.edu/hardinsurvey
**survey takes 2 minutes or less**