



NEWSLETTER

In partnership with the Wood County 4-H Committee and Wood County Clover Legacy Foundation

Wood County 4-H Program Update

HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE DAY



SUNDAY, APRIL 6

**SAVE!
THE DATE!**

**WOOD CO. FAIRGROUNDS
1-4 PM**

Wood County 4-H is eagerly preparing for a momentous community service day! This event is coming to fruition by way of a wonderful idea by volunteer, Karen Kotula and an extremely generous anonymous donation. Our goal is to provide an impactful, hands-on experience for our 4-H members (age 5-18) and their families to give of their time and talents to learn more about local organizations that support our communities and provide the necessary "sweat equity" to GIVE BACK in a big way. This event will be open house style so that families can participate as they are able and for as long as they are able, with the exception of Let's Build Beds and Kids Coalition Against Hunger (which we will request volunteers to sign-up in advance.) **Stay tuned to social media to learn more.**

-WINTER HIGHLIGHT- 4-H ADVISOR TRAINING

The spirit of Wood County 4-H is greatly achieved through volunteer 4-H club advisors. These dedicated, adult mentors strive to dedicate themselves to ready our youth to lead, to serve, to learn, and to conquer whatever comes next. Over 170 volunteers came together this January to expand their knowledge and prepare for an exciting year ahead.

**THANK
YOU**

volunteers for committing to be the example that we want from our 4-H members!



Volunteer Training sponsored in part by The Andersons Inc. & Wood County 4-H Committee



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Katie Shanks

Wood County 4-H Alumna Katie Shanks is "Beyond Ready" for life after her 4-H career. Congratulations to BGSU student Katie Shanks (and Dr. Kurt Panter and team) for securing a National Science Foundation-funded research trip to Antarctica to study undersea volcanoes.

While in 4-H, Katie took a variety of projects to include Geology: Can You Dig It in 2019 receiving an Outstanding of the Day at the Ohio State Fair and then she took it again in 2021. Katie also took the 4-H project Explore the Outdoors in 2015 and 2018. Her obvious interest in the outdoors and Geology sparked further education in the field and is taking her studies to a place that most of us just dream of.



Read more about Katie's trip to Antarctica [here](#) or at the QR code



WOOD COUNTY 4-H CAMP IS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS AT CAMP PALMER

Plan to visit Camp Palmer and **celebrate with us on Saturday, May 10th from 5:00-8:00 pm**. This event will highlight all of our favorite features of camp...hayride, zipline, canoeing, free dining hall meal, historical display, and a ceremony at the campfire (7:30 pm). All past campers, counselors, staff, and families are invited! This celebration will take place AFTER Cloverbud Day Camp. Stay tuned for more details.

Needs, Wants & Wishes

If you can help in any way (or know of someone who can), get in touch with us! We are seeking:

- Donors for "Grab & Go" 4-H Club Activity Kits in a bag \$30 (an up & coming resource for advisors)
- Honor Member & Distinguished Club Award Sponsors for Spirit Night 2025 (by September 1)
- Wood County 4-H Camp \$125 camp scholarship donors (by March 1)

Contact Jenny at morlock.3@osu.edu for more details

2024 Wood County 4-H Annual Report

Did you get a chance to check-out our most recent Wood County 4-H Annual Report highlighting the impressive work of volunteers and 4-H youth?

Check it out here Cloverlegacy.org

Reminder!

Monetary contributions in support of Wood County 4-H are requested by March 1!

"Now equipped with the skills and values instilled by 4-H, I am ready to venture into the world and make a difference."

-Mallory Kramer
2024 4-H Honor Court
Recipient



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