

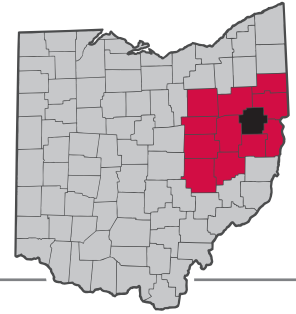


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PREPARING YOUTH FOR SUCCESS

- School funding shortfalls have diminished student access to experiential education in public schools. By providing cost-effective services, OSU Extension filled part of this void with our **school enrichment opportunities**. ChickQuest and Fishy Science are two supplemental curriculum programs that were taught to over 185 county second and third graders. These programs help public teachers meet academic content standards through creative, hands-on lessons.
- The **Junior Camp** experience provides a valuable opportunity for life skill development and building positive social relationships in a safe learning environment. This year 44 campers were immersed in camp life, gaining these valuable experiences. Additionally, 11 counselors developed important leadership, communications and critical thinking skills while helping younger youth navigate the camp.
- According to a recent Battelle study, 4-H youth are about two times more likely than their peers to attend college or technical school. This is due, in large part, to the life skills developed as youth work through their **4-H projects**. This year, over 400 county youth completed a 4-H project in topics as diverse as robotics, scrapbooking, teen leadership and livestock sciences.
- Studies have indicated the importance of reaching youth with positive activities and role models. Community club advisors and older youth guide the **4-H program** experience. To ensure strong leadership among the older youth, a new Teen Leaders program was started this year and featured 20 participants. These youth were active in planning, problem solving and community service activities.

ENHANCING AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- We would like to thank the Carroll County Commissioners for restoring funding for our **agricultural education** efforts at the end of the 2013 fiscal year. We look forward to providing these beneficial services for years to come. Farmers, ranchers, gardeners and landowners are encouraged to call/visit our office to learn more about our services. We are here to serve!

