

# Programs

## Spring Fun Event

A one-day event held on a Saturday in March or April

### Objectives:

- A. Provide a fun, social event designed for youth to invite friends to introduce them to Ohio Farm Bureau and its youth program.
- B. Have those invited friends become part of our youth program
- C. Provide a venue to get youths' parents introduced to Farm Bureau and sign as members.

Examples of past programs: a day at COSI, the Columbus Zoo, Magic Mountain, and a Columbus Blue Jackets Game.

## Summer Youth Leadership Conferences (Quest, Ignite, Higher Ground and The Edge)

*Please see pages 14-25 for an in-depth look at each conference as well as evaluations and comments by the participants and three-year attendance records.*

Quest was established 2003 and Ignite was established 2005. In 2005, all summer conferences were given logos. The Regional Summer Youth Leadership Conference and State School were renamed Higher Ground and The Edge respectively to update the look of the program and to create a brand and logo.

### Objectives:

- A. To provide youth with a knowledge of our organization's structure and emphasize the importance of personal involvement in Ohio Farm Bureau
- B. Combine a mock legislature highlighting Ohio Farm Bureau's policy development process
- C. Give youth an opportunity to speak out on mock legislative issues through testifying, letter writing, organizing meetings with "House Members" and "lobbyists", etc.
- D. Teach vital skills in the following areas: leadership, communication, social and teamwork
- E. Educate youth on safety and social issues
- F. Build junior high and teen self confidence through workshops on citizenship, strength development, conflict resolution
- G. Provide an opportunity for youth to realize their strengths and abilities and have them affirmed by others



## Ohio State Fair

### Objectives:

- A. Promote Ohio Farm Bureau and our youth program to consumers and their children
- B. Educate the public about agriculture and allow them to interact with rural youth
- C. Provide an opportunity for two of our State Youth Committee to serve on the Ohio State Fair Jr. Fair Board
- D. Sponsor two square dances at the fair (open to the public). At the combined square dances we average approximately 600-700 attendees each year.

## Great Getaway (East and West) Fall Conferences

### Objectives:

- A. Allow youth from a region to plan, promote and lead a regional conference, giving them responsibility and ownership of a large project
- B. Provide a forum for the Spotlight on Safety Contest and promote youth safety
- C. Arrange a youth event both that capitalizes on the enthusiasm from youth attending summer conference to introduce friends to Farm Bureau Youth

## Youth Annual Meeting

### Objectives:

- A. Honor councils, individual members and advisors for their accomplishments
- B. Announce Spotlight on Safety Contest and Outstanding Youth Contest winners
- C. Provide Farm Bureau youth and adult members with an opportunity to interact and for adult members to see the youth in action at a state level
- D. Educate youth by providing safety education and motivational speakers

## State Youth Committee

### Objectives:

- A. Train a select group of young leaders with an intensive, hands-on, enjoyable leadership experience focusing on:
  - Public speaking
  - Servant leadership
  - Interpersonal and social skills
  - Personal responsibility, accountability and involvement
  - Encouragement, affirmation and mentoring of younger members
  - Goal setting
  - Vision casting
- B. Provide a direct link between youth councils and the OFBF office for youth to share ideas and have input to programming
- C. Committee members gain experience in planning, promoting and developing regional and state youth events
- D. Instill further pride about Farm Bureau into the “cream of the crop” of Farm Bureau youth while giving them specialized leadership and communication skills

Committee members receive special training on the following topics as part of their leadership development:

- Leadership – Character, Personal Responsibility and Integrity
- Goal Setting and Accountability
- Time Management
- Public Speaking
- Etiquette
- Tapping Into Your Talent
- Influencing Others Through Communication
- Tapping Into Your Creativity

