

Ohio State University Extension Internship Program Intern Work Plan – June 3 – August 12, 2020

1. **Area:** Area 7 (Putnam, Hancock, VanWert, Allen and Auglaize)
2. **Supervisor of Intern:** Jason Hedrick
3. **Supervisor email address:** hedrick.10@osu.edu
4. **Identify the program and impact area(s) that will be the major focus of the intern.**
Impact Area(s) – check a maximum of two
 - Health and Wellness
 - Workforce Development
 - Thriving Across the Life Span
 - Sustainable Food Systems
 - Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities
 - Environmental Quality
Program Area(s) – check all that apply
 - Agriculture and Natural Resources
 - Community Development
 - Family and Consumer Sciences
 - 4-H Youth Development
5. **Identify the impact area-related activities/projects/products that it is anticipated the intern will complete during the internship.**
 - Coordinate a 4-H Summer STEM program using a Makers Fair design. Implement this program throughout Area 7 at local fairs, 4-H camps and community centers (YMCA's, Libraries etc.). Job skill requirements have been changing in all sectors as routine labor functions are replaced by jobs that require a technology-based skill set. To address the changes needed within our work environment, "The Makers Movement" has gained traction as a strategy to engage young people in building their science abilities. A Maker is someone who makes stuff: robots, crafts, furniture, art, or electronic gadgets. The Maker Movement should be critically important to youth because many of these Maker projects incorporate a variety of STEM topics. The intern will develop, teach and evaluate sessions in collaboration with Area 7 Extension professionals.



- Provide collaborative planning and preparing of 4-H project judging events for livestock skill-a-thon activities, FCS and still project areas for 4-H members to participate in during summer events
- This experience will also allow the intern to learn about volunteer management skills, publish informational newsletters, complete administrative tasks such as scheduling, reporting and paperwork, and learn more about how Extension programming addresses local needs and connects resources.

6. List a minimum of six activities in which the intern will participate. These activities and meetings should be within the area and impact areas, across program areas and/or with the community or other professionals.

Activities:

- 1) Teach STEM lessons and activities at Area 7 fairs, camps, community events using a maker's fair approach.
- 2) Assist with camp programming by offering sessions related to STEM education.
- 3) Assist 4-H professionals with 4-H project judging events in ANR and FCS related projects.
- 4) Assist Extension professionals in all program areas with select 4-H focused events / activities within the junior fair environment to broaden awareness in range of responsibilities Extension has as a partner in a community's fair program.
- 5) Will participate in Junior Fair Board training through the summer months
- 6) Will participate in Camp Counselor training through the summer months
- 7) Will participate in 4-H Council meetings, Fair Board meetings and Livestock Committees to learn how volunteers are mobilized to enhance Extension programming in a community.

7. Briefly describe the length of experience of the educator(s) who will mentor the intern and/or the experience of the supervising educator/county team members. Our goal is to ensure the intern has a meaningful educational experience in which the intern learns the value and contribution of the Extension system and the impacts we produce for our clientele.

Jason Hedrick, 4-H Youth Development Educator and Area 7 Leader, will supervise the intern. He has 24 years of experience as a county 4-H professional and has mentored summer program assistants, work-study students and volunteers within Extension for many years. Jason serves on the 4-H Volunteer/Club Design Team and is also part of the new 4-H Work Force Development Design Team. As an Area Leader, Jason will have the capacity to mobilize the intern within the region and identify the appropriate work to meet the objectives of the intern experience.