What is the Innovation Station?

The Innovation Station Summer Enrichment Program provides community outreach for youth ages 5-12 through fun and innovative agricultural activities.

This summer program takes place at the OSU Extension Office located in Mt. Airy Forest. Campers can bring their lunch and enjoy the parks’ hiking trails, gardens, and pedestrian bridges. Our Innovation Station Program will merge agricultural sciences with Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) related project-based learning activities. The half-day sessions consist of youth visiting six programmatic areas where students rotate from station to station. Groups are dispersed that all students have an opportunity to interact with each station for a unique learning experience. Our goal is to increase the number of non-traditional urban students examining agricultural related career paths prior to entering high school.

Benefits of Partnership

The Extension system is the world’s largest non-formal educational system. Extension’s hallmark is programming delivered by professionals to address the needs of the local community while also addressing state, national, and global issues. Our practical educational programs combine the needs of local citizens and communities with new research and technical information.

Extension provides practical advice, sensible solutions, and realistic down-to-earth answers for ALL Ohioans.

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Summer Enrichment Program

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CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clients on a nondiscriminatory basis. For more information: http://go.osu.edu/cfaesdiversity.
Learning Opportunities

The Innovation Station provides fun and educational venues connecting youth with natural resources, healthy eating options, physical activity through STEM play, gardening activities, the importance of water in your diet and respect for plant and animal life.

Stations

The two and half-hour sessions consist of youth visiting six programmatic areas:

1) Green Print- Identify what plants are growing in the garden and plant your own vegetable or flower seed.

2) Snack Attack- Learn about the USDA “My Plate,” food safety and sugar overload.

3) Rocket’s Away- Blast off to space with the 4-H STEM rocketry program.

4) Kid’s Bop Movement- A high spirited activity that provides an opportunity for self-expression and movement.

5) Creative Corner- Decorate and stylize your own bag and learn about the essential drink, water.

6a) Trees Matter*- Learn that trees provide food, shade and shelter for people and wildlife.

6b) Our Four Legged Friends*-Having a pet is a big responsibility. Learn small animal care and handling.

*Stations 6a and 6b are interchangeable

How to Sign Up:

To register your club or agency, contact the Hamilton County Extension office at 513-946-8989 with the following information:

Organization Name/Contact:  
Organization Phone Number:  
Organization Email:  
Age of Youth:  
Number of Youth:  
Preferred Date & Time:  
(June 23, 24, 28 and 29, July 6 and 7, 2016)

Tony Staubach  
Program Manager, 4-H Youth Development

Program cost: $5.00 per child  
Morning session: 9:00-11:30 am  
Afternoon session: 12:00-2:30 pm  
Each session accommodates up to 40 participants

Scheduling for the following dates:  
June 23, 24, 28, and 29, 2016  
July 6 and 7, 2016  
Other dates available upon request

About OSU Extension, Hamilton County

- Ohio State University Extension brings the knowledge of the university directly to you. We fulfill the land-grant mission of The Ohio State University by interpreting knowledge and research developed by Extension and other faculty and staff at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Ohio State main campus, and other land-grant universities – so Ohioans can use the scientifically based information to better their lives, businesses and communities.

- Each month, OSU Extension provides approximately $64,000 in support to Hamilton County ($768,000 annually).

- OSU Extension provides approximately 800 hours of direct and indirect programming each month to residents of Hamilton County.

OSU Extension, Hamilton County staff teaches youth about making healthy choices at snack time.

All nutrition lessons are non-biased research based information.