

Ohio State University Extension Exploring Agriculture Post



Youth to Explore Agricultural Careers

Tiffin, Ohio -- Ohio State University Extension is pleased to announce that our Exploring Agriculture Post is back again this school year! The Exploring Agriculture program focuses on introducing students to agricultural careers that are ‘In Demand Jobs’ by visiting county and regional agricultural businesses. This is in hope of sparking student’s interest in working in great jobs in their community.

The 2021-2022 season will continue with that exact same mission with meetings being conducted back to in-person! However, ever changing policies and procedures from The Ohio State University and our local health departments may cause the need to be flexible in these uncertain times with the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Exploring program offers students aged 14-20 the chance to learn life and career skills through immersive career experiences and mentorship, facilitated through Ohio State University Extension. The Exploring Agriculture Post, based in Seneca County, is now accepting all interested students to explore agricultural careers via a series of monthly in person meetings from September 2021- April 2022. Each meeting includes visiting a local business that helps the agricultural community and allows students to learn not only about what they do, but also about the diverse jobs needed for that company to thrive.

This year students can expect to explore businesses like ST Genetics at our Kickoff meeting September 30th, The Andersons, Clouse Construction as well as presentations about career paths in agriculture. High school students in and around Seneca County are encouraged to participate.

Hallie Williams, OSU Extension Agriculture Educator says, “Northwest Ohio is a great agricultural community and as our businesses grow, we need to make sure we have individuals ready to fill those positions. Our hope is that Exploring Agriculture will not only encourage our

local youth to identify a career path that allows them to work in agriculture, but more importantly to allow them to stay and build a life in their community.”

The Seneca County 4-H Program within Ohio State University Extension is strong with nearly 1,000 youth participating. Katie Cole, 4-H Educator states, “We see the passion and commitment to the agriculture industry with many of these youth. With that being said, career development within the agriculture industry is definitely a topic that our youth have been inquiring about. This is our chance to make that happen right here in Seneca County.”

Exploring Agriculture will kick off their year by exploring ST Genetics on **September 30th, 2021 at 6:00pm.**

To learn more about how your student, your business, or you can participate in Exploring Agriculture, please contact the Seneca County Extension office at 419-447-9722 or email Williams.6386@osu.edu.

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