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Welcome . . .

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Applications Being Accepted for NELD North Central 2015 . . . (Source: Greg Davis)
Enthusiastic about OSU Extension? Interested in developing your ability to lead Extension into the future? If your vision of your future includes building your career with Extension, then the NELD North Central leadership experience may be just the opportunity you need!

NELD is an annual four-session program designed to help participants:
1. Learn, apply and reflect on new effective leadership, organizational collaboration and change concepts and strategies
2. Develop a better understanding of self and enhance personal effectiveness
3. Strengthen competence in decision-making, build leadership capacity, improve effectiveness of Extension programming and promote life-long learning
4. Broaden their understanding of Extension on a local, state, national and international level
5. Build a more robust national Extension network

Session dates/locations for 2015 include (100% attendance is required):
   January 21-24 (Chicago)
   April 10-18 (International TBD)
   July 12-16 (Washington, DC)
   September 16-19 (Minneapolis)

Interested educators, program staff, and specialists can apply by responding in 300 words or less to the question: “Why I am an ideal candidate for NELD North Central in 2015”. To be considered for the 2015 class, simply send your answer to the question above (email is fine) to davis.1081@osu.edu (with ‘NELD 2015’ in the subject line) by July 26. You can learn more about the program here and direct questions to any regional director or assistant director.

Farm Science Review and Women in Ag; Information Needed from Each County . . . (Source: Nannette “Gigi” Neal)
Ohio State University Extension is looking for Ohio producers to represent agriculture in its “Ohio Women in Agriculture” campaign for the 2014 Farm Science Review September 16-18 in London, OH.
Agriculture is represented in numerous ways: crops and livestock production, vegetable and fruit production, veterinarians, heavy equipment operators and mechanics, crop and farm insurance, agriculture loan institutions, agricultural organizations, value added agriculture and more. Representation can be from an individual’s current or past personal or business role in the Ohio agriculture production community.

“Celebrating a 100th anniversary is often an excuse to look back, but Extension is looking forward. Ohio Women in Agriculture through Ohio State University Extension wants to showcase the hard work of individuals in our state and show that agriculture is represented in our lives in more ways than we may think,” said Gigi Neal, Clermont Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator and Ohio Women in Agriculture Team Leader.

OSU Extension’s Ohio Women in Agriculture Team invites each county Extension Office to nominate 1 or 2 women from their county who would fit this criteria. County offices are to submit candidate contact information to Gigi Neal at 513-732-7070 or neal.331@osu.edu. After everyone has submitted their information, each individual will receive a survey to complete the information required for the display. Please send information by July 31, 2014.

Information needed to start the process:
- Name of nominee
- Mailing Address
- Email Address
- Best phone #

Information gathered for the display will include: name of person, contribution to agriculture, 150 word biography, quote/favorite saying/words of wisdom and a picture. This information will then be printed and displayed in the Firebaugh Building at the Women in Agriculture kiosk as an interactive display.

**2014 Ohio Environmental Leaders Institute . . . .**

The Ohio Environmental Leaders Institute is now taking reservations for the 2014 workshop series. Register today!

**LEARN TO DO THE FOLLOWING:**
- Design and lead collaborative processes that integrate science and public values.
- Facilitate constructive, respectful dialogue and decision-making on controversial environmental issues.
- Communicate effectively on complex and controversial issues.
- Partner with colleagues and peers across disciplines and sectors to align visions and goals.
- Build and participate in networks focused on effective environmental leadership in Ohio.

**Session I:** Engaging stakeholders in addressing complex environmental issues
September 8 & 9, 2014

Enjoy an evening orientation and networking dinner at the Olentangy Wetlands Research Park on September 8.

On September 9 attend the Environmental Professionals Network breakfast at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center at Ohio State where the topic of discussion will be Ohio’s Energy Future.

After the EPN breakfast, the OELI program will focus on interpersonal communication skills, informing and engaging the public, and methods for facilitating effective public participation in addressing complex environmental issues.

**Session II:** Achieving sustainability through social system change processes
October 7, 2014
Join us at the scenic Highbanks Metropark and learn how to communicate complex scientific concepts to the public, effective processes for facilitating change in large social systems, and personal leadership strategies for collaborative approaches to environmental management.

**Session III: A systems approach to environmental management**
November 11 & 12

Enjoy an evening networking dinner and stimulating discussion in Columbus on Tuesday, November 11.

On November 12 attend the Environmental Professionals Network breakfast at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. Learn how communities are approaching environmental sustainability from a whole system perspective, what research tells us about what education can and can’t do to change behavior, and leadership styles for managing complex systems.

**Cost:** Attend all three sessions for $295
Individual session rate: $125
Registration fees cover instruction, materials, and meals.

To Register: Go to [oeli.osu.edu](http://oeli.osu.edu). **Registration deadline: August 20, 2014.**

Questions: Call Mary Slyby at 614-688-3421

For more information about the Institute, please feel free to contact:
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**Nominate an Outstanding Staff Member - Deadline is August 31 . . .**

**CFAES STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL**
2014 Above and Beyond Awards and Shirley Brooks-Jones Award

**Shirley Brooks-Jones Award**
$500 to recognize staff excellence

**Key Values Award**
$300 to recognize staff with less than 3 years of experience

**Innovation Award**
$300 to recognize staff for new improvements to the workplace

**Special Recognition**
$300 to recognize special assistance

Nominate an outstanding staff member at go.osu.edu/SRC-recognition-awards.
Due date: August 31, 2014
Contact Jo Brown with questions: brown.1581@osu.edu, 614-292-5866.

**Save the Date . . .**
FCS All Programs Conference - November 18 & 19
Ohio Union