May 23, 2014

Dear Potential Facilitator,

We are quickly approaching the Ohio State Fair and busy planning the Animal Sciences youth events. The skillathons are the largest program we coordinate at the State Fair with nearly 1200 youth participating in nine different species skillathons. To those who have helped facilitate the skillathons in the past, we greatly appreciate your assistance with this outstanding educational opportunity for youth!

We hope your schedule will allow you to assist us with one or more of these skillathons. Volunteers for the skillathons are responsible for facilitating one of the stations for a species skillathon. A station requires youth to perform a series of tasks to test their knowledge about a subject relating to the species. Facilitators are not required to have broad experience or knowledge about the species; however, we are seeking volunteers who enjoy working with youth from ages 9 to 18 years old and have some knowledge about animals.

Attached you will find a response form with the dates and times of the skillathons. Please complete the form and respond to this email by **Friday, June 13th**. If you agree to volunteer, we will send a follow-up letter in July with parking and entry passes, as well as additional facilitator information. The form is an Adobe Acrobat fillable form. If you have Adobe Reader, open the document, enter the information and save document as PDF file with your last name and the year (example: smith.2014.pdf). If you do not have Adobe Reader and would like to send form electronically, as aforementioned, it is a free download at <http://get2.adobe.com/reader/>; otherwise you can print the form out blank. Using a blue or black ink pen, fill out the form and mail, fax, or scan into PDF and attach to email back to Dr. Kuber or Dr. Miller. An address and fax number are included at the bottom of the form.

Dr. Paul Kuber and Dr. Lucinda Miller will be providing the overall leadership for the livestock youth activities at the 2014 Ohio State Fair. If you have any questions, contact Paul at 614.247.8305, kuber.2@osu.edu or Lucinda at 614.292.7453, miller.78@osu.edu. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Dr. Paul Kuber

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Attachment: Skillathon Facilitator Response Form

Cc: Skillathon Superintendents