

2014 and 2015 North Central Region 4-H Salute to Excellence Award Winners

Congratulations to each of these outstanding volunteers!

Volunteer of the Year Award

(10 years of service or less)



**Angela Baumer, Ohio,
2014**

Ohio is proud to recognize Angela Baumer, of Celina, Ohio, as the 2014 North Central Region Salute to Excellence 4-H Volunteer of the Year. Angela has served as 4-H Volunteer with both Mercer County and Auglaize County.

Angela serves as Cloverbud Advisor, 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor, and Living History Coordinator. She is active in 4-H Camp, with the livestock sale buyer meal, and works with the Ohio CARTeen program.

Thank you, Angela, for your continued service to the 4-H Program!

Jeremy Smith of LaPorte County, Indiana, is the 2015 North Central Region Salute to Excellence award recipient in the category of Volunteer of the Year. Jeremy has volunteered for 8 years in LaPorte County, working with the 4-H Shooting Sports program. Jeremy serves as the coordinator for this program which has seen growth from 50 members to nearly 170.

This quote was included in one of Jeremy's recommendation letters: "He has the ability to play both sides of a situation that supports problem solving, gain an appreciation for long term results of decision making, good or bad. Finds a way to see the glass always more than half full with positive reinforcement. He always supports the leaders to behave the same way. This in return always fosters a positive environment with everyone."

Congratulations, Jeremy!



**Jeremy Smith, Indiana,
2015**

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award

(more than 10 years of service)



**Keith Waddelow,
Indiana, 2014**

Congratulations to Keith Waddelow of Greentown, Indiana. He is the 2014 North Central Region Salute to Excellence award recipient in the category of Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer. Keith has volunteered for 25 years in Howard County, working with the Mini 4-H program and Horse & Pony Club among others. Keith has served two terms as President of the 4-H Exhibit Association and has served as the chair of the awards committee. He holds numerous other volunteer roles in addition to those in 4-H.

A quote from one of his nominators reads, "Keith is a patient, caring volunteer with our Mini-4-H members. He insures that everyone gets a chance to participate, explains in simple terms what is involved with their projects and how the judging at the fair works, and makes sure that their meetings are fun and informative. It is easy to tell that he enjoys working with them. And they enjoy him right back."

Congratulations, Keith!

Barb Determan of Sac County, Iowa, is the 2015 North Central Region Salute to Excellence award recipient in the category of Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award.

Barb was a 9 year 4-H member in Illinois and has continued to give back to the Iowa 4-H program for 32 years as 4-H leader of the Early Achievers 4-H club in Sac County, initial member of the Sac County 4-H endowment, and trustee on the Iowa 4-H foundation. Her passion is helping young people develop their communication, leadership and community involvement citizenship projects that benefit their communities and schools. Barb encourages 4-H members to explore leadership opportunities beyond their club and participate in state and national 4-H activities. 4-H members, families, parents and leaders describe Barb as their leader, mentor, coach, supporter and team builder.

One Sac county participant summed up Barb's 4-H passion with this quote: "Many others have discovered their love for 4-H, thanks to Barb".

Barb also volunteers for State Fair set-up, encourages youth to participate and judges communication events. She truly makes the best better for 4-H members and families.



**Barbara Determan,
Iowa, 2015**