SPONSOR: Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation
Camps are open to Ohio students interested in science, food and a variety of ag careers. Students must be a high school freshman, sophomore or junior.

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM:
Why and who should attend
With an ever growing population and concerns over food security, there is a need for a workforce of talented young scientists who are able to think critically about the issues associated with providing safe, economical, and aesthetically pleasing food and fiber. This one of a kind STEM camp will engage students in the various careers in science, engineering and technology in the food, fuel, and fiber industry that will be needed to face our world’s challenges. Through hands-on tours and activities in state-of-the-art laboratories, campers will get a unique look at what careers in STEM can entail. Days will be filled with learning from the top agricultural science companies and researchers at Ohio State and Central State Universities. Campers will have the opportunity to network with leaders in the industry while gaining a new perspective on the variety of careers available to them in Ohio related to food, fuel, and fiber production. At the end of each day, counselors will lead the students in leadership development activities and programs to show them how to prepare for college and their future careers.

This action packed week will be highlighted each day with a field trip to a different agricultural/food business (i.e. Smuckers, Mohican State Park, Select Sires) followed by an interactive, on-campus lab activity (i.e. food science, greenhouses, meat lab). Students will be challenged through various activities to discuss current scientific issues facing Ohio and the world. Daily activities will engage them as they critically think through such issues.

DATES OF WEEKEND CAMPS:
July 9-11 - Central State University
July 16-18 - OSU Main Campus
September 10-12 - University of Findlay

COST FOR CAMPS: Free
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
June 28th

REGISTRATION:
go.osu.edu/exploreagcamp
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
One reference that is not a friend or family member
TENTATIVE AGENDA/PROGRAMMING

Friday
5:00 p.m.  Registration
6:00 p.m.  Dinner
7:00 p.m.  Leadership Activities

Saturday
9:00 a.m.  Tour - Equine facility
12:00 a.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m.  Tour - Soil Science Lab
3:00 p.m.  Food Science Tour/Activity
5:00 p.m.  Professional Development
6:30 p.m.  Dinner
7:30 p.m.  Evening Activities

Sunday
9:00 a.m.  Dairy Farm Tour
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Blanchard River Demo Farms
3:00 p.m.  Camp Celebration
4:00 p.m.  Adjournment

**This is sample schedule that is subject to change based on site university**

STUDENT COMMENTS:

“My favorite part of camp was meeting new people and exploring different agricultural jobs.”
-Lauren K

“I liked getting to see every aspect of some ag careers. From hands-on lab to testing to hearing perspective to getting to see equipment. Every part was interesting and gave me a taste of ag careers.” -Charley P

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