

Save The Date!

For the Northwest Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Districts'

Woodland and Wildlife Family Festival



Saturday, May 21st, 2016

4-H Camp Palmer, Fayette Ohio

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Featured Demonstrations and Vendors

Bees

**Pheasants Forever
Division of Wildlife
Division of Forestry
Portable Sawmill**

**Kids
Activities**

**Fun for
All Ages**

4-H Camp Palmer 5K Walk/Run at 9 a.m.

Food and Drinks Available

Zipline- \$1 per zip

Log Roll in Pool \$5 per try- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

50/50 Drawing at 1:30 p.m. *Must be Present to Win*

Door Prizes

Sponsored by Northwest Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Districts

4-H Camp Palmer 26450 County Rd Mn, Fayette, OH 43521

2015 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Award: Byron Gary Kusian Family Farm

The Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service are proud to present the 2015 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Award to the Byron Gary Kusian Family Farm. The Kusians have worked with the NRCS to enroll parts of their family farm into the Wetland Restoration Practice and the Field Windbreak Program. The enrolled windbreak stretches across 4.9 acres or 17,930 row feet and contains a diverse mix of trees: red cedar, Norway spruce, bald cypress, and pin oak. Among the trees are shrub species that will attract wildlife: silky dogwood, black chokeberry, American plum, and Sargent crabapple.

The wetland restoration converted 20.4 acres from cropland to wetland, including 5 acres of dugout water area, 2 acres of annuals planted as a wildlife food plot, and an upland prairies of warm season grasses. Working with the NRCS technician, son Brian Kusian did all the excavation and other restoration practices himself. He also reached out to another conservation organization, Pheasants Forever, to do the warm season grass seedings.



~ Congratulations on a job well done! ~