

# National 4-H Hall of Fame 2016

## Ohio



### **Marvin Olinsky**

**CEO, Five Rivers MetroParks (ret.), sculpture artist  
& community volunteer**

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Nominated by: Ohio 4-H

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### **Major 4-H Accomplishments:**

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Marvin's biggest contribution to Ohio 4-H was his commitment to disadvantaged youth in Dayton. The highlight of his career was envisioning and developing Adventure Central, a three way partnership with FRMP, Ohio State University Extension, and 4-H Youth Development that has existed for 15 years. This nature oriented education center in Dayton serves youth ages 5-18. Focus includes after-school programs, activity nights, day and overnight camps, plus parent/family programs. Participants connect with nature in a positive context with a goal of creating caring, capable, and contributing citizens of the future, incorporating the 8 Key Elements to Positive Youth Development. He was inducted into the Presidents Club Citizen Legion of Honor.

### **Quote:**

These are quotes that Marvin uses regularly:

- Never compromise your ethics, values or morals.

- Do a great job and tell everyone that someone else did it.

- While traveling down the highway of life, if there is an obstacle in the middle of the road like a large boulder that you can't go through, simply go around it.

- The only person that likes change is a baby with a wet diaper.

- You must become a friend before you can expect to have a friend.



Marvin as Chris Clover at the 2015 Leadership Washington Focus conference at the National 4-H Center.



Marvin in his studio.



Marvin at Adventure Central with a few 4-H members.