

# Clover Creations

Huron County 4-H Newsletter

January/February 2025

Dear 4-H Families,

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Happy New Year, 4-H Families!

As we step into 2025, we're excited to kick off another year of learning, leadership, and fun in 4-H. A new year brings new opportunities to set goals, explore projects, and connect with fellow members. Whether you're returning to 4-H or joining us for the first time, we're thrilled to have you as part of our community.

This year is particularly special as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Camp Conger! Stay tuned for exciting events and activities that honor this incredible milestone while building memories for the next generation of campers.

In this edition of the newsletter, you'll find important updates, key deadlines, and upcoming events to help you plan for a successful start to the year. From enrollment information to training dates, we've got everything you need to know to stay on track.

Thank you for your dedication to 4-H and for making a difference in your community. Let's make 2025 a year to remember!

Sincerely,

Haley Palmer  
Extension Educator  
4-H Youth Development

### January.

- 3-4 OFMA Junior Fair Conference
- 7 Camp Counselor Training, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 9 Senior Fair Board, fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 CARTEENS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 15 Market Beef Bred, Born & Raised Forms Due
- 15 State Fair Jr. Market Beef DNA Packets Due
- 15 Annual Volunteer Training, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 16 Junior Fair Board, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Office Closed
- 22 Horse Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 4-H Committee, 5:30 p.m., Zoom
- 24 State Achievement Awards Due
- 27 Camp Counselor Training, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 28 Annual Volunteer Training, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- 31 ENROLLMENT PACKETS READY
- 31 Club Financial Summary's Due
- 31 Club Tax Exempt Forms Due

### February

- 6 Senior Fair Board, fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Ohio 4-H Conference Registration Due
- 8 Annual Volunteer Training, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- 8 New Volunteer Orientation, 11:30 a.m.
- 11 CARTEENS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 12 Camp Counselor Training, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 15 Fingerprint Rescreening Deadline  
(New Volunteers have until April 1)
- 15 Ohio 4-H Scholarship Deadline
- 17 President's Day, Building Closed
- 19 Annual Volunteer Training, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 20 Junior Fair Board, 7:00 p.m.
- 22-23 Making Extreme Counselors Workshop

*Failure to read and understand provided information is not an acceptable reason for unmet deadlines or requirements. Please ask clarifying questions.*



# Volunteer & Club Reminders:

## Approval Process for New 4-H Volunteers

All new 4-H volunteers must complete the approval process before beginning their volunteer service. 4-H volunteers include club advisors, Junior Fair superintendents and others who might have “care, custody or control” of 4-H members.

Huron County 4-H will accept new volunteers from November 1, 2024 – April 1, 2025. **New volunteers must have everything completed by April 1.** After April 1, 2025, the prospective volunteer will have to wait until November 1, 2025, to apply and go through the process. This process includes

1. New Volunteer Application
2. Review References on Application
3. Interview with 4-H Educator
4. Fingerprint Background Check
5. Attend New Volunteer Training
6. Attend Annual Volunteer Training
7. Receiving denial or approval letter

To start the new volunteer process please fill out a new volunteer application:

<https://go.osu.edu/huroncountynewvolunteerapplication>

## Annual Volunteer Training Requirements

Returning Volunteers must complete one of the below 2 hour sessions of annual training. These two hours include a 30 minute competency. Volunteers may choose the competency that fits their volunteer needs. Cloverbud volunteer training is offered as a competency. Training also includes 30 minutes of

Youth Activity and Program Policy and 1 hour of county updates.

New Volunteer Applicants must complete one of the 2 hour sessions of annual training plus 1 hour of New Volunteer Orientation.

### **Wednesday, January 15th 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Managing 4-H & OSU Policies, and Parents, Youth Activity and Program Policy Training, and County Updates (Haley Palmer)

Huron County Administration Building, Basement Meeting Room

### **Tuesday, January 28th 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Managing 4-H & OSU Policies, and Parents, Youth Activity and Program Policy Training, and County Updates (Haley Palmer)

Huron County Administration Building, Basement Meeting Room

### **Saturday, February 8th 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Managing 4-H & OSU Policies, and Parents or Cloverbuds (offered as a breakout room during the competency portion), Youth Activity and Program Policy Training, and County Updates (Mary Jude & Haley Palmer)

Huron County Administration Building, Basement Meeting Room

### **New Volunteer Orientation 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Huron County Administration Building, Basement Meeting Room

### **Wednesday, February 19th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Communication, Youth Activity and Program Policy Training, and County Update (Mary Jude)

### **Monday, March 10th 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Communication or Cloverbuds (offered as a breakout room during the competency portion),

Youth Activity and Program Policy Training, and County Updates (Mary Jude & Haley Palmer)

### **New Volunteer Orientation 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Huron County Administration Building,

**All Volunteer Training Must be completed, or you will be removed as a Huron County 4-H Volunteer for the 2025 year and will have to reapply and get a new background check to return.**

## New Cloverbud Advisors Need Special Training



All new Cloverbud advisors must attend a training program. The program is designed to prepare advisors to work with kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade members using the Cloverbud curriculum or similar materials in a non-competitive, activity-based environment.

PLEASE NOTE: New 4-H advisors planning to work with Cloverbuds must complete the new volunteer approval process as well as participate in a Cloverbud advisors training program. Current advisors planning to switch to Cloverbuds must attend a Cloverbud training program, but do not need to repeat the approval process.

Cloverbud advisor training programs are held as a break out session during the competency portion of two of the annual volunteer trainings (February 8 or March 10).



## Volunteer Rescreening Cost to be Paid by OSU



Part of OSU Youth Activities and Programs Policy, requires all 4-H volunteers to be rescreened (BCI fingerprint background check) every four years. All current volunteers should have been fingerprinted for 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024. Those who need to be fingerprinted by February 15,

2025, for the 2025 4-H year must turn in their receipt to be reimbursed.

New 4-H volunteers must have a BCI fingerprint background check as part of the volunteer screening process. They may have their fingerprints taken at any time during the selection process. New volunteers are also eligible for reimbursement. A simple reimbursement form must be signed and turned in with the receipt. New Volunteers have until April 1.

The BCI background check is mandatory. No one may remain a 4-H volunteer who does not complete a required background check. Again, you must notify the Extension Office when you complete your BCI.

## Start (re)Enrolling on 4-H Online!

All 4-H volunteers and 4-H members must (re)enroll in 4-H Online. You may start to enroll at <http://v2.4honline.com>.

The sooner, the better. Returning members and volunteers, log in with your family email. If you forget your log in information, please call the extension office. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE**, as this messes up our system. New volunteers and members will need to create a new profile.

## Ohio 4-H Project Guide



Ohio 4-H Project Guides are being mailed in January to all returning 4-H Family. New families can get their project guides when the advisor's pick up their enrollment packet. In the meantime, the electronic project guide can be accessed here:

[https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Resources/books\\_resources/1000-Project-Guide-25-2024-1023.pdf](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Resources/books_resources/1000-Project-Guide-25-2024-1023.pdf)

## Download the Huron County 4-H App!

To stay up to date on Huron County 4-H, consider downloading the Huron County 4-H App! The app features a 4-H Calendar, Newsletters, Push Notifications for reminders, and more! Follow the link below to download on the App Store or Google Play:

[https://grandstandsites.com/gs/index.php?c=Huron\\_County\\_4-H](https://grandstandsites.com/gs/index.php?c=Huron_County_4-H)

## Yearly Club Financial Summary & Tax Exempt Forms

Advisors have received an email with instructions and a Yearly Financial Summary form in the mail. This form details beginning (January 1, 2024) and ending (December 31, 2024) balances, as well as income and expenses of the club for 2024. Income and expenses may be grouped into categories, like "dues", "book fees", "cheese sale", etc. Advisors also received a copy of the Club Tax Exempt Form to fill out. Both items are Due January 31. Failure to return the items on time will result in the club being turned off on 4-H Online, and disbanded.

Clubs trying for Honor Club who turned in their books may pick them up at the Extension Office.

## Note to Clubs that Own Club Equipment

If your 4-H club owns equipment, you need to fill out the Club Equipment Inventory form. Club equipment does not include your flag set and gavel, but almost anything else your club owns. Submit the form with your club's yearly financial summary report. The equipment inventory establishes a record of what the club owns. This could be invaluable in a dispute over who actually owns club equipment. All advisors should sign the form. Link to access form:

<https://huron.osu.edu/sites/huron/files/imce/EquipmentInventory.pdf>

## Club Enrollment Procedure for 2025

All 4-H clubs must complete the annual club enrollment process. Items that will be required for 2025:

- Financial Summary Report for 2024– Jan 31
- Tax Exempt Form – Jan 31
- Equipment Inventory – Jan 31
- Club Charter Checklist – May 1
- Planned Program of Work – May 1

Failure to submit the required documents will result in the 4-H Club being turned off on 4-H Online. Club 990 E-postcards will be filed by the Extension Office to meet the IRS annual reporting requirement.

## Project Books available in Extension Office



All 4-H Project books are available for purchase at the extension office.

All clubs must also have a tax exempt form on file with the Extension Office, which was sent out with the club's financial summary form.

Due to tax exempt purposes, books must be purchased in bulk by the club using the bulk order form. Individuals who come in to purchase books must be charged tax.



### Voluntary Membership Fee Becoming Mandatory in 2025



Many clubs supported our 4-H program again this year with a voluntary \$5.00 per member fee or a flat amount donation. These funds are earmarked strictly for 4-H program use and really help to supplement our tight budget. Most of the money goes to program supplies.

In 2025 we will be making the voluntary membership fee mandatory.

What the money will go towards –

- American Income Life Accident Insurance coverage for all 4-H members & clubs
- App Membership Fee
- Program Supplies & Materials
- Miscellaneous 4-H Expenses

### 4-H Leader's Recognition Banquet on March 3

The Huron County 4-H Leader's Recognition Banquet will be held on Monday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m. The 4-H Committee sponsors the banquet each year in recognition of the efforts of our 4-H advisors, Junior Fair Superintendents, and other special friends of 4-H.

Volunteers completing 1, 5, 10, 15, etc. years of service receive special recognition. The youth members of the 4-H Committee have the privilege of presenting the program.

All 4-H advisors and other volunteers are invited as guests of the 4-H Committee. Spouses and other guests must pay the meal fee. An invitation will be sent in early February. Mark the date and plan to attend. This is an enjoyable evening, don't miss it!

### 4-H Project Central is a Tool for 4-H Members

Check out Project Central: [projectcentral.ohio4h.org](http://projectcentral.ohio4h.org).

Project Central allows one to search for projects and resources by title, skill level or topic area. It also has a Project Survey section for members and volunteers to rate projects.

Encourage members and parents to use this tool to evaluate last year's projects and to help them decide in which projects to enroll in 2025.

### Shop 4-H Affiliate Program to Benefit Ohio 4-H

National 4-H Council has initiated a Shop 4-H Affiliate Program. The Ohio 4-H Foundation will receive a 5% commission when customers make a purchase within 30 days of using the Ohio referral link. If making a purchase through Shop 4-H (formerly the 4-H Mall), please log in through [www.ohio4h.org](http://www.ohio4h.org) or [www.huron.osu.edu](http://www.huron.osu.edu).



### Club Secretary & Treasurer Book Audits



All 4-H clubs are typically "audited" at least every four years by a committee created by the Extension Office. The audit looks at the secretary's and treasurer's books to confirm that the club is following proper procedures.

The following items should be checked yearly by the club in a self-audit:

- An accurate treasurer's report is given at every meeting and recorded in the secretary's minutes.
- All club expenditures are approved in the minutes with a motion, second and 2/3 passing vote prior to the money being spent.
- All fund raisers are approved by the club and recorded in the minutes with a motion, second and passing vote prior to beginning the project.
- A summary of all fund raisers is recorded in the minutes at the conclusion of the activity.
- The treasurer's book and secretary's minutes have matching information.

### Ohio 4-H Membership & Age Requirements

Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child's age AND grade as of January 1 of the current calendar year. Eligibility for Cloverbud participation begins when a child is age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten. Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and third grade. Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. Membership requires enrollment in an authorized 4-H club under the direction of an approved adult volunteer. A youth's 4-H eligibility ends December 31 the year they turn 19. Joining 4-H is a privilege and a responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University. There is no flexibility in these state rules.

Please note that in Huron County, FFA members who are still in high school are allowed to exhibit at the fair through FFA, even if they were 19 on January 1.

### Project Book "Loanables" for 2025



Packets of all 4-H project books for clubs to use at meetings when members are deciding in which projects to enroll. Call the Extension Office to reserve the Loanables. The books are in packets based on project areas. Clubs may borrow all or some of the packets. Having the actual project books to look at, along with a Fair Requirements Letter helps members and parents make more informed project choices and increases the chance of a successful project experience.

## We have several new publications for 2025!:

- Swine Resource Handbook
- Swine Project and Record Book
- Local Government Answer the Call
- Be a Sustainability Hero
- Farm to Table to Career
- Exploring Personal Finance (replaces Becoming Money Wise)
- Young Engineers in Space
- Microscope Mysteries
- Self-Determined
  - Aquaponics: Can I Produce My Own Food
  - Digital Citizenship: Being Safe Online
  - Surviving in the Great Outdoors
  - Climate Change (revised)

## Discontinued Projects for 2025:

- Horses, Safety, and You
- The Truth About Tobacco
- Teens on Board
- Your First Home Away from Home
- Getting to Know Your Tractor Discard inventory
- Self-Determined
  - Going Green
  - Local Foods
  - Stay-at-Home Project
  - The Work World is Calling
  - Ways of Knowing Water

## Enrollment Packets Ready on January 31

Advisors may begin picking up club enrollment packets on Friday, January 31. Clubs planning to reorganize prior to that date may pick up the 2025 Project Guide to 4-H to give to new members at any time. Returning members will receive their project guide directly mailed to them from Ohio 4-H.

The packet will include a content list. Please read through the list and distribute the materials in the packet as described. *It is especially important that members have access to fair requirements letters in all project areas they are considering!*

Club enrollment deadlines are as follows:

- April 15 – Honor Club Enrollment Deadline. Clubs trying for Honor Club status in 2025 must have the majority of their enrollments turned in by April 15.
- May 1 – Final Enrollment Deadline. This is the final date to enroll members or change projects. No exceptions.



## 4-H Membership Across County Lines Policy

Youth are expected to affiliate with the 4-H program in their county of residence. OSU Extension programs are typically supported at the local level by taxes, so it makes good sense that a family participates in the county 4-H program that is supported with taxes where they reside. However, there are circumstances in which membership in a county other than where one lives is a practical and reasonable request. For information:

<https://huron.osu.edu/sites/huron/files/imce/Across%20County%20Lines%2011.2024%20fillable.pdf>

## Huron County 4-H Club & Member Rules

1. All 4-H members (Cloverbud and regular) must meet the state 4-H membership grade & age rules.
2. Every 4-H club must have at least 5 members from at least 3 different families.
3. Every club must have two adult volunteer advisors who has completed the selection process. Clubs which accept Cloverbuds must have an approved advisor who has completed Cloverbud advisor training.
4. Each club must have a checking account with two unrelated signers.
5. All 4-H members must enroll in at least one project.
6. There is a \$8.00 per project enrollment fee. The enrollment fee includes one project book, up to \$8.00 in value. Members in the second year of a two-year project may use the same book but must pay \$8.00 to enroll in the project again this year.
7. Each club will conduct at least 8 meetings. Members must attend at least 6 meetings for completion and fair eligibility.
8. Each club should conduct a minimum of one community service project.
9. Every member, Cloverbuds included, should give a demonstration based on their club work.
10. An individual may be enrolled in both 4-H and FFA, but must take different livestock, crops, and floriculture projects in each organization. Market animals and breeding animals of the same species count as different projects. Feeder calves and market beef count as the same project because they are both market cattle. Market beef cattle and dairy beef cattle also count as the same project.
11. All clubs must complete a Yearly Financial Summary by January 31 and annual Charter Checklist (included in club enrollment packets). Clubs must also have an EIN and have adopted the state constitution template. 990e-postcards are due to IRS by May 15<sup>th</sup>, however they will be filed in the clubs' behalf, so this requirement will be met for all clubs.



## Videos to Help Volunteers Teach in the Club

4-H members should be running club meetings, not advisors. A set of videos is available for advisors to use in preparing members for Conducting a Meeting (parliamentary procedure), Giving Demonstrations, and Participating in a Project Interview. Each video contains a “poor” and “good example.” Discussion guides are also included. The videos were made by real 4-H members, including Kris Simpson (4-H advisor and Macie Wilhelm (former 4-H member and Ohio 4-H Ambassador) in the project interviewing video. All resources are posted online and available at <http://go.osu.edu/4HVideosforclubs>.

## Secretary and Treasurer Report Reminders

- An advisor should be designated to work with the secretary and/or treasurer throughout the year.
- There needs to be a treasurer’s report included in the minutes for every meeting. It should follow this format:
  - Beginning Balance (previous ending balance)
  - Income (include source/amount/purpose)
  - Expenses (include vendor/amount/purpose)
  - Ending Balance
- It should be possible to recreate the treasurer’s records from the secretary’s minutes.
- All expenditures of club funds must be approved by a 2/3 vote. This must be a countable vote and the actual count must be recorded in the minutes.
- A summary report from all club fundraisers must be included in the minutes.
- All club business, including fundraisers and community service, needs to be in the minutes with a motion, second and passing vote.
- Use the Record of Club Finances in the Treasurer’s Handbook as a running total of club finances throughout the year. Totaling the income and expense columns at the end of the year provides a double check for the club’s yearly financial summary.
- Each club needs to conduct an internal audit of treasury records before the new officers take over. A report from the Audit Committee should be included in the minutes of the first meeting.

## County Opportunities & Info:

### Older Youth Needed for CARTEENS

Do you have a 4-H member ages 14-18 interested in law enforcement, community safety, or leadership? If so, we’re looking for a few youth to join the Huron County 4-H CARTEENS program! CARTEENS is a peer-led traffic safety program that educates first-time teen traffic offenders on safe driving. It’s a partnership with the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Huron County Juvenile Court, meeting on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Youth volunteers are asked to help at a couple of sessions throughout the year. CARTEENS helps youth build leadership, public speaking, and teamwork skills while connecting with local law enforcement. This is a great opportunity for youth looking to explore a law enforcement career or develop real-world skills. Applications are open until January 31.

For more information, contact me or apply here: [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bwKOlpIS78DBepE](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bwKOlpIS78DBepE)

### Youth 4-H Committee

Huron County 4-H Committee has 2 Youth Member Vacancies Available. The application will remain open until January 15<sup>th</sup>. The link below will bring up the 4-H Committee Youth Member application.

[https://go.osu.edu/2025\\_4-h\\_committee\\_application](https://go.osu.edu/2025_4-h_committee_application)

### Approved Changes for the Jr. Fair in 2025

Below is a list of changes from the Senior Fair Board. More details and explanation will be coming in the requirements letters.

### **Family & Consumer Science**

- Add Lindsay Valentine as Superintendent
- Eliminate Intermediate Class for Modeling
- Move Seeing Through Graphic Arts to Fine Arts
- Move Canning & Freezing to Natural Resources (State Fair guidelines)
  - Exhibitors would enter canned goods into separate classes, mimicking how open class is exhibited.
- Separate mediums for Getting Started with Art into their own class.
  - 1 – Chalk
  - 2 – Carbon
  - 3 – Water Color
  - 4 – Oil



- 5 – Acrylic
- 6 – Clay/Dough
- 7 - Fiber/Fabric
- 8 – Glass
- 9 – Metal
- 10 – Natural Items
- 11 – Leather
- 12 – Paper
- 13 – Wood
- 14 – Plastic
- 15 – Gift Wrapping

#### **Cloverbuds**

- Add Jessi Ward as Superintendent

#### **Vegetable**

- Remove Yearly Specialty Vegetable
  - No one ever takes it
  - We already have the “any other vegetable” class
- Add a class for sweet banana peppers

#### **Goat**

- Combine the Dairy and Pygmy/Fiber/Recreation Goat shows, to start at 9 a.m.
  - Have one set of dairy goat showmanship – junior, intermediate, senior classes
- Dairy market kids must be 100% dairy, final classification on Sunday of the fair by appointed committee. Goats appearing to be crossbred to non-dairy breeds will exhibit as a meat market kid.
- Add Amber Whaley, Nate Whaley, and Pressley Buurma as Superintendents

#### **Meat Goats**

- Move showmanship first in the meat goat show, then proceed with does

#### **Beef**

- Add Lori Gates as a superintendent, Megan Riley stepping down as superintendent
- Dairy and dairy cross steers can now participate in the carcass program. Dairy and dairy cross carcass steer exhibitors must secure a buyer for the carcass and cover processing costs.

#### **Swine**

- Remove 1 year experience restriction on barrow carcass program

- Change market hogs weight range: 210 - 290, to follow the state fair minimum
- Add Sarah Hunker and Lane Secor as superintendents, BJ Kimberlin stepping down

#### **Sheep**

- Market Lamb upper weight limit of 175 lbs.

#### **Turkey**

- No changes

#### **Poultry**

- Allow kids to take chickens home and stay the entire.
  - The committee is ok with kids being told that they have to take them home, as long as they are aware when they sign up for the project.
- Add Tiffany Green and Alyssa Petersen, Jeff Karcher stepping down as superintendent

#### **Horses**

- Allow members to bring 2 Equine to the fair, but can't go over available stalls
- Move horse check in at the fair from 1:00-2:00 to 8:00-1:00
  - To make it easier for members that have other livestock projects.
- Remove Discipline classes (Jr., Int., Sr., Walk-Trot)
- Add a Dream Team class (see attached proposal)
- Add Jr. and Sr. Groom and Clean classes
  - No ribbons or trophies would be purchased by the Fair Board.
  - Prizes would be equipment donated by Tack N More
- Add Jr., Int., and Sr. Ranch Trail classes
  - There is currently no trail class option for kids showing Ranch
  - State Fair has added Ranch trail classes

#### **Rabbits**

- Breeding Rabbit Projects will be required to attend Quality Assurance

#### **Pet Care**

- Add pet rabbit project



## General Changes:

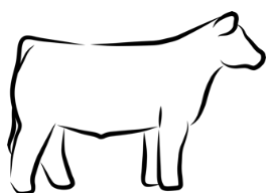
- Make all of the premiums consistent – \$5, \$4, \$3, \$2
- Raise the clean pen award to \$10

## December Market Beef Weigh-in and Tagging

The annual Junior Fair Market Beef Weigh-in and tagging was held on Saturday, December 7 at the fairgrounds. 64 head were tagged, compared to 57 tagged last year.

All market beef which will be shown at the 2025 Huron County Jr. Fair must have been tagged on December 7 or submitted Identification to 4HOnline. Exhibitors with beef steers or heifers that are eligible for the Bred, Born and Raised in Huron County division must turn in a qualification form by January 15.

## Market Beef Bred, Born & Raised (BBR) Forms



Market Beef BBR forms were distributed at weigh-in and tagging on December 7. The forms are due in the Extension Office by January 15. The form must be signed by the breeder. Submitting the form by the

deadline allows the steer or heifer to be shown in the BBR division at the fair. However, the exhibitor has the option of showing in the commercial division. All forms will be confirmed by the Huron County Cattlemen's Association, who conducts the program. Rules for the Bred, Born & Raised program may be viewed at [www.huroncountycattlemen.com](http://www.huroncountycattlemen.com).

## Market Beef State Fair DNA Kits Due by January 15

All market cattle that might be exhibited in the Ohio State Fair Junior Market Beef show must have an EID tag. DNA sample and information kit must be turned in to the State Fair Livestock Office by January 15. Ohio State Fair entries are due by June 21.

## Barrow Carcass Applications Due May 1

Hog exhibitors are invited to apply for the 2025 Huron County Junior Fair Barrow Carcass program. The deadline for applications is May 1. You no longer have to have 1 year of experience showing swine to participate!

## Livestock Ownership & Identification Requirements

The date for livestock ownership is May 15 for all species except meat chickens.

All feeder calves (beef, dairy, and dairy cross) must be brought to the fairgrounds on May 17 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Market rabbits must be tattooed on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, from 7:00-7:30 p.m. All animals must have identification on 4HOnline by their perspective date.

## State & National Opportunities:

### Backyard Poultry Certificate Course

Backyard Poultry Certification Course. This course is perfect for urban residents who needed this to be able to legally keep poultry in their city or for those interested thanks to the uptick in Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. It contains 6 modules as a self-paced course to learn about husbandry, nutrition, biosecurity, egg production, and disease prevention in backyard poultry. Go to the link below to access the course which costs \$25.

<https://cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/backyard-poultry-certificate-course>

### Ohio Backyard Flock Biosecurity Webinar

Join Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, Ohio Poultry Association, and Ohio State University Extension for an update on HPAI and biosecurity tips to keep your flock safe.

January 15, 2025, at 12:00pm.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_TwdkYULoTduIIPe0Logf7g#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TwdkYULoTduIIPe0Logf7g#/registration)

### Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification



Huron County currently does not have a shooting sports program. In order to offer shooting sports projects, we need certified instructors and a certified location to host the program. A Shooting Sports Instructor certification workshop will be held at

Canter's Cave in April. Interested adults may be certified in one discipline during the workshop: Archery, Crossbow, Shotgun, Rifle, Living History, Pistol, or Hunting & Wildlife. All participants must be approved 4-H volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor who is not already an approved volunteer must contact Haley at the Extension Office immediately. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

An additional 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop will be held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in the fall.

### State 4-H Award Applications Due January 24



Older 4-H members who interested in applying for State Achievement Awards, State Junior Fair Board, etc. must submit their completed applications by January 24.

<https://huron.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/older-youth-opportunities>

Ohio 4-H Scholarship application must be completed online by February 15. For more information: <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>





### [Columbus Blue Jackets & Ohio 4-H](#)

What: A fun, family night for 4-H at the Columbus Blue Jackets (CBJ vs Buffalo Sabres). A portion of tickets sold will go to the Ohio 4-H program. This year we will have a pre-game meeting space in the arena (with appetizers) and an opportunity to take a post-game group picture on the ice. More details will be shared with those who purchase tickets.

Who: This event will be marketed to all Ohio 4-H families (all 4-H professionals, donors/supporters, alumni, volunteers, members, and families).

When: Sunday, March 3 at 7pm.

Where: Nationwide Arena in Columbus, OH.

How: <http://bluejackets.spinzo.com/cbj-vs-seattle-kraken-2023-03-03-THUGK?group=4h-foundation-fundraiser-yn86>

Cost: \$41 - \$69

Why/Purpose of the Event:

**Raise money** for Ohio 4-H. A portion of the ticket sales (purchased on the website) will come back to Ohio 4-H.

**Provide a unique event** for 4-H alumni and current 4-H families.



### [4-H License Plates Available in Ohio](#)

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) is offering a specialty license plate dedicated to Ohio 4-H Youth Development. A portion of the annual plate fees collected from 4-H specialty plates is given directly to Ohio 4-H and is earmarked for 4-H programming.



### [Ohio 4-H Week Celebrated March 2-8](#)

Consider planning a club activity during Ohio 4-H Week. See if your members can come up with some creative ways to highlight 4-H in your community or at school. Believe it or not, not everyone in Huron County knows about or appreciates 4-H. We need to keep 4-H in the public eye!

### [Buckeye Leadership Workshop on March 26-30](#)

Buckeye Leadership Workshop (BLW) is a recreational leadership workshop held March 26-30 at Recreation Unlimited (about 30 miles north of Columbus). The cost is \$390. Participants must be in high school or older, adults welcome! Partial scholarships are available. Go to [www.buckeyeleadership.com](http://www.buckeyeleadership.com) for more information.

### [Ohio 4-H Conference on Saturday, March 8](#)

The Ohio 4-H Conference will take place at the Columbus Convention Center on Saturday, March 8. This event is designed to bring together 4-H volunteers and teens from across the State of Ohio. There will be nearly 150 sessions from which to choose. The cost is \$40. Carpools will be arranged. Registration deadline is February 7.



### [4-H/FFA Hockey Night on Thursday, February 27th](#)

**Ohio 4-H & FFA Hockey Night**, happening on **Thursday, February 27, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM**. Registration closes on **February 20**.

This event is a wonderful chance for groups to:

- **Explore CFAES:** Take a guided tour of classrooms, labs, and facilities.
- **Engage with Faculty and Students:** Meet academic staff and student leaders, discover CFAES majors and student organizations, and participate in a fun careers game to win prizes!

Groups are welcome to bring dinner to enjoy on campus before attending the hockey game against Michigan at 8 PM.

**Space is limited, so register early!** Use the following link to sign up: **[Register Now!](#)**

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact CFAES Undergraduate Admissions at [stein.575@osu.edu](mailto:stein.575@osu.edu) or 614-247-6685.

### [Mike Rowe Work Ethic Certification Virtual Training](#)

Open to all Ohio high school youth.

Dates: Every Monday and Wednesday from April 22 - May 8

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

*Must be able to attend all sessions.*

[Click here to register.](#)

*Registration is due April 12. Limited to 20 participants.*

Learn more at <http://go.osu.edu/mrworkethic>

### [Ohio Beef Youth Council](#)

OBYC is a youth education initiative serving the youth of Ohio and investing in the next generation of beef industry leaders. Funded by the Beef Checkoff and OCA, it provides youth with the tools to become more effective industry leaders and inspires them to continue their engagement in Ohio's beef industry as adults.

Open to all youth ages 8-21, parents welcome

9 a.m. - Registration Opens

10 a.m. - Ohio Beef Youth Council Launch & Agriculture Professionals Panel

12 p.m. - Complimentary Luncheon hosted by the Ohio Beef Council

<https://www.ohiocattle.org/>



### Firelands Electric – 2025 Youth Tour to D.C.

Each year, Firelands Electric Cooperative sponsors up to two high school sophomores or juniors on an all-expenses-paid trip to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C., as part of the annual Youth Tour. Firelands, in cooperation with Ohio's Electric Cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (NRECA), offers this unique opportunity to students who live in a home receiving their electricity from the cooperative. Selected delegates will travel to our nation's capital with students and chaperones from co-ops throughout the state of Ohio. Once in the nation's capital, they will be joined by students from across the country. Participants have the opportunity to meet congressional and government leaders, visit historical sites, and make lifelong friends.



Applications for the 2025 Youth Tour, which is scheduled for June 15-21, 2025, are now open. Sophomores and juniors who reside in a home receiving its power from Firelands Electric are eligible to apply. (To see a map of our territory, visit [www.firelandsec.com/service-territory](http://www.firelandsec.com/service-territory).)

Additional information and a downloadable application are available on Firelands Electric website at [www.firelandsec.com/youth-tour-experience](http://www.firelandsec.com/youth-tour-experience).

All Youth Tour applications must be received in the Firelands Electric Cooperative office by 4 p.m. on January 17, 2025.

### Ohio 4-H SparkEXPO

This exciting new opportunity allows youth to explore a variety of career and educational opportunities in sessions at Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Attendees will get the chance to develop valuable skills, make new friends, and fuel individual growth! They'll even get to experience The Ohio State University Campus, too. Open to all Ohio youth.

**WHEN:** June 11-14, 2025

**WHERE:** Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210 on the OSU Columbus campus

**COST:** Thanks to generous financial support from the Ohio 4-H Foundation and others, the registration fee is \$75. Registration is not available quite yet, but I do want to ask for your help! **If you are interested in this experience please contact Haley by January 9.**

Learn more: <http://go.osu.edu/4Hsparkexpo>.

### BuckeyeNEXT

BuckeyeNext provides a clearly defined pathways of 4-H community club, project-specific, events and programs available for Ohio young people. Built like a game, the program is fun, engaging, and impactful. It gives youth a way to easily identify the opportunities available through Ohio 4-H, organized their categories of participation, and track their cumulative progress in real-time. Youth can learn more about the app at <http://go.osu.edu/buckeyenext>

You can also opt-in for an account by completing the following form: <https://go.osu.edu/buckeyenextoptin>

### YOUScience

YouScience helps our students chart their path from 'I don't know' to post-secondary pursuits and career confidence and success. By completing a series of fun and engaging 'brain-games,' students learn where their natural strengths are and how they can leverage their strengths in post-secondary pursuits and beyond. YouScience combines decades of rigorous scientific research and cutting-edge matching algorithms to uniquely identify the intersection of your students' strengths, passions, and future opportunities. Learn more: <https://go.osu.edu/4hyouscience>

Youth can request access at <https://go.osu.edu/youscienceoptin>.





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