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Huron County 4-H Volunteer Newsletter

March/April 2024

Dear 4-H Families,

Celebrate Ohio 4-H Week with Us!

Join us March 3-9, 2024, for a week of celebration as we recognize our members, volunteers, professionals, and supporters who bring Huron County 4-H programming to life. Starting Sunday, March 3, we invite our 4-H families, alumni, and friends to join us in our daily social media challenges.

This year, we have daily themes:

Sunday: give a shout-out to a fantastic 4-H volunteer
 Monday: encourage someone in the community to get their family involved in 4-H
 Tuesday: wear your 4-H green with pride
 Wednesday: tell us why you give to 4-H
 Thursday: let us know who you're thankful for in Ohio 4-H
 Friday: share your favorite things about 4-H with us
 Saturday: celebrate 4-H making the best better by letting us know why you love 4-H

Completing your online enrollment for the 2024 4-H program year is another way you can get in the spirit of Ohio 4-H Week! Through 4-H, youth participate in hands-on, experiential learning activities that help them grow into caring, competent, confident leaders of tomorrow, all while having fun and forming friendships that will last a lifetime!

Sincerely,

Haley Palmer
 Extension Educator
 4-H Youth Development



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

March

- 3-9 Ohio 4-H Week
- 4 Leader's Banquet, Expo Building, 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Livestock & Livestock Sale Education/Q&A, 7 p.m.
- 6 Livestock & Livestock Sale Education/Q&A, 12 p.m.
- 7 Senior Fair Board, fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Ohio 4-H Conference
- 12 Annual Volunteer Training, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 12 New Volunteer Orientation, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- 12 CARTEENS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 13 Camp Counselor Training, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 14 Camp Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 14-17 Ohio Beef Expo, OH Expo Center, Columbus
- 19 Photography Clinic, Secretary's Office, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Annual Volunteer Training, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 21 Junior Fair Board, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Officer's Conference, Norwalk Middle school, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Horse Council, 7:00 p.m.
- 27-30 Spring Dairy Expo, OH Expo Center, Columbus
- 28 State Dairy Judging at Spring Dairy Expo
- 28 Quality Assurance, New London, 7:00 p.m.

April

- 1 ACROSS COUNTY LINES REQUEST DEADLINE
- 1 Kevin Zimmerman Memorial 4-H Scholarship Due
- 1 New Volunteer Process Completion Deadline
- 1 Dog Possession Deadline
- 2 Camp Counselor Training, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 3 Rabbit Clinic, "Basics, Breeds, Housing", 7 p.m.
- 4 Senior Fair Board, fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 CARTEENS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 10 Quality Assurance, Admin Building, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 4-H Still Project Open House 6-8:00 p.m., Expo
- 11-14 Ohio Equine Affair, OH Expo Center, Columbus
- 13 Ohio Youth Poultry Clinic, Wooster
- 15 Self Determined Project Plan Deadline
- 15 Honor Club Enrollment Deadline
- 15 Gary W. Bauer Memorial 4-H Scholarship Deadline
- 16 Quality Assurance, Willard 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Junior Fair Board, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- 20 Dairy Palooza, Canfield Fair, Mahoning County
- 25 Camp Counselors, Camp Conger, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 24 Rabbit Clinic, "Health Issues", 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Horse Etiquette & EquiSTEP Clinic, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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 starting on November 1, 2023. **The new volunteer completion deadline is April 1.**

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 (formerly known as Policy 1.50) and 1 hour of county updates. There will no longer be an Advisor’s Conference or updates given at Officer’s Training.

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

Tuesday, March 12th 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Fair Entry 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 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Huron County Administration Building, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, **cannot guarantee elevator will be in operation**

Thursday, March 21st 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Member Recruitment and Retention, Youth Activity and Program Policy Training, and County Updates (Mary Jude)
Huron County Administration Building, Basement Meeting Room

Please RSVP at: go.osu.edu/huronvolunteertraining

All Volunteer Training Must be completed or you will be removed as a Huron County 4-H Volunteer for the 2024.

Ohio 4-H Volunteer Handbook Available Online

The Ohio 4-H Volunteer Handbook is online at www.go.osu.edu/4-Hvolunteerhandbook. Please note that the address is case sensitive and requires a capital “H”. The book may be viewed online (with live links) or printed. It contains a wealth of information for 4-H volunteers. Click on the picture of the handbook to view the content.



2024 Club Enrollment Requirements

State requirements for all 4-H clubs in Ohio include:

- Adopting the constitution for 4-H clubs provided by the state and agreeing to be part of the OH 4-H General Exemption number. (All clubs have met this requirement).
- Filing a Financial Summary by January 31 each year.
- Completing and signing a Charter Checklist annually due May 1
- File a 990N e-Postcard with the IRS. (This will be completed in the Extension Office).

4-H Member and Advisor Health History Forms



Using health forms is part of risk management for 4-H activities. Good risk management requires health forms for each member and advisor be on hand whenever the club meets. Cloverbud advisors should have Cloverbud member’s forms. Health information must be treated confidentially. Forms are available on the website or can be picked up at the Extension Office. NOTE: The member’s health form requires a picture of the member. This is strictly for use in an emergency if the child disappears or something bad happens. Photos provide law enforcement with instant access to a picture to use in their investigation or to issue an Amber Alert.

All advisors should also fill out a health form to be filed with the member’s health forms and be accessible whenever the club meets. This provides the club with emergency information if something should happen to an advisor during a club meeting, event, or activity.

Project Book “Loanables” for 2024

Packets of all 4-H project books are available 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 venture.

Congratulations to 2023 Honor Clubs

The following clubs achieved Honor Club status in 2023: Rumblin Riders. The following are Top Honor Clubs for 2023: Ridgefield County Kids.

Set a Club Goal to be an Honor Club in 2024

The Honor Club program recognizes clubs that have a well-rounded, effective club program. Points are awarded based on club performance in a variety of areas. Most clubs are already doing the requirements on the Honor Club Score Sheet. Discuss with your club areas of strength and weakness based on the score sheet. Clubs must earn at least 85 out of 100 points to achieve Honor Club status. Target areas to improve and set a club goal to become an Honor Club in 2024!

The majority of your club must be enrolled by April 15 for Honor Club points. You may still add or drop members and add or drop projects prior to May 1 with no penalty. Points are also earned for turning in a copy of your club program for the year by May 1.

4-H Committee Membership

The Huron County 4-H Committee is our county 4-H advisory group. They support and help improve our county program. Membership is comprised of eight 4-H advisors and four youth representatives.

Four advisors are elected each year at the Leader's Banquet for two-year staggered terms. Members elected last year include Cady VerBurg, Rachel Rathburn, Robyn Rogers, and Rachel Caudill. Advisors whose terms are ending this year are Amy Palm, Bobbie Richardson, Meghan Chaffee, and Laurie Ruess. ALL advisors are welcome and encouraged to run for 4-H Committee.

Four older youth are selected each year from applications as 4-H Committee members. The youth representatives for 2024 are Daniel Green, Garrett Shepherd, Lily Gerber, and Chloe Hazelwood.

Ohio 4-H Project Central

Ohio 4-H Project Central is a useful tool to search for new and different projects to take, to learn about projects and what other people think about them, and to rate projects you have already taken and share your feedback. Go to www.ohio4h.org/projectcentral and check it out!



Project Books available in Extension Office

All 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.

JOANN Promotion

Believe it is or not, it is time for another JOANN promotion. National 4-H has developed a partnership with the company JOANN and does a campaign each spring to help raise money for 4-H. Visit: <https://www.joann.com/4-h/> for more information and to donate.

\$5.00 Voluntary Membership Fee Very Important

The \$5.00 per member voluntary member fee or a lump sum donation from each club is still very important to maintain 4-H programming. As you set your budget for this year, please suggest donating to OSU Extension to your members. Remember, all motions to spend club money must be approved with a 2/3 majority vote.

This will become a mandatory \$5 membership fee in 2025.

What the money will go towards –

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

The Do's and Don'ts of Fund Raising

- 4-H clubs cannot hold raffles, bingo games or games of chance.
- Keep fund raising to a minimum.
- Don't hold a fund raiser just for the sake of raising money. Have plans for what the club will do with the money raised.
- Those who raise the money should benefit from the money. Follow through with plans every year.
- A receipt should be written to the member/family EVERY time money is turned in. Copies of the receipts should be attached to the deposit slip when the money is deposited in the club account.
- Checks should be written to the club.
- Clubs CANNOT use money they raise to support any political cause.
- Clubs CANNOT purchase raffle, bingo, or games of chance tickets.
- Clubs CANNOT give money directly to members.
 - Cannot give each member \$20 to spend at the fair but can vote to use club money for a pizza party at the fair for everyone.
 - The club can vote to purchase club shirts for all club members, but if a member declines the shirt, they cannot be given the value of the shirt in cash.

Nondiscrimination Policies in 4-H

National Policy Prohibits Discrimination: Since 4-H is a federally assisted program, all 4-H programs, activities, events, and competitions must be nondiscriminatory according to federal law.

OSU Extension Nondiscrimination Policy: Huron County Extension embraces human diversity and is committed to ensuring that all research and related educational programs are available to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. This statement is in accordance with United States Civil Rights Laws and the USDA.

Reminder of 4-H Membership Age & Grade Policy

The age to begin Cloverbuds is 5 and in kindergarten as of January 1. Regular membership begins when a member is 8 and in the third grade as of January 1, unless they are 9 years old. Any member age 9 or above on January 1 is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. Membership ends the year a member turns 19. (A member may turn 19 anytime during the year and remain a member. However, when they are 19 on December 31 they cannot join again.)

Proper Record Keeping for 4-H Clubs

Following are some reminders of protocol for 4-H clubs:

1. It is important that there are official minutes for EVERY meeting. Advisors should keep back-up records for the secretary. If the secretary is absent, another member should fill in.
2. The secretary's report should be read, corrected (if needed) and approved at the next meeting.
3. A treasurer's report should be given at every meeting and recorded in the secretary's minutes.
4. The treasurer's report should follow this format:
 - a. Beginning Balance (ending balance from previous meeting)
 - b. Income since the last report (dues or book fees turned in at the last meeting, fund raising since the last meeting, etc.)
 - c. Expenses (approved or paid since the last meeting)
 - d. Ending Balance (Beginning Balance + Income - Expenses = Ending Balance)
 - e. The report should detail the income and expenses.
 - f. It should be possible to reconstruct the treasurer's records from the secretary's minutes.
5. All decisions made by the club require a motion, second and passing vote recorded in the minutes.
6. If the motion involves spending club money, it must be approved by a 2/3 majority of members at the meeting. The vote must be a countable vote and the actual count must be recorded in the minutes.
7. The club needs a Financial Review Committee to review the club treasury records before the new treasurer takes over. The committee should be two members and two advisors from at least two different families. Neither the treasurer nor any account signatories should be on the committee. The committee fills out the Yearly Audit Certificate at the back of last year's treasurer's book. They then report their findings at the next club meeting. Make sure the secretary records the report in the minutes.
8. The treasurer should keep a running total of the treasury in the Record of Club Finances sheets, as well as filling out a Treasurer's Report page for each meeting.

Self-Determined Project Rules

Any project area not available in the county may be taken as a self-determined project. A Project Plan must be completed and turned in by April 15. Each plan will be reviewed to determine if it constitutes a legitimate learning experience not available through any other 4-H project. Self-determined projects may not be repeated without permission. Self-determined project ideas can be found here: <https://ohio4h.org/selfdetermined>

County Projects Not in the Family Guide to 4-H

Some projects are offered in Huron County but are not in the Family Guide. These county projects are included in our project requirements and project order form:

- #150P – Pigeons
- #801 – Designing Outdoor Living Spaces
- #802 – Furniture & Woodwork Recycling
- #807 – Patched 'N Pieced Pillow (Quilting I)
- #809 – Keepsake Quilt (Quilting III)
- #841 – Easy as Pie
- #842 – Sweet Treats
- #843 – Cookies, Cookies, Cookies
- #660 – Corn Production
- #661 – Small Grains Production
- #662 – Soybean Production
- #663 – Forages

Master projects in the Family Guide are not offered in Huron County. Neither are #135C – Companion-Pet Goats, #227 – Pet Rabbit, #150DM – Market Duck, #150GM – Market Goose, #150H – Helmeted Guinea Fowl, and #750-#758 – Shooting Sports.

Members in Beef, Goat, Poultry, and Dairy Cattle Projects

Members enrolling in Beef, Goat, Poultry and Dairy Cattle projects need to enter all areas in which they plan to exhibit in 4-H Online. Each member needs one project book and pays the \$8.00 enrollment fee, regardless of how many areas within the project they are enrolling. Members must meet the requirements for each area. Reminder that dairy cross feeders is not a project, it is a class at the fair. If wanting to exhibit dairy cross feeders, members must enroll in a dairy beef feeder project.



Scrapie Identification Requirements

Every sheep and goat exhibited at the fair must have proper scrapie identification. Scrapie ID numbers trace the animal back to where it was born. The breeder should identify animals before they leave their premises. Please remind your members who are purchasing sheep or goats of this requirement. It is much easier to have a breeder identify an animal when it is picked up, rather than having to go back later. Sheep and goats use their scrapie ID as their fair identification.

Livestock Identification Information

The date for livestock ownership is May 15. All feeder calves (beef, dairy, and dairy cross) must be brought to the fairgrounds on May 18 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. All other animals must upload identification information to 4-H Online. See below for how to and species specific information.

<https://huron.osu.edu/sites/huron/files/imce/Animal%20Upload%20with%20Requirments.pdf>

Cloverbuds:

The 4-H Cloverbud Program and Competition

Do you ever wonder why the 4-H Cloverbud program does not include competitive activities? It is all about being age appropriate and focusing on our overall goal of healthy development by advancing life skills. As a result, Cloverbuds are engaged in activities that are noncompetitive without setting up categories or classes that create inequities. Children of this age have a difficult time understanding winning and losing. Feeling and fact are often merged and especially when they lose, they relate negative feelings to their self-worth. Competition is usually connected to external awards/approval and in these settings, they begin to define themselves extrinsically, which is a weak foundation for their developing self-concepts. Cloverbuds in noncompetitive activities are more likely to develop confidence, creativity and competence than do children in competitive situations. Ohio has a strong Cloverbud program because it is based on the developmental level of the age group.

Cloverbud Meeting Menu

Ohio 4-H Professionals have created the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Meeting Menu for volunteers to use with Cloverbud Club members at your meetings. The Menu is a tool to help you serve up an exciting year of Cloverbud meetings. You can choose from a selection of components to engage your 4-H Cloverbuds. You will find a variety of activities, games and snacks all based around a yearly theme. The theme this year is **Going WILD with Ohio 4-H**

Cloverbuds. u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/cloverbud-meeting-menu/

Cloverbud Engineering Adventure

The Cloverbud Engineering Adventure gives Cloverbuds the opportunity to work cooperatively in teams to problem-solve using STEM (science, engineering, technology and math) skills. A new theme is selected each year and teams research a topic, build a working model of their solution to the adventure challenge and create a poster to illustrate their findings. Teams present their models and findings to a team of reviewers, learn about other Cloverbud projects, participate in age-appropriate STEM activities, and are recognized during a closing celebration.

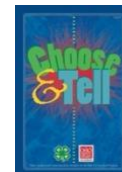
This year's theme is **Going WILD!** Whether imagining the jungles of Southeast Asia, learning about the natural wonders of United States National Parks or exploring nature in their own backyard, this year's Cloverbud Engineering Adventure will get Cloverbuds thinking about the world we live in. Cloverbuds will explore the idea of habitats and what habitats provide for the animals and plants that live there. They will have opportunities for discovery, creativity and problem solving as they explore habitats that are around them or learn about ones that are in other parts of the world. For more information on the Cloverbud Engineering Adventure and to register, please visit u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/engineering-adventure/

Cloverbud Connections Blog

Looking for new ideas and programming tools for your 4-H Cloverbuds? Check out this blog! You can subscribe to the site and receive an email when new posts are added. The site is searchable by key words and topic to help readers find content. The blog provides a unique blend of education, activities, and fun to build and challenge 4-H Cloverbud Volunteers teaching kindergarten through second grade youth. u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/

Nine Cloverbud Activity Kits Available

Nine Cloverbud Activity Kits are available for Cloverbud advisors to borrow. The kits are "Weather Fun", "Fitness is Fun", "Our Country", "Food Fun", "The Science of Sound", "Connect to College", "Choose & Tell Cards", Clover Cubes, and Cloverbud Bingo games.



- The first five kits have many activities that relate to sections in The Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities. There are enough activities for several meetings.
- "Connect to College" follows a hedgehog to college in a story designed to start our youngest members thinking about the possibility of college in the future.
- The "Choose & Tell Cards" are a colorful deck of 4"x6" cards to introduce Cloverbuds to public speaking and communication skills. There are 49 easy and engaging activities, divided into four difficulty levels. You must assemble some items listed on the cards.
- Clover Cubes are 12 small cardboard cubes with questions on each side, covering various topics. They are designed for small groups of Cloverbuds to roll a cube and answer the question that lands on top.
- Cloverbud Bingo is a variety of picture bingo games. The topics are Safety Signs; Bread & Cereal; Dairy Food; Meat, Beans & Eggs; Fruits; and Vegetables.

Contact the Extension Office to reserve a kit.

Don't forget that the Cloverbud website contains a plethora of information and activities. Check it out at u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections

Cloverbud Book Changes

- No longer doing different books for K, 1st, 2nd grades.
- All Cloverbuds will use the My 4-H Cloverbud Yearbook.
- If a K, 1st, or 2nd grade book was already purchased, it will be accepted for 2024 only.

County Opportunities:

Photography Clinic on March 19

A clinic for all 4-H photographers will be held on Tuesday, March 19 from 7-8:15 p.m. in the Secretary's Office at the fairgrounds. The clinic will be hands on, with the opportunity to use your camera during the clinic. Parents, guardians, project helpers and advisors are encouraged to attend. Bring your project book. There will be ample time for questions. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring cameras.

4-H Officer's Training Conference on March 25



The annual Officer's Training Conference will be held on Monday, March 25 from 7:00-8:15 p.m. at Norwalk Middle School. All officers will be trained in fulfilling the duties of their office and attend an additional educational activity. If members cannot attend, please see the website for training alternatives.

Video Officer Training Opportunity Online

Officer training videos are still available for all officers on the state 4-H website (www.ohio4h.org) under "Families". Click on "Members" and "Officer Resources". Officers who are already elected may want to view the videos now.

Floriculture Clinic on April 23

A floriculture clinic will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Fairfield United Methodist Church. The church is located on State Route 162 on the west side of town. *This clinic is mandatory for all 1st year floriculture exhibitors!* Parents, other interested members & advisors should also attend.

Huron County Rabbit Clinics in April

Clinics are a great way to improve your knowledge and 4-H project. April clinics will be held in the secretary's office at the fairgrounds.

1. Raising, Housing and Breeds of Rabbits will be held on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Rabbit Health will be the topic of the clinic held on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Barrow Carcass Applications Due May 1

All experienced swine exhibitors received information about the Barrow Carcass program. Interested members must turn in a completed application by May 1. All ages are eligible and up to 30 participants will be selected. Members in the carcass program may submit information on 4-HOnline for six hogs by May 15. Carcass hogs do not have to be specifically identified until weigh-in at the fair.



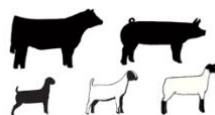
Camp Work Day on Saturday, May 4

Camp Work Day will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Camp Conger. Entire clubs, individuals and families are invited to the annual Camp Conger Work Day to spruce up camp for the camping season. Bring cleaning supplies, brooms, buckets, wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, etc.

2024 Huron County 4-H Camps

- Intermediate Camp (for members in grades 6, 7 & 8) will be held on June 4-7.
- Junior Camp (for members in grades 3, 4 & 5) will be June 10-13.
- Cloverbud Fun Day will be Friday, June 14.

Livestock Quality Assurance (QA) Training for 2024



All Junior Fair Livestock exhibitors, except those only with horses or breeding rabbits, must be certified in QA to exhibit livestock at the fair. Each exhibitor must attend a training session or test out of the program. Sessions being offered in Huron County include:

- March 28 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at New London High School
- April 10 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Huron County Admin Building *Interactive* LIMITED to 60 participants
RSVP Required: go.osu.edu/HuronQA
- April 16 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Willard High School
- May 5 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Prairie Rd, Bellevue
- May 9 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Western Reserve High School
- May 21 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at South Central High School

Horse EquiSTEP & Etiquette- Mandatory Training

All members taking a horse to the fair are required to complete EquiSTEP and Etiquette training by June 1. Failure to complete will result in being unable to exhibit at the fair. Options for completion include:

- EquiSTEP & Etiquette Clinic April 28 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Fairgrounds
 - Members must score 7/10 on the EquiSTEP quiz. The Extension office will receive scores from the State office. If minimum score is not obtained, members must complete the online training.
- Online EquiSTEP @ <http://go.osu.edu/equistep2024>
 - Members must score 7/10 on the EquiSTEP quiz. The Extension office will receive scores from the State office.
- Online Etiquette training @ <https://go.osu.edu/huronetiquette>
 - Advisors and members must both sign completion form and turn in to the Extension office. The form can be found on the Huron County 4-H website.

Dog Workshops for 2024

Dog workshops will be available in 2024 for all dog project members. Workshops will be held Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds in the Doug Wilson Barn on June 2, June 9, June 23, & July 7.

County 4-H Memorial Scholarship Deadlines

The Christopher T. Norman Memorial Scholarship is no longer available. The funds have unfortunately run out.



Members must submit applications for the Kevin Zimmerman Memorial 4-H Scholarship by April 1 to the Zimmerman Family. This scholarship is in memory of 43 year 4-H advisor and 4-H youth advocate, Kevin Zimmerman. The scholarship is open to all Huron County 4-H members.

The Gary Bauer Memorial Scholarship will be due on April 15. This will be a \$500 scholarship and will be a fillable online form. More information will be posted in the upcoming weeks on our county website.

Applications are available on our county website at www.huron.osu.edu.

Western Reserve 4-H Scholarship

Western Reserve seniors who have participated in 4-H during high school are eligible to apply for a \$500.00 scholarship in the spring. We would love to have more donations to the WR 4-H Scholarship Fund so that someday a bigger monetary amount can be offered. If any individuals or 4-H clubs would like to contribute to this scholarship, checks can be sent to: WR 4-H Scholarship Fund, Rita Daniels, 4240. Ogan. Road, Wakeman, Ohio 44889.

Application Information:

<https://www.western-reserve.org/page/online-application-form>

Norwalk Kiwanis Hosts Carnival Solar-bration

Is your organization, club or non-profit always brainstorming fundraising ideas? Look no further! Join the Norwalk Kiwanis on Saturday, April 6, 2024, as we present a Carnival Solar-Bratation.

Here's how you can benefit and earn funds by joining the Kiwanis Team. Visitors will need fun activities to occupy their time during the weekend while anticipating the big event on Monday. This is where you and Kiwanis come in. We have rented the Expo Building at the Huron County Fairground. A 10' x 12' space will be provided to groups who would like to rent a space and set up their very own carnival game(s) for a small pre-paid fee of \$200. Only twenty-five (25) spots available. Event 10 am to 3 pm with set-up at 8:30 am. Charge what you want per game. As an example, one group is setting up a punch game. Punch a cup – win the prize inside. They are charging \$1.00 for two punches. As an attendance example, Kiwanis had four (4) games set up at Light up Norwalk as a community project where approximately 500 came through to play.

Don't be left in the dark! Start preparing for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Book your spot today.

For more information contact:

Sandy Lonz (Event Co-Ordinator) 419-706-1390
selonz@yahoo.com
Darla Gow (President) 440-315-3308

community@huroncountyhumanesociety.org

Ohio State Fair:

Ohio State Fair Information

State Fair livestock rules and entry information may be found at www.ohiostatefair.com under “Competitions”. 2024 information should be posted sometime in March. Entry deadline for Junior Livestock shows is June 21. Entries must be made online. The Extension Office must confirm that each entrant is a member in good standing and that they are enrolled in each project area they entered.

Ohio State Fair Scholarship Applications Due April 1



In an effort to recognize outstanding Ohio youth and to help those interested in furthering their education, the Ohio Expositions Commission has established a scholarship program. Scholarships will be awarded to junior exhibitors during the Ohio

State Fair. Applications will be judged on scholastic standing, citizenship & leadership, Ohio State Fair participation, county fair participation, and financial need.

Applications are available on the Ohio State Fair website.
<https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/scholarships>

Completed applications must be submitted by April 1, 2024. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted online.

Ohio State Fair Camping Lottery Reservation System

Reservations for camping at the state fair will be starting soon. Camping is now a lottery reservation system. Check out details on the state fair website at <https://ohiostatefair.com/camping/>.

Project Enrollment for Showing Animals at State Fair

4-H members must be enrolled in their county in the project in which they enter to show at the Ohio State Fair Junior Livestock Shows (including poultry, rabbits, and dogs), regardless of whether that project is offered for county exhibition. For example:

1. To show in a gilt class at the Ohio State Fair, youth must be enrolled in project 140 *Swine Breeding Project*.
2. To show a dairy feeder at the Ohio State Fair, youth must be enrolled in project 117DF *Dairy Beef Feeder*.
3. To show breeding poultry (chickens) at the Ohio State Fair, 4-H members must be enrolled in project 150CE *Exhibition Chickens*; to show breeding poultry (ducks), they must be enrolled in project 150DE *Exhibition Ducks*.
4. To show a dog in agility at the Ohio State Fair, 4-H members must be enrolled in project 201P *Performance*; to show the same dog in obedience, project 201O.

Ohio State Fair Updates & Reminders

- Exhibitors **MUST** be enrolled in the project they want to exhibit at the state fair, even if the county doesn't offer it at fair (i.e., swine breeding).
- All Junior Exhibitors **must enter their projects online**. No late market **or breeding (new 2024)** entries

Once updated:

- Livestock schedule can be found at: <https://ohiostatefair.com/agriculture-livestock/livestock-schedule/>
- Department rules, entry info, etc. <https://ohiostatefair.com/agriculture-livestock/livestock/>
- Skillathon information will be found at: <https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-4-h-skillathons>
- Livestock Judging Contest information will be found at: <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-state-fair-4-h-livestock-judging-contest>

Ownership deadlines changed:

- Market beef – January 1
- Market swine – May 23
- Market lambs – May 23
- Market goats – May 1
- Dairy feeders – June 1
- Market rabbits – June 1
- Market poultry – within 5 days of hatch
- Breeding Beef – May 22
- Breeding Swine – May 22
- Breeding Sheep – May 22
- Breeding Goats – May 16
- Breeding Poultry – May 31
- Breeding rabbits – May 31
- Dairy Cattle – May 22

BEEF Department

- All cattle must arrive with 840 EID in place
 - 15-digit number starting with 840
 - Breeding can use tattoo as SECONDARY ID
- BVD testing required for all cattle
 - exception of Commercial Cattle
 - One test good for lifetime
- BEEF BREEDING

Crossbred breeding heifers will be required to submit a DNA packet with 840 EID tag information, reach out to Andi Hershey for packets (a.hershey@expo.ohio.gov)

Due Date: Postmarked by June 1st

DOG Department

- Show starts, June 17th

SWINE Department:

- The Jr Swine Show requires ALL hogs to have:
 - 840 tag
 - Premise ID
- To exhibit breeding swine, must be enrolled in the project at the county level

Ohio State Fair Dog Show Changes

Reminder - The OSF Dog Show will be June 17-19 in the Voinovich! The Agility Trial is July 24th in Taft Coliseum. (the first day of the fair).

OSF Dog Show - deadline for entries is June 21 at 1:00 pm.

OSF Agility Trial - deadline for entries is June 21 at 1:00 pm.

Entries can be made at <https://go.osu.edu/osfagilityentries> .

State 4-H Opportunities:

State-wide Camp Opportunities

- Ohio 4-H Leadership Camp:
<https://ohio4h.org/camp/leadership-camp>
- Ohio Military Kids Camp:
<https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/ohio-military-kids>
- Ohio 4-H Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp:
<https://ohio4h.org/camp/forestry-and-wildlife-conservation-camp>
- Ohio 4-H Adaptive Adventures Camp:
<https://4hcantercave.osu.edu/home/experience-it/special-needs-camp>
- Ohio 4-H Sea Camp:
<https://ohio4h.org/camp/sea-camp>
- Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports Camps:
<https://ohio4h.org/families/members/events-opportunities/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-ed-camp>
- Space Adventure Camp
<https://spaceadventurecamp.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/home>

Contact the Extension Office for more details about these outstanding opportunities.

Ohio Beef Expo on March 14-17 at State Fairgrounds

Contact the Extension Office for more information.

1. BEST Junior Show – Showmanship on March 15 and the Junior Show on March 16.



State Dairy Events in March and April

Contact the Extension Office for more information.

1. Ohio 4-H Dairy Judging Contest – Thursday, March 28 in conjunction with Spring Dairy Expo at the state fairgrounds. Register at springdairyexpo.com
2. Dairy Palooza – Saturday, April 20 at the Canfield Fair, Mahoning County. Designed to give dairy youth, Cloverbud & adult programs included an opportunity to use the skills they learn through their projects and to learn new skills they can use both in their project and in the dairy industry.



Equine Affaire in Columbus on April 11-14

Equine Affaire is a premiere equine exposition and equestrian gathering. It will be held at the Ohio Expo Center (state fairgrounds) on April 11-14. Visit www.equineaffaire.com for information.

Livestock Information Available on State 4-H Website

Information on livestock projects, is on the state 4-H website at www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences. There are sections for Companion Animals, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goat, Horse, Livestock, Poultry, Rabbit, Ohio State Fair Skillathon Information, Ohio 4-H PetPALS, and Ohio 4-H Meats Judging. Each section contains a Calendar of Events and Resources.

Ohio Youth Poultry Clinic

The Youth Poultry Clinic is open to all youth (and adults) interested in learning more about poultry.

WHEN: April 13

WHERE: OSU ATI, Wooster, OH

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 2

COST: \$25.00 per person

Topics include: Poultry Nutrition, Slaughter, Quality Assurance (60 min, during lunch), Biosecurity, 4-H Poultry Judging, Showmanship & Exhibition Poultry, 4-H Avian Bowl & Poultry Skillathon, Q&A Corner (15 min, end of day)

To register, visit <https://go.osu.edu/supoultryclinic>

ExploreAg Program

Firelands Electric Cooperative would like to make you aware of a FREE opportunity for high school students to experience electric line work this summer!

ExploreAg, a program of Ohio's Farm Bureau, offers high school students a chance to learn about agriculture and other related careers through multi-day and day-long programs. Students can visit locations such as Bob Evans, Kroger, John Deere, Certified Angus Beef, college research labs, and many more. As part of the program, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives will be conducting a one-day program on May 31, giving students a firsthand look at the rural electric cooperative industry. The day will be spent at the Central Ohio Line worker Training facility (COLT), in Mt. Gilead, Ohio. This facility is utilized by Ohio's rural electric cooperatives to train new line workers, as well as provide continuing education for current line workers.

The deadline to apply for this unique program is April 15, 2023. Students can visit <https://ofbf.org/community/youth-in-agriculture/exploreag> for more information and application instructions. They may also access the application directly at <https://form.jotform.com/233526185783161>.

Ohio 4-H Leadership Development Retreat

hosted by the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council

When: April 12-13, 2024 (Friday early evening through Saturday afternoon – Dinner, Breakfast, and Lunch provided)

Where: 4-H Camp Palmer

Who: 4-H youth ages 13-18 interested in strengthening existing leadership skills

**Great opportunity for Camp Counselor training hours, JFB members, club officers, etc.*

Cost: \$40 (covers overnight stay at camp plus 3 meals and a 4-H SWAG item)

**Sponsored by the Sauder 4-H Career Development Fund!*

What: Teens will participate in interactive and engaging activities related to leadership skills, teambuilding strategies, conflict management, and other life, career, and college readiness skills.

Registration opens March 1 and is due April 1 at www.go.osu.edu/tlleadershipretreat.

State 4-H Horse Communications Contest

- Date: Saturday, March 2nd
- Time: 9:00-11:30am
- Location: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus
- Cost: \$10 per individual/\$20 per team
- (Pre-registration is REQUIRED, registration deadline is Friday, February 16th)
- The event schedule and registration link can be found online at: <http://go.osu.edu/comm24>

Horse Youth Educational Clinic

- Date: Saturday, March 2nd
- Time: 12:30-4:30pm
- Location: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus
- Cost: \$5 (Pre-registration is REQUIRED, registration is limited to the first 150 participants)
- Topics: Pony horse breeds, bones, saddles, nutrition, and judging trail classes
- The event schedule and registration link can be found online at: <http://go.osu.edu/horseclinic24>

State 4-H Horse Poster Contest

- Registration/Poster Submission Deadline: Saturday, March 2nd
- Posters MUST be delivered in person to 222 Animal Sciences (2029 Fyffe Ct) in Columbus by Friday, March 1st or delivered in person between 9:00am-4:30pm at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus during the State 4-H Horse Communications Contest and Youth Educational Clinic on Saturday, March 2nd. Mailed entries will not be accepted.
- Poster registration forms MUST be signed by the parent, exhibitor, 4-H advisor, and county 4-H professional/FFA instructor and submitted with the poster. Posters received without completed registration forms by the deadline will not be accepted.
- Cost: FREE
- Posters will be displayed at the Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show and must score at least a 60% in order to receive credit toward the year-end achievement awards.
- The event schedule and registration link can be found online at: <https://ohio4h.org/events/state-4-h-horse-poster-contest>

Ohio 4-H Spark Expo

From June 12-15, teens at the Spark EXPO will learn about agriculture and related STEAM fields from industry experts, and faculty and staff of the Ohio State College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). Open to all Ohio students who have completed the eighth grade or ninth grade at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. Participants do not need to be enrolled in the 4-H program. The event includes on-campus accommodations, meals, program materials, and transportation. Supervision is provided by adult program staff.

As part of Spark EXPO, students visit Ohio State's Columbus and Wooster campuses and learn from Ohio State students, teachers, scientists, and researchers. Students explore careers, hear from Ohio 4-H alumni who share their career stories, and learn about the college and career-readiness program: Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future.

Parents will have the opportunity on the final day of Spark to meet the CFAES admissions team and learn how to better prepare their students for their post-high school education and careers. Parents and students can find more information [here](#) or by contacting Margo Overholt-Seckel, program manager, Ohio 4-H Workforce Development & Pathways at overholt-seckel.1@osu.edu.

The deadline to register is April 17, and details are at go.osu.edu/4hsparkexpo.

OSU Livestock Judging Webinar Series

The Animal Science Design Team Livestock Evaluation webinar series is underway! These series are being recorded so that if someone is not able to attend, they can review it later. Each month we will be focusing on a new topic/species in helping youth across the state prepare for various contests available to them.

DATE: Monthly

TIME: 7:00–8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: ZOOM- go.osu.edu/livestockevaluation

February 19 – Beef 101

March 18 – Swine 101

April 15 – Sheep 101

May 20 – Goats 101

June 17 – EPDs & Scenarios

July 8 – Reasons, Part 1

July 10 – Reasons, Part 2

The OSU Livestock Judging Webinar Series will have recordings of the webinars posted on the website.

to: <https://ohio4h.org/node/3429>



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