

Clover Creations

Huron County 4-H Newsletter

May/June 2024

Dear 4-H Families,

As 4-H enrollment season winds down, we're buzzing with excitement as we shift gears to embrace the upcoming summer season. While many associate summer with the busiest time in 4-H, here at the Extension Office, we're accustomed to a year-round whirlwind of activity, each season bringing its own unique brand of busyness.

With enrollment wrapping up, we're now laser-focused on preparing for the transition from spring to summer. This means marking your calendars for important deadlines and dates, so please keep a close eye on your 4-H calendars. But fear not, amidst the hustle and bustle, there's plenty of excitement on the horizon.

From project clinics to 4-H Camp and an array of summer adventures, there's something for everyone to look forward to. So, get ready to dive into a season filled with growth, learning, and unforgettable memories.

Sincerely,

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Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

May

1	4-H ENROLLEMENT DEADLINE!
1	Ohio State Fair Scholarships Due
1	Winning 4-H Plan Requests Preferred
1	Club Programs & Charter Checklist Due in Extension Office
2	Senior Fair Board Meeting
4	Camp Workday
5	Quality Assurance, First Baptist Church Prairie Rd, Bellevue, 6 p.m.
7	4-H Committee Meeting
8	Rabbit Clinic - Parts/Conformation
9	Quality Assurance, Western Reserve High School
13	Camp Counselors
14	CARTEENS
15	Intermediate and Junior Camp Registrations Due
15	Livestock Possession Deadline
15	Animal Identification Upload in 4HOnline Deadline
15	Horse Photobook and Leases Due
16	Junior Fair Board Meeting
18	Feeder Calf Tagging & Vaccination
21	Quality Assurance, South Central High School
22	Rabbit Clinic – Fairgrounds
22	Horse Council Meeting
22	Horse PAS Forms Due at Horse Council Meeting
27	Memorial Day, Extension Office Closed
29	Camp Counselors
31	Cloverbud Fun Day Registrations & Helper Forms Due
31	Beef Feeder Born, Bred, & Raised Forms Due
31-1	Camp Counselor Camp Out

June

1	Quality Assurance & EquiSTEP Deadline
1	Dog ID and Vaccination Forms Uploaded on 4HOnline
2	Dog Workshop
4-7	Intermediate 4-H Camp
6	Senior Fair Board Meeting
8	PAS Show, Erie County
9	Dog Workshop
10-13	Junior 4-H Camp
14	Cloverbud Fun Day
18	CARTEENS
19	Juneteenth, Extension Office Closed
19	Rabbit Showmanship Clinic
20	Junior Fair Board
20	Senior Fair Board
21	Ohio State Fair Entry Deadline
22	PAS Show – Lorain County
23	Dog Workshop
25	Camp Counselor Meeting
26	Communication Event Entry Deadline
27	Communication Contest



Volunteer & Club Reminders:

Final Enrollment Deadline – May 1

All members must have been enrolled by May 1 to be eligible to exhibit at the fair. Members may join 4-H after the May 1 enrollment deadline, but they will not receive a fair pass, may not exhibit at the fair and the year does not count toward 4-H tenure. All members are expected to complete all projects in which they are enrolled on May 1.

Winning 4-H Plan Requests Preferred by Enrollment

The Winning 4-H Plan (W4HP) assists Extension professionals and volunteers by providing resources to aid them in developing accommodation plans to meet the needs of Ohio 4-H youth with disabilities.

These requests are preferred at enrollment deadline, but will be accepted at any time, as we recognize members could be diagnosed with a disability anytime during the 4-H year. Keep in mind that requests require that the parent/guardians meet with the county 4-H professional, and that they should be submitted in a time frame that is reasonable to consider the request and implement approved accommodations.

Please review the full requests for here with procedures for creating a Winning 4-H Plan:

<https://huron.osu.edu/sites/huron/files/imce/Winning%204H%20Plan%20Request%20Fillable%203.2022-2.pdf>

\$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. 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 Insurance coverage for all members & clubs
- App Membership Fee
- Program Supplies & Materials
- Miscellaneous 4-H Expenses

Occasional Quantity Cooks Trainings

Those needing training in Safe Food Handling for Occasional Quantity Cooks may be trained using online modules. Please note that certificates from previous training are only valid for three years. Those with invalid certificates must be retrained. Dinner or concessions stands need a Food Service License & inspection, or work under another license (school, VFW, etc., but they are assuming your liability). All food must be cooked on site. “Donation Only” sales do not need a license but cannot give a “suggested price” if selling by donation only. Must still have trained person in charge at all times.

Instructions on how to access the online course:

<https://huron.osu.edu/sites/huron/files/imce/Directions%20-%20Occasional%20Quantity%20Cooks%20Volunteer%20Training%20-%202020%20-%20Scarlet%20Canvas-3.pdf>

Club Programs & Charter Checklist Due

All clubs should have submitted their club charter checklist by May 1 to ensure that you have met the Ohio 4-H Club charter requirements. Clubs participating in honor club should have also turned in Club programs by May 1.

Welcome 4-H Committee Members

At the Leaders Banquet, new advisors were elected to serve a two-year term on the 4-H Committee. We welcome Amy Palm, Megan Hazelwood, Meghan Chafee, and Cara Major to the committee, terms to expire in 2026. Members whose term expires in 2025 are Cady VerBurg, Rachel Rathburn, Robyn Rogers, and Rachel Caudill.

Honor Club

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 4-H Committee recently voted that each Honor Club will receive a \$100 cash award. To review the Honor Club Score Sheet click the link below.

https://huron.osu.edu/sites/huron/files/imce/Honor%20Club%20Score%20Sheet_1.pdf

The 4-H Committee has also voted on allowing online submission for honor club and will have a link for online submission posted soon on the website. You may also still continue to submit using the paper score sheet if you choose.

Download the Huron County 4-H Now App!

Huron County 4-H has an app available for download for all your 4-H needs:

https://grandstandsites.com/gi/index.php?c=Huron_County_4-H

Register for 4-H Camp!

It's that time of year again! 4-H Camp Enrollments are now available. Registrations for 4-H Camp are online and are now live on our website at:

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

We hope to see you this summer at 4-H Camp Conger!

Junior and Intermediate Camp Registrations are Due May 15th. Due to food and supplies ordering we cannot take late registrations.

Cloverbud Fun Day Help Needed

We are looking for 4-H volunteers to help with Cloverbud Fun Day!

Our Cloverbud 4-H Fun Day will be held on **Friday, June 14, 2024**, at Camp Conger from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., with the theme of "Extreme Wheels". Volunteers are asked to arrive at camp by 7:45 a.m. to check in and go through a brief orientation.

Volunteers do not have to pay the \$20 camp fee but may purchase a t-shirt for \$9 if they so desire. All Fun Day helpers must be 14 years or older by June 14, 2024.

Your role as a Cloverbud Fun Day Volunteer would be as follows:

- Group Leader- paired with a youth volunteer and responsible for a group of children.
- Moving the group to the different sessions and activities.
- Escorting children to the bathroom or other needs.
- Doing roll call with the children throughout the day.
- Providing assistance to session leaders and Fun Day Coordinators as needed.

If you are interested in helping at camp this year, please fill out and turn in the interest/health form along with t-shirt money (if purchasing a t-shirt) by **Friday, May 31**.

[Go.osu.edu/2024CloverbudFunDayHelper](https://go.osu.edu/2024CloverbudFunDayHelper)

Camp Work Day 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.

Camp Wish List

We have a camp wish list on Amazon. Items on this wish list will help supplement the cost of camp. Some items are camp essentials that we will have to purchase. Other items are not essentials and stuff we think would improve the camping experience. Items do not necessarily have to be purchased on Amazon. If items are purchased elsewhere you can mark this on the list. All items purchased directly from the list will ship to the Extension Office.

https://go.osu.edu/2024_camp_wishlist

No Yearly Special Vegetable

There will no longer be a yearly special vegetable. This is due to lack of participation. If members would like to enter a unique vegetable that does not fit in a class they are encouraged to enter it in the "Any Other Vegetable" class.

Insect Project Members May Purchase Insect Pins

Projects 644, 645 & 646, Insect Adventures, teaches members how to collect, preserve and display specimens. Members may purchase insect pins from the Extension Office. Insect pins are longer and thinner than sewing pins. Insect pins are hard to find and only come in packs of 100. To help our insect project members, we have size 2 & 3 insect pins on sale for \$3.00 for 25 pins or \$6.00 for 50 pins.



Resources on how to collect and display insects are posted at www.ohio4h.org/Insects with links to Purdue University, NC State and Oregon State. A list of supplies needed for an Insect Collection Kit is also posted, along with some suggested supply houses.

"Before" Pictures of Refinished Furniture Due July 1

Members enrolled in project 802, Furniture and Woodwork Recycling, must turn in "before" pictures of any items they plan to refinish, restore, or reupholster for their project by July 1. Pictures should be turned in at the Extension Office with the member's name, club, *and the dimensions of the item*. Members who do not turn in pictures by the deadline will be able to complete their project and display it at the fair, but they will be ineligible to place. A small poster with a "before" and "after" picture of each item will be displayed with the item at the fair, so members need to keep a "before" picture for their poster.

Disposal of 4-H Records with Personal Information

Clubs should not be holding onto records containing personal information. You need to retain current forms, but health forms and copies of enrollment forms from previous years should be shredded. It is okay to file club rosters from previous years, but if you decide not to keep them, they must be shredded. Do not just throw records with names, addresses and/or phone numbers in the trash. If you do not have access to a shredder, bring the papers to the Extension Office and we will let you use ours.

Officer's Training Make up

A Virtual training for all officer positions (this course uses the same materials from the statewide webinar) is available for those that missed our in person county officer's conference. Once this course is completed it will automatically send a confirmation of completion to the Huron County 4-H email, where your attendance will be recorded. Officer's training is not required but it is highly encouraged and required for honor club points.

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e8NPPYsrarRi7b0

A Couple of Parliamentary Reminders

1. Make sure that when members present motions that they are saying, "I move..." It is not proper to say, "I make a motion..."
2. According to the constitution that every club had to adopt, all motions involving the expenditure of club funds must pass with a 2/3 vote. A countable vote, like raising hands must be used and the actual counts must be recorded in the minutes.



May 15 is Livestock Possession Deadline

Members must have their livestock projects and be involved in their care by May 15. The only exception is meat chickens which must be hatched and in the exhibitor's possession by July 8 at the latest.

Horse Photo Albums & Leases Due May 15

All clubs with horse projects must submit a photo album by 4:30 p.m. on May 15. Only horses pictured in the club's horse photo album and listed on the horse information sheet are eligible for exhibition. Clubs will take pictures of all project and back-up horses. The photo album must contain four (current) pictures for each horse, showing BOTH side views, front and rear.

All horse leases are also due by 4:30 p.m. on May 15. All leases must be signed by the animal's owner, the 4-H member, the member's parent/guardian, and the 4-H advisor.

Quality Assurance Deadline is June 1



All 4-H and FFA members taking livestock to the fair (except horses & breeding rabbits) must have met the requirements of Quality Assurance (QA) training this year. The training may be a local or state meeting or passing a state QA test with an FFA advisor.

The remaining Huron County sessions are:

- 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

Encourage members to attend as soon as they can in case something comes up later. The Extension Office has a list of members who have attended QA this year or tested out. *Members who do not meet QA requirements cannot bring livestock to the fair.*

YQCA TRAINING ON-LINE

If you are unable to attend one of the Huron County Quality Assurance Sessions, you can complete the online training at yqcaprogram.org for a fee of \$12/youth. Youth may complete the online YQCA course. This is the only approved online course. Youth must complete the correct course for their 4-H age. If youth plan to do this, please contact Huron4H@osu.edu so that we are sure to receive the correct completion information and can assure that youth select the correct course.

Fair Packets

Fair packets will no longer be provided. Members and clubs do not have to wait for packets to prepare for fair. Information will be available on our website and sent out via 4HOnline. Fair entry will become live May 15th.

EquiSTEP Required for Horse Exhibitors

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 left for completion include:

- 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.

Feeder Calf Tagging and Vaccination is Saturday, May 18

Feeder Calf Tagging and Vaccination is on Saturday, May 18th. The first Saturday on or after the May 15th livestock possession deadline is identification day for all beef feeders, dairy feeders, and dairy cross feeders.

All feeder calves (beef, dairy, and dairy cross) must be brought to the fairgrounds on **Saturday, May 18th, between 8:00-11:00 a.m.** The exhibitor does not have to be present, but the livestock must be there. Family members may register feeder calves together, and they do not have to specify who is showing which animal until they are weighed at the fair.

Beef, dairy, and dairy cross feeder calves will enter through the West Lot gate and leave through the main gate. Tagging and vaccination will be split into two lines. Exhibitors who want to self-tag will take the right fork and stop at Curly's Pavilion. Exhibitors who want to have their calves tagged for them will take the left fork and drive through the Doug Wilson Barn from the west. There will be a veterinarian at each station, and Beef Committee members will direct the trailers in a serpentine fashion. Feeder calf exhibitors may tag up to four beef and four dairy beef animals, but they are limited to two beef and/or two dairy beef feeders at the fair.

Vaccine Program Changes:

The Beef Committee and Fair Vet have made changes to the vaccination program to help decrease illnesses at the fair. Please read the following carefully. A \$10 CASH ONLY payment per calf is required for vaccinations. All calves will be vaccinated, regardless of whether they have been vaccinated at home. Calves may also be wormed for a small additional fee.

Dairy and Dairy Cross Feeders: will now receive one dose of vaccination. This is a modified live vaccine, which provides better immunity compared to the killed vaccine that was previously used. This vaccine protects against 5 viral diseases and 2 bacterial diseases.

Beef Feeders who are not weaned from a pregnant cow: are not recommended to receive the modified live vaccine. The vaccine shed from the calf to the cow could cause the pregnant cow to abort. Those who have calves that will be nursing on a pregnant cow will receive two vaccines:

1. A killed vaccine, along with a second vaccine dose, and will need to fill out a form and send it back to the Extension Office. This protects against the 5 viral diseases.
2. A one-time dose that contains a live bacterial culture. This protects against the 2 bacterial diseases. This one time dose will not be of any danger to pregnant cows, and will not require another booster at home.

This will ensure that all calves are fully vaccinated against the same 5 viral and 2 bacterial diseases.

All other beef feeders: will receive the same one-dose modified live vaccine that the dairy and dairy cross feeders are receiving, protecting against 5 viral diseases and 2 bacterial diseases.

4HOnline Animal Upload Required for ALL Animals (breeding and market)

All animals will need to upload photos and their identification requirements to 4HOnline by their prospective deadlines. This should make the FairEntry process much easier.

May 15: Market Lamb, Breeding Sheep, Market Goats, Breeding Goats, Pygmy/Fiber/Rec Goats, Market Hogs, Breeding Hogs (State fair only), Dairy, Beef Breeding, Turkey, Non Meat Chickens/Waterfowl, Market Rabbits, Breeding Rabbits and Horses.

May 22 (after May 18 tagging): Feeder Calves

June 1: Dogs

July 10: Meat Chicken

December 7 (for 2025): Market Beef

Instructions and species specific information linked below:

https://huron.osu.edu/sites/huron/files/imce/Animal%20Upload%20with%20Requirements_0.pdf

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. All Market and Breeding sheep and goats must be uploaded to 4-H Online by May 15.

https://huron.osu.edu/sites/huron/files/imce/Animal%20Upload%20with%20Requirements_0.pdf

Market Hog Identification Requirements

Market hogs are not brought to the fairgrounds on May 15. Each hog exhibitor must submit Swine Identification on 4HOnline (up to four per exhibitor). Those accepted into the barrow carcass program may submit two additional hogs. Submission must include a picture of each side of the hog. One of the pictures should show the pig's face. This must be submitted to the 4HOnline by May 15. Each exhibitor is limited to one or two hogs at the fair, plus a carcass barrow (if in that program).

Instructions are linked below:

https://huron.osu.edu/sites/huron/files/imce/Animal%20Upload%20with%20Requirements_0.pdf

Dairy Cattle Identification Requirements

For all grade and non-family registered cattle – A completed identification must be submitted on 4HOnline for each potential dairy exhibit by May 15. The form must include pictures and ear tag or tattoo number for each animal.

Registered animals, in the family name or official lease in the exhibitor's name – submit pictures and registration papers on 4HOnline for each potential dairy exhibit by May 15. Registration papers must be in the family name or an official lease in the exhibitor's name, with the date by May 15 of current year. (ID at fair must match number recorded in May).

Beef Feeder Bred, Born & Raised

Beef feeder calf exhibitors with calves that were bred, born and raised in Huron County should pick up a certification form when the calves are tagged on May 18. The forms must be filled out, signed by the breeder and returned to the Extension Office by May 31. If a beef feeder certification form for Bred, Born & Raised is turned in, that calf MUST show in the BBR Division at the fair, if determined to be qualified. The Bred, Born & Raised program is only for beef cattle. Dairy beef is excluded. Market beef that are qualified for BBR must declare at the scale at the fair if they are showing in the BBR division.



Animal Project Skillathon Information

The skillathon planning committee has put in a lot of thought behind making the 2024 skillathon. Study Guides, Dress Code, Grading Rubrics, Project Grades, and Club Schedule will be released on the website in late May. For now, please hold the following dates:

Monday, August 5, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. (times assigned by club)
 Tuesday, August 6, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. (times assigned by club)

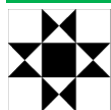
No Place Makeup Option (Appointment Only):
 Thursday, August 8, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All Species: skillathon is mandatory. Project books will be collected and checked during skillathon. Book grade will be included in overall skillathon score.

Dog Skillathon will be at the last dog workshop, July 7, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. due to the dog show being July 20.

County Opportunities:

Attention All 4-H Sewers, Quilters & Needleworkers



4-H projects from previous years may be entered in open class sewing. Open class entries exhibit the talents of all ages. When you receive your 2024 fair book, look under Clothing and Home Furnishings Department in the front half of the book. Classes for ages 12 & under or ages 13-18, are listed. Entries are due by July 31.

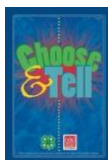
Help for Members Who Struggle with Demonstrations



EVERY 4-H member, Cloverbuds included, is expected to present a demonstration each year. Some members struggle with this requirement. Help is available!

A video showing an “ugly” demonstration and a good demonstration is posted online at vinton.osu.edu. Click on 4-H Youth Development and then on the dropdown, “Using Videos Within Your Club”. Then click on Demonstrations (or Parliamentary Procedure or Project Interviewing). There is a handout that helps members prepare their demonstrations posted on the website.

Another way to help members learn how to do demonstrations is to use Choose and Tell cards. Each card gives the member a simple demonstration to present to the club. There are various levels of difficulty. You may borrow a deck of the cards from the Extension Office. Please note, many of the demonstrations on the cards require supplies. The supply list is clearly written on each card, but advisor preparation in advance is critical when using the Choose and Tell cards.

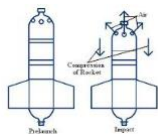


Warning from Dept. of Public Health on Trash Pick-up

The Huron County Department of Public Health cautions 4-H clubs about roadside trash pick-ups. They caution that discarded needles may be encountered. There is a danger of contracting Hepatitis C and AIDS from accidental needle pokes. If someone is poked with a needle, the incident must be reported to the Health Department.

2-Liter Bottle Rocket Launchers Available for Loan

Members enrolled in project 501, Rockets Away (for 2-liter bottle rockets) may borrow a rocket launcher from the Extension Office. The project requires members to build and launch rockets made from 2-liter pop bottles.



Livestock Skillathon Mini Kits

The Extension Office has mini livestock skillathon kits available for purchase. Each kit is the same material as the large skillathon kit. Each kit is available for purchase for \$5 and are printed in high resolution. We have kits available for beef, goat, horse, llama and alpaca, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine, dog and dairy.

Huron County Communications Event

The Huron County Communication Event will be on on June 27. Members interested in competing at the state fair competition must participate at the county event. To enter the Huron County Communication Event, call the Extension Office and register by June 26 with a topic, age, and name of category.

More information can be found on our website: <https://huron.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/communication-event>

Rabbit Clinic Schedule



Encourage your rabbit exhibitors to participate in the following:

- Clinic on May 8 in the Secretary’s Office at the fairgrounds at 7:00 p.m. focusing on body parts, skeletal parts, and conformation. Exhibitors may bring rabbits to this clinic to confirm sex and that they are purebred.
- Beginners Clinic on May 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Show Arena at the fairgrounds. Beginners (1-3 years in a rabbit project) should bring their rabbits for some hands-on instruction.
- Showmanship Clinic on June 19 in the Show Arena at 7:00 p.m. All rabbit exhibitors should bring their rabbits to work on showmanship.
- Tattooing on July 17 in the Show Arena at 7:00 p.m. All meat rabbits must be tattooed at this clinic. Other rabbits needing tattooed may also be brought to this clinic.

Dog Practice Sessions for Dog Projects # 201 & #202

Encourage members enrolled in dog projects #201 or #202 to take advantage of the dog practice sessions offered on Sunday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Doug Wilson Barn on the fairgrounds. Sessions will be held on June 2, June 9, June 23, and July 7. The Dog Show is on Saturday, July 20 at 9:00 a.m. Dog ID and Vaccination Forms must be uploaded to 4HOnline by June 1. Practice sessions are not mandatory but will help members prepare for dog judging and help socialize the dog to the surroundings where judging will be held. Dog superintendents will lead the sessions. They work with members in all areas of the dog program.

Biosecurity Recommendations for Poultry Owners



The Ohio Department of Agriculture cautions all bird owners, whether commercial producers or backyard enthusiasts, to practice good biosecurity, prevent contact between their birds and wild birds, and report sick birds or unusual bird deaths to their veterinarian immediately. These recommendations are to help contain Avian Influenza should it show up in the Mississippi migratory bird flyway. As of now, there is no exhibition ban and we are allowed to exhibit birds at the fair.

Martin's Sheep Clinic

It's that time of year again! Martin Livestock Sheep Clinic on Sunday May 5th from 2:00-6:00 pm. NEW LOCATION - We are very fortunate to have our clinic grow each year so this year it will be held about 4 miles from our farm at the Attica Fairgrounds. The clinic will be the same where we will be going over Basic Care, Feeding, Fitting, Showmanship and Skillathon. Bring your own lamb. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing to handle livestock in. Please call or text Steph at 419-706-2419 to RSVP the total number attending. Food and drinks will be provided. Please bring a folding chair so you can relax throughout the day. This is an independent clinic and not affiliated with any county or 4-H program. We hope to see you there!

Glam the Can

Join Norwalk Art Center and Artists Open Studio's first community art project, funded by Arts Midwest, to bring vibrant art into our community spaces with 50 one-of-a-kind trash cans!

Any community group can register to paint a 55-gallon metal trash barrel to reflect their group's interests. Cans will then be donated for the public use specified by that group.

Sign-ups for workshops are offered on a first come-first served basis. Up to seven groups can register for each workshop.

Workshop dates are as follows:

- April 27th, 10-12pm
- April 27th, 1-3pm
- May 5th, 1-3pm
- May 5th, 4-6pm
- May 18th, 10am-12pm
- May 18th, 1-3pm
- June 13th, 6-8pm

To register, click on this link: <https://dsnpc.org/MCAvOy> or go to Norwalk Arts Center's website at norwalkartscenter.org.

2024 SUMMIT MOTORSPORTS PARK FUND RAISING

Every year Summit Motorsports Park works with local groups contributing over **\$20,000** annually to their fundraising needs. The program, set up years ago, continues to this day helping local groups raise funds for various projects without any startup costs, wasted product, etc. for the group. Summit Motorsports Park holds 100+ events per year and some of these events require staffing above and beyond our normal needs. To meet these needs we began using groups that also had a need to raise funds for uniforms, equipment or simply operating funds.

The program works by signing up groups to work specified events throughout the season. In return Summit Motorsports Park then makes a donation back to the group equivalent to each worker's time X \$14.00 per hour.

For the 2024 season we are currently seeking groups to help with cleanup of the grandstands for the following events.

18th Annual Cavalcade of Stars

Saturday June 1, 2024, 10:00pm - 2:00am
15 positions, 2 groups of 5-10 people

18th Annual Summit Racing Equipment NHRA Nationals

Friday June 28, 2024, 8:45pm - 1:00am
30 positions, 2-3 groups of 10-15 people

Saturday June 29, 2024, 6:30pm - 10:30pm
30 positions, 2-3 groups of 10-15 people

Sunday June 30, 2024, 4:30pm - 8:30pm
30 positions 2-3 groups of 10-15 people

47th Annual Cornwell Tools Night Under Fire

Saturday Aug 3, 2024, 9:00pm - 1:00am
30 positions 2-3 groups of 10-15 people

Sunday Aug 4, 2024, 10:00am - 2:00pm
30 positions 2-3 groups of 10-15 people

We enjoy long-term relationships with many of our groups and they come back every year. Hopefully your group will become one of these. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tom Griffin or Norma Schafer at 419-668-1600 or by email at tgriffin@summitmotorsportspark.com or nschafer@summitmotorsportspark.com.

State Opportunities:

Ohio State Fair Livestock Entries Due June 21

All Ohio State Fair Livestock entries are due by June 21. Entry forms and rules are only available online at www.ohiostatefair.com. **All entries must be submitted online.** Please allow time to complete the entry process, as the system will shut down at 12:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21. Entries will be locked automatically at 1 p.m.

NOTE: A member must be enrolled in the corresponding project to exhibit an animal at the state fair. This is especially important for members planning to take breeding gilts or breeding sheep to state fair. These members must be enrolled in #140, Swine Breeding Project or #199, Sheep Breeding Project. Beef and goat exhibitors must be enrolled in the proper project division in the county to show in that division at state fair.

Ohio State Dog Show Information

The 2024 Ohio State Fair Dog Show JUNE 17-19 is open for entries. Entries close May 21 at 1:00 pm. There are no late entries.

Please go to the Ohio State Fair website for detailed information at: <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/livestock/livestock-competitions>

Scroll down to DOG SHOW. Read Competition Information and Information for entering dogs online. Then click on the red - ENTER THE 2024 DOG SHOW (ENTRY LINK)

2024 Ohio State Fair Animal Sciences Youth Events

Information on Ohio State Fair animal sciences events is available from the Extension Office and is posted at www.ohio4h.org/animalsciences.

- State Fair Skillathons are open to all 4-H and FFA youth. Participants do not have to be a state fair exhibitor or be enrolled in an animal project. Information includes skillathon dates, times and study topics.
- State Fair Outstanding Market Exhibitor Program and Record Book Contest rules have been updated.
- Other opportunities include: Rabbit Quiz Bowl, Rabbit Judging Contest, Rabbit Breed ID Contest, Dairy Judging Clinics, Dairy Quiz Bowl, Poultry Judging Contest, Avian Bowl Contest, Livestock Judging Contest, Horse Hippology Contest, Horse Judging Contest, Horse Poster Contest, Dog Poster Contest, and Dog Bowl.

Camping at the Ohio State Fair in 2024

Exhibitor camping will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations will not be required or accepted. The rate will be \$60 per day. <https://ohiostatefair.com/camping/>.

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

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>

Backyard Poultry Certification Course:

Interest in keeping backyard poultry has been increasing steadily as more and more people want to provide for their family and personal food security. We have also seen an increase in youth keeping backyard chickens or turkeys for 4H livestock projects.

Whatever your reason for raising poultry, this course is designed to provide you with the knowledge and resources you will need to get your backyard flock off to a great start.

This self-paced course is expected to take 2-3 hours to complete and includes these 6 modules:

- Getting Started
- Brooding, Basic Husbandry & Nutrition
- Housing
- Egg Production
- Maximizing Health
- Biosecurity

Go.osu.edu/chicken

Cost \$25

The 4-H Urban Immersion Project (UIP)

The Urban Immersion Project is a 4-H initiative that combines cross-cultural learning, teamwork, and service-learning in the urban environment of Washington, DC.

Teens ages 15-18 are eligible for this 4-day service-learning experience that will build skills and abilities to prepare youth for success in a diverse workplace as well as build a cultural understanding of those who are different. This experience will not be about shopping or sightseeing, although we will visit some monuments and historic sites. The cost of the experience is \$200. Limited scholarship funds are also available. The 4-H Educator will contact all teen applicants to complete an additional phone interview before selection.

Application:

<https://warren.osu.edu/sites/warren/files/imce/2024%20Urban%20Immersion%20Application%20-%20Washington%20D.pdf>

4TH H CLUB CHALLENGE

We pledge our "health to better living" but do we actually practice it? The 4th H Club Challenge encourages Ohio 4-H Clubs to learn, practice, and advocate for healthy choices and behaviors at 4-H club meetings. Practicing healthy habits and choices now has lifelong effects on the health of youth. Each club that completes the challenge before the deadline will enter into the \$100 voucher drawing for their region to use for their club (project books, educational tools, etc.)! How does it work? Apply **3 healthy practices per meeting** (see list below) at **6 or more 4-H clubs/meetings** from January - December 2024.

If your club already does some health practices, great! We encourage you to challenge yourselves with different or new health practices for your club.

1. Register and complete pre-survey.
2. Record the dates and activities in the 4th H tracker link. (the tracker link will be provided after registering)
3. Share a picture of your club doing a healthy practice on social media. Be sure to include the official hashtag #Ohio4thHClubChallenge.
4. Submit all activities to the tracker link by December 31st, 2024.

More information can be found at <https://go.osu.edu/4thHClubChallenge>.

BuckeyeNext!

Introducing BuckeyeNext, powered by Sutable – Revolutionizing Youth Development in Ohio's 4-H Program! BuckeyeNext is on a mission to empower students by creating a groundbreaking stackable-credential framework. Through immersive experiential learning opportunities, students can earn industry-accepted credentials and cultivate expertise in occupational competencies. BuckeyeNext is not just an app; it's the ultimate hub for 4-H youth to track their involvement and proudly showcase their development journey!

Open to middle- and high school-aged 4-H youth across Ohio!

1. Register your email: go.osu.edu/buckeyenextoptin
2. Download the suitable app: app.suitable.co
3. Log-in using email
4. View your dashboard, upcoming, and completed activities & achievements

Join BuckeyeNext today and embark on a journey of skill development and recognition in Ohio's 4-H community!

Get ready for the Biggest Week in American Birding Festival!

The Biggest Week in American Birding festival is held from May 3-12 in Ohio. Did you know hummingbirds arrive in Ohio in April and will stay until September? The ruby-throated hummingbird is one of these beautiful backyard visitors. Why not invite them to your own yard? Visit go.osu.edu/4hummingbirdfeeder for an easy activity from the Ohio Birds 4-H project. Then, wait for your visitors to arrive! Listen and look closely. How did hummingbirds get their name?

Ohio 4-H Launches CareerNext Online Course

Ohio 4-H proudly announces the debut of CareerNext: Are You Ready?, an innovative online course designed to equip young individuals with the skills and confidence needed to excel in the dynamic landscape of tomorrow's workforce.

As the career landscape evolves rapidly, Ohio 4-H recognizes the importance of preparing youth for forthcoming challenges and opportunities. CareerNext stands as a comprehensive program integrating practical knowledge, interactive modules, and real-world scenarios to empower participants to explore various career paths, hone critical skills, and make informed decisions about their future.

Key features of the online course include interactive learning modules covering resume building, interview techniques, post-secondary education, and financial literacy. Participants also benefit from expert guidance, flexible learning options, hands-on activities, and resources for career exploration. For more information about CareerNext: Are You Ready?, visit <http://go.osu.edu/careernext>.

State-wide Camping Opportunities

Check out these statewide camping opportunities available for 4-H members:

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 Camp:

<https://ohio4h.org/families/members/events-opportunities/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-ed-camp>

Space Adventure Camp

<https://spaceadventurecamp.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/home>

Ohio 4-H STEM Camp

go.osu.edu/4HSTEMCamp

4-H Event Youth Assistants Needed

Looking for a state level leadership opportunity this summer? Apply to be a 4-H Event Youth Assistant (4HEYA)! 4HEYA's help staff summer 4-H events such as state project judging, contents, awards ceremonies, and more! The application is due May 15, 2024! For more information and the link to apply, visit <https://go.osu.edu/4HEYA>

Older Youth Beef Production Field Day

For youth 14 and older, this will be a unique opportunity to learn about the beef industry. We will have a hands-on day walking youth through the beef production cycle focusing on cow-calf management. Parents are welcome, as we have a tour scheduled in the morning of the ATI and CFAES Wooster campus with admissions staff. For registration visit: go.osu.edu/2024youthbeefday Registration Deadline - June 7, 2024 Cost: Youth \$30, Parents \$15. Lunch Included. Limited to first 30 Youth Registrations.

DATE: June 15, 2024

TIME: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

Registration 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: OSU ATI Beef Center 2736 S. Apple Creek Rd
Apple Creek 44606

4-H Club Outing WITH THE TOLEDO MUD HENS

All Summer Long! Plan your 4-H Club outing with the Toledo Mud Hens at any game this season!

Boots and Baseball Weekend: June 28 & 29

Picnic options and group rates available

Your 4-H Club will be featured on our video board

Plan your outing today by contacting Brittany Dey

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