

# 4-H Happenings



Hocking County 4-H Program

December 2021

A festive banner with a red background, white snowflakes, and sparkling lights. The text "Happy Holidays!" is written in a large, white, cursive font.

## Happy Holidays!

**Greetings to you and yours during this holiday season and wishing you all the best in the coming year.**

I would like to thank all our 4-H family for your support and understanding throughout the past year. Each of you have strived to Make the Best Better during challenging times and as a result 2021 was a year of accomplishments and awards. Thank you for your dedication, resilience, and patience.

We are pleased to announce that Kayla Thompson-Nihiser will begin her position as the Hocking County 4-H Educator on January 3. Kayla is an alumni of Hocking County 4-H and is currently a 4-H volunteer. As Kayla navigates her role as Educator, please welcome her to our program.

As we look ahead to 2022, please read the following information carefully. I encourage you to visit our website at [hocking.osu.edu](http://hocking.osu.edu) and our Facebook page at [facebook.com/osu.hocking.extension](https://facebook.com/osu.hocking.extension) throughout the year for important reminders and updates. The county 4-H calendar is posted on our website and is updated as needed. Please feel free to contact us at 740-385-3222 with any questions or concerns you have.

Happy Holidays!

*Angelia Seum*

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Program Assistant, 4-H Youth Development

*Hello 4-H Members, Volunteers, and Community!*

*Happy Holidays! I hope you are having a great end to 2021 and excited to start fresh in the year 2022. I want to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to the 4-H program and the youth of Hocking County. It really takes a village to do what we do every year, and your commitment does not go unnoticed.*

*I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Kayla Nihiser, but many of you may know me as Kayla Thompson. I grew up in Hocking County and was very active during my 4-H and FFA careers raising livestock and taking many Natural Resource based still projects. I graduated in 2008 from LHS and went to junior college in Kewanee, Illinois at Black Hawk East. I then continued my education at The Ohio State University in Extension Education. I have worked in an elementary setting, with 4-H programs in neighboring counties, and as an AgScience teacher/FFA Advisor in a neighboring high school.*

*I have always wanted to come home and work with the program that gave so much to me as a youth. I greatly benefited from others investing in my life through the 4-H Program and I want to offer that same gift to a new generation of 4-H members. I am eager to get started as your new 4-H Educator on January 3 and look forward to meeting you. Please don't be shy and if you see me out and about, please introduce yourself.*

*As we move into a New Year, keep up the remarkable work and energy you have for our 4-H Youth and program. I look forward to seeing you in the coming months. Happy Holidays and have a great safe New Year!*

*Kayla Nihiser*

## 2022 Hocking County 4-H Calendar

### December

- 21 Youth Board Meeting, 6 pm, Youth Center
- 23 Office Closed - Christmas Eve
- 24 Office Closed - Christmas Day
- 31 Office closed - observance of New Year's Day

### January

- 3 4-H Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Youth Center \*Audit Committee meets at 6:30 pm
- 15 DNA/EID kits for 2022 Ohio State Fair Market Beef Show - must be in the possession of the Ohio State Fair - *mail early*
- 17 Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 18 4-H Horse Sub-Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Youth Center
- 25 Youth Board Meeting, 6 pm, Youth Board
- 28 Club Audit & Financial Summary forms due to Extension Office by 4 pm
- 28 Older Youth Applications due by 4 pm to the Extension Office
- TBA State 4-H Horse Advisor Virtual Training

### February

- 4 Ohio 4-H Achievement Records due at the State 4-H Office
- 7 4-H Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Youth Center
- 15 State 4-H Scholarships applications due – submit online
- 15 4-H Horse Sub-Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Youth Center
- 21 Camp Counselor Training, 10 am - 2 pm, Youth Center
- 21 4-H Volunteer Training (returning volunteers), 6 pm, Youth Center *\*RSVP required*
- 22 Youth Board Meeting, 6 pm, Youth Center
- 25 4-H Senior Scholarship Application due before 4 pm to the Extension Office
- 26 4-H Volunteer Training, 9 am – 11 am (returning); 9 am – 1 pm (NEW), Youth Center *\*RSVP required*

### March

- 5 Market Steer Tagging - tentative
- 7 4-H Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Youth Center
- 6-12 Ohio 4-H Week
- 8 Camp Counselor Training, 6 – 8 pm, Youth Center
- 9 Quality Assurance Training, 6 pm, Youth Center *\*RSVP required*
- 10 4-H Volunteer Training (returning volunteers), 6 pm, Youth Center *\*RSVP required*
- 12 Ohio 4-H Conference – Greater Columbus Convention Center
- 14 Extension Advisory Meeting, 7 pm, Youth Center
- 15 4-H Horse Sub-Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Youth Center
- 19 Camp Counselor Training, 10 am - 2 pm, Youth Center
- 29 Youth Board Meeting, 6 pm, Youth Center

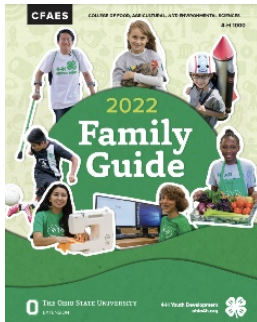
### April

- 1 **Hocking County 4-H Enrollment Deadline**

Dates are added to the 4-H calendar as they become available. Please check the 4-H calendar posted at [hocking.osu.edu](http://hocking.osu.edu) for the most up-to-date information.

**Pease visit our Facebook page for important information and updates:**

<https://www.facebook.com/osu.hocking.extension>



## 2022 Family Guides

The State 4-H Office will be mailing a 2022 Family Guide to each current 4-H family this year. New families and those wanting multiple copies can also pick them up at the Extension Office. A downloadable version is available at [ohio4h.org/familyguide](http://ohio4h.org/familyguide).

Members are encouraged to order project books online at [extensionpubs.osu.edu](http://extensionpubs.osu.edu). Free standard shipping is available for orders of \$20 or more with coupon code, FREE2022.

Self-Determined and Idea Starters are free and downloadable and can be found at [ohio4h.org/booksresources](http://ohio4h.org/booksresources).

Be sure to check out the new and updated projects offered this year.

Members may also purchase project books at the Extension Office. It is best to call our office at 740-385-3222 to verify that we have the project books you need in stock. 4-H members are encouraged to purchase their project books early for next year.

A great resource to help members decide on a project is Project Central. Project Central is an easy way for 4-H members, project helpers, and advisors to preview Ohio 4-H project books and resources. Take a closer look at a book, find out what others have to say, and share your experiences. Check it out at [ohio4h.org/books-and-resources/project-central](http://ohio4h.org/books-and-resources/project-central).

## Join 4-H as a Volunteer!



Do you know a caring adult that is interested in helping youth develop life skills? The 4-H program is the place to be! This is time for 4-H volunteer recruitment and training. Active 4-H parents and grandparents are encouraged to become official 4-H volunteers. Current volunteers in large clubs are encouraged to start new clubs. As the 4-H program grows, more and more volunteers and clubs are needed. Please call our office at 385-3222 if you would like more information on

how to become a 4-H Volunteer.

New volunteer training is slated for Saturday, February 26, 2022, beginning at 9 am. This is mandatory.

## Annual Volunteer Training

**All** 4-H volunteers are required to attend annual volunteer training. This training includes Policy 1.50, state and county program updates, and two competencies identified from the state office.

Training will be at the Youth Center on the following dates:

Returning volunteers ...Monday, February 21, 6 pm

Saturday, February 26, 9 am

Thursday, March 10, 6 pm

New volunteers .....Saturday, February 26, 9 am

**RSVP is required. Contact Marilyn at 740-385-3222 or [fisk.31@osu.edu](mailto:fisk.31@osu.edu).**

## Background Checks

Current 4-H Volunteers who are due to have a background check in 2022, should have received a notification letter. Please do not disregard this notice. You must enroll in 4-H Online prior to having your fingerprints submitted. The system will not be able to find you if you are not enrolled. Call Marilyn at 740-385-3222 if you need help.

Remember to submit your receipt and completed form to the Extension Office and we will file for a reimbursement for you.





## 2022 4-H Enrollment

Beginning January 3, 2022, all current and past 4-H members and volunteers may begin to enroll themselves in 4-H Online 2.0.

**Please refer to the information sheet with directions included in this mailing.**

### Stop and Call our office if .....

- You cannot find your family profile. DO NOT create a new one.
- You want to change clubs in 2022
- You are a new member or volunteer
- You do not have access to the internet

New families should call our office **before** enrolling online. We will go over the process with them.

By allowing you access, you can update your club and project information as well as personal information (email, home address, phone, etc). This will ensure that you are properly enrolled in the county program and receive important news and updates such as newsletters, deadline information, and leadership opportunities. **Projects cannot be changed/added after the April 1 enrollment deadline.**

If your child(ren) belongs to a shared parenting household, you will need to decide a primary address for all materials that are to be mailed.

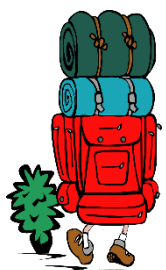
The ability to change or update your information may be limited in certain fields of 4-H Online 2.0. If you see information that is incorrect and you are not able to make changes, please call the Extension office for the changes to be made.

### Enrollment deadline for 2022 is April 1.

**4-H Projects = Fair Entry Classes Helper Guide** has been developed to help members and families enter the correct county fair class for the livestock project(s) being taken. Please review this document at [hocking.osu.edu](http://hocking.osu.edu) to make sure you are enrolling in the correct project you are wanting to take to the fair.

### 2021 Club Financial Reports

Organizational Advisors were mailed the 4-H Club Annual Financial Summary and Club Audit Forms. **Please return the completed forms along with your club's December 2021 bank statement to the Extension Office on or before January 28, 2022. An addressed, stamped envelope was included with the forms.** Feel free to phone the office if you have questions. We are here to help!



### 2022 4-H Camps

Hocking County 4-H Camps will be held at Camp Otterbein.

- Beginner/Junior Camp: June 10-12, 2022 ; cost TBD
- Cloverbud Camp: July 23, 2022; cost TBD

Camp is an exciting time of adventure, personal growth and development! Come explore what 4-H Camp is all about. More information will be shared in future newsletters.

### Fundraising Opportunity for 4-H Camp

Little Chief's Basketball has offered Hocking County 4-H the opportunity to participate in a fundraiser. These funds would be used for 4-H Camp. The Little Chief's Basketball organizers are asking for volunteers (adults) to cover gym duties during their January 2022 games. In exchange, the Hocking County 4-H Program may receive up to \$800.



Any adult that is interested, willing, and able, may act in this role. Being a 4-H volunteer is not required. Gym duties would include monitoring spectators, keeping youth off school stages, etc.

The following dates and times need covered. Times may be covered by more than one person.

*Example: Mr X will cover 8:45 am – 11 am and Mr Z will cover 11 am – 1:30 am.*

Saturday- January 8, 15, & 22 (makeup day 29) ...Union Furnace Elementary. ....8:45 am -1:30 pm

Sunday- January 9, 16, 23 (makeup day 30).....Union Furnace Elementary ..... 11:45 am – 6 pm

Saturday- January 8, 15, & 22 (makeup day 29)....Chieftain Elementary .....8:45 am – 5 pm

Sunday- 9, 16, 23 (makeup day 30).....Chieftain Elementary ..... 11:45 am – 6:00 pm

These are scheduled times but may change due to weather or quarantines.

Please contact Angie Seum at 740-385-3222 or [seum.6@osu.edu](mailto:seum.6@osu.edu) with the date and time you are interested in filling, no later than 4 pm, December 10.

### **Hocking County 4-H Cloverbud Club**

OSU Extension, Hocking County will be hosting a county-wide 4-H Cloverbud Club beginning January 5, 2022. All youth, age 5 and in Kindergarten through age 8 and in second grade as of January 1, are eligible to participate. The club will meet from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Youth Center on January 5 and 19, February 2 and 16, March 2 and 16.



There is no cost to join. Meetings will include informal lessons, recreation, and snacks.

Youth will be required to return a completed 4-H enrollment form and attend a minimum of four meetings to be complete. Members that meet the requirements will be invited to participate in Cloverbud interviews, Cloverbud Camp, and will receive an exhibitor pass for the 2022 Hocking County Fair. Please contact Angelia Seum at 740-385-3222 or [seum.6@osu.edu](mailto:seum.6@osu.edu) for more information.

### **Opportunities for Older 4-H Youth**

Applications for Camp Counselors, Jr. Fair Board, 4-H Trips, State Achievement Awards, etc. will soon be posted at [www.hocking.osu.edu](http://www.hocking.osu.edu). Click on 4-H Youth Development, and then Forms and Applications. All youth age 13 and older as of January 1, 2022, will receive a letter and an application. The Older Youth Table is online. However, feel free to stop by or phone OSU Extension, Hocking County (740-385-3222) to request a paper copy of the table. The deadline to submit applications is before 4 pm, January 28, 2022.

### **Hocking County 4-H Horse Program**

Members interested in completing a 2022 horse project are welcome to apply to become a member of the Hocking County Horse Team(s). Applications can be found at [hocking.osu.edu](http://hocking.osu.edu). Returning horse team members must submit a completed application by 1 pm on January 21, 2022, to the Extension Office. Members applying for the first time must submit a complete application by 1 pm on February 25. For more information contact Mandy Thompson (740-503-8379) or Jessica Klingelhafer (740-216-0409).



### **2022 Hocking County 4-H Scholarship Application**



2022 Hocking County 4-H Scholarship applications are available at the area high school guidance offices. It is also posted online at [hocking.osu.edu](http://hocking.osu.edu). Applications are due to OSU Extension, Hocking County before 4 pm on Friday, February 25.

## Beef DNA/EID Kits



The Ohio State Fair requires all market beef entered in the 2022 Ohio State Fair to have individual DNA samples taken from each animal that may potentially be entered. **These DNA samples must be in the possession of the Ohio State Fair by January 15, 2022.** Kits may be picked up at the Extension Office. If you need a kit, please contact us at 740-385-3222.

## Mandatory – Animal Quality Assurance Training

All 4-H and FFA members enrolled in the following projects: beef, swine, sheep, goat, llama/alpaca, rabbit, and poultry are required to attend one Quality Assurance class before the May 27, 2022, deadline. This includes all projects in these species. All classes will be held at the Youth Center and **RSVP is required**. Class dates are:

Wednesday, **March 9**, 6-8 PM

Thursday, **April 14**, 6-8 PM

Saturday, **April 30**, 9-11 AM

Monday, **May 23**, 6-8 PM *There is a \$20 fee for this class.*



Because of limited seating, preregistration will be required. Classes are free to Hocking County youth, except for the May 23 class. There is a \$20 fee for this class. Cash, check, or money orders are accepted; we are not able to accept debit and credit cards.

Older youth test-out and the online YQCA option are available this year also. All YQCA and out-of-county certificates are due to the Extension Office by 4 pm, May 27.

RSVP by calling 740-385-3222 or email to [fisk.31@osu.edu](mailto:fisk.31@osu.edu). **PLAN AHEAD!**

## 2022 4-H Advisory Committee

Congratulations to the following 4-H volunteers and youth who were elected to serve on the 2022 4-H Advisory Committee:



Jillian Adams

Brian Ganson

Heather Imler

Ginger Johnson

Jessica Klingelhafer

Pam Puckett

Kylie Arnett

Hunter Ganson

Brody Kittle

Trinity Rafferty

These individuals will join our current members - Stephanie Blackford, Vicki Conrad, Naomi Hamilton, Jennifer Kempton, Becky Nicholson, and Amy Sams.

## 2022 4-H Horse Sub-Committee

Congratulations to the following individuals who were elected to serve on the 2022 4-H Horse Sub-Committee:

Jenel Bentley

Chrissy Robers

Raven Rau

Terra Conley

Isee Beiter

Kayle Bond

Hailey Kidwell

## Hocking County Youth Board

The Hocking County Youth Board has openings for 8, 9, and 11 grade students. The Youth Board is a group of youth and adults with the purpose of empowering youth to serve as trustees of their community by promoting and participating in community service work. 4-H membership is not required.

The Youth Board meets August through May on the last Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the Youth Center. Interested individuals may contact Angie Seum at 740-385-3222 or [seum.6@osu.edu](mailto:seum.6@osu.edu).

## **Congratulations to our 2021 Year-End Award Winners!**

### **Achievement Record**

Sponsored by the Hocking County 4-H Committee

Sr – Grace Atkins, United Clovers

Jr – Abby Cox, Rolling Hills/Purple Clovers

### **Secretary Award**

Sponsored by Office City

Sr – Beth Atkins, United Clovers

Jr – Kaylee Cox, Purple Clovers

### **Treasurer Award**

Sponsored by Merchants National Bank

Sr – Grace Atkins, United Clovers

Jr – Colin Kittle, Rushcreek River Rats

### **News Reporter Award**

Sponsored by The Logan Daily News

Sr – Emma Brown, Chieftain Lads & Lassies

Jr – Abby Cox, Purple Clovers

### **Timberlake Award**

Sponsored by Earl Timberlake

Caitlyn Myers

### **Community Service Award**

Sponsored by Hocking County Junior Leaders

United Clovers

### **Honor Club**

Sponsored by the Hocking County 4-H Committee

Heart of the Country

### **Donor Award**

Sponsored by the Hocking County 4-H Committee

Merchants National Bank

### **4-H Alumni Award**

Sponsored by the Hocking County 4-H Committee

Jessica Klingelhafer

### **Friend of 4-H Award**

Sponsored by the Hocking County 4-H Committee

Mandi Tripp



**2021 4-H Honor Clubs Gold**

Chieftain Lads & Lassies  
Heart of the Country  
Rolling Hills  
Rushcreek River Rats  
The Purple Clovers 4-H Pride  
United Clovers

**2021 4-H Honor Members****Cedar Falls**

Luke Abele  
Macie Alford  
Talen Alford  
Abbie Conrad  
Makayla Daubenmire  
Makenzie Daubenmire  
Cooper Johnson  
Lucas Johnson  
Madelyn Johnson  
Lia Poling  
Abigail Smith

**Chieftain Lads & Lassies**

Elizabeth Brown  
Emma Brown  
Ella Ditty  
Natalie Pierce  
Simon Pierce  
Bennett Schenkel  
Brecken Schenkel  
Eli Stimmel  
Jackson Stimmel  
Macie Thrapp  
Ethan Wintermute

**Heart of the Country**

Trace Holley  
Wesley Stumbo

**Hocking County Blue****Ribbon Livestock**

Chloe Cochran  
William Cochran  
Joseph Schrader  
Olivia Schrader  
Jayme Stumbo  
Joshua Stumbo  
Hayle Stumbo

**Honey Fork Lads & Lassies**

Brooklyn Adkins  
Jonah Green  
Jordan Green  
Savannah Green  
Emily Olejniczak  
Trinity Rafferty  
Taylor Stevens  
Tifani Stevens  
Lillian Stimmel  
Lydia Stimmel  
Parker Stimmel

**Klip Klop Klub**

Andrea Klingelhafer  
Justin Klingelhafer  
Christen Robers

**LoHock**

Kyalie Kimble  
Lucas (Clay) Kimble  
Adelyn Fouch  
Hayden Fouch

**Power-N-Club Kids**

Harris Bell  
Anna Hamilton  
Caleb Hamilton  
Gideon Hamilton  
Heidi Hamilton  
Kaden Harris  
Abigail Householder  
Elizabeth James  
Abigail Lehman  
Quincy Lehman  
Kelli Mann  
Ashlyn Mathias  
Caitlyn Myers  
Kinsey Myers  
Justus Neville  
Brayson Riggs  
Nevaeh Rittenhouse  
Emmalynn Skaggs  
Bryson Williams

**Rolling Hills**

Kylie Arnett  
Dustin Barnett  
Lyra Barnett  
Lynsi Huddy  
Tristan McDaniel  
Ashlyn Schluep  
Brenna Schluep

**Rushcreek River Rats**

Kierin Hoy  
Kya Hoy  
Destiny Kienzle  
Isaac Kienzle  
Brody Kittle  
Colin Kittle  
Kate Kittle  
Lakyn Muncie  
Makenzie Muncie  
Hunter Pippen  
Andriana Stewart  
Chancie Stewart  
Eleanore Stowe  
Isabelle Stowe  
Keelee Taylor  
Ava Wesselhoeft

**The Purple Clovers 4-H  
Pride**

Megan Bookman  
Abby Cox  
Kaylee Cox

**United Clovers**

Elizabeth Atkins  
Grace Atkins  
Nova Gastin  
Timothy Lehman  
Emma Rutter  
Dakota West  
Lukas West

