



# 4-H Happenings

Hocking County 4-H Program

June 2021

Dear 4-H Family,

We are in the busy 4-H season! June brings Beg/Jr 4-H Camp and the Sew Fun Clinic. With July, comes 4-H judging, 4-H awards program, 4-H Cloverbud Camp, and the Ohio State Fair. This newsletter is full of many important updates, deadlines, and rules. Please read it carefully and keep it in a safe location for future reference. Past newsletters are archived on our website at [hocking.osu.edu](http://hocking.osu.edu). Paper copies are also available at the Extension Office.

Remember, to be considered complete in 4-H, members must purchase and fill-out a project book for each project in which they are enrolled. Members must also participate in project judging or the skillathon with at least one project and meet their club's attendance and participation guidelines. Those enrolled in livestock projects must be complete in the project and have attended Quality Assurance training to be eligible to exhibit at the fair. We want everyone to be able to participate in the fair, so be sure you are meeting the guidelines.

The Awards Program is scheduled for July 22 at 7 PM at the **Hocking County Fairgrounds in the show arena**. *Note the change of venue for 2021*. Families are asked to limit persons attending the program to two extra people per family, per youth being recognized. This year only 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place youth will receive awards at the program and there will not be a style show. Youth awarded an honorable mention will be announced, but not given ribbons during the program. Families may pick up honorable mention ribbons at the Extension office, Monday through Friday from 8 AM – 4 PM.

Thank you,

Allen Fawley  
Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

## 4-H Calendar

### June

- 6/01-5 State 4-H Leadership Camp
- 6/02 Sew Fun Orientation, 6-8 PM, Youth Center
- 6/05 Sheep, Goat, Swine tagging/weigh-in, 7 AM – 10 AM at Hocking County Fairgrounds  
\*fair entries for market & showmanship classes will take place at this time.
- 6/07 4-H Committee Mtg. at 7 PM, YC
- 6/11-13 Beginner Jr Camp at Camp Otterbein
- 6/15 4-H Horse Committee Mtg. at 7 PM, Zoom or Youth Center
- 6/17 Camp Counselor Exit Interviews/Party, 5-7 PM, Youth Center 6/19 Hocking County PAS
- 6/21-25 Sew Fun Clinic
- 6/25 Deadline for Cloverbud Day Camp Registration
- 6/25 Final date for 4-H clubs to practice with skill-a-thon kits

### July

- 7/02 Creative Writing Projects due to OSU Extension before 4 PM
- 7/05 Independence Day Holiday – Office Closed
- 7/10 4-H Project Judging and Livestock Skill-a-thon at Hocking County Fairgrounds
- 7/12 4-H Committee Mtg. at 7PM, YC
- 7/15-19 4-H Sea Camp
- 7/12-16 Leadership Washington Focus, Washington DC - Virtual
- 7/20 4-H Horse Committee Mtg at 7 PM, Youth Center
- 7/22 4-H Award's Program 7 PM at Hocking Co Fairgrounds Show Arena *\*Note the location!*
- 7/24 Cloverbud Day Camp at Camp Otterbein 9 AM to 3 PM
- 7/26 4-H Make-up Judging, 9 AM - 3:30 PM, Youth Center
- 7/27 4-H Make-up Judging, 9 AM - 3:30 PM, Youth Center
- 7/28 4-H Make-up Judging, 9 AM - Noon, Youth Center
- 7/28–8/8 Ohio State Fair
- 7/28 4-H CARTEENS from 3:30 to 5:30 PM, Youth Center
- TBA Senior (13-18) Ohio 4-H Shooting Education Camp – Canter's Cave 4-H Camp

### August

- 8/02 4-H Committee Mgt. at 7 PM, YC
- 8/04 Cloverbud Interviews, 4-6 PM, SWCD
- 8/14 Feeder Calf tagging (beef & dairy feeders), 8am - 9am at fairgrounds  
\*fair entries for market & showmanship classes will take place at this time.
- 8/16 Rabbit tagging, 6pm - 8pm  
\*fair entries for market & showmanship classes will take place at this time.
- 8/14 Hocking County 4-H Point Show
- 8/17 Horse Committee Meeting, 7 PM, Zoom or Youth Center
- 8/27 Fair booth reservations due
- 8/28 Hocking County 4-H Point Show
- 8/30 4-H Committee Mgt. at 7 PM, YC
- 8/31 Youth Board at 6 PM, Zoom or Youth Center
- TBA Teen Leadership Counsel applications due to State 4-H Office

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

**OSU Mask Update:** Effective immediately, June 1, 2021

- Face masks are not required to be worn inside or outside at 4-H camp (day or overnight) for ALL employees AND clientele.  
*\*NOTE: We are still required to follow Camp Otterbein's COVID-19 policies, which may differ from OSU's policy.*
- Face masks are not required to be worn inside or outside at any OSU Extension (including 4-H non-camp) programs and activities for ALL employees AND clientele.
- Face masks are not required to be worn inside or outside at county offices for ALL employees AND clientele.

Face masks are strongly recommended for those who are not yet fully vaccinated (strongly recommended means the individual chooses to wear a mask or not)

Individuals are welcome to wear a mask if they are more comfortable doing so.

All other health and safety guidance is still in effect, such as physical distancing and sanitizing.

Local guidance (i.e., local health department, local landlord or building requirements, etc.) prevails, if there are more stringent requirements.

Individuals and/or family members may not attend if they or anyone living in their household is experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste or smell, or as been directly exposed (confirmed or suspected) to COVID-19 if they are not fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 vaccinations are our best current protection against infection and a fatal outcome. Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a face mask. However, we strongly recommend eligible, but unvaccinated, individuals to continue to properly wear a face mask when social distancing cannot be maintained.

*A reminder: As the case has been to date, know that these guidelines may be modified at any time if conditions change, and/or if the guidance is not followed, and/or if a local health department issues more stringent requirements.*

**Education During 4-H Club Meetings**

4-H volunteers may recall that approximately half of the time during each club meeting should be devoted to education. That can include demonstrations, reports, guest speakers, tours, skill-a-thon practice and much more. Consider spending time practicing interviewing skills before judging/skill-a-thons. This will help your members be better prepared for the events.

Also, those who invite livestock buyers to come to the fair sales and then follow-up with thank you letters are more likely to receive higher bids for their animals. As part of our Workforce Development Programming, Marilyn Fisk designed handouts that can be used to teach your members how to: write a letter of invitation, a thank you letter, and how to address an envelope. I challenge each club to spend time teaching your members these skills. Encourage everyone to invite a minimum of three individuals or business owners to the livestock sales. I believe everyone will be pleased with the results. Contact Marilyn for copies of the handouts at [fisk.31@osu.edu](mailto:fisk.31@osu.edu) or 740-385-3222.

### **4-H Cloverbud Day Camp**

Cloverbud camp will take place July 24 at Camp Otterbein from 9 AM – 3 PM. Registration deadline is June 25. Registration packets can be found at [hocking.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/hocking-county-4-h-camp](https://hocking.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/hocking-county-4-h-camp) or may be picked up at the Extension office, Monday through Friday from 8 AM – 4 PM.

### **Cloverbud Interviews**

**Hold the date:** Interviews for Cloverbuds are scheduled for Wednesday, August 4 from 4-6 PM in the Youth Center. A letter with details will be sent to all Cloverbud members the later part of July.

### **4-H Project Judging / Livestock Skillathons**

4-H Judging/Skillathons will be held on Saturday, July 10 at the Hocking County Fairgrounds. Health/Safety protocols will be in place regarding Covid-19, per OSU directives. To be complete, all 4-H'ers need to participate with a minimum one project but are encouraged to participate with all their projects. Only those who participate on July 10 are eligible for county awards and possible advancement with still projects to the Ohio State Fair.

Skillathon stations will be completed in paper form this year. We will not be using the kits. Youth will complete the paper version of the stations, then interview with the judge.

In an ongoing effort to make the skillathon age/grade levels consistent, the following guidelines will be in effect for the 2021 Livestock Skillathon.

- Beginner – Completed grades 3 - 5
- Intermediate – Completed grades 6 - 8
- Advanced – Completed grade 9 and up

### **Use these guidelines even if they are different than stated in your project book.**

Skillathon study material can be found on our website at [hocking.osu.edu](https://hocking.osu.edu). Under Program Areas, choose 4-H Youth Development, then 4-H Judging/Skillathon Information.

Read the project guidelines in your 4-H book and review the 2021 Project Completion and Fair Requirements on our website at [hocking.osu.edu](https://hocking.osu.edu), Program Area is 4-H Youth Development, then 4-H Judging/Skillathon Information, to make sure you bring the appropriate materials to judging.

Completed (as much as possible) project books are to be brought to judging/skillathon.

Make sure to register prior to heading to your project judging area. Livestock skillathons will be held in the Art Hall, clothing and cooking projects will be held in the Youth Center, and all others will be held in the Hubbard Building. Registration tables will be set up at each building and you will sign in for designated projects at those tables. Ex: If you are judging in Sew for Others, Market Swine and Family History Treasure Hunt, then you would sign in for your sewing project at the Youth Center, Swine at the Art Hall, and Family History at the Hubbard Building.

Virtual options will be available for those families uncomfortable participating at in-person judging due to Covid-19. Families electing to participate virtually must contact our office at 740-385-3222 to receive the information for virtual project judging. The virtual option will be available July 19-23.

In-person make-up judging/skillathon will be held July 26 and 27 from 9 AM – 3:30 PM, and July 28 from 9 AM – Noon in the Youth Center. Families must call the office at 740-385-3222 to

schedule an appointment for make-up judging/skillathon.

Virtual and make-up judging/skillathon are not award eligible.

#### Skillathons: Art Hall

(beef/dairy, goat, horse, horseless horse, llama/alpaca, rabbit, sheep, swine, and poultry)

Registration will begin at 8:00 AM and conclude by 11:00 AM

#### Still Projects: Hubbard Building

(non-livestock including Cake Decorating, dogs, cats and small animals)

Registration will begin at 8:00 AM and conclude by 10:30 AM.

#### Clothing and Cooking Projects: Youth Center

Registration will begin at 8:00 AM and conclude by 10:30 AM.

Judges leave if there is no one in line at the end of the registration time. Plan your day so that your projects are judged before the judge leaves for the day.

#### **4-H Judging and Skillathon Score Sheets**

4-H judging and skillathon score sheets may be picked up from the Extension Office beginning on July 1.

Club volunteers and families are welcome to pick up the score sheets and complete the information at the top of the sheet before arriving at the event on July 10. We are making them available to speed up the registration process. When members arrive at the fairgrounds on July 10, they will sign in at the appropriate registration table(s) and have the information on their score sheets double checked for accuracy. Additional score sheets will be available.

4-H'ers enrolled in clothing and foods projects are reminded to bring their style show narration form and their menu to judging. The style show form will be collected by the judge.

#### **4-H Project Interviews**

Part of the 4-H member's score during judging/skillathons will be based on the interview with the judge. Remember to: make good eye contact with the judge, be enthusiastic about your project, don't chew gum, wear appropriate clothing, and leave your hat in the car – unless it is part of your clothing project.

All those who participate in special interest (also known as still or non-livestock) project judging on July 10 will be eligible to be selected to represent Hocking County at the Ohio State Fair in projects that have state level competition. See the 4-H Family Guide for details.

County winners and state fair delegates will be announced during the 4-H Awards Program on July 22 at 7:00 PM **at the Hocking County Fairgrounds Show Arena.**

Those that participate in the livestock skillathons on July 10 or the make-up skillathons are also eligible to participate in the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor (OLE) contest. The OLE rules for 2021 are posted at [hocking.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms](https://hocking.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms). Virtual skillathons are not eligible.

All those who receive an "A" grade will receive a 1st, 2nd, 3rd place or Honorable Mention Award.

Special interest projects in which 10 or more members are enrolled will be divided into Junior and Senior categories.

### **Ohio State Fair Information**

Members planning to participate in the Ohio State Fair with animal projects should regularly visit the state fair website at [ohiostatefair.com/agriculture-livestock/livestock/](http://ohiostatefair.com/agriculture-livestock/livestock/).

### **4-H Projects = Fair Entry Classes Helper Guide**

The 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) youth are enrolled. You can find this document on our website at [hocking.osu.edu](http://hocking.osu.edu), then choose 4-H Youth Development, and then Forms & Applications.

### **New Hocking County Fair Classes in 2021**

- Buckling Goat-Meat – Born after 1/1/21
- Buckling Goat-Dairy - Born after 11/21
- Aged Ewe - 2 years and over
- Breeding Rabbit – Fancy  
(Sr Buck, Sr Doe, Jr Buck, Jr Doe)
- Breeding Rabbit – Market  
(Sr Buck, Sr Doe, Jr Buck, Jr Doe)

### **Poultry Projects**

The broiler chicks will be available for pick-up from Hocking Valley Feed on July 21 or 22. Hocking Valley Feed will phone you when they arrive. Those who ordered chicks will receive a letter in the mail with a reminder to pick up the chicks when they arrive. Prepare plans to pick up your chicks for both days. They must be picked up the day they arrive at the feed store.

### **Market Rabbit Tattooing**

Market rabbits will be tattooed on August 16 from 6 - 8 PM at the fairgrounds. There will be no re-tagging. Be sure to be there!

### **Sheep/Goat Exhibitors**

ALL sheep and goats are required to have a scrapie tag, per the Hocking County Fair Board.

### **Turkey Info**

4-H and FFA members will be allowed to exhibit two turkeys at the 2020 Hocking County Fair. The minimum weight to show a turkey at the fair is 25 lbs. There is no upper weight limit. New this year, hens will be allowed. Toms and hens will be shown together. Birds must be certified pullorum free. Keep the certification paperwork as you will need to show it at fair check-in.

### **4-H Committee Food Booth**

All 4-H clubs are expected to work in the 4-H Food Booth during the fair. Club representatives can be older 4-H members, parents, other adult relatives, or community members. A couple of small clubs can work together to cover a shift.

The food booth is the only annual fund raiser 4-H has to support the country program and all 4-H members. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## 2021 Food Booth Schedule

Sunday	10-2	Rolling Hills
	2-6	Anything Go
	6-10	Rushcreek River Rats
Monday	10-2	Union Furnace Livestock
	2-6	Starr Farmers
	6-10	Bear Run Boys & Girls
Tuesday	10-2	Power-N-Club Kids
	2-6	Country Critters
	6-10	Klip Klop Klub
Wednesday	10-2	Born in a Barn / Chieftain Lads & Lassies
	2-6	United Clovers
	6-10	
Thursday	10-2	Kicking It Country
	2-6	Lo-Hock
	6-10	Young Guns
Friday	10-2	Cedar Falls
	2-6	Purple Clovers 4-H Pride
	6-10	
Saturday	10-2	Honeyfork Lads & Lassies
	2-6	Farm Friends
	6-10	Jesse Burns /

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY thru SATURDAY EVENING SHIFTS. (6p-10p)**

ALL clubs should participate in helping in the food booth. Individuals are also welcome to volunteer.

Please contact Amy Sams at 740-603-0590 regarding the food booth schedule.

### **Fair Booth Reservations Due**

4-H clubs planning to exhibit still projects during the fair are reminded that August 27 is the fair booth reservation deadline. Clubs may use the theme of their choice. The booths are 6' wide, 6' high, and 3'deep.

### **Important Requirements**

To be eligible to exhibit a project at the Hocking County Fair, 4-H members must be complete in the project. To be complete, 4-H'ers must have purchased a project book for each project in which the 4-H'er is enrolled, participated in judging or skillathon with a minimum of one project, and met their 4-H club's participation and activity requirements. 4-H'ers must be complete to be eligible to exhibit at the fair and receive a fair pass. Incomplete projects can be designated by the club advisor(s) or the Extension Office.

## **Livestock Exhibition Rules**

The Hocking County Fair Guide is typically available mid to late July. Be sure to read and follow the Hocking County Fair Board's Rules for 2021.

## **Beg/Jr 4-H Camp**

Beginner/Junior 4-H Camp takes place June 11-13! Please thank the donors for their generous contribution to the positive development of our youth.

### **Green and White Level \$10 to \$49**

May Family Dental

### **Clover Level \$50 to \$99**

Ewing Grange

Jeff Hatfield – Ag Days Vendor

### **Hocking Level \$100 to \$249**

Chieftain Main Shell

Home Tavern

Bay Food Market/Bay Packing

Hocking Valley Community Hospital

Emma Schluep

Forget Me Knot Wedding Venue

Mark and Joyce Shriner – Hocking Hills Home Grown

Bill Gray, Ag Days Vendor

Gypsy Joe's, Ag Days Vendor

### **Buckeye Level \$250 to \$499**

Logan Care and Rehab

Logan Moose Lodge #873

Stimmel Construction

Hocking Hills Banking Center

Trace's A-1 Sanitation

### **Scarlet and Gray Level \$500 or more**

Logan-Holl Foundation

Jerry and Linda Tatman

## **Special Thanks to Rocky Boots for donating material for crafts at camp.**

### **Thank You to...**

- Thanks to the 4-H Committee for sponsoring 4-H programming, awards, and postage for all 4-H mailings. They also pay for 4-H Scholarships for graduating seniors. Congratulations to **Lynsi Huddy** and **Eli Stallsmith** who received the \$500 scholarships this year! The 4-H committee also selected **Mira Burns** to attend State Leadership Camp.
- Thank you to Kevin Nelson and the 4-H Committee for covering the cost of our 4-H project judges.

### **Thanks for Your Ag Days Support**

- Thanks to the Junior Leaders and the Hocking County Youth Board for working in the food booth and donating funds for crafts to support 4-H Camp!
- Thanks to Country Critters 4-H Club for selling kettle popcorn!
- Thanks to Garry, Sheila and Shane Meyer and Hocking County Farm Bureau for making and selling soup beans and donating part of the funds to 4-H!
- We also want to thank the food vendors at Ag Days for donating to 4-H Camp
  - Gypsy Joe's Ice Cream
  - Jeff Hatfield
  - The Sausage Shop
  - M&B Peanuts
  - Bourbon Chicken

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