

4-H Happenings



Hocking County 4-H Program

April 2022

Dear 4-H Families,

Happy Spring! This year marks the 120th birthday of 4-H! We are beyond excited to begin our 2022 4-H season!

The last few years have been challenging, but we are confident this year will be one filled with pleasant memories that can last a lifetime. We hope you have an amazing year, and we cannot wait to see you at the upcoming 4-H events. While there is still some uncertainty, our volunteers, our 4-H families, and youth have a resiliency and strength that is a core part of the 4-H Program. Together - we can do much!

We will be communicating with you through our 4-H Happenings Newsletter, our Facebook page (facebook.com/osu.hocking.extension) our website (hocking.osu.edu) and through 4-H Online broadcast emails. If this is your first-time receiving emails via 4-H Online you should add our address (hocking.osu.edu) to your address book to help avoid issues receiving the emails. If the email goes to junk or spam the first time, mark it as "safe" or drag and drop it in your inbox; future emails should thereafter appear in your inbox.

Check our website often as new dates are added to the 4-H Calendar as they become available. We regularly post to our Facebook page with important and timely announcements and updates. We communicate frequently with organizational advisors to provide updates and information so please check in with them to stay up to date on vital information.

Our 4-H Staff is happy to help in any way we can. Feel free to call us at 385-3222 or email me at thompson.1860@osu.edu if you have questions or need clarification.

Sincerely,

Kayla Nikiser

Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development



4-H Calendar

April

- 4/01 Hocking County 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- 4/01 Deadline for Organizational Advisor to turn in club forms to the Extension Office
- 4/02 Camp Counselor Training, 10 AM to 2 PM, Youth Center
- 4/04 4-H Committee Mtg. at 7 PM, YC
- 4/14 Quality Assurance Training, 6-8 PM, Youth Center, Must RSVP
- 4/15 Camp Counselor Training, 10 AM to 2 PM, Youth Center
- 4/19 4-H Horse Committee Mtg. at 7 PM, Youth Center
- 4/22-24 Forestry Wildlife Conservation Camp – Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
- 4/26 Youth Board Mtg. at 6 PM, Youth Center
- 4/30 Quality Assurance Training, 9-11 AM, Youth Center, Must RSVP

May

- 5/02 4-H Committee Mtg. at 7 PM, Youth Center
- 5/03 Camp Counselor Training, 6-8 PM, Youth Center
- 5/06 Horse possession deadline; ALL horse paperwork due before 4 PM
- 5/07 Youth Board Bake Sale at Walmart; 9 AM – 1 PM
- 5/13 Deadline to register for 4-H Beg/Jr Camp
- 5/13 Deadline to register for Sew Fun Clinic for Beginners
- 5/14-15 Ag Days on the Hocking County Fairgrounds
- 5/15 Turkey possession deadline
- 5/17 4-H Horse Committee Mtg. at 7 PM, Youth Center
- 5/21 Mandatory On-Site Camp Counselor Training 9-3 at Camp Otterbein
- 5/23 Quality Assurance – Last Training Date, 6-8 PM \$20 Fee, Must RSVP
- 5/24 Youth Board Meeting, 6 PM, Youth Center
- 5/25 4-H CARTEENS, 3:30 to 5:30 PM, Youth Center
- 5/27 Deadline to turn in your out of county form for Quality Assurance by 4 PM
- 5/30 Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed

June

- 6/01 Sheep, Goat, Swine, Llama/Alpaca possession deadline
- 6/01 Camp Counselor Training, 6-8 PM, Youth Center
- 6/01-05 State 4-H Leadership Camp
- 6/02 Orientation for Sew Fun Clinic for Beginners, 6 to 8 PM, SWCD Conference Room
- 6/04 Sheep, Goat, Swine tagging/weigh-in, 7 AM to 10 AM at fairgrounds
- 6/06 4-H Committee Mtg. at 7 PM, Youth Center
- 6/08 Shopping at JoAnn Fabric for Sew Fun Clinic Participants 9 to 11 AM
- 6/10-12 Beginner Jr Camp at Camp Otterbein
- 6/12-17 Camp Canopy
- 6/19-24 Citizenship Washington Focus for Hocking Co. Washington DC (ages 14-19)
- 6/20 Extension Office closed for Juneteenth
- 6/21 Ohio State Fair Jr Livestock Entry Deadline by 1 PM – Online submission
- 6/21 4-H Horse Committee Mtg. at 7 PM, Youth Center
- 6/21-23 Sew Fun Clinic for Beginners 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- 6/23 Final date for 4-H clubs to practice with skill-a-thon kits

Club Meetings

The Fair Board is offering 4-H clubs the use of the shelter house for meetings, free of charge. Please contact Jessica Dicken at hockingcountyagsociety@gmail.com for more information.

Mandatory – Animal Quality Assurance Training

All 4-H and FFA members enrolled in the following projects: beef, swine, sheep, goat, rabbit, llama, and poultry are required to attend one Quality Assurance class.



This training is a requirement of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Failure to complete QA will result in the exhibitor not being permitted to show or sell at the fair. There will be no exceptions to this rule. A parent is strongly encouraged (but not required) to attend the training.

- **QA Test Out** - Youth 4-H age 15 (as of Jan 1) and older are strongly encouraged to try to test out of QA. Testing at Logan High School was given on April 8 in partnership with the FFA instructor. Testing is available at the OSU Extension Office on an individual basis. Members must contact the office for an appointment. Last day to attempt the test-out option is May 20.

Note: Testing after attending a training is NOT permitted.

- **QA session dates:**
 - ~~Thursday, April 14; 6 PM at the Youth Center~~ *Session is full.
 - Saturday, April 30; 9 AM at the Youth Center
 - Monday, May 23; 6 PM at the Youth Center **** This session cost \$20**
- **RSVP for QA** – RSVP is required for the QA events in Hocking County. Members/families must call the office at least one day prior to the scheduled event. Please include member name, club name, and if parent(s)/guardian(s) will be attending also. We have limited seating available.
- **YQCA online training** – This is a national program recognized by ODA and OSU that Ohio youth may utilize to complete the required QA training. *This company changed platforms on March 23 and is now available.*

This option is available to youth ages 8-18. A fee is associated with this option.

Deadline to complete this option is **May 20**. Copy of certificates must be sent to Marilyn at fisk.31@osu.edu **before 4 PM, May 27**.

Certificates dated after May 20 and certificates received after 4 PM, May 27 will not be accepted.

Youth can go to the following website to take the age-appropriate on-line module for \$12:

yqcaprogram.org

- **Out of County QA** – Youth may attend an out of county QA training. Youth **MUST** pick up a form from the Hocking County Extension Office and take it with them to be signed by the presenting county's educator. The completed form must be returned to our office before **4 PM on May 27, 2022**, to receive credit for QA attendance.



Animal Tagging Dates

Sheep: June 4: 7-10 AM

Hogs: June 4: 7-10 AM

Goats: June 4: 7-10 AM

Feeder Calf: August 13: 8-10 AM

Rabbits: August 15: 6-8 PM

Exhibitors interested in signing up for Beef Futurity for 2021 or 2022, need to contact Jeff Snider at 740-808-0156.

Swine/Goat/Sheep Tagging

Please note – those entering Kid to Finish, Farrow to Finish and Lamb to Finish must be enrolled in a **breeding project** through 4-H or FFA and the animal must be born on the exhibitor's farm or usual place of keeping of his/her animals. Exhibitors entering any of these projects are required to bring a signed letter from their 4-H or FFA advisor to tagging, stating the exhibitor is enrolled in the required projects for these classes. No entries will be accepted without this required letter.



Scrapie ID Tags

ALL goats and sheep are required to have a scrapie tag, per the Hocking County Fair Board. This includes breeding stock, fiber, market, pack, and pygmy types.

Broiler Chicken Orders

4-H and FFA members enrolled in the Market Broiler Chicken Project will receive a letter with details for ordering chicks. Members must order a minimum of six (6) chicks at \$3 each. Additional chicks cost \$3 each. Orders must be submitted to Chieftain Feed & Supply **before 1 PM, April 23**. Please take the order form that will be included with the letter.



Turkey Info

4-H and FFA members are allowed to exhibit two turkeys at the 2022 Hocking County Fair. The minimum weight to show a turkey at the fair is 25 lbs. There is no upper weight limit. Hens are allowed. Toms and hens will be shown together. Members may purchase their turkey from any hatchery, but it must be certified pullorum free. Keep the certification paperwork as you will need to show it at fair check-in. Members must have turkeys in their possession by **May 15**.



Livestock Dates & Requirements Chart

A chart has been created to help members keep track of important dates and fair exhibition requirements regarding livestock projects. This document can be found on our website at hocking.osu.edu, then choose 4-H Youth Development, and then 4-H Announcements.

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) being taken. You may find the document on our website at hocking.osu.edu, then choose 4-H Youth Development, and then Forms & Applications. The Guide will be updated as soon as the 2022 Fair Book is released.

4-H Project Books

Project books may be ordered online at extensionpubs.osu.edu. When checking out be sure to use promo code **FREE2022** for free shipping on orders of \$20 or more. Books may be purchased at the Extension Office, but we have a limited stock. Please call to verify that we have what you need. July 1 is the final day to purchase project books from the Extension Office.



Requirements for 4-H Project Completion

Each year, 4-H members are considered “complete” or “incomplete” in each of their projects. Those who have at least one project that is considered “complete” receive a fair pass, compliments of the Hocking County 4-H Committee and Fair Board, and are allowed to exhibit the “completed” project at the Hocking County Fair. Those that are “incomplete” in all their projects do not receive a fair

pass and are ineligible to exhibit in the Hocking County Fair.

To be “complete” in 2022, 4-H members must:

- Purchase a project book for all projects in which they are enrolled.
- Participate in the 4-H judging/skillathon with a minimum of one project.
- Present a minimum of one project demonstration at a club meeting.
- Abide by their 4-H club’s attendance and other requirements as outlined in their club by-laws.
- Abide by OSU Extension rules and requirements

Some 4-H projects have special completion requirements. Project specific letters will be mailed to 4-H members enrolled in the following projects explaining the requirements. This information will also be posted at hocking.osu.edu. Click on 4-H Youth Development, then on Judging-Skillathon Information.

Projects with special requirements include:

Cake decorating	Dog	Self-determined	Woodworking
Clothing	Food/nutrition	Poultry	Writing

Refer to the 2022 Fair Completion Guidelines for all projects at hocking.osu.edu/program-area/4-h-youth-development/skillathon-information. The guidelines for 2022 will be posted soon.

Skillathon Information

4-H Project Judging/Skillathon event will take place on July 16 at the Logan-Hocking Middle School. Livestock skillathons include three skillathon stations, project book grade, and an interview with a judge. Interview questions are based on information from the 4-H project and/or resource books. Listed below are the 2022 skillathon stations and the page(s) in the species project and/or resource books that members should study to prepare for the event. Visit hocking.osu.edu, click on 4-H Youth Development, then on Judging – Skillathon Information for online study material.

Skillathon Kits are available after April 1 for club advisors to borrow to help their members practice for the skillathons. Kits are to be used as a club. Individuals are NOT permitted to borrow the kits.

Sheep: (see resource book & online)
Body Parts – pg 11
Breeds – pg 164-166
Retail Meat Cuts – pg 162

Rabbits: (see resource book & online)
Body Parts – pg 27
Breeds – pg 12-26
Housing Sanitation – online

Goat: (see resource book & online)
Body Parts – pg 22
Breeds – online
Conformation: Feet and Leg Structure – pgs 24-25

Horse: (see resource book and online)
Body Parts –online
Beginning Horse Management – pg 81
Light Horse Selection – pg 10
Horseless Horse – pg 65
Breeds – online
Age by Teeth – online

Beef and Dairy Cattle:
(see resource book & online)
Body Parts – pg 2-2
Breeds – online
Feed Samples – pgs CP-8 thru CP-13

Llama/Alpaca: (see resource book and online)
Body Parts –
llama - pg 12
alpaca - pg 14
Shearing Cuts – pg 72-73
Fitting the Halter – pg 82

Swine: (see resource book & online)
Body Parts – pg 3-2
Breeds – online
Digestive System – pg 7-1

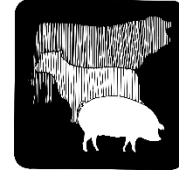
Poultry: (chicken, turkey, duck, goose)
Body Parts – online
Breeds – online
Meat Cuts - online

- *Members taking Project #173 Horseless Horse will participate in the Horse Skillathon*
- *Dog project members will participate in interview judging – not a skillathon*

Age Guidelines for 2022 Livestock Skillathons

The following guidelines will be used for the 2022 livestock skillathons:

- **Beginner** – Completed grades 3 - 5
- **Intermediate** – Completed grades 6 - 8
- **Advanced** – Completed grade 9 or higher



Important! Use these guidelines even if they are different than stated in your project book.

Skillathon study material will be posted online soon.

Woodworking Guidelines

2022 Woodworking Guidelines are posted at the following link ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook. Be certain to use the appropriate tools for each project.

4-H Horse Projects

Members enrolled in 4-H Horse projects are reminded that all horse forms and fees must be turned in to OSU Extension, Hocking County before **4:00 PM, May 6**. Fees must be paid with check or money order payable to the Hocking County 4-H Horse Committee. Cash and debit/credit cards will not be accepted. All forms must have authentic signatures of the 4-H member and his/her parent or legal guardian. Horse possession deadline is also May 6.



Horse paperwork packets will be mailed to each family with a member(s) enrolled in a horse project, excluding Horseless Horse. Pay attention to the guidelines for the Horse ID form. Our office will not print photos for you. Have them attached when you submit your paperwork.

Ohio State Fair Exhibition of Livestock and Other Competitions

4-H families planning to exhibit livestock during the Ohio State Fair are reminded to check the state fair's website for registration deadlines and requirements. Keep up to date on the latest requirements for Ohio State Fair competitions at ohiostatefair.com.

Animal Records Retention

Reminder:

- Ohio law requires records retention for livestock other than sheep and goats for at least one year.
- Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) prescriptions must be retained a minimum of two years in the form they were written.
- Recommended records retention per specie:



- Poultry & Rabbit – 1 year
- Beef & Dairy Beef – 2 years
- Swine – 3 years
- Sheep & Goats – 5 years (required per federal law)
- Dairy Cows & Heifers – 5 years

4-H Key Leader Clinics

Information will be shared with members as clinics are scheduled.

New Hocking County Fair Classes in 2022

- Pack Goat *member must be enrolled in the 135P Pack Goat project

Lease Paperwork

Hocking County is permitting specific livestock projects eligible for members to lease.

- 1) **BREEDING STOCK ONLY** (market animals are required to be owned by member/family)
- 2) Eligible species- beef, sheep, goat, llama ONLY*
- 3) Lease packet must be picked up from the Extension Office, and returned by 4 PM, May 6
- 4) Only permitted with specific circumstance/reason
- 5) 4-H Educator must approve or deny request

**Horse projects are a separate form and will be included in packets mailed to horse members.*

4-H Camps

- **Beg/Jr Camp** – \$75; June 10-12; Camp Otterbein; ages 8-13
Registration deadline May 13
- **Cloverbud Camp** - \$15; July 23; Camp Otterbein; ages 5-8
Registration deadline July 1
- All eligible youth are welcome to attend any Hocking County 4-H Camp.
- 4-H membership is not required.



Note: Ages are as of January 1, 2022

4-H Sew Fun Clinic – for Beginners

Sew Fun Clinic for Beginners - \$15; June 21-23; 8:30 AM -12:30 PM; Youth Center
Registration deadline May 13



Open to youth who have completed third grade and higher and are just learning to sew through 3 years of experience. 4-H members are not required to be enrolled in a sewing project. 4-H membership is not required.

Club Audits and Financial Summaries



- Audits: The club audit procedures and audit form has been updated for 2022 reporting.
- At the State's directive, the Extension Office will begin external financial club audits of 4-H clubs for FY2022. This is in addition to the required annual reporting.
- Clubs must have documentation for ALL transactions, including cash. Keep a receipt book!
- Treasurer and Secretary records must be complete and accurate.

Reminder E-postcard Tax Filing

Kayla will file e-postcards on behalf of 4-H Clubs and Committees. If volunteers receive any correspondence from the IRS, please bring it to the Extension Office.

Club Requirements

- Must have a minimum of 5 members from 3 separate families
- Hold a minimum of 6 meetings per year

- Perform a minimum of 1 community service project per year
 - * All members should be involved in the selection, planning, and implementing of the project.

Community Service Opportunities

Project SAFE Summer Feeding Program is looking for sponsors and volunteers. Interested clubs may contact Jody Braden, Project SAFE - Family Resource Officer, at 740-385-8517, ext 38005.

Logan in Bloom is looking for help to plant, mulch, water and weed on April 23 and May 18. Both will run from 10 AM to 3:30 PM. Contact: hsxcd.educator@gmail.com or rickwebb43138@frontier.com.

The Hocking County Master Gardner Volunteers are always needing help with the many projects they have throughout the county. They would appreciate any extra help with planting, mulching, weeding, etc. If your club is interested in this community service opportunity or would like more information, contact Sheree Cole at 740-279-9000.

Livestock Clinic Opportunity

Blackmat Farm and Ewing Grange are sponsoring livestock clinics during AgDays, May 14 and 15. These clinics are free and open to the public with the focus on 4-H & FFA members planning to exhibit livestock projects at the fair. Attendees will get firsthand knowledge and experience from people who are in the top of the field. Chieftain Feed & Supply will be there as well to answer questions you may have about feed options for your project and showing supplies.

Saturday – May 14th

9 AM – Beef – Chris Johnson

Noon – Poultry – Ryan Patton

2 PM – Rabbits – Regina Mayhugh

Sunday - May 15th

10 AM – Sheep – Matt Roth

Noon – Swine – Trevor Kirkpatrick

2 PM – Goats – James Maynard



Cloverbud Volunteers

The office has Cloverbud Activity Kits you may borrow for your Cloverbud programming at your club meetings. We have a variety of topics to choose from. You may pick them up at the office during regular business hours.

Other Cloverbud resources:

- 4-H Cloverbud Volunteer Guidebook, pub 711AG
- 4-H Cloverbud Connections Blog at u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections
- The Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities, pub 710GPM
- Choose & Tell Cards, pub 713R
- Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Leaders webpage - ohio4h.org/forcloverbudleaders



Year-End Award Criteria

- Club officer year-end award criteria has been updated to include a handwritten one-page essay/summary, written by the member, of their experience being a club officer.
- Reminder – Secretary books must be turned in with the Club Honor Form to be recognized as an Honor Club. (2022 Honor Forms are not available yet.)

OSU Extension Food Handling Policy and Food Safety Training

Ohio State University Extension has a Food Handling Policy extension.osu.edu/policy-and-procedures-handbook/v-legal-matters-and-risk-management/food-preparation-and-service, which is part of the Faculty and Staff Policy and Procedures Handbook. This policy is to protect those individuals who are involved in food preparation as part of university business and to ensure safe food. All Extension Staff and volunteers who are involved in food preparation need to be aware of the policy. OSU requires a minimum of one volunteer to take and pass their food safety training for each 4-H event where food is sold – including events where food is sold for a donation. Every 4-H club is encouraged to have at least one volunteer trained. Parents and older youth are also welcome and encouraged to complete the free, on-line training.



Log-in information and instructions are posted at hocking.osu.edu. Click on 4-H Youth Development, then on “4-H Announcements” and scroll down to “Occasional Quantity Cooks.” When participants complete the post-test with a passing score, a Certificate of Completion will be generated. Participants should submit the Certificate of Completion to the Extension Office when they finish the program. The certificate is good for three years.

Winning 4-H Plan

Your goal as a 4-H volunteer is to provide a positive, enriching experience for every 4-H member. Families with special needs children enrolled in 4-H are encouraged to complete a Winning 4-H Plan Form. Even though this is optional, the information can assist the club volunteers and county Extension professional in planning a positive 4-H experience for all youth. A parent or legal guardian is to complete this form and submit to the club organizational advisor. Advisors are not permitted to complete this form, only sign it. Kayla will contact families and work with them regarding accommodations. You can find the form at hocking.osu.edu, then 4-H Youth Development, then Forms – listed under Forms for Club Advisors and Volunteers. You may also call the Extension Office at 740-385-3222.

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