

# 4-H Happenings

## Hocking County / 4-H Youth Development

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April 2024

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!

READY, SET, HERE WE GO...

And we're off! We have so much to look forward to this 4-H Year. We have a Club Officer Workshop, SPIN Clubs, Camps, Skillathon, Ohio State Fair, Horse Shows, County Awards, and banquets, just to name a few. We can't wait see you all at our numerous events. With all this coming up, **READ** this entire newsletter to help keep you, your families, and clubs better informed. We have many updates and a few changes this year that you need to be aware of. On top of many new things happening! If you have any questions, please give us a call here in the office so we can help you out. Be sure to check our website and calendars regularly to stay up to date.

Again, we look forward to seeing you all through out the 4-H Year.

Here's to a great Year ahead!

*Kayla, Steph, and Angie*



## April

- 1-Apr 4-H Committee Meeting 7 PM; Youth Center  
3-Apr Club Officer Workshop 6-8 PM; Youth Center  
6-Apr QA Test-Out 10 AM-NOON; Youth Center (eligible youth aged 15+ as of Jan 1, 2024)  
\*Youth must sign-in by 11AM  
8-Apr Quality Assurance Training 6-8 PM; Youth Center \*FULL  
9-Apr Hocking County Fair Board Meeting 7 PM; Fair Office  
10-Apr Camp Counselor Training 5-7 PM; Youth Center  
12-Apr QA Test-Out at Logan High School and SAE/FFA Fair Projects Sign up  
\*See AgEd Instructor for details  
16-Apr 4-H Horse Sub-Committee Meeting 7 PM; Youth Center  
16-Apr Cloverbud Volunteer Training RSVP Due  
17-Apr Jr Leaders Meeting 7 PM; Youth Center  
19 to 21-Apr Ohio 4-H Forestry & Wildlife Conservation Camp; Canters Cave 4-H Camp, Jackson  
20-Apr Hocking Co. Fair Market Broilers Orders due to Chieftain Feed and Supply by 1 PM  
23-Apr Cloverbud Leader Training 6-8PM; Youth Center  
24-Apr Camp Counselor Training 5-7 PM; Youth Center  
26-Apr Club Activity Fees Due to Extension Office  
27-Apr Quality Assurance Training 9-11 AM; Youth Center \*FULL  
27-Apr Cloverbud Storm Drain Painting w/ SWCD 1 PM; SWCD Conference Room  
29-Apr Horse Paperwork Workshop 6-7:30 PM; Youth Center  
30-Apr Youth Board Meeting 6 PM; Youth Center

## May

- 1-May EquiSTEP Training must be Completed  
1-May Horse Possession Deadline  
1-May Camp Counselor Training 5-7 PM; Youth Center  
2-May Cake Decorating SPIN Club 6-7:30 PM; Youth Center  
3-May EquiSTEP Certificates Due to Extension Office (training must be complete no later than May 1)  
3-May ALL Horse Paperwork & Fees Due to Extension Office before 4 PM  
3-May Breeding Lease Forms due to Extension Office before 4 PM  
4-May Cloverbud Storm Drain Painting w/ SWCD 1 PM; SWCD Conference Room \*RAIN DATE  
6-May 4-H Committee Meeting 7 PM; Youth Center  
8-May Quality Assurance Training 6-8 PM; Youth Center \*RSVP required - \$20 fee  
9-May Cake Decorating SPIN Club 6-7:30 PM; Youth Center  
10 to 12-May 4-H Committee Fundraiser - Hill's Landscaping \*must have coupon  
11 & 12-May AG Days; Hocking County Fairgrounds  
11 & 12 May Jr Leaders Pancake Breakfast 8-11 am; 4-H Food Booth \*4-H Camp fundraiser  
13-May Camp Counselor Training 5-7 PM; Youth Center  
14-May Hocking County Fair Board Meeting 7 PM @ Fair Office  
15-May Jr Leaders Meeting 7 PM; Youth Center  
15-May Turkey Possession Deadline  
16-May Cake Decorating SPIN Club 6-7:30 PM; Youth Center  
17-May Beg/ Jr 4-H Camp Registrations Due to Extension Office by 4 PM  
17-May Sew Fun Registrations Due to Extension Office by 4 PM  
18-May Camp Counselor Training 9 AM-NOON; Youth Center  
21-May 4-H Horse Sub-Committee Meeting 7 PM; Youth Center  
22-May Camp Counselor Training 5-7 PM; Youth Center  
23-May Cake Decorating SPIN Club 6-7:30 PM; Youth Center  
24-May QA Certificates for Out of County and YQCA Due to Extension Office by 4 PM  
27-May OFFICE CLOSED (Memorial Day)  
28-May Youth Board Meeting 6 PM; Youth Center  
29-May CARTEENS 3:30-5:30 PM; Youth Center  
30-May Sew Fun Clinic Orientation 6PM; Youth Center

## June

- 1 to 5-Jun Leadership Camp at Camp Ohio  
1-Jun Sheep, Goat, Swine possession deadline  
1-Jun Sheep, Goat, Swine tagging/weigh-in 7-10 AM  
3-Jun 4-H Committee Meeting 7 PM; Youth Center  
4-Jun Camp Counselor Training 5-7 PM; Youth Center  
6-Jun Camp Counselor Training 5-7 PM; Youth Center  
7 to 9-Jun Jr Shooting Sports Camp; Canter's Cave 4-H Camp, Jackson  
8-Jun PAS Horse Show; Hocking County Fairgrounds  
9 to 14-Jun Camp Canopy; Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum



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

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### The 4-H NOW App for Hocking County 4-H.

Last year we started working to bring another method of communication for our 4-H Program. The app has been up and running for just over a year now and we have had great feedback! This app serves as an extension of our website for updates, calendars, events, project help, and much more! You can download the 4-H NOW app from your phone's app store or scan the QR Code to the left. When you get the main screen for the app just type in "hocking" in the search bar. Click on the Hocking results and explore all the information at your fingertips. This is still a work in progress, and we will be updating frequently. You can turn on alerts for the app to get reminders and even sync the calendar with your own. We are still learning everything this new piece of technology has to offer. More to come!

Thank you to the 4-H Committee for covering the cost.

### CPR Training

Clubs looking for a great educational opportunity for their club meeting, Josh Nicholson and Eli Stallsmith have volunteered to teach clubs CPR basics at no charge. This training is a wonderful tool to better equip our 4-H families with the skills needed in an emergency situation. If you are interested in having Josh or Eli come to your club meeting you can contact Kayla for further information at [thompson.1860@osu.edu](mailto:thompson.1860@osu.edu).

### 4-H Project Books in Memory of Jim Skinner

When the Skinner Family, lifelong 4-H supporters, lost their loved one, Jim, in lieu of flowers they asked donations be made to the Hocking County 4-H Committee.

The 4-H Committee voted to use those funds to provide one (1) project book (\$8 value) to all traditional members in 2024.

To show our gratitude to the family we are asking members to write a thank you to Mary Skinner, Jim's wife. Thank you letters and card can be dropped off at the Hocking County Extension office anytime during business hours. (M-F; 8AM to 4PM)

To receive the project book (\$8 value) you must pick them up from the Hocking County Extension Office.

**Thank You**



### Cloverbud Volunteers

New in 2024! Cloverbud Volunteers are encouraged to attend training on April 23, 6-8PM at the Youth Center. Stephanie Blackford will be hosting this hands-on training that will focus on available resources and ideas to use with your cloverbuds.

Please RSVP by April 16 if you are interested in attending.



#### 4-H 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 community project.

#### 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 the Hocking County Sr Fair Board. Only “completed” projects are permitted to exhibit 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 2024, 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.
- Complete Quality Assurance Training if enrolled in **ANY** livestock project  
(Includes **ALL** beef, goat, llama/alpaca, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine projects)
- 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](http://hocking.osu.edu). Click on 4-H Youth Development, then on Judging-Skillathon Information.

Projects with special requirements include:

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

Refer to the 2024 Fair Completion Guidelines for all projects at:  
[hocking.osu.edu/program-area/4-h-youth-development/skillathon-information](http://hocking.osu.edu/program-area/4-h-youth-development/skillathon-information)

#### Winning 4-H Plan

Our goal as a 4-H program 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.

Kayla will contact families and work with them regarding accommodations. You can find the form at [hocking.osu.edu](http://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.



#### 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](http://ohiostatefair.com).

## 4-H Project Books

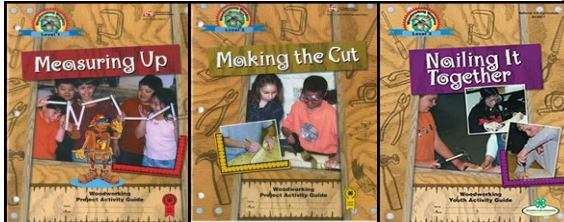
Project books may be ordered online at [extensionpubs.osu.edu](http://extensionpubs.osu.edu). When checking out be sure to use promo code **FREE2024** for free shipping on orders of \$40 or more. Books may be purchased at the Extension Office, but we have a limited stock. Please call to verify that we have what you need. **June 30 is the final day to purchase project books from the Extension Office.**



## Woodworking Project Guidelines

2024 Woodworking Guidelines are posted at [ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook](http://ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook)

*Be certain to use the appropriate tools for each project.*



## Mandatory – Animal Quality Assurance Training

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.

All 4-H and FFA members enrolled in the following livestock projects - **beef, swine, sheep, goat, llama/alpaca, rabbit, and poultry** - are required to attend one Quality Assurance training before May 24, 2024. This includes **ALL** (market, breeding, pet, etc...) projects in these species.

### OPTIONS:

- a) In-person classes will be held at the Youth Center and RSVP is required.

Available In-Person QA Training Dates:

- **Wednesday, May 8, 6 to 8PM** – fee has been waived for Hocking County youth

Because of limited seating, preregistration is **required**. Training is free to Hocking County youth.

- b) Members may complete the online YQCA option at <https://yqcaprogram.org>. This is a national program recognized by ODA and OSU that Ohio youth may utilize to complete the required QA training.

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

Deadline to complete this option is May 24. **Certificates must be sent to Angie at [seum.6@osu.edu](mailto:seum.6@osu.edu) before 4 PM, May 24. Certificates received after this deadline will not be accepted.**

- c) Members aged 15+ as of January 1 may attempt to test-out of QA.

1. Older youth test-out will be offered on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Youth Center starting at 10AM till Noon. Youth must arrive by 11AM to be tested. RSVP is not required.
2. Testing will also be offered at Logan High School in the FFA classroom on Friday, April 12. Youth must arrange testing time with the FFA instructor.
3. Older youth may also attempt to test-out individually at the Extension Office during regular business hours from March 1 thru April 30. Call the office to schedule an appointment.

*Note: Testing after attending a training is NOT permitted.*

- d) 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 24, 2024, to receive credit for QA attendance.

RSVP by calling 740-385-3222 or email to [seum.6@osu.edu](mailto:seum.6@osu.edu).

Failure to complete QA training will result in an incomplete project(s) and ineligible to show at the state/county fair.



## Community Service Opportunities

- ❖ 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 Cheryl Gordon at [cherylgordon@msn.com](mailto:cherylgordon@msn.com)
- ❖ SE Ohio Foodbank has a need for the Meals on Wheels program for pet food, especially dog food. Providing clients with the ability to keep their pets is beneficial in many ways. Not only financially but reduces stress and increased mental wellness of the clients. If your club is interested in sponsoring a Pet Food Drive, the Foodbank is happy to assist you. Contact [volunteer@hapcap.org](mailto:volunteer@hapcap.org) for more information
- ❖ Community Food Pantry Box sponsored by: Hocking, Ross, Vinton Foster Youth and LHS Industrial Technologies Program. Seeking non-perishable good, pet food, and toiletries. Donations may be dropped off at South Central Ohio Job & Family Services at 389 W Front St, Logan, Ohio. A food donation box is outside 24/7, or you may bring them into the office and place in the blue food cart during office hours. Please contact Amy Guda with any questions at 740-380-4009.
- ❖ Hocking County Fair Board – Fair Board is always in need of help with smaller projects that are perfect for clubs. From painting, to cleaning, or prepping for fair they always need help. Contact Annika at 740-603-2292

## 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](http://hocking.osu.edu), then choose 4-H Youth Development, and then Forms & Applications. The Guide will be updated as soon as the 2024 Fair Book is released.



## 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](http://hocking.osu.edu), then choose 4-H Youth Development, and then 4-H Announcements.

## Pack Goat Project Animals

Typically, Ohio 4-H does not allow any livestock animals to be used for more than one project. However, after receiving feedback from counties and conferring with the state office, the pack/harness goat will be an exception moving forward.

Youth members taking any of the below goat projects can also use the same animal for pack/harness goat projects:

- 135BD Breeding—Dairy Goats
- 135BM Breeding—Meat Goats
- 135F Fiber Goats
- 135M Market—Dairy, Meat, Cross Goats
- 135PY Pygmy Goats
- 135C Companion—Pet Goats



## 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 \$4 each. Additional chicks cost \$4 each. Orders must be submitted to Chieftain Feed & Supply **before 3 PM, April 20**. 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 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**.

## Market Animal Tagging Dates

Sheep: June 1: 7-10 AM

Hogs: June 1: 7-10 AM

Goats: June 1: 7-10 AM

Feeder Calf: August 17: 8-10 AM

Rabbits: August 12: 5-8 PM



Exhibitors interested in signing up for Beef Futurity for 2024 need to contact Bruce Lehman:  
740-603-7685

## 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. Exhibitors must be marked **COMPLETE** by their advisors in their breeding projects to be eligible for these classes



## 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.

## Lease Paperwork

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

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

*\*Horse projects leases are a separate form. Information will be included in horse project packets.*

## Livestock Key Leader Positions

We are working to revamp and improve our Livestock Key Leader Volunteer Positions. These volunteer positions will have position descriptions and expectations such as holding clinics, being a contact for livestock families to approach with questions, providing help with projects, etc... If you are interested in being a Key Leader for a livestock project, please contact Kayla at [thompson.1860@osu.edu](mailto:thompson.1860@osu.edu). Those who have been Key Leaders in previous years will be contacted.

### Cake Decorating SPIN Club

For the second year Hocking County 4-H is excited to offer a Cake Decorating SPIN Club for our 4-H youth. Thanks to WALMART of Logan for hosting and teaching our 4-H Youth along with donating over 20 gallons of icing in 2023!

The SPIN Club is open to all Hocking County 4-H youth enrolled in the Cake Decorating Project or have an interest in taking the project. Cloverbuds are also welcome, but we will have a limit on numbers. The SPIN Club will be limited to 12 youth.

## Camps and Clinics



### Photography Clinic

Ginger Johnson will be hosting a Photography Clinic on April 23 beginning at 6PM in the SWCD Conference Room. (across the hall from the Extension Office) Youth enrolled in a photography project are encouraged to attend. This clinic will cover multiple aspects of photography including understanding your camera and one on one help with photography projects.

### Beginner/Junior Camp – June 16-18

Beginner/JR Camp is for all youth who are age 8 and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through age 13 as of January 1, 2024. All youth are welcome and 4-H enrollment is not required!

Youth will be part of an overnight residential camp adventure in cabins with other campers and counselors at the **Tar Hollow State Park 4-H Camp**. Many activities such as team building, swimming, canoeing, fishing, creek, gaga ball, and much more!

The camp application can be found at [hocking.osu.edu](http://hocking.osu.edu) under the camps and clinics tab or by stopping by our office to pick up a packet. This year's camp theme is **THROUGH THE DECADES!**



**Cost of Camp is \$75.00 per youth**

### Cloverbud Camp – July 20

Cloverbud camp is for youth who are Age 5 and in Kindergarten up to age 8 and in second grade as of January 1, 2024.

We are excited to host our STEMTASTIC Cloverbud Camp at **ALLEY PARK** this year!

Cloverbud Camp is a 4-H Day Camp with many adventures for our Cloverbuds to become emersed in! We will have, games, snacks, experiments, crafts and so much more! The camp application can be found on our website, or you can pick up a copy in the office.

This year's camp them is **STEM!**



**Cost of Camp is \$15.00 per youth**

### Sew Fun Clinic – June 24-26

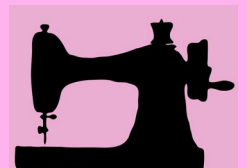
Our Sew Fun Clinic is open to any youth who are at least 8 years old and in third grade up to 18 who have less than 3 years experience in sewing. The clinic is a great jump start for those who are interested in taking sewing projects in the future or who just want to improve their sewing skills. The clinic is led by our Master Clothing Educator, Kathryn Coursen, along with other support volunteers during the clinic. Registrations are due May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Sew Fun Orientation Date: May 30 - 6PM Youth Center**

**Sew Fun Shopping Trip Date: (Optional) June 11 6PM at JoAnn Fabrics in Lancaster**

**Sew Fun Clinic: June 24-26**

**Cost of clinic for all 3 days is \$15 per youth**



## Skillathon Study Materials

The following are subjects' youth should study to best prepare for the 2024 Skillathons. You can find this information on our website [hocking.osu.edu](http://hocking.osu.edu), on the 4-H Now App under Project Help and be sure to utilize the skillathon practice kits that can be signed out to the Organization Advisor of each club.

### Rabbit

- Anatomy
- Diseases and Bio Security
- Reading a Feed Tag

### Horse

- Anatomy
- Injection Sites
- Common Diseases and Symptoms

### Sheep

- Anatomy
- Feedstuffs Identification
- Common Diseases

### Poultry

- Anatomy
- Biosecurity
- Reading a feed tag

### Swine

- Anatomy
- Reading Ear Notches
- Diseases and Bio Security

### Beef

- Anatomy
- Treatment Records
- Feedstuffs Identification

### Goat

- Anatomy
- Feedstuffs Identification
- Reading Medication Labels

## 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](http://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](http://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.



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