

Weekly 4-H Email Update
February 19, 2021

Dear Members, Volunteers & Parents:

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Weather Cancellations

Just a reminder about our weather cancellation policy. The Ohio State University Extension Office (OSUE) 4-H Program follows Wilmington City School closings. Therefore, if Wilmington City Schools are closed, we close OSUE 4-H events. If weather starts to develop during the day while school is in session, we will decide by 3:00 p.m. for evening events. It will be posted on Facebook, emailed, and posted on the website.

2021 Goat Start Up Program

Thank you to everyone that signed up for the program. It is now full. If you would like to be added to the waiting list please contact the OSU Extension Office at 937-382-0901.

2021 Swine Start Up Program

The swine committee is looking for new and current 4-H members that would like to participate in the Swine Start Up Program for 2021. To learn more or sign up contact the OSU Extension office today at 937.382.0901. Swine Start Up is for first time swine exhibitors. Exhibitors must sign up for a market swine project and pay a \$25 non-refundable deposit by April 1 at the OSU Extension office. The total cost for the program is \$125 and is due by project pick up in April. Members will receive a market hog from a local breeder, plus other start up supplies and special educational sessions and Quality Assurance (QA) training. Exhibitor meeting and QA will be held March 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the OSUE Office, this is required for participants and a parent/legal guardian. Make sure, when you are completing your 4-H/FFA enrollment you sign up for market swine project 139. The project pick up is April 17.

4-H Roping

This year marks the fifth year for the Clinton County 4-H Roping Show & Projects! It is open to any county 4-Her that would like to learn how to rope or has an interest. No horse is needed, and you can sign-up in any existing 4-H club using the project code 539. For questions or info contact Josh Dixon at 937-302-6511.

Ohio 4-H Family Guide

Check your mailbox for your copy of the Ohio 4-H Family Guide. Please start looking through it to learn about new projects and select your 2021 projects. It is helpful to go through the guide and select your projects before you enroll online. <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>

Quality Assurance (QA)

4-H/FFA members who want to show and/or sell market steers, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, market dairy steers, feeder calves, lactating dairy cattle, market poultry, market rabbits and lactating dairy goats must attend a Quality Assurance Training at a designated time. Clinton County 4-H/FFA members are required to attend a QA session. Youth 8-18 years old must attend a face-to-face QA, County Zoom QA, or complete the online Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) certification to meet the county QA requirement. YQCA is the only online certification accepted. Parent/Guardian are encouraged to attend a QA session with the exhibitor. Youth in Clinton County may attend QA outside the county if it is a certified program and OSUE in Clinton County receives documentation the member participated. QA certification must be completed by May 26. Please watch for later postings of virtual QA events.

Quality Assurance is held at the Clinton County Fairground-Expo Building. You must **RSVP** if you would like to attend. The sessions are in-person events. We will follow OSU and health department guidelines. Please limit extra family members to one parent and participants. Please find registration links below for the next two sessions.

March 6 QA session at 6:30pm.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CAFAA23A6F94-sheep>

March 23 QA session at 6:30pm.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CAFAA23A6F94-quality2>

Cloverbuds

We will be offering County Cloverbud meetings again this year. The meetings will be held in-person at the OSU Extension office monthly. Please refer to the 4-H calendar for dates and times. The next meeting is March 20 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Ohio State University Extension Office-Community Room.

Each event is designed for County 4-H Cloverbud Members age 5 and in kindergarten to 8 years old. During each session members learn more about 4-H, interact with other Cloverbuds from the county; participate in hands-on learning activities, games, and snacks. If you are planning to attend, please email montague.18@osu.edu or call the Extension office 937-382-0901. This will help us prepare for activities and snacks.

Enrollment

Please check in with your 4-H club advisors for enrollment and meeting information. Online enrollment can be accessed at <https://v2.4honline.com>. To help you and prepare for the season the enrollment deadline has been moved to **April 1, 2021!** This is only for this year. You will have from **April 2-9** to make any changes to your enrollment such as adding, dropping, or changing a project by calling the OSUE Office.

Eligibility for 4-H Cloverbud membership begins when a child has reached age 5 and is enrolled in Kindergarten as of January 1 of the current year. Project membership begins when a child is at least age 8 and enrolled in the 3rd grade as of January 1 of the current year. Ohio 4-H Membership ends December 31 of the year an individual attains the age of 19. Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership regardless of grade level.

Junior Fair Requirements Book

The junior fair schedule and book is getting finalized. The book is being posted online by department.

2021 Calendar

The 4-H calendar has been emailed several times out of 4honline and we continue to add and update it. Make sure as you plan for your 4-H season you are using the most current calendar. We have January to July available.

New County Meetings

You might have noticed on the 4-H calendar a new event, All County Meeting for 4-H members. Volunteers and parents are also invited to join in the meeting. **The meetings will be held virtually.** We will cover enrollment, fair entries, and special topics/speakers. Attendance will be emailed to the main club leader following the event. Check with your volunteers to see if it can count for a club meeting. The February topic will be large animal care by Dr. Allison, **Orchard Vet Care.** (March will be poultry diseases with Dr. Tim McDermott from Ohio State University Extension, Franklin County) Each meeting will be facilitated by Junior Fair Board members. The meetings will range from 30-60 minutes. Below is the Zoom link for the February meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://osu.zoom.us/j/94622287838?pwd=STBYcmEwZnRTa2o0YkN2aEczUGI1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 946 2228 7838

Password: 180616

Dial In: +1 646 876 9923 US or +1 651 372 8299 US

OSU Extension Office, Clinton County office hours

Our office is open by appointment only. We continue to respond to phone, email and voice messages during normal office hours (M-F | 8:00 am – 4:30 pm).

Upcoming Events

February

4-H Recruitment Month

21 Counselor Training, 1-3 pm

21 Cloverbud Counselor Training, 3-4:15 pm

22 JFB, 6:30pm

25 All County Mtg for members, volunteers & parents 6:30pm (Virtual-Link will be shared in weekly updates.)

March

1 SFB, 7pm (Fair office)

4 All County Mtg for members, volunteers & parents 6:30pm (Virtual-Link will be shared in weekly updates.)

6 Goat & Sheep QA, 10am (Fairground-Expo Center)

8 4-H Comm., 7pm
11 Carteens, 6-8pm
13 Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference, 8am (Columbus Convention Ctr.-Virtual)
13 New Member Day, 9:30am (QA, 10:30 am)
13 Swine Start Up, Meeting & QA, 9:30am (Required-Location TBA)
15 Dairy Comm. 6pm, Dog Comm. 6:30pm, & Horse Comm., 7pm
18 CPR for Counselor Training, 4pm (HOLD-Laurel Oaks Wilmington Campus)
20 Cloverbud Club for County 4-H Cloverbud Members, 10:30-11:30am
22 JFB, 6:30pm
23 QA 6:30pm (Fairground-Expo Center)
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* Enrollment deadline has been extended to April 1.
* Ohio State Fair-Wed, Jul 28, 2021 – Sun, Aug 8, 2021

Key

JFB Junior Fair Board
SFB Senior Fair Board
Comm. Committee
Mtg. Meeting
FCS Family & Consumer Sciences
QA Quality Assurance
OSUE Ohio State University Extension

Please visit the county website for additional 4-H information: clinton.osu.edu.
Please contact our office with any questions at 937-382-0901.

Thank you,
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