

**Weekly 4-H Email Update**  
**February 28, 2023**

**Dear Members, Volunteers & Parents:**

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**4-H Promotion**

Let's take this week to really share about 4-H in Clinton County.

- **February 27:** If you are on social media share this short 4-H video showing the many opportunities 4-H can offer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2Y5dSWjVN8>
- **February 28:** Talk to at least one person who isn't in 4-H and invite them to a club meeting!
- **March 1:** Wear your favorite 4-H shirt to school or work.
- **March 2:** If you are on social media post your favorite 4-H picture.
- **March 3:** If you are on social media share what 4-H means to you and what you love about 4-H!

**Beginner 4-H Cake Decorating Workshop**

What: FREE Beginner 4-H Cake Decorating Workshop

When: Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 6 pm-7:30 pm

Who: 4-H members who are interested in the Cake Decorating Project.

4-H Ages 8-18; FIRST year cake decorating members. You need to be enrolled in 4-H.

Try your hand at cake decorating with support from local 4-H volunteers. Have you ever wanted to learn to decorate cakes but don't know where to start?

When & Where: Join us on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, in the Community Room at the Clinton County Annex at 111 S Nelson Ave. Wilmington for an introduction to cake decorating. Local 4-H volunteers will guide you using four decorating tips and help you learn about cake decorating projects.

Bring an apron, and if you have long hair bring something to pull your hair back.

All supplies will be provided.

Register by Friday, March 17, 2023, so we can prepare supplies for you. Space is limited. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044cafaa23a6f94-beginner#/>

#### 4-H School Visits

If you want to help with school visits to promote 4-H, please send Tracie an email at [montague.18@osu.edu](mailto:montague.18@osu.edu). We are doing lunch visits this year at the elementary schools to share about the 4-H program and the opportunities 4-H offers youth. We kicked off the visits this week at the Wilmington Christian Academy! We would love to have 2-4 volunteers to help at the following locations. Below you will find the remaining dates and times.

**Sabina Elementary**-March 2, 10:55 a.m.-12:40 p.m.

#### 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 before the fair.
  - Clinton County 4-H/FFA members are required to attend a QA session by May 24, 2023.
  - All youth have the option of a face-to-face county **approved** certification or may complete the online YQCA certification to meet the county QA requirement by county the deadline. (<https://yqcaprogram.org/>)
  - Youth 8-11 must get county approval to complete YQCA online.
  - 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 at least 45 days prior to the start of exhibition.
- **Clinton County QA Sessions (At this time NO RSVP is required.)**
  - Mar 4 QA Goat & Sheep, 10:00am (Fairground-Expo Center)
  - Mar 9 QA 6:30 pm, (Fairground-Expo Center)
  - Mar 18 Goat Start Up & Swine Start Up members ONLY, Meeting & QA, 9:30am (Fairgrounds-Expo) (This session is only open to members participating in the Start Up Program.)
  - Apr 6 QA 6:30 pm (Fairground-Expo Center)
  - May 11 QA 6:30 pm (Fairground-Expo Center)

#### Fair Theme

The Junior Fair Board has selected a 2023 fair theme, ***Christmas in July!*** Watch for fun opportunities for you at this year's fair plus fun club events! Think about how your club can utilize the theme at fair. (Shirts, club booth, stall decorations, etc.)

#### 2023 Poultry Hatch Dates

Birds entered in the meat classes (roasters, fryers, meat pens, and turkeys) must meet the following hatching guidelines to exhibit:

- Turkeys - Must be between the ages of 14 and 18 weeks of age. Hatching dates must be between March 3rd and April 2nd of the current year.
- Meat Pens and Single Roasters - Meat pens and roasters must not exceed 9 weeks of age at fair. Meat pens and roasters can be hatched no earlier than May 7th, of the current year.
- Single Fryers - Fryers must not exceed 7 weeks of age at fair. Fryers can be hatched no earlier than May 21st of the current year.

#### 2023 4-H Enrollment

You can start signing up for 4-H NOW at [4honline.com](http://4honline.com)! Please check in with your club and club leaders for new project information and meeting dates. All members and volunteers must be enrolled by March 15, 2023. If you want to explore new projects visit the Ohio 4-H Family Guide at:

<https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>

### **Cloverbud Club**

Cloverbud Club starts in February-We will be offering County Cloverbud meetings again this year. The meetings will be held at the OSU Extension office and the fairground monthly. Please refer to the 4-H calendar for dates and times. The second meeting is **March. 2** from 6-7:00 p.m. at the Ohio State University Extension Office-Community Room. Sign-ups will be required before each event to make sure we have supplies for all Cloverbuds. Sign up at the following link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044AA8A929A4FF2-cloverbud4>

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, and participate in hands-on learning activities, games, and snacks.

### **4-H Books**

You will see an increase in 4-H book pricing for 2023. This is a result of increased costs associated with editing, printing, design, production, and distribution. Most regular project books will be \$8. Resource books and other miscellaneous books will range from \$10-\$20. You can view the **Family Guide** online at <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide> or wait for your copy to arrive in January.

### **Teen Awards & Scholarships**

The Clinton County Foundation Scholarship Portal is where graduating seniors need to apply for county 4-H scholarships [www.clintoncountyohiofoundation.org](http://www.clintoncountyohiofoundation.org) by **March 15, 2023**.

Carteens \$500 (1 or 2 scholarships awarded.)

Darlene Myers \$1000 (1 scholarship awarded with a focus on service.)

Endowment \$500 (3 scholarships awarded.)

Viola Carroll \$250-\$500 (1 or 2 scholarships awarded.)

OHIO STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP applications can be accessed online at <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/> by May 15, 2023.

### **2023 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 2023. Contact the office today at 937.382.0901 if you would like to sign up for the program. 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 March 15 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 QA training. Make sure when you are completing your 4-H/FFA enrollment you sign up for market swine project 139.

### **Skillathon**

As you plan your 4-H season please note Skillathon dates are different this year by department. Please see dates/times/locations below.

- **Skillathon** is June 22, 2023, from 6-8pm for exhibitors showing poultry, rabbits, goat, sheep, & dairy. Skillathon will be held at the fairground in livestock barns, Peterson, Jr. Fair Building, and Floral Hall.
- **Skillathon** is July 7, 2023
  - Dog 10:00 am.-2:00 p.m. (LEC), Horse 5-8:00 p.m. (Horse Barn), & Beef 6-8:00 p.m. (LEC)
- **Skillathon** is July 11, 2023, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for Swine (Location-TBD)

### **OSU Extension, Clinton County Office Hours**

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

### **Upcoming 4-H Events**

#### **4-H Recruitment Month**

##### **February**

28 Volunteer Update 6:00 pm (All Volunteers need to attend 1 session.)

##### **March**

2 Cloverbud Club for County 4-H Cloverbud Members, 6pm (Registration required/check weekly update.)

2 Beef Comm., 7:15pm

4 Quality Assurance, 10:00am (Fairground-Expo Center)

6 Volunteer Update, 9:30am (All Volunteers need to attend 1 session.)

6 SFB, 7pm (Fairground-Office)

9 Carteens, 6-8pm

9 Quality Assurance 6:30 pm, (Fairground-Expo Center)

11 Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference (Columbus Convention Center)

13 4-H Comm., 7pm

14 Volunteer Update, 6:00 pm (All Volunteers need to attend 1 session.)

15 4-H Enrollment Deadline

18 New Member Day, 9:30am

18 Goat Start Up and Swine Start Up, Meeting & QA, 9:30am (Fairgrounds-Expo)

20 Dog Comm., 6:30pm & Horse Comm., 7pm

21 Camp Counselor CPR, 4-7:30pm (Laurel Oaks-TBA)

23 Counselor Training, 6-8 pm

27 JFB, 6:30pm

29 Final Enrollment to drop/change/add by calling office, 937-382-0901)

29 Horse Exhibitor Meeting, 6:30pm

30 Camp Counselor First Aid, 4-7:30pm (Laurel Oaks-TBA)

#### **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

### **Weather Cancellations**

Just a reminder about our weather cancellation policy as we head into winter. 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.

Please visit the county website for additional 4-H information: [clinton.osu.edu](http://clinton.osu.edu).

Please contact our office with any questions at 937-382-0901.

Thank you,  
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This email provides information for 4-H members, Junior Fair for FFA members, and Junior Fair events and requirements.

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