

**Weekly 4-H Email Update**  
**April 19, 2024**

**Dear Members, Volunteers & Parents:**

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**County 4-H Information**

**Project Registration & Junior Fair Entries** (Entry forms are located at [clinton.osu.edu](http://clinton.osu.edu).)

- a. All Special Emphasis and Family and Consumer Sciences projects and market poultry exhibitors will use the **March 15** registration as their fair entry.
  - b. Beef breeding & feeder calves, dairy beef feeder calves, and breeding rabbits must be tagged in/checked at the May tag ins where entries will be completed. Market rabbit fryer doe entry form due at the May check in.
  - c. Market rabbit fryers must be checked in at the June check in where entries will be completed.
  - d. Market beef projects must be tagged in/checked in December of the previous year.
  - e. Dairy cattle projects must submit a registration form with permanent ID to OSU by **May 1**.
  - f. Market & breeding hogs, market goats, pygmy goats, breeding goats, dairy goats, market lambs, production ewes, breeding poultry, small animals, and dogs must submit an entry form with a permanent ID by **May 1**.
  - g. Horse PAS show, roping show, and horse fair entries are due **June 1**.
2. Late Junior Fair Entries
    - a. All project entry deadlines will have one calendar week to correct and complete the entry and turn it in with a \$20 fee if originally turned in by the deadline. The entry will be recorded and returned to the parent/volunteer/member at the time of turn-in. The corrected entry will be accepted within one calendar week after the original deadline.
  3. All animals must be fully owned or leased, including all showing rights by the Jr. Fair member and personally provide daily and continual care of their animal(s) regardless of where the animal(s) are housed on and after **May 1**. All animals must be in your possession by **May 1**. (Steers acquired by **Dec. 1** of the previous year. See poultry rules for hatch dates and rabbit rules for market rabbit ownership dates. See departments for homegrown guidelines.)

4. Equine members must complete EquiStep and upload the certificate of completion by **May 1** in 4honline. A Horse ID must be completed in 4honline by **May 1** for each horse project.

### **Fair Theme**

The Junior Fair Board has selected a 2024 fair theme, ***Welcome to the Jungle!*** Think about how your club can utilize the theme for shirts, club booth ideas, or stall decorations.

### **Junior Fair Project Requirements**

Project requirements for all Jr. Fair Departments are posted at [clinton.osu.edu](http://clinton.osu.edu).

### **A Day in the Ring**

A Day in the Ring is presented by the Clinton County 4-H program and friends of the 4-H program to provide differently abled community members ages 10 and up the opportunity to show at the Clinton County Fair. Participants will be mentored by 4-H teens who have experience showing livestock and have a willingness to share their love of 4-H livestock projects.

Participant Registration deadline is June 5! Event dates: June 27-Open House, July 2-Practice, and July 12-Show. Participant registration is attached to this email and posted at [clinton.osu.edu](http://clinton.osu.edu).

To learn more, call the Ohio State University Extension Office at 937-382-0901.

### **Cloverbud Club**

Cloverbud Club started in February-The meetings will be in-person at the OSU Extension office and the fairground monthly. The final Club session is **May 6** from 6-7:00 p.m. at the Fairground (Peterson Building) unless we have bad weather and the session will be at the Ohio State University Extension Office-Community Room. Sign-ups are required before each event to make sure we have supplies for all Cloverbuds that attend. Sign up link coming soon.

### **2024 Livestock Quality Assurance**

#### **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 21, 2024.

-All youth have the option of a face-to-face county **approved** certification or returning members may select to 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. This is not for first year members!

- 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.

### **May**

9 Quality Assurance 6:30 p.m., (Fairground-Expo Center)

### **Chester Herdsmen 4-H Club Earth Day Fundraiser**

#### **DROP OFF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE RECYCLED!**

ALUMINUM CANS, WIRE, CORDS, CAST IRON, STOVES, WASHERS/DRYERS, AIR CONDITIONERS, CAR RIMS, BRASS LAMPS, OLD FENCE, SCREEN DOORS, WINDOW FRAMES, HARD DRIVES, CELL PHONES, LAPTOPS, PC TOWERS, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, ETC.

USED MOTOR OIL ALSO BEING COLLECTED WITH CASH DONATION

WHERE: 4695 GURNEYVILLE RD.

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

CONTACT: DAVID HACKNEY 937-728-6338

HALF OF THE MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO THE CLINTON COUNTY 4-H COMMITTEE TO HELP LOCAL KIDS ATTEND 4-H CAMP THIS SUMMER

### **State 4-H Information & Opportunities**

#### **4-H Event Youth Assistant (4HEYA)**

Individuals age 13-18 (as of January 1 of the year of application) and have at least 1 year prior 4-H experience.

- Timeframe: Apply by May 15, selection, training, service to OSF, and evaluation. Complete responsibilities by August 31, 2024.
  - Applications available at: <https://go.osu.edu/4HEYAapp>
  - Two references should be submitted at: <https://go.osu.edu/4HEYAref>
- Requirements (in addition to application/selection process):
  - Training - Must attend one of the options for training (July 10 or July 18)
    - *Please note: individuals MUST attend one of the training options. This is not negotiable. If you know you are unable to attend a training option before applying, it is best to wait another year before applying to serve in this capacity.*
  - Events - Must work a minimum of 3 events at the Ohio State Fair; may work more if desired.
- Program Fee: \$25/person (paid at [go.osu.edu/4HEYA25](https://go.osu.edu/4HEYA25));
- Teens Receive:
  - 4HEYA Polo & Nametag
  - State Fair admission, parking ticket, and meal ticket(s)
  - Optional State Fair housing in the Rhodes Center (if desired)
  - Experience of working events at the Ohio State Fair
  - Opportunity to enhance leadership skills and be involved in the State 4-H program.
- What about the Teen Leadership Council? YES, these members may apply for 4HEYA AND TLC this year, if desired. TLC applications will be available in June and will be due the Friday following the Ohio State fair. Their term is September 1, 2024-August 31, 2025. Current TLC members are not eligible to apply for 4HEYA, as they are already fulfilling obligations at the Ohio State Fair.
- Questions? Contact Frances ([foos.61@osu.edu](mailto:foos.61@osu.edu)) or Sara ([Deakin.5@osu.edu](mailto:Deakin.5@osu.edu))

#### **Ohio 4-H Junior Shooting Sports Camp is open now!**

Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports has opened Junior Camp registration. Youth in grades 3-6 are invited to Canter's Cave 4-H Camp from June 7 to 9 for education sessions on basic shooting and archery disciplines. Additional information about the camp can be found on the Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports [\*\*website\*\*](#). **Registration** is open through May 6 and can be completed online. Camp counselors are also encouraged to apply and should do so before May 1.

#### **4-H Night at the Cincinnati Reds**

Southwest Ohio is doing a 4-H Night at the Cincinnati Reds on May 24th to benefit the 4-H programs in Hamilton, Clermont, and Warren counties. You can use this link to get tickets. The game is against the LA Dodgers at 7:10 pm at Great American Ball Park. 4-H'ers will get to walk on

the field before the game. If you want to stay in town through that weekend, Taste of Cincinnati is also happening downtown May 25-27. Come out and support the Cincinnati Reds and Ohio 4-H! <https://fevo-enterprise.com/s/other/4H24?purl=65c99be2e9d8>

### **March 3-May 4, JOANN Fundraising Campaign**

Stop by your local JOANN store before May 4 and round up at the register to raise money for Ohio 4-H. Your donation will support 4-H'ers and create opportunities that will inspire their sense of curiosity. Learn more about 4-H's partnership with JOANN at <https://www.joann.com/4-h/>.

### **Spark EXPO registration is fast approaching!**

From June 12-15, teens at the Spark EXPO will learn about agriculture and related STEAM fields from industry experts, and faculty and staff of the Ohio State College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Spark EXPO is **open to all Ohio students who have completed the eighth grade or ninth grade at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year**. Participants do not need to be enrolled in the 4-H program.

As part of Spark EXPO, students visit Ohio State's Columbus and Wooster campuses and learn from Ohio State students, teachers, scientists, and researchers. Students explore careers, hear from Ohio 4-H alumni who share their career stories, and learn about the college and career readiness program: Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future.

The deadline to register is April 17, and details are at [go.osu.edu/4hsparkexpo](https://go.osu.edu/4hsparkexpo).

*The event includes on-campus accommodations, meals, program materials, and transportation. Supervision is provided by adult program staff.*

### **General Information**

#### **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](https://clinton.osu.edu). Please contact our office with any questions at 937-382-0901.

### **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**

#### **April**

22 JFB, 6:30pm (Location-TBD)

27 Swine Start Up, 10am Project Pick Up (Fair-Hog Barn)

27 Goat Start Up, 10am Project Pick Up (Fair-Goat & Sheep Barn)

#### **May**

1 Forms & Entries Deadline

1 County Royalty Applications Due

1 Rabbit Check In/Tattoo, 6-8pm (Fair-Rabbit Barn)

1 County Ambassador, King & Queens Applications due, 4:30pm

4 Cattle Tag In, 9-11am (Fair-LEC)  
6 Cloverbud Club for County 4-H Cloverbud Members, 6pm (Jr Fair Office) (Registration required/check weekly update.)  
6 Senior Fair Board Meeting, 7pm (Fairground-Expo Center)  
9 Quality Assurance, 6:30 pm (Fairground-Expo Center) FINAL Session of the Year!  
9 Carteens, 6-8pm  
13 4-H Comm., 7pm  
15 County Ambassador, King & Queens Contest, 4:30pm & 7pm  
18 Tri-Co Horse Show at Highland County, 9am  
20 JFB, 6:30pm (Jr. Fair Office)  
20 Dog Comm., 6:30pm & Horse Comm., 7pm  
23 Counselor Training, 6-8:30 pm  
27 Memorial Day-Ohio State University Extension Office Closed  
31 Cloverbud Camp Prep Session, 2-4pm

\*Fair: July 6-13

\*2024 Camp Dates:

\*Jr Overnight Camp-June 17-21

\*Multi-County Cloverbud Overnight Camp-June 2 & 3

\*Cloverbud Day Camp at the Clinton County Fair-June 26

### 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

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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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