

Weekly 4-H Email Update

February 23, 2024

Dear Members, Volunteers & Parents:

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NEW Junior Poultry Committee-Application deadline has been extended to **March 1**. Open to youth interested in serving the poultry department, must have at least two years of poultry project experience, and must be 14 by January 1, 2024. You will have the opportunity to work with the Adult Poultry Committee and help with skillathon, Pollorum testing, and special fair events. Please visit clinton.osu.edu to complete the application.

2024 Ohio Youth Poultry Clinic

Please see the attachment for the details on the clinic on April 13 in Wooster!

Fair Theme

The Junior Fair Board has selected a 2024 fair theme, ***Welcome to the Jungle!*** Watch for fun opportunities for you at this year's fair plus fun club events! Think about how your club can utilize the theme for shirts, club booth, or stall decorations.

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. Mentor registration and participant registration links coming soon!

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

2024 4-H Enrollment

Sign up today at 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, 2024. Club volunteers will have information on additional enrollment forms. The activity fee is \$15 for 4-H members. Once members are enrolled, they have until April 1 to add, drop, or change projects by

contacting the Extension Office. If you want to explore new projects visit the Ohio 4-H Family Guide at: <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>

Cloverbud Club

Cloverbud Club started in February-The meetings will be held in person 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 4** from 6-7:00 p.m. at the Ohio State University Extension Office-Community Room. Sign-ups will be required before each event to ensure we have supplies for all Cloverbuds attending. Use the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044AA8A929A4FF2-48153497-2024>

Knitting Workshop

The March 9 workshop will focus on knitting. Reserve your spot by registering at the link below by Noon, Thursday, March 7, 2024, so we can prepare for the workshop.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CAFAA23A6F94-47547530-learn#

2024 Poultry Hatch Dates-Clinton County Jr. Fair

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

- a. Turkeys - Must be between the ages of 14 and 18 weeks of age. Hatching dates must be between March 4th and April 1st of the current year.
- b. 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 5th, of the current year.
- c. Single Fryers - Fryers must not exceed 7 weeks of age at fair. Fryers can be hatched no earlier than May 19th of the current year.

2024 Family Guide

The 2024 Family Guide is posted! Both the PDF and flip book versions are here: ohio4h.org/familyguide. Members who were enrolled last year should have received their Family Guide and stickers in the mail in January.

Teens!

Please visit our website to learn about and apply for awards, scholarships, and teen opportunities.

The next deadline is March 15 for county 4-H scholarships. The Clinton County Foundation Scholarship Portal is where graduating seniors need to apply for county 4-H scholarships

<https://clintoncountyohiofoundation.org/students/>.

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.)

If you want to learn more visit our website at <https://clinton.osu.edu>. If you can't find the application you are looking for, please contact our office at 937.382.0901.

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 the exhibition.

March

- 14 Quality Assurance 6:30 p.m., (Fairground-Expo Center)
- 23 Goat Start Up and Swine Start Up, Meeting & QA, 9:30 am (Fairgrounds-Expo OR Floral Hall)

April

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

May

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

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 the 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.

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

February 2024

4-H Recruitment Month

- 26 JFB, 6:30 pm (Fair-Expo) & Horse Committee, 7 pm

March

- 3 Counselor Training, 1-4:30 pm
- 4 Cloverbud Club for County 4-H Cloverbud Members, 6pm (Registration required/check weekly update.)
- 4 SFB, 7pm (Fairground-Office)
- 9 Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference (Columbus Convention Center)
- 11 4-H Comm., 7pm
- 14 Quality Assurance 6:30 pm, (Fairground-Expo Center)
 - Goat Start Up participants must attend QA on March 14 or March 23.
- 14 Carteens, 6-8pm
- 15 4-H Enrollment Deadline** (online enrollment must be completed by 11:59 p.m.)
- 18 Dog Comm., 6:30pm & Horse Comm., 7pm
- 23 New Member Day Open House, 10:00 am
- 23 Goat Start Up and Swine Start Up, Meeting & QA, 9:30 am (Fairgrounds-Expo)
- 25 JFB, 6:30 pm
- 27 Horse Exhibitor Orientation Meeting, 6:30 pm

*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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2024 OHIO YOUTH POULTRY CLINIC

**APRIL 13TH, 2024
8:15 A.M. TO 4:15 P.M.**

**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ATI
1328 DOVER ROAD WOOSTER, OH 44691**

COST \$25 per person (includes morning refreshments and lunch)

DEADLINE Registration and payment postmarked by **Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024**

CONTACT Michael Cressman, cressman.2@osu.edu

SCHEDULE

8:15-8:55 – Registration/Refreshments. Equipment and Housing Exhibits Open.

9:00-9:15 – Introduction, Schedule Overview.

50-minute sessions: Poultry Nutrition, Slaughter, Quality Assurance (60 min, during lunch), Biosecurity, 4H Poultry Judging, Showmanship & Exhibition Poultry, 4H Avian Bowl & Poultry Skillathon, Q&A Corner (15 min, end of day)

REGISTRATION

Check or Credit Card Accepted

Make checks (\$25.00 per person) payable to The Ohio State University. On memo line write “2024 Youth Poultry Clinic.” Mail reservation (below) and payment postmarked by April 2nd to:
Attn: Michael Cressman, Dept. of Animal Sciences, 2029 Fyffe Court, Columbus, OH 43210.

To register, visit <https://go.osu.edu/osupoultryclinic> or scan the QR code below.

