

Weekly 4-H Email Update
March 22, 2024

Dear Members, Volunteers & Parents:

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County 4-H Information

2024 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment is complete! Thank you to all members, volunteers, and families for working so hard to get enrolled online by the deadline. Please continue to check in with your club leaders for additional project information and meeting dates. All current members have until April 1 to add, drop, or change projects by contacting the Extension Office at 937-382-0901.

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. Watch for information to be posted on the 4-H App soon.

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. 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 third meeting is **April 1** from 6-7:00 p.m. 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 at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044AA8A929A4FF2-48710598-april>

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 the 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 the fair. Fryers can be hatched no earlier than May 19th of the current year.

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

23 Goat Start Up and Swine Start Up, Meeting & QA, 9:30am (Floral Hall)

THIS QA IS FOR START UP MEMBERS ONLY! It is not an open event.

April

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

May

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

2024 Jr Fair Livestock Judges

Beef - Market Steer/Breeding Heifers/Market Heifer/Feeder Calves, Wess Richey

Beef Showmanship, Robby Curry

Dairy Breed Show/Showmanship/Dairy Steer/Dairy Feeder/Showmanship, Brian Call

Horse Show, Cassie Grimes

Horse Show-PAS, Katy Schaaf

Breeding Goat: Dairy Goat, Production Doe Show and Showmanship, Jesse Kimmel

Market Goat Show, Kevin Gump

Market Goat Showmanship, Madison Schumacher

Market Lamb Showmanship, Madison Schumacher

Market Lamb & Production Ewe Show, Kalen Poe
Poultry - Fancy Birds & Showmanship, Jaycee Perry
Poultry - Market Turkeys and Showmanship, Mike Murphy
Poultry-Market Chickens and Showmanship, Mark Lange
Pygmy Goat Show, Grant Rogers
Rabbit Show, Allan Gerhart
Swine - Breeding/Showmanship, Matthew Nott
Swine - Market, Jason Corya
Swine - Showmanship, Brian Anderson

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 IS ALSO BEING COLLECTED WITH CASH DONATION

WHERE: 4695 GURNEYVILLE RD.

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH, 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

Total Solar Eclipse

It is not too early to get excited about the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024! Even if you are not in the path of the total solar eclipse, you will see the moon's shadow cover at least 90% of the sun!

Our 4-H professionals have worked together with Dr. Wayne Schlingman, Director of Arne Slettebak Planetarium at The Ohio State University main campus, to create teaching tools to help everyone in Ohio understand and enjoy the event. Check out our resources at ohio4h.org/solareclipse. There are several activities to do both before and during the solar eclipse!

DairyPalooza (Canfield)—8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Canfield Fairgrounds will host the 2024 DairyPalooza on April 20. The event will feature QA training in the morning and a host of workshops in the afternoon. Registration is \$10 and must be submitted by April 5. Late registrations will be accepted until the day of the event, but the registration fee will increase to \$15. For additional details and information on how to register, check out the [2024 DairyPalooza Registration form](#).

4-H Survey

“Attention 4-H members and volunteers! We want to hear from you! Please take our survey before April 7 and tell us which format you prefer for 4-H project books—print or digital. It is easy—just a few short questions and you are finished. Take the survey today at go.osu.edu/4hprojectbooksurvey Thanks for helping us to make the best better!”

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/>.

Darke County Junior Fair Committee Poultry Clinic

All Junior Fair Poultry Exhibitors from Darke County and surrounding counties are invited to attend the Darke County Junior Fair Committee Poultry Clinic on Saturday, April 13th starting at 10:00am to Noon in the Ohio Building at the Darke County Fair, sponsored by Darke County Junior Fair Poultry Committee.

A free lunch will be served at the conclusion of the clinic sponsored by Cooper Farms. The poultry clinic will focus on nutrition, animal care, animal health, processing, showmanship, fair selection, and biosecurity. Lew Cunningham the 2024 Darke County Poultry Judge for the Fancy Show will focus on quality and selection. Jackson Hile will be speaking about Pigeons. Dr. Tim Barman, retired Cooper Farm Vet, will speak about biosecurity, animal ethics, and proper care of animals. Matt Aultman will be speaking on poultry nutrition. Poultry showmanship will also be demonstrated by Blake Addis, Darke County Jr Fair Board Poultry Representative. At the clinic junior fair poultry exhibitors can practice skillathon. This clinic is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge of your poultry projects and get prepared for upcoming fairs! Please RSVP by April 9th by calling Dena Wuebker at 937-423-2369, Cindy Mayo at 937-417-2296 or Amy Addis 937-216-2107 or email Dena at dena.wuebker@vtigers.org, Cindy Mayo at cmayo217@hotmail.com or Amy Addis at amyjoaddis@centurylink.net.

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 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

March

23 New Member Day Open House, 10:00am

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

- This event is for Start Up Participants ONLY!

25 JFB, 6:30pm

27 Horse Exhibitor Orientation Meeting, **7pm (This is a NEW start time!)**

April

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

1 Senior Fair Board Meeting (Fairground-Expo Center)

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

8 4-H Comm., 7pm

11 Carteens, 6-8pm

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

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

18 Counselor Training, 6-8:30 pm

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)

*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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