

**Weekly 4-H Email Update**  
**December 8, 2023**

Dear Members, Volunteers & Parents:

**Weekly Update Topics:**

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**Cookies with Santa**

Please join us for Cookies with Santa on December 16 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Fairground in Floral Hall. There will be pictures with Santa, crafts, and cookie decorating. WE NEED COOKIES. If you would like to bake 1-2 dozen for the event, please email Candy Matthews at [matthews.554@osu.edu](mailto:matthews.554@osu.edu). We need sugar cookies. They can be round or cutouts. They can be dropped off December 14, 15 or brought to the event on December 16.

**4-H Sew Ohio**

Members planning to take Clothing and Textile projects mark your calendar for Saturday, April 27, 2024, for the 4-H Sew Ohio event at the 4-H Center. 4-H Master Clothing Educator Volunteers will be offering sessions for beginner, intermediate, and advanced level projects. More information to come in early 2024. Contact Pamela [Montgomery.221@osu.edu](mailto:Montgomery.221@osu.edu) if you have questions or want additional information.

**2024 Swine Start Up Program**

The swine committee is looking for new and current 4-H members who would like to participate in the Swine Start Up Program for 2024. 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, 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. More information and requirements will be shared after sign up.

**2024 Goat Start Up Program**

The Goat & Sheep committee will also be providing a Goat Start Up Program next year. They are looking for new and current 4-H members that would like to participate in the Goat Start Up Program for 2024. Contact the office today at 937.382.0901 if you would like to sign up for the program. Goat Start Up is for first time goat exhibitors. Exhibitors must sign up for a market goat project and pay a \$25 non-refundable deposit by March 15 at the OSU Extension office. The total cost for the program is \$150 and is due by project pick up in April. Members will receive a market goat from a local breeder plus other start up supplies, special educational sessions, and QA training. Make sure when you complete your 4-H/FFA enrollment you sign up for Market Goat Project #135M. More information and requirements will be shared after sign up.

**2024 Family Guide**

The 2024 Family Guide is posted! Both the PDF and flip book versions are here: [ohio4h.org/familyguide](http://ohio4h.org/familyguide). The Family Guide will also be mailed directly to 4-H families in January 2024.

## Ohio State Fair Beef Information

The Ohio State Fair requires all market beef entered in the 2024 Ohio State Fair to have individual DNA samples taken from each animal that may potentially be entered. These DNA samples must be in the possession of the Ohio State Fair by January 15. **NEW for 2024: Ohio State Fair will NOT be providing EID tags for market beef entries.** Exhibitors must get their own 840 tags for their entries. The EID 840 tag number MUST be listed on the envelope with the DNA sample.

DNA sample collection kits may be picked up at the Clinton County Extension Office in early December and will be available at the December 6, 2023, Beef Tag In. Prior to submission, the nomination envelope for each sample kit remitted must be signed by either the 4-H professional or FFA advisor, depending on which organization the youth is taking the market animal(s).

Also, note that youth showing at any of the BEST sanctioned shows must have EID tags in their calves prior to the first show in which they exhibit. BEST shows prior to the January 15 deadline to submit samples to OSF include *Mardi Gras Masquerade* (November 17-19, Circleville), *AGR Holiday Classic* (December 8-10, Columbus), *Saddle & Sirloin Spectacular* (December 29-31, Circleville), and *Scarlet & Gray Midwest Showdown* (January 5-7, Columbus).

## Teens!

Please visit our website to learn about and apply for awards, scholarships, and teen opportunities. Teens can still apply for the following county youth opportunities:

**NEW Junior Poultry Committee**-Application due January 15. 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.

**Carteens** is a teen leadership opportunity open all year round with no application requirement. For youth ages 14-19. Most county and state opportunities are available for 4-H youth 14 years and older. 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 Dates

### January

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

### February

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

### March

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

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

### April

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

### May 1 Forms & Entries Deadline

9 Quality Assurance 6:30 pm, (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 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

### December

11 & 18 Camp Counselor Selection Nights

14 Carteens, 6-8pm

25 OSU Closed

26 OSU Closed

\*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-TBD

### 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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OHIO 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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