

**Weekly 4-H Email Update**  
**January 12, 2024**

**Dear Members, Volunteers & Parents:**

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**4-H Scrapbooking Workshop**

The Family and Consumer Sciences Committee will be offering a hands-on scrapbooking workshop on January 13 at 10:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Extension office. Please RSVP by January 11 at [www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CAFAA23A6F94-47055470-fcsscrapbooking](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CAFAA23A6F94-47055470-fcsscrapbooking). For more details please check out our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/OHClinCo4H>

**2024 Poultry Hatch Dates-Clinton County Jr. Fair**

1. 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 4<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup> of the current year.

**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. 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).

### **Ohio State Fair Dog Show**

The **Ohio State Fair Dog Show** will be June 17-19 in the Voinovich Building. (it's not a typo... the show is in June). The Agility Trial is on July 24<sup>th</sup> in the Taft Coliseum. (the first day of the fair). The entry deadline for dog exhibitors will be earlier than the rest of the state fair competitors. They are planning on a late May deadline. This is a work in progress so watch for more information coming soon.

### **2024 Dates**

Please look for a separate email with the 2024 4-H and Jr Fair Dates. Please continue to watch the 4-H Weekly Updates for event changes, additions, or deletions.

### **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 who 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](https://ohio4h.org/familyguide). The Family Guide will also be mailed directly to 4-H families in January 2024.

### **Teens!**

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

The application to apply for state achievement awards, trips, and state camps is due January 17 to the Extension office. 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.

Please check the website for scholarship deadlines for the county, state 4-H, and the Ohio State Fair. [clinton.osu.edu](https://clinton.osu.edu). Feel free to stop in to pick up a scholarship and awards packet.

**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.

## **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.

### **February**

8 Quality Assurance 6:30 p.m., (Fairground-Expo Center OR Extension Office)

### **March**

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

23 Goat Start Up and Swine Start Up, Meeting & QA, 9:30am (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](http://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**

#### **January 2024**

13 4-H Scrapbooking Workshop

15 Martin Luther King Day-Ohio State University Extension Office Closed

17 Scholarships & Award Applications Due to OSUE

22 Junior Fair Board (JFB), 6:30pm

22 Horse Committee, 7pm

25 Volunteer Update 6:30 pm (All Volunteers need to attend 1 session.)

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

28 Counselor Training, 1-4:30 pm

First Year Counselor Session with Parent (TBA)

## February 2024

### 4-H Recruitment Month

5 Cloverbud Club for County 4-H Cloverbud Members, 6-7pm (Registration required/check weekly update.)  
5 Senior Fair Board Meeting (Fairground-Expo Center)  
8 Carateens, 6-8pm  
8 Quality Assurance 6:30 pm, (Fairground-Expo Center)  
11 Counselor Training, 1-4:30 pm  
6 Dairy Comm., 6pm  
12 4-H Comm., 7pm  
14 Volunteer Update 6:30 pm (All Volunteers need to attend 1 session.)  
15 Volunteer Update 9:30 am (All Volunteers need to attend 1 session.)  
19 President's Day (No pm meetings.)  
21 New Volunteer Orientation, 6:30pm  
26 JFB, 6:30pm (Fair-Expo) & Horse Committee, 7pm

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