

**Weekly 4-H Email Update  
January 26, 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 fair events. Please visit [clinton.osu.edu](http://clinton.osu.edu) to complete the application.

**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.

**Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference & Ohio 4-H Teen Conference**

The state conference is March 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio. There's a wide variety of sessions and programs for both adult and youth 4-H volunteers and a luncheon. The cost is \$40 per person. Some scholarships are available at the county level so get your registration turned in today! Registration is due to the Clinton County OSUE office by February 8. Visit the link below to learn more about the conference. <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>

**2024 4-H Enrollment**

You can start signing up for 4-H NOW at [4honline.com](http://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 and fees. The activity fee is \$15 for 4-H members. If you want to explore new projects visit the Ohio 4-H Family Guide at: <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>

**New Volunteer Orientation**

The 2024 New Adult 4-H Volunteer Orientation is February 21 at 6:00 p.m. for individuals interested in serving the 4-H program as a club volunteer. There are several steps to complete to become a volunteer. Please start by talking to your club organizational volunteer to see if there's a need. Then contact the Extension office at 937-382-0901.

## **Cloverbud Club**

Cloverbud Club starts in February. We will be offering County Cloverbud meetings again this year. 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 first meeting is **Feb. 5** from 6-7:00 p.m. at the Ohio State University Extension Office-Community Room. Sign-ups will be required before each event to make sure we have supplies for all Cloverbuds that attend. A separate email with sign up information will be available next week.

Each event is designed for County 4-H Cloverbud Members age 5 and in kindergarten to 8 years old. During each session, members learn more about 4-H, interact with other Cloverbuds from the county, participate in hands-on learning activities, games, and snacks.

## **4-H You Can Quilt Workshop**

Try your hand at sewing a quilt block with support from county 4-H volunteers. Join us on Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 10-11:30 am, in the Community Room at OSU Extension Office for an introduction to quilting. Volunteers from the Family and Consumer Sciences Committee will guide you through making a quilt block.

There will be a \$5 fee to cover the cost of the fabrics. Please bring your sewing machine, scissors, pins, a bobbin with white thread, and a spool of white thread. And any other notions that you think you might need. We also suggest your helper stay to gather information to help you with this project.

There will be a few machines available if you do not have one.

Reserve your spot by registering at the link below by Thursday, February 8, so we can prepare supplies for you.

Watch the Clinton Co. 4-H Facebook page and the OSU website.

<https://www.clinton.osu.edu> for any weather cancellations.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CAFAA23A6F9447260644-fcs>

## **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 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 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 signing 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 signing 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 next deadline is Feb 15 for state 4-H scholarships. 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 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, 9:30 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 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**

#### **January 2024**

31 Volunteer Update 6:00 pm (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, 7pm (Fairground-Expo Center)  
8 Car teens, 6-8pm  
8 Quality Assurance 6:30 pm, (Fairground-Expo Center)  
11 Counselor Training, 1-4:30 pm  
12 4-H Comm., 7pm & Dairy Comm., 6pm  
14 Volunteer Update 6:30 pm (All Volunteers need to attend 1 session.)  
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23 Volunteer Update 9:30 am (All Volunteers need to attend 1 session.)  
19 President's Day (No pm meetings.)  
21 New Volunteer Orientation, **6:00pm**  
26 JFB, 6:30pm (Fair-Expo) & Horse Committee, 7pm

\*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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