

Weekly 4-H Email Update
March 15, 2024

Dear Members, Volunteers & Parents:

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2024 4-H Enrollment

Today is the final day to enroll!!! Sign up 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>

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. Today is the deadline 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/>. (Deadline March 15)
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.

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’s easy—just a

few short questions and you're 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 in downtown May 25-27. Come out and support the Cincinnati Reds and Ohio 4-H!
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/s/other/4H24?purl=65c99be2e9d8>

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.

Junior Fair Project Requirements

Project requirements for the Jr. Fair are posted at clinton.osu.edu. Once all departments have been posted they will be posted on the 4-H App. Watch for app information in future updates.

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 will be required before each event to make sure we have supplies for all Cloverbuds that attend. A new link will be available soon.

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 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.

March

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)

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
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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 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

OHIO 4-H LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT RETREAT

The retreat is hosted by the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council.

When: April 12-13, 2024 (Friday early evening through Saturday afternoon – Dinner, Breakfast, and Lunch provided)

Where: 4-H Camp Palmer

Who: 4-H youth ages 13-18 interested in strengthening existing leadership skills

**Great opportunity for Camp Counselor training hours, JFB members, club officers, etc. – ~5 hours of counselor training available*

Cost: \$40 (covers overnight stay at camp plus 3 meals and a 4-H SWAG item)

**Sponsored by the Sauder 4-H Career Development Fund!*

What: Teens will participate in interactive and engaging activities related to leadership skills, teambuilding strategies, conflict management, and other life, career, and college readiness skills.

Registration opens March 1 and is due April 1 at www.go.osu.edu/tlcleadershipretreat.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the office for available scholarships.

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 animal. 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 and great opportunity to expand 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.

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.

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

15 4-H Enrollment Deadline (online enrollment must be completed by 11:59 p.m.)

15 Scholarship Deadline

18 Dog Comm., 6:30pm & Horse Comm., 7pm
23 New Member Day Open House, 10:00am
23 Goat Start Up and Swine Start Up, Meeting & QA, 9:30am (Fairgrounds-Expo)

- Swine Start Up participants must attend this session, March 23.

25 JFB, 6:30pm
27 Horse Exhibitor Orientation Meeting, 6:30pm

*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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