

Weekly 4-H Email Update
March 16, 2023

Dear Members, Volunteers & Parents:

Weekly Update Topics:

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4-H Project Changes

Thank you for joining 4-H! Because of you, our program has grown by 16% in two years. Thank you for being a Clinton County 4-H Member. Enrollment time is now complete for members wanting to participate in Junior Fair activities/shows. If you want to add, drop or change a project please do that by contacting Candy Matthews in our office at 937.382.0901. The deadline to add, drop or change a project is March 29.

Clinton County Horse Exhibitor Meeting

Members taking Equine Projects don't forget the County Exhibitor Meeting is March 29, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, 111 S Nelson Ave., Wilmington, OH 45177.

Jennifer Smith DVM will present what is colic and signs of colic. During the evening members will learn more about required the Equistep program, Tri-County Series & Fun Show, Performance Against Standards (PAS), Ohio State Fair, County Fair, Skillathon, Horse Guidelines, and how to upload Horse ID forms into 4honline.

4-H NEW MEMBER DAY

Calling all new 4-H members and families to the 4-H New Member Day on **March 18!** If you are brand new to 4-H this event is designed just for YOU! Come and join us for several hands-on learning stations, talk to program volunteers to explore new project ideas, and learn about 4-H books, fair, camp, judging, requirements, teen opportunities, Cloverbuds, and more

Date: March 18, 2023

Cost: FREE

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: 111 South Nelson Ave., Wilmington, OH 45177

Contact: 937-382-0901 or montague.18@osu.edu with questions.

RSVP: <https://go.osu.edu/4hnewmemberday>

Ohio State Fair (OSF) and State Events Update

- 1) OSF Possession deadline for Market Goats is now **MAY 1st** ~~not May 26th~~
State Fair is working to update the website.
- 2) 2023 DairyPalooza will take place April 22 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. QA training and workshops will be offered in the afternoon related to dairy and the GPP content. More details and updates coming soon.

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 24, 2023.
 - All youth have the option of a face-to-face county-approved certification or may 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.
 - Parent/Guardians 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.
- **Clinton County QA Sessions (At this time NO RSVP is required.)**
 - Mar 18 Goat Start Up & Swine Start Up members ONLY, Meeting & QA, 9:30 am (Fairgrounds-Expo) (This session is only open to members participating in the Start-Up Program.)
 - Apr 6 QA 6:30 pm (Fairground-Expo Center)
 - May 11 QA 6:30 pm (Fairground-Expo Center)

Fair Theme

The Junior Fair Board has selected a 2023 fair theme, ***Christmas in July!*** Watch for fun opportunities for you at this year's fair plus fun club events! Think about how your club can utilize the theme at fair. (Shirts, club booth, stall decorations, etc.)

Cloverbud Club

The next Cloverbud Club is April 6 from 6-7:00 p.m. at the Ohio State University Extension Office-Community Room. Sign-up will is required before the event to make sure we have supplies for all Cloverbuds. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044AA8A929A4FF2-april>. 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 Books

You will see an increase in 4-H book pricing for 2023. This is a result of increased costs associated with editing, printing, design, production, and distribution. Most regular project books will be \$8. Resource books and other miscellaneous books will range from \$10-\$20. You can view the Family Guide online at <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide> or wait for your copy to arrive in January.

Teen Awards & Scholarships

Congratulations to Jenna Allemang for being selected for the State 4-H Achievement Award for Clothing & Textiles. She was also selected as the Second Alternate for Citizenship & Community Service. Congratulations on all of your outstanding 4-H work and dedication!!!!

OHIO STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP applications can be accessed online at <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/> by **May 1, 2023**.

Skillathon

As you plan your 4-H season please note Skillathon dates are different this year by department. Please see dates/times/locations below.

- **Skillathon** is June 22, 2023, from 6-8pm for exhibitors showing poultry, rabbits, goat, sheep, & dairy. Skillathon will be held at the fairground in livestock barns, Peterson, Jr. Fair Building, and Floral Hall.
- **Skillathon** is July 7, 2023
 - Dog 10:00 am.-2:00 p.m. (LEC), Horse 5-8:00 p.m. (Horse Barn), & Beef 6-8:00 p.m. (LEC)
- **Skillathon** is July 11, 2023, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for Swine (Location-TBD)

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

- 18 New Member Day, 9:30am
- 18 Goat Start Up and Swine Start Up, Meeting & QA, 9:30am (Fairgrounds-Expo)
- 20 Dairy Comm., 6:30 pm, Dog Comm., 6:30pm, Horse Comm., 7pm
- 21 Camp Counselor CPR, 4-7:30pm (Laurel Oaks-TBA)
- 23 Counselor Training, 6-8 pm
- 27 JFB, 6:30pm & Poultry Comm 6:30pm
- 29 Final Enrollment to drop/change/add by calling office, 937-382-0901)
- 29 Horse Exhibitor Meeting, 6:30pm
- 30 Camp Counselor First Aid, 4-7:30pm (Laurel Oaks-TBA)

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

Please visit the county website for additional 4-H information: clinton.osu.edu.

Please contact our office with any questions at 937-382-0901.

Thank you,

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

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