

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

**Weekly 4-H Email Update
March 2, 2022**

Dear Members, Volunteers & Parents:

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2022 4-H Enrollment

We would love to see our 4-H program grow by 50 members for 2022! So, talk to your friends and neighbors and tell them all the reasons you love 4-H. The club with the most new members will receive \$50. From February 15 to March 15, flyers will go out to 3rd and 4th graders in the county and information will be posted on social media. We could use your help to promote 4-H. Stop in starting February 15 and pick up flyers to share. You could put them at your local library, school or even church. We also have some yard signs to put at your home or business. So please join us in getting the word out about 4-H so we can meet our goal of 50 new members!

It is enrollment time! Please check in with your club leaders for new project information and meeting dates. The deadline is **March 15, 2022**. If you want to explore new projects visit the Ohio 4-H Family Guide at: <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>. Members can start enrolling online at <https://v2.4honline.com>. **Cloverbud members, please use code 715I**. Please make sure you use your 2021 email address. If you have any enrollment issues, contact Candy Matthews in our office at 937.382.0901.

Cake Decorating Workshop

The Family and Consumer Sciences Team would like to invite any **first-year members in the Cake Decorating Project** to come to a hands-on demonstration event on Saturday, March 12th from 10:00 a.m. and conclude by 11:30 a.m. Members will learn different techniques for beginner cake decorators. The workshop will be held at the Clinton County Annex Building at 111 South Nelson Ave., Wilmington Ohio. There are limited number of spots so please do not delay! Sign up will close on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. Please use the following link to register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CAFAA23A6F94-march>

Ohio 4-H Night at the Dayton Dragons is back!

Families can purchase tickets directly at www.go.osu.edu/ohio4hdaytondragons Tickets are \$10.00. The game is at the Day Air Ballpark in downtown Dayton. The game will be on Saturday, May 7. The game starts at 7:05 pm, with gates opening at 6 pm.

Please be sure to line up behind the outfield lawn area (Lawn D) by 6:15pm to participate in a pre-game parade of all the 4-H counties in attendance this evening.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact your Dragons representative: Carl Hertzberg - carl.hertzberg@daytondragons.com

Poultry Hatch Dates

Birds entered in the meat classes for the junior fair (roasters, fryers, meat pens, commercial waterfowl, 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 6th and April 3rd 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 8th, 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 22nd of the current year.
- d. Commercial Waterfowl-Market Ducks-must be between 8 and 11 weeks of age at the fair. Can be hatched no earlier than April 24th and no later than May 15th of the current year

Cloverbud Club

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 third meeting is March 30 from 6-7:00 p.m. at the Ohio State University Extension Office-Community Room. Please watch for a sign up coming soon.

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.

Volunteers

A final new 4-H volunteer orientation for 2022 will be held on March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. If you are interested in serving as a club volunteer start by talking to the main club advisor to see if there is a need for more club volunteers. Then complete the volunteer application located at clinton.osu.edu or stop in the Extension office. Contact Tracie to set up an interview. March 16 is the deadline to serve as a volunteer for this season.

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. Clinton County 4-H/FFA members are required to attend a QA session. Youth 8-18 years old must attend a face-to-face

QA. Youth 12-18 may complete the online Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) certification to meet the county QA requirement. Youth 8–11-year-old can also complete YQCA online with county approval. YQCA is the only online certification accepted.

Parents/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 by May 25, which is 45 days prior to the start of exhibition.

County QA Dates:

Mar 5 QA Goat & Sheep, 10:00 am (Fairground-Expo Center)

Mar 19 Goat Start Up & Swine Start Up members ONLY, Meeting & QA, 9:30am (Fairgrounds-Expo)

Mar 24 QA 6:30 pm (Fairground-Expo Center)

Apr 13 QA 6:30 pm (Fairground-Expo Center)

May 12 QA 6:30 pm (Fairground-Expo Center)

Swine Start Up

If you have a 4-H or FFA member that would like to try a market hog project for the first time please get them signed up today by emailing Ann Foxworthy in our office, foxworthy.1@osu.edu or call OSU Extension Office at 937-382-0901. Remember start up is for first time market hog exhibitors. The price is \$125 with a \$25 non-refundable deposit is due by March 15th at the OSU Extension Office. There will be an exhibitor meeting and QA on March 19 at the Clinton County Fairgrounds (Expo Hall) at 9:30 a.m., Required for interested participants and a parent/legal guardian. Project pick up is April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Fairground in the Goat/Sheep Barn and Hog Barn.

Ohio State Fair

Just a few things regarding Ohio State Fair (OSF):

- Because the Juneteenth holiday is close to the previous deadline, OSF has changed the **deadline for livestock entries to June 21st** (instead of June 20th)
- Please note that the dog show is much earlier (2 weeks before fair opens)
- The Jr Swine Show requires market hogs to have an 840 tag and a premise ID
- The schedule has been posted at: <https://ohiostatefair.com/agriculture-livestock/livestock-schedule/>
- Species department rules, entry info, and exhibitor info/forms can be found at: <https://ohiostatefair.com/agriculture-livestock/livestock/>
- Once updated:
- Skillathon information will be found at: <https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-4-h-skillathons>
- Livestock Judging Contest information will be found at: <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-state-fair-4-h-livestock-judging-contest>
- Please remember as enrollment season approaches, members **MUST** be enrolled in the project they want to exhibit at the state fair.

2022 Family Guide

The new Family Guide has been posted online at <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>. This is your place to connect to our entire collection of Ohio 4-H project books for the year. Each project book contains information and activities for members to explore as an organized group project or at home under the guidance of a parent or interested adult. When choosing a project, consider your interests, background, what is necessary to start the project, and the resources available to help you complete it.

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.

OSU Extension Office, 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).

February

4-H Recruitment Month-Invite a friend or neighbor to your 4-H club meeting!

28 JFB, 6:30pm & Horse Committee, 7pm

March

5 QA Goat & Sheep, 10:00am (Fairground-Expo Center)

7 SFB, 7pm (Fairground-Office)

8 Counselor Training, 6-8 pm

10 Carteens, 6-8pm

12 Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference (Columbus Convention Center)

14 4-H Comm., 7pm

15 4-H Enrollment Deadline

15 CPR for Counselor Training, 4pm (Laurel Oaks Wilmington Campus)

17 Horse Exhibitor Meeting, 6:30pm

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

21 Dog Comm., 6:30pm & Horse Comm., 7pm

24 QA 6:30 pm (Fairground-Expo Center)

26 New Member Day, 9:30am

28 JFB, 6:30pm (Location-TBD)

29 Final Enrollment to drop/change/add by calling office, 937-382-0901)

30 Cloverbud Club for County 4-H Cloverbud Members, 6pm

Camp Dates

June 7-11, Jr. Camp

June 27 & 28, Cloverbud Camp

Fair Dates

July 9-16

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,

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