

# 4-H Newsletter 2/19/2021



## 4-H Committee and Kathy Blackford Scholarship

The Ashland County 4-H Committee scholarship was established in 2014 to help out local youth 4-H members towards higher education opportunities. This scholarship will be awarded annually to current active High School Senior members in the Ashland county 4-H program. Ashland County 4-H Committee will be awarding a one-time minimum \$500 scholarship in addition to a Kathy Blackford Scholarship. See the link below for an application.

[4-H Committee and Kathy Blackford Scholarship application](#)

## 2021 Sheep and Swine Give-Away Essay Contests

The Ashland County 4-H Sheep and Swine Committee is sponsoring two essay contests for all youth who would like to show market lambs or market hogs this year at the fair. To be eligible, youth must agree to join 4-H or FFA this year and use the animal as an Ashland County Junior Fair project.

Click below for a more details.

[Sheep and Swine Essay Contest](#)

## Trips Available to 4-H Sea Camp and Ohio 4-H Youth Leadership Camp

**The 4-H Committee is sponsoring two trips to each of these camps in 2021. Dates and ages eligible for these camps are on the application--see link below.**

[4-H Trip Application](#)

**Trip award applications are due to the office by March 1.**

## 2021 Ashland County 4-H Calendar

Below is the link to the 2021 Ashland County 4-H Calendar. Check our website often for an updated calendar. Please note that all dates and activities are dependent upon current COVID 19 and 4-H Educator situation. [2021 Ashland County 4-H Calendar](#)

## Beekeeping Essay Contest

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees is once again sponsoring the 2021 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. The essay competition is open to active 4-H Club members only.

**2021 Essay Topic: Immunity: Threats to Bee Colonies and Methods to Defend Against the Threats**

**Deadline for submission to the Ohio 4-H state office is March 29, 2021. Submit essays to Lisa Jinks, [jinks.2@osu.edu](mailto:jinks.2@osu.edu) by midnight. Each submitted essay will be reviewed by a panel of writing professionals and the top essay selected will be submitted for national competition. Be sure to see important requirements and guidelines on the Foundation's website. [Click here for rules and overview.](#)**

## Quality Assurance

**QA materials are ready for pick up!**

**Here is a link to a Qualtrics survey for QA Instructors to order their materials. Reminder: IF IT IS YOUR YEAR TO RECERTIFY AS A QA INSTRUCTOR, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE RECERTIFICATION TRAINING BEFORE I CAN GIVE YOU THE MATERIALS!**

**If you need to recertify this year, you would have received an email from ScarlettCanvas explaining how to complete the training online.**

**[2021 QA Materials Request Link](#)**

## Stay-at-Home Projects

Click the link below for a list of perfect stay-at-home projects with free printable books!

[Stay-at-Home Projects](#)

## Feeder Calf News

**All members taking a feeder calf project must tag their animal(s) and return the signed feeder calf registration form (available at the office beginning in April) to the Ashland County Extension office by June 1 of the current project year.**

Members are responsible for tagging their own animals. Tags are to be signed out from the Ashland County Extension office anywhere from late April through the end of May. Taggers are also available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members may tag any number of animals. Members may bring two beef and two dairy feeders for a maximum of four. Calves should be tagged in their left ear. Market Steer Committee members may verify tags with farm visits anytime after June 1. If a tag is lost, member must notify the Extension office (419-281-8242) within 24 hours.

## Enroll in 4-H Today!

Enroll at this link: [4Honline 2.0](#)

For guidance on how to enroll/re-enroll: [4Honline 2.0 Help Sheet](#)

## Extension Office Hours

We are open:

Monday 8:30-4pm

Tuesday 8:30-4pm

Friday 8:30-3pm

Please email [aulger.3@osu.edu](mailto:aulger.3@osu.edu) or call 419-281-8242 for an appointment.

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