4-H Newsletter 1/13/2023

The Ashland County Extension Office is located at 110 Cottage Street, First Floor This is the same building as the Ashland County Commissioners and Board of Elections.

We are open:

Mondays 8:30-4pm Tuesdays 8:30-4pm Fridays 8:30-3pm

Market Steer & Baby Beef Animal ID in 4Honline

ALL MARKET STEER AND BABY BEEF PROJECTS WILL NEED ENTERED AND IDENTIFIED IN THE MEMBER'S 4HONLINE BY JANUARY 31. No paper forms ill be accepted.

FFA members may now also use 4Honline to enter their animal ID.

Step by step instructions of how to enter your animal is located on our website here:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/animals%20tab%20Ashland%204honline 3.pdf

Market Steer Weigh In

Market steers will be weighed in TOMORROW, January 14 8-11 AM at the Fairgrounds. Please have the top section of these forms filled out upon arrival.

Weigh In form

Born & Raised form (if applicable)

Market Lamb Pool

Want to take a market lamb to next year's fair? One option to buy your lamb is through the Ashland County lamb pool.

For more information go to:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2023Lamb%20Pool%20Rules%20and%20Regulations.pdf For order form go to:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2023%20Lamb%20pool%20application%20fillable.pdf

2023 Ashland County 4-H Calendar

The 2023 4-H Calendar is now posted on our website at: https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/breaking-news

Volunteers: Attendance at one of the February in person volunteer trainings is mandatory this year. This training will include 4-H updates and the annual policy 1.50 training.

Sunday, February 12 2-4 pm Mozelle

Thursday, February 16 6:30-8:30 pm Mozelle

Ohio 4-H Club Virtual Officer Training



4-H youth and adult volunteers are invited to participate in a virtual 4-H Club officer training on February 27 at 7pm. You may sign up for the officer session that interests you the most.

Deadline to register is February 24.

More information and registration available at: https://ohio4h.org/officerresources

Sheep & Swine Members

The Sheep & Swine Committee would like your input into planning a clinic for this year. Please take a few moments to complete this brief survey so that they can plan accordingly.

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cl0BFRqpNvAoGtE

2023 Ashland County Livestock Judging Team

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Ashland County livestock judging team this year, please contact Jackie at wasilewski.3@osu.edu.



Ashland County Dairy Committee Scholarship Opportunity

The Ashland County 4-H Dairy Committee is accepting scholarship applications through March 1 for Ashland County Dairy exhibitors that in their Senior year of High School.

Link to more information and application

4-H Project Books

The State has increased the cost of 4-H project books. Most books will now cost \$8, with resource books and a few others costing more. While the Extension Office will keep a stock of livestock record books, we will no longer keep a stock of all the still project books due to expense and books outdating before purchased.

We are asking that 4-H clubs take orders for any books their members may need and turn it in to the Extension Office so we can order those books needed for this year. We will place project book orders as we receive orders from clubs. Please allow 10-14 days from when you submit your order for the books to arrive at our office.

Club advisors, here is a order form to help you identify the books your club will need for the year. 4-H club project book order form

4-H Clubs

4-H Club advisors: An email has been sent to your club's organizational advisor regarding the annual paperwork that needs turned in the Extension Office. The State 4-H Office has updated the 4-H Club Constitution template to include a minimum of 50% attendance at club meetings so each 4-H Club will need to update their Club Constution this year. Also, per Ohio State policy, 4-H clubs and committees are subject to random financial audits. These will be done on a rotating basis each year.

SNAP-ED

Healthy Hint:

I hope that you enjoyed a safe and happy holiday!

Regardless of whether we overindulged over the holidays or not, many of us began the New Year by making some sort of resolution to be healthier in 2023. We are not alone.

Research shows that of the folks who made New Year's resolutions the overwhelming majority made resolutions that focused on their health. It also showed that within a few short weeks many had already given up on their goal to be healthier. You see, it isn't enough to simply want to be healthier; otherwise we would all be healthier because who doesn't want to be healthy, right?

In researching ways to be successful it became clear that without a clear plan on how to accomplish my goals I will most likely fail. Goals should be useful, specific and realistic. My goal is to be intentionally active for at least 30 minutes a day (I chose 30 minutes because that is what is recommended by the USDA). By intentionally active I mean exercising uninterrupted for 30 minutes a day.

So I set some goals:

- 1. When am I going to exercise? (For me the time that works best is 5:30 A.M.)
- 2. How often am I going to exercise? (At least 6 days a week)
- 3. Where am I going to exercise? (In the office at my home)
- 4. How am I going to measure success? (I am using a calendar to track things like distance that I go on the stationary bike and how long it takes and then increasing the distance and resistance. Eventually I plan to increase the duration from 30 minutes to 45 minutes.)

*If you have failed at resolutions in the past, don't give up! Maybe creating some goals that are useful, specific and realistic for your life and situation will help you achieve success!

I am including the newsletter from Celebrate Your Plate to give you some healthy eating tips and recipes.

Best of luck achieving your goals!

Lori Lowman, SNAP-Ed Program Assistant



1 - https://celebrateyourplate.org/

4-H Forestry Wildlife Conservation Camp



Link to more information and application

Ohio Shooting Sports Junior Camp



Link to more information and application

Senior shooting sports camp information and applications will be coming out soon.

Ashland County 4-H Camp Adult Volunteer Application

Are you an adult interested serving as the Camp Staff at Camp Ohio 4-H Camp during Ashland-Wayne 4-H Camp? Major responsibility includes being available to the campers, counselors and assisting other staff during 4-H Camp June 29-July 3. Before camp you will be assisting counselors during training and planning sessions. Click link below for more information and application.

4-H Camp Adult Volunteer Application

Ohio State Fair Jr. Fair Board

Apply to represent 4-H Youth Development on the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board by March 1, 2023

The Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board is made up of our great state's best and brightest young leaders, hand-picked to contribute to the success of the Ohio State Fair each year. If the passion for 4-H Youth Development and the state fair is in your blood, consider applying to represent our organization by March 1!

In addition to being an outstanding leader, prospective members should meet the following general criteria:

- 16-20 years old
- Currently a member of 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Farm Bureau
- Highly involved members in their organization
- Significant accomplishments within the organization (i.e. competition at the state and/or national level, leadership experiences, community service/volunteer experiences, etc.)
- Leadership experience with the potential and desire to continue to grow as a leader
- Very responsible, respectful, and professional
- Members are only eligible to serve one two-year term on the JFB representing one organization

Junior Fair Board members commit approximately 2 weeks of time to the Ohio State Fair-- arrive on Monday, July 24and return home on Sunday, Aug. 6.

First year Junior Fair Board members are paid a flat-rate stipend for their service; returning members will receive a higher stipend for their second year of service.

Visit ohiostatefair.com/jfb for more information and to submit applications.

Camp Ohio is Hiring!



2 - https://www.4hcampohio.org/employment.html

2023 Ohio 4-H Conference

Mar 11, 2023, 8:00am - 4:00pm Deadline: Friday, February 10, 2023

Cost: \$40 but Ashland County 4-H Committee will pay for at least the first 16 volunteers who register!

Location: Greater Columbus Convention Center

The 2023 Ohio 4-H Conference will bring together 4-H volunteers and teens (age 13 and older) from across Ohio. You can participate in a variety of educational sessions that offer something for everyone! Join us as we learn from one another to make the best better for Ohio 4-H programs.

Information Booklet:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2023%20O4HC%20Reg%20Book%20%28Final%29.pdf Registration: https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/state%20conf%20reg%20form%2023.pdf

Searching for Jr. Fair Board Members!

There are additional new Advisors for the Junior Fair Board- they are meeting and have exciting things planned! There will be lots of opportunities for you to be involved if you haven't been involved before and for those of you planning to return, there are some new great and exciting opportunities! The Team that will be working with the Jr. Fair Board this year includes: Belinda Weber, Arden Fitch, Audra Schoen, Melanie Fitch and Ryan Dull. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Deadline for applications is January 15th!

Jr. Fair Board Application https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV dniZtOKn63TJXDM

2023 Firelands Electric Cooperative Washington D.C. Youth Tour & Scholarship Opportunity

Applications for the Fireland Electric Cooperative 2023 scholarship is due on Jan. 20. For more information and application visit: https://www.firelandsec.com/community

Each year, Firelands Electric Cooperative sponsors up to two high school students on a week-long, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., as part of the annual Youth Tour. Firelands offers this exciting opportunity to Sophomore and Junior students who live in a home receiving its electric power from the cooperative. The 2023 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. is June 17-23.

For more information and application, visit: https://www.firelandsec.com/youth-tour-experience

4-H Enrollment is Now Open!

The new 4-H year officially started on November 1!

You may enroll in 4-H at https://v2.4honline.com/ Please be sure to check your contact information in 4Honline and update as needed.

Guides to help you enroll as well as videos posted on our website at: https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-online-enrollment-information

Committee Volunteers: Choose Program Volunteer and when asked to select a Unit, choose your respective committee.

Volunteers, your enrollment will be approved after you complete your mandatory annual Policy 1.50 training at the in person advisor trainings in February 2023. The 2023 4-H Calendar will be released soon! Deadline to enroll is April 15.

FFA Members

FFA members will now need to create an account in 4Honline and choose any animal projects they may be taking to the Ashland Fair. (See links above). This new process will allow FFA members to upload their species specific required documents and pictures in the same platform as 4-H members.

- FFA MEMBERS, CHOOSE YOUR FFA CHAPTER AS YOUR CLUB/UNIT. THIS WILL NOT ENROLL YOU IN 4-H. You will still be taking your projects through FFA.
- If you taking projects in FFA AND in 4-H, please just add your FFA chapter as a second club/unit. You can then add the appropriate projects to each club/chapter.

- The email address you use for your 4Honline account will automatically be added to our weekly 4-H newsletter that contains important project and event information.
- The sooner you enter your information in 4Honline, the sooner your email will be added to this newsletter distribution list!
- If you are taking animals to Ashland Fair through FFA AND participate in 4-H in a county OTHER THAN ASHLAND CO., please contact the Extension Office for instructions.

Volunteers

Reminder to those volunteers who received a latter in the mail back in November indicating the need to have their background check done this year, the deadline to complete this is February 15.

As listed in those instructions, the FIRST STEP IS TO RE-ENROLL IN 4HONLINE as a volunteer for this year. See above for links.

New Volunteers

Anyone interested in becoming a new 4-H volunteer must turn in their application by February 15. Applications are done online at: 2023 Ashland County 4-H Volunteer Application

The 2023 Ohio 4-H Family Guide

Check your mailbox! A hard copy of this Family Guide was mailed to each family who had someone enrolled in 4-H last year. The 2023 Ohio 4-H Family guide is also available online. This is a great resource to see possible projects to take in 4-H.

https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Resources/books_resources/Family-Guide-23-2022-1025.pdf

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If you have a second email you would like to add to the list or need to change your email it is sent to, please use the link below:

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_39M4tSvTalijniR

Find us on Facebook at: Ohio State-A shland County 4-H Facebook page



To UNSUBSCRIBE to this 4-H Newsletter, click <u>here</u>.

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