4-H Newsletter 2/24/2023

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

The Extension Office will be CLOSED Tuesday, March 14 for an Ohio State professional's workshop.

Volunteers

4Honline Club Leader Code

4-H Club Organizational Advisors: Once your volunteer enrollment in 4Honline is approved for this year, you will be able to view your club's roster.

I HAVE RESET ALL THE CLUB CODES TO: 4H2023

Step by step directions to log into your club are located on our webpage at:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Club.Leader.Login%20%281%29.pdf

Volunteers

If you are a volunteer or someone who has applied to become a 4-H volunteer are did not make it to one of the mandatory volunteer trainings last week, please contact the Extension Office to see how to meet this requirement!

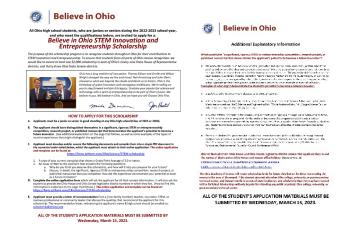
THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped make our 4-H Open House a success!

We had over 65 attendees sign in and view possible projects available to explore in 4-H. Families seemed to enjoy viewing the project books, viewing/petting the animals, and being able to ask questions of knowledgeable volunteers. For many families, it was their first experience with 4-H, but we hope it will be the start of a long lasting partnership!

Scholarship Opportunity

Applicants must be a junior or senior in good standing at any Ohio high school (Class of 2023 or 2024). The applicant should have distinguished themselves in a significant, rigorous STEM or entrepreneurship competition, research project, or published manuscript that demonstrates the applicant's potential to become a future innovator.

Link to: Online Application



Market Hog and Market Lamb Essay Contest!

The Ashland County Sheep & Swine Committee is sponsoring an essay contest. They will be giving away one market hog and two market lambs. Go to https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2023%20sheepswine%20essay_0.pdf for more information.

Swine Updates

- 1. Senior Fair Board has approved a partial terminal show. Only Grand and Reserve Overall will be required to be harvested.
- 2. Ractopamine forms ARE NOT NECESSARY this year!
- 3. All market animals will have an electronic 840 EID tag this year. If your hog comes from the breeder with an 840 EID tag, this will be their tag. You will not need to get any other tag for it.
- 4. Please review more detailed information on this link Hog EID tag and premise ID information

Market Goat Essay Contest!

The Ashland County 4-H Goat Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for youth to win a free market goat! To be eligible, the youth must agree to join 4-H or FFA and to use the animal as an Ashland County Junior Fair project for the 2023 Fair.

One Dairy Market and one Meat Market Goat will be awarded for the 2023 Fair. Essays are due in the Ashland County Extension office by March 10, 2023.

Link to more essay details and cover letter:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/goat%20essay%202023_0.pdf

Ohio 4-H Spark Expo

Students have the opportunity to explore future careers at the 4-H Spark EXPO, held this summer on The Ohio State University campus. From June 14-17, teens at the Spark EXPO will learn about agriculture and related STEAM fields from industry experts, and faculty and staff of the Ohio State College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The 4-H Spark EXPO is open to all Ohio students who have completed the eighth grade at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year. Participants do not need to be enrolled in the 4-H program. The event includes on-campus accommodations, meals, program materials, and transportation. Cost is \$75.

Sponsorship to cover the cost may be available, please contact the extension office. For more information and to pre-register: go.osu.edu/4hsparkexpo.

Ashland 4-H/FFA Horse Tack Auction



Horse Members: Equistep

For 2023, all 4-H members registered for a horse project, will be required to complete the Equine Safety Training and Education Program (EquiSTEP). EquiSTEP is an annual statewide requirement for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H Horse Program activities. The EquiSTEP curriculum focuses on helmet safety, equine safety & handling, equine health & nutrition, and sportsmanship and is designed to rotate topics every year.

To complete EquiSTEP:

- Enroll using their own unique email address. Participants should not use their school email addresses as the course enrollment invitation will be blocked by the school's email system.
- Participants must view all five videos which last approximately one hour in total. Once the videos are completed, participants will be able to access the 10-question quiz.
- Participants must complete the quiz associated with the training and achieve a minimum score of 7 (out of 10) in order to pass the training.
- Once the quiz is successfully completed, participants will need to complete the course survey to trigger a
 certificate of completion. The certificate will be emailed to the participant's email address as well as their
 county's 4-H email address IF YOU COMPLETE THE LAST STEP AND NAME YOUR COUNTY!
- IMPORTANT!! The participant must select their correct county to trigger the email to the correct email address and they must click on the submit button at the end of the survey to trigger the email.

To complete Equistep go to: https://cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/equistep-2023

Rabbit Clinic

The first rabbit clinic will be held on March 25 at 10:00 AM at the Fairgrounds in Mozelle Hall.

Reminder that the member AND a parent/guardian must attend at least one rabbit clinic to be eligible to show a rabbit at the fair.

Lamb Pool: Mark your Calendars!

For those who ordered their market lambs through the lamb pool, pick up will be on Sunday, April 30 at 3pm in the Fairgrounds market hog pavilion.

Quality Assurance Trainings

Any 4-H or FFA member taking a live, breathing animal to the fair, must attend a Quality Assurance training before June 1. Ashland County will be having 5 opportunities to complete this training.

March 28 7pm Mozelle

March 30 7pm Mozelle

April 11 7pm Mozelle

April 25 7pm Mozelle

April 27 7pm Mozelle

April 27 3:30 PM at Crestview High School

Food & Fashion Board Application

Food and Fashion Board is looking for youth active in 4-H that are 13 years and older that want to have some fun while learning and making an impact on their community.

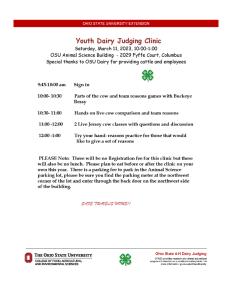
One of Food & Fashion Board's largest events is the Bake off and Sale during the fair. Other activities may include:

- *Helping out with some Fairgrounds projects
- *Diving into some of the different FCS Projects to see what's offered.
- *Having a Fair Booth

and more depending on member's interests.

Food & Fashion Board Application: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 1Cfub37W0ItaPX0

Ohio 4-H Dairy Judging Clinic



Dairy Field Trip!



2023 Ashland County 4-H Calendar

Updated 2/24/23 to add Baby Beef meeting/tour dates.

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

Poultry Facebook Page

The Ashland County Jr. Fair Poultry Committee has created a Facebook page to give poultry members helpful tips and keep them aware of important dates. Go to:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/735896734398559/?ref=share_group_link or scan the QR code below.



Ohio Poultry Clinic

The Ohio Youth Poultry Clinic will be held March 18 at Ohio State University ATI campus in Wooster. For more information and registration form go to: https://ohio4h.org/events/2023-ohio-youth-poultry-clinic



Market Turkey Order Form and Essay Contest

If you wish to show a market turkey at the Ashland County Fair, it is now time to order! Orders must be submitted by Friday, March 24.

 $\textbf{For more information:} \ \underline{\text{https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Turkey\%20Order\%20Letter\%202023} \ \underline{\text{0.pdf}}$

Write an essay for a chance to WIN your market turkeys!

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2023%20turkey%20essay 0.pdf

To order market or breed turkeys go to: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_digwkyzrIxauJH8

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 being 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 Forestry Wildlife Conservation Camp



Link to more information and application

Ohio Shooting Sports Camp: Senior Camp Registration Now Open!



Jr. Camp: <u>Link to more information and application</u>
Senior Camp: More information on Senior Camp

Registration https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1S7hHnEviwYX2Ky

Enroll in 4-H Today!

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 committee. 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 family 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.

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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- Ashland County 4-H Facebook page



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