

# 4-H Newsletter 3/10/2023

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.**

Tomorrow: Ashland 4-H/FFA Horse Tack Auction



## Ohio 4-H Photo Contest

The Ohio 4-H Foundation is kicking off Ohio 4-H Week with a photo contest for 4-H members across the state! Check out the guidelines below and make sure to submit your photos by May 17.

Submit to the Junior division at [go.osu.edu/photocontestjr2023](https://go.osu.edu/photocontestjr2023)

Submit to the Senior division at [go.osu.edu/photocontestsr2023](https://go.osu.edu/photocontestsr2023)

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**This is Ohio 4-H Photo Contest**  
Sponsored by the Ohio 4-H Foundation

Since 1902, Ohio 4-H has championed and supported youth by inspiring curiosity, building lifelong skills, fueling adventures, and growing true leaders. Help recognize the 4-H members, Cloverbuds, volunteers, or educators in and throughout the state. This is Ohio 4-H! By submitting your photos to one or more of the categories outlined below, any 4-H member may submit photos for the This is Ohio 4-H Photo Contest. There will be two divisions, Junior 4-H (age 8-15) and Senior 4-H (age 16-19). All entries must be submitted by May 17. Winners will be notified by June 16.

**Categories:**  
Show us the 4-H members, Cloverbuds, volunteers, or educators who have helped you:

- Inspire curiosity
- Build lifelong skills
- Fuel adventures
- Grow leaders
- Uncover new career pathways
- Create lasting friendships

**Rules and Guidelines:**

- Photos should be the original work of the member and fit into one of the outlined categories.
- Photos must include a 4-H member, Cloverbud, volunteer, or educator and 4-H support is strongly encouraged.
- Use of copyrighted or protected characters or logos is not permitted, except for the 4-H emblem.
- Photos must be submitted electronically.
- Evaluation will be based on the quality, creativity, and originality of the photos.
- Winning photos from each category will be featured in a special Ohio 4-H newsletter and used to promote Ohio 4-H on our social media pages, newsletter, and in various publications throughout the year. Even if your photo is not selected as a winner, it may be used for promotional purposes.
- By submitting an entry, you give Ohio 4-H the right to use your photo(s) in print or electronic materials related to the promotion and recognition of the Ohio 4-H program. This could include, but is not limited to, web brochures, impact reports, the family guide, etc. When photos are used, the 4-H member's first name and county may be displayed.

**Submissions:**

- Please submit a JPEG file for each photo. One photo may be submitted per category.
- Submissions for the Junior division: [go.osu.edu/photocontestjr2023](https://go.osu.edu/photocontestjr2023)
- Submissions for the Senior division: [go.osu.edu/photocontestsr2023](https://go.osu.edu/photocontestsr2023)
- All entries must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, May 17.**

If you have any questions, please email [photofoundation@osu.edu](mailto:photofoundation@osu.edu)

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## Jr. Fair Dog Project

Interested in showing your dog at the Fair? The two dog groups, Barker Bunch or Paw Pals & Barn Buddies, are having their organizational meetings later this month.

**YOU WILL NEED TO ATTEND PRACTICES WITH OF THESE GROUPS IF YOU PLAN ON SHOWING YOUR DOG AT THE FAIR!**

If you join Barker Bunch 4-H Club, you will practice with that club. See flyer below.

If you belong to any other 4-H Club, you will practice with Paw Pals group. See flyer below.

If you would like to speak with one of the above group's advisors, their contact information can be found on our county 4-H club brochure located on our website here: [Ashland County 4-H Clubs](#)



## 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>

## Mandatory Volunteer Training

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

## 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 is offering the dates below to complete this training.

**NO NEED TO REGISTER, JUST COME!**

**March 28 7pm Mozelle**

**March 30 7pm Mozelle**

**April 11 7pm Mozelle**

**April 25 7pm Mozelle**

**April 27 3:30 PM at Crestview High School**

Another option for QA is online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> Cost for online QA is \$12.

[Help sheet to register for online QA](#)

## Dairy Palooza

The 2023 Dairy Palooza 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 to follow.

## 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.

## Market Hog and Market Lamb Essay Contest Deadline March 15

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](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. **No Ractopamine forms ARE NECESSARY this year!**

Information from OH-PIGS, The Ohio Summer Show circuit:

- The push for 840 tags is coming from the industry perspective to be able to track all pig movement across the nation. It helps to trace disease if there were to be an outbreak and helps to prove ownership.
- 840 tags are required for all pigs that will be showing with us on the 2023 OHPIGS Circuit. They are required at the Ohio State Fair, at all national shows (Team Purebred, NJSA, CPS and NSR), anytime you choose to jackpot in any other state, or anytime that respective pig crosses out of the Ohio borders.
- Purchasing 840 tags-840 tags can be purchased and connected to your premise ID. (A premise ID needs to be established before ordering 840 tags.) We do know there is always a wait on order.
- We and ODA encourage that you buy a pig that has an 840 tag already in. Why? That 840 tag is trackable through breeder-buyer records or sale auctions. Breeders should be keeping sale records for up to 5 years showing pigs purchased as well as 840 tag numbers.
- That 840 tag can be used by the exhibitor that purchases that pig. That 840 tag WILL NOT be transferred to the buyer through ODA.
- Still cannot find an 840 tag? 840 tags can be found at most vet offices that deal with large animals. They have purchased numerous 840 tags that CAN be transferred to a youth / pig through ODA.
- **My county fair requires an 840 tag. If you show in a county that requires all pigs attending that fair to be 840 tagged, then that county 840 tag can work as your 840 tag as well. Do not remove another 840 tag to replace it with one of yours. Do not place another 840 tag into an ear of a pig that already has an 840 tag.**
- What if the tag falls/ tears out? You should have a record of the old tag. You can retag it and put the new ID in their records next to the old ID. That way they are tied together. If for some reason, they have already registered the animal with the old ID, they need to contact the show to let them know what happened so they can make sure they get the right ID put down for registration.
- Premise IDs: We are encouraging all youth to obtain a premise ID. You can fill out the form in the link below to obtain a premise ID. The process usually is about a 48 hour turn around as Cindy at ODA is the only person processing these requests. <https://agri.ohio.gov/.../premise-registration-form-fillable> If your family already has a premise ID, that ID can be used for the children of that family that live at that residence address where the pigs will be kept. That premise ID can be used for all siblings in that family.
- If your pigs are housed at another residence, please check with that residence owner to see if they have a premise ID already existing with ODA. This causes issues with asking for a premise ID for a youth with ODA.
- With buying a pig that already has a tag, that 840 tag will not be connected to your premise ID and we understand that. However, that 840 tag can still be tracked back to the youth exhibiting that pig through breeder-buyer records.

## Ohio State Fair Market Goat

If you are planning on taking a market goat to the OHIO STATE Fair, the possession deadline for Market Goats is now **MAY 1st**, not May 26th. The State Fair is working to update their website.

## Horse Members: Complete Equistep by MAY 1

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 (due MAY 1):

- 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>

## 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.

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/735896734398559/?ref=share_group_link)

or scan the QR code below.



## Ohio 4-H Sea Camp

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp at Kelleys Island offers youth the opportunity to learn about aquatic science and experience a variety of recreational watersports on Lake Erie. Sea Camp is offered to youth ages 15-17.

For detailed information and registration go to: <https://ohio4h.org/camp/sea-camp>

Limited amount of scholarships are available through the 4-H Committee.



For more information: [https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Turkey%20Order%20Letter%202023\\_0.pdf](https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Turkey%20Order%20Letter%202023_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](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\\_digwkyzrlxauJH8](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_digwkyzrlxauJH8)

## 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 outdated 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](#)**

## 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.**

## 2023 Ashland County 4-H Calendar

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

## 4-H Newsletter

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](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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