

4-H Newsletter 3/17/2023

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

Scholarship Opportunities

Attention High School Seniors! The Ashland County 4-H Committee scholarship application is here. For more details go to our website: <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2023%204-h%20committee%20scholarship%20app.pdf>

Applications are also available at area high school guidance counselor's office.

THANK YOU to the Ashland County 4-H Committee for sponsoring this scholarship!

A second scholarship opportunity is the Christopher T. Norman Scholarship. Applicants must be a current 4-H member and a 2023 graduating high school senior. Applicants enrolling at The Ohio State University, OSU Branch Campuses or A TI will be given preference. For more information and application go to:

<https://huron.osu.edu/sites/huron/files/imce/Norman%20Scholarship.pdf>

Explore Ag



[ExploreAg](#), a program of Ohio's Farm Bureau, offers high school students a chance to learn about agriculture and other related careers through multi-day and day-long programs. As part of the program, [Ohio's Electric Cooperatives](#) will be conducting a one-day program on June 9, giving students a firsthand look at the rural electric cooperative industry.

The deadline to apply for this unique program is April 10, 2023. Students can visit

<https://form.jotform.com/223124358489159> to complete an application.

Ohio Swine Day



The one-day event will take place at the Union County Fairgrounds in Marysville, Ohio.

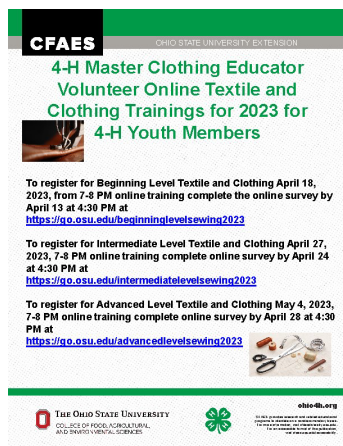
We invite all youth ages 5 + and their parents who are involved in the show pig industry to join us for a day full of learning! Participants will spend the day rotating through sessions while hearing from pork industry experts about animal nutrition, showmanship, animal health, biosecurity and so much more. Additionally, parents will have the opportunity to attend a session designed specifically for parents involved in the show pig industry.

Please note that lunch will be provided on site during the event.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Education Director, Kayli Mitchell, at kmitchell@ohiopork.org.

[Register HERE](#)

Online Clothing/Textile



Interested in learning more about sewing skills or have questions about your sewing projects? Attend an online training session held by 4-H Master Clothing Educator Volunteers.

To register, click on your appropriate skill level:

[Beginning](#)

[Intermediate](#)

[Advanced](#)

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

Submit to the Senior division at go.osu.edu/photocontestsr2023

COLLEGE of FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, and ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

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 adventure, and growing true leaders. Help recognize the 4-H members, Cloverbuds, volunteers, or educators in your life who embody 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 8-13) and Senior (4-H age 14-19). 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 adventure
- Grow leaders
- Uncover new career pathways
- Create lasting friendships

Rules and Guidelines:

- Photo(s) 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 apparel 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 photo.
- Winning photos from each category will be featured in a special Ohio 4-H highlights 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: 4-H brochures, impact reports, the Family Guide, etc. When photos are used, the 4-H member's first name and county may be displayed.

Submission:
Please submit a JPEG file for each photo. One photo may be submitted per category.

- Submissions for the Junior division: osn.osu.edu/photoscontest/2023
- Submissions for the Senior division: osn.osu.edu/photoscontest/2023
- All entries must be submitted no later than Wednesday, May 17.

If you have any questions, please email photofoundation@osu.edu.

OSU provides research and related educational programs to diversify as a non-discriminating body. For more information, visit ohioextension.osu.edu. For a complete list of all publications, visit ohioextension.osu.edu/publications.

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.

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](#)

4-H Ain't All Cows & Cookin'...
Take Your Best Friend To The Fair!

Join Barker Bunch 4-H Group
Train & Show Your Dog, Make Friends,
Go On Animal Related Field Trips,
Community Service Events and More!

Ashland County Children Ages 8-18

Bring a Parent and Your Human Friends
March 27, 2023 @ 6:30pm
Stark Arena Center 200 Main Street, Ashland
(Behind The Human On-Dee Place)
Training Session will be held every other March 6:30pm

- Obedience
- Pet Care
- Agility
- Showmanship
- Rally

Barker Bunch 4-H Group

Paw Pals & Barn Buddies
4-H Dog Practices

Obedience Rally
Agility Showmanship

Organizational meeting for the Paw Pals 4-H Dog Practice group is Thursday, March 30 at 6pm in the Fairgrounds Coliseum. Dogs Welcome

Volunteers: 4Honline Club Leader Code

Once you enroll 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>

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.

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 NEEDED this year!

840EID Tag Information



- Ashland County Fair will require 840 EID tags for ALL market Livestock (excluding Rabbits & Poultry) These tags will be available at the Extension Office soon.
- If you plan to show in other shows that require an 840 EID tag (jackpot or Ohio State Fair) the county 840EID tag can work as your 840EID tag as well.
- Do not remove a 840EID tag to replace it with one of yours or an Ashland County Fair tag. It is UNLAWFUL to remove ANY 840EID tag.
- Do not place a second 840EID tag into an ear of a pig that already has an 840EID tag.
- If buying a pig that already has a tag, that 840EID, do not remove it, the tag can still be tracked back to the youth exhibiting that pig through breeder-buyer records (if necessary)
- How do I know if my pig already has one of these tags? See example above
 - *15 digit number begins with 840EID
 - * tag has USDA shield and says UNLAWFUL to remove.
- If you have additional questions, please contact your breeder, your veterinarian or the Extension Office.

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

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.

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.

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.

For more information: 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

To order market or breed turkeys go to: 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 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](#)

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. You DO NOT need a second account!
- 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_39M4tSvTaliiniR

Find us on Facebook at: [Ohio State- Ashland County 4-H Facebook page](#)



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