

4-H Newsletter 3/24/2023

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

22 DAYS LEFT TO ENROLL IN 4-H!

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

******If you need to change or add a club or committee, please click the club tab then use the EDIT button. The ADD button is used only to add a new 4-H club to Ashland County.**

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.

Rabbit Clinic for Tomorrow, March 25 Cancelled. Rescheduled for Thursday, April 20 6pm at the Fairgrounds in Mozelle Hall.

Rabbit Give-a-way Essay Contest

The Ashland County 4-H Rabbit Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for any Ashland County 4-H/FFA member interested in taking a rabbit project. For details and essay cover page visit:

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

FCS Make It/Take It Succulent Garden Clinic

Come and make a succulent garden to take home with you!

May 20 2-4 pm at Honey Haven Farm

Cost \$10 per person to be paid when reserving your spot (Refund available if we are able to refill your spot)

Refreshments will be served

Limited to 15 youth so sign up today at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4DAEA62EABF49-fcsmake>

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!

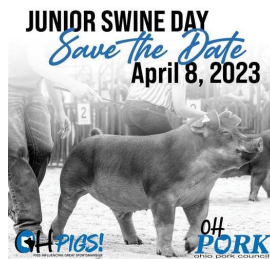
A second scholarship opportunity is the Christopher T. Norman Scholarship. Applicants must be a current 4-H member and a 2023 graduating high school senior. Applicants enrolling at The Ohio State University, OSU Branch Campuses or A TI will be given preference. For more information and application go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

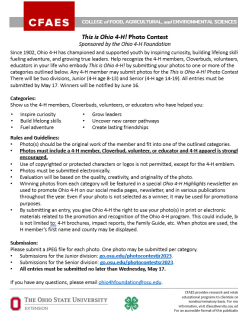
[Advanced](#)

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



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](#)

Volunteers: Club Constitutions, Schedules and 4Honline Club Leader Code

Reminder: Club Constitutions and your club meeting schedules are due to the Extension Office by April 15. All Clubs should revise their Constitution to include the new Ohio 4-H requirement of members attending at least 50% of club

meetings. Please use the template on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%204-H%20Club%20Constitution%2010.2022%20Final%20Fillable.pdf>
<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%204-H%20Club%20Constitution%2010.2022%20Final%20Fillable.pdf> You may add to the Constitution template, but you may NOT DELETE any of the content.

If your club would like to ADD any additional policies, you may use the club bylaws template and customize it as necessary <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%204-H%20Club%20By-Laws%2010.2022%20Final.pdf>

The State Office asks Clubs to turn in their meeting schedules to the local Extension Office. Please turn this in by April 15 as well.

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>

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 Geared towards younger members, but anyone may attend

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.

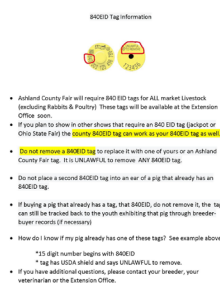
[Help sheet to register for online QA](#)

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.

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!



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**. This means you must have your State Fair Market Goat entered and identified in your 4Honline profile by **May 1**.

Horse Members

MANDATORY Horse Advisor & Parent meeting Sunday April 30th, 2 to 4 pm In Mozelle Hall at the Ashland County Fairgrounds. You MUST attend this meeting if you wish to be eligible for Ohio Sate Fair and Ashland County Fair this year. This meeting will go over new/existing rules, Safety requirements, etc. We will also be passing out and going over the parent/member form for this year. Again, you MUST attend this meeting, or you will NOT be able to go to state or the county fair this year. Any questions please contact Courtney, Horse Committee President.

For 2023, all 4-H members registered for a horse project, will be required to complete the Equine Safety Training and Education Program (EquiSTEP) each year by May 1. 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.

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](#)

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_39M4tSvTaliJniR

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



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