

4-H Newsletter 3/31/2023

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

Only 15 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.

Project Requirements are now Posted!

2023 project requirements are now posted on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-requirements>

Please review

For Swine members purchasing Ashland County Born & Raised eligible hogs: [2023 Ashland County Born & Raised Form for Swine](#)

840 EID Ear Tags Now Available

840 EID ear tags are now available to tag your market animal.

We ask that club advisors survey their members to know how many tags their club will need for this year. We will need to know how many swine tags and how many tags for other market species. (Goats , sheep and feeders have the same type of tag this year). Tags may then be picked up for the whole club at the Extension Office and at the Senior Fair Office on the Fairgrounds.

If you need encouragement to pick up your tags soon, see below!

Extension Office Parking Lot

We just received notice today that the large parking lot across from our building will be closed starting Monday, April 3 for renovations. For now, if space permits, visitors may park in the small parking lot on the same side as our building, but please respect the parking spots that have signs posted.

The small parking lot beside our building will also be closed for renovation after the upcoming election. When this lot also closes, the county has asked that anyone needing to park for our office park at the county lot north of the Courthouse on 3rd street or in the visitors lot east of the Jobs and Family Service Center 15 W. 4th Street.

Market Chicken Order DUE APRIL 21!

If you would like to take a market chicken project to the fair, you must purchase your market chickens through the 4-H/FFA Poultry Committee.

The business where the market chickens are purchased has asked that we reserve the number of birds needed earlier this year. Thus, the due date to order market chickens has been moved up. Market chickens must be ordered and paid for by Friday, April 21. For more information and to order, go to:

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5cqnr9IXjECiqlm

Market Chicken and Breed Bird Essay Contests

For a chance to win your market chickens this year, enter the market chicken essay contest sponsored by the Poultry Committee: <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/23%20Market%20Chicken%20essay.pdf>

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Buckeye Young Shepard's Expo

The first ever Buckeye Young Shepard's Expo will be held April 22 in Columbus. Exciting, hands on sessions around a variety of lamb and sheep topics. Complete your Quality Assurance requirement, take a look at real lamb carcass and the cuts of meat, work on your ear tagging/tail docking/injection skills, and learn about careers in the livestock industry. Cost is \$15 for kids and adults, which includes lunch. Youth participants receive a FREE T-Shirt.

Register by April 8 at: <https://www.ohiosheep.org/lead-buckeyeyoungshepherdsexpo.html>

Registration will be limited to 200 participants so register early!

Rabbit Clinic 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>

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>

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.

Early registration is by April 5.

[Click HERE for registration form](#)

Market Chicken Order

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>

Top Shots Scholarship

If you are a Senior and a member of Top Shots, consider applying for the Top Shots Scholarship. Qualifications include:

- Must be currently enrolled in the Top Shots and have been a member for a minimum of 3 years.
- Current High School Senior
- Student to be enrolled in an accredited college or trade school this fall in any field of study.

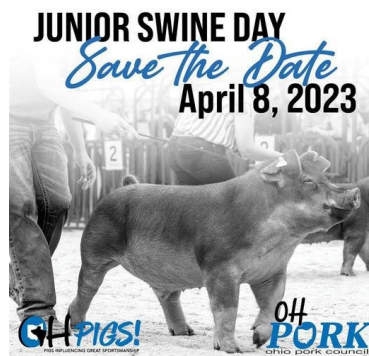
[Application](#)

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

CFAES OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

4-H Master Clothing Educator Volunteer Online Textile and Clothing Trainings for 2023 for 4-H Youth Members

To register for **Beginning Level Textile and Clothing** April 18, 2023, from 7-8 PM online training complete the online survey by April 13 at 4:30 PM at <https://go.osu.edu/beginninglevelsewing2023>

To register for **Intermediate Level Textile and Clothing** April 27, 2023, 7-8 PM online training complete online survey by April 24 at 4:30 PM at <https://go.osu.edu/intermediatelevelsewing2023>

To register for **Advanced Level Textile and Clothing** May 4, 2023, 7-8 PM online training complete online survey by April 28 at 4:30 PM at <https://go.osu.edu/advancedlevelsewing2023>

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, and ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

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

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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 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 8-20) and Senior (4-H age 14-20). 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:

- 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.
- Evaluations 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 highlight newsletter and used to promote Ohio 4-H on our social media pages, newsletters, 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.

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
- Submissions for the Senior division: 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

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

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-](https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%204-H%20Club%20Constitution%2010.2022%20Final%20Fillable.pdf)

[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!

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](#)

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.

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 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](#)

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

Updated 3/28/23 to include FCS/Still Project judging on July 18 and August 2.

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

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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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