

# 4-H Newsletter 12/15/2023

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.

Our normal business hours are:

Mondays 8:30-4pm

Tuesdays 8:30-4pm

Fridays 8:30-3pm

The Extension Office will be CLOSED Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 in accordance with Ohio State University's Holiday Schedule.


Deadline to apply to be a 4-H Camp Counselor is TODAY!

## Want To Be a Counselor or CIT at 4H Camp?

### Things To Know !

- Must be at least 15 years of age before camp begins.
- Must be able to attend at least 12 hours of training- Required by Ohio 4-H Camping Standards.
- Will be required to complete child abuse training.
- Must sign and commit to following the counselor code of conduct and standard of behavior forms.
- Must have two credible references and a recommendation from an experienced counselor and/or an adult staff member.

### Why Be a Counselor?

- Camp Counseling offers you the opportunity to practice servant leadership and gain experience with planning, facilitating, and executing activities for large groups of campers.
- Recommendation letters from 4H staff to support your job and college ambitions.
- Leadership training
- Increases Opportunities to receive 4H Scholarship support for continued education. 

**Are you a 4-H'er age 15 or older who loved 4-H Camp?**

**Consider going back to 4-H camp as a counselor!**

**4-H Camp Counselor Applications are on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/4-h%20camp%20counselor%20app%20and%20ref%202023.pdf>**

## New 4-H Volunteer Application

**Want to inspire youth to become the leaders of tomorrow? Become a 4-H Volunteer! We are accepting new Ashland County 4-H Volunteer applications until February 15. For more information and the application, go to our website at:**

**<https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/become-volunteer>**

## Avian Influenza

**Ohio State University has compiled a comprehensive list of educational materials in print and multi-media regarding Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.**

**They are also sponsoring a Webinar in collaboration with USDA on Tuesday December 19th, 2023 @ 6pm.**

**Go to [go.osu.edu/HPAI](https://go.osu.edu/HPAI) for information and the link to the webinar.**

## Snap-Ed

What a wonderful time of year! It is my hope that you truly experience that this Christmas Season.

The Christmas Season comes with much celebration while gathering with family and friends. Our schedules can become hectic and overwhelming. Take some time to relax and do something you enjoy. Try to be realistic about your expectations as well as the expectations of others. Take a minute to just breathe.

If you need a dish to share at a gathering maybe this wonderfully simple recipe from Celebrateyourplate.org would be just what you are looking for. I made it recently for some friends and they couldn't stop singing its praises! It would be an equally great addition to any Christmas morning brunch or turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

<https://celebrateyourplate.org/recipes?page=5>

Hoping you have the very best Christmas,

Lori Lowman

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OSU Extension Ashland County

## Firelands Electric Co-op Trip Opportunity



Each year, Firelands Electric Cooperative sponsors up to two high school sophomores or juniors on an all-expenses-paid trip to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C., as part of the annual Youth Tour. Firelands, in cooperation with Ohio's Electric Cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (NRECA), offers this unique opportunity to students who live in a home receiving their electricity from the cooperative. Selected delegates will travel to our nation's capital with students and chaperones from co-ops throughout the state of Ohio. Once in the nation's capital, they will be joined by students from across the country. Participants have the opportunity to meet congressional and government leaders, visit historical sites, and make lifelong friends. To view a video from the 2023 trip, including interviews with some of Ohio's attendees, visit <https://youtu.be/r0-tF43Gwoo?si=UDfPlbiDq7msiUaS>.

Applications for the 2024 Youth Tour, which is scheduled for June 15-21, 2024, are now open. Sophomores and juniors who reside in a home receiving its power from Firelands Electric are eligible to apply. (To see a map of our territory, visit [www.firelandsec.com/service-territory](http://www.firelandsec.com/service-territory).)

Additional information and a downloadable application are also available on our website at [www.firelandsec.com/youth-tour-experience](http://www.firelandsec.com/youth-tour-experience).

All Youth Tour applications must be received in the Firelands Electric Cooperative office by 4 p.m. on January 19, 2024.

## Market Steer Weigh In & Tagging



**Ashland County Market Steers and Baby Beef steers need to be identified under the 4-H/FFA member's profile in 4Honline by Friday, January 19 to be eligible to be shown at Ashland fair.**

**Market Steers and Baby Beef steers: Be sure to enter the entire 15 digit EID tag number WITHOUT ANY SPACES OR DASHES in the RFID Number location!**

**How to identify your animal 4Honline:**

<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/animals%20tab%20Ashland%204honline%202024.pdf>

**If you are taking a market beef project to the Ohio State Fair, you must have your animal identified in your 4Honline profile by January 1!**

## Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future

Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future eNewsletter is an electronic newsletter is sent to the family 4Honline email for those 4-H youth in 8th grade or above. 4-H youth that meet the school grade requirement will be automatically enrolled in Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future with their annual enrollment within the local 4-H program.

Each email will include helpful tips, resources, and opportunities to help 4-H youth explore career and post-high school paths to help set them up for future success.

For all things college and career readiness and workforce development, Ohio 4-H Pathways also has a website at:

<https://www.facebook.com/4hpathways>

## Top Shots Scholarship

Top Shots members that are a current High School Senior and will be enrolled in an accredited college or trade school this fall may be eligible for a scholarship. For more information and the application, go to our website at:

<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/top%20shots%20scholarship.pdf>

## 4-H Enrollment is Open!

The new 4-H year has begun! You may now log into <https://v2.4honline.com/> and enroll in 4-H for 2023-24.

- **Cloverbuds:** Enroll in Project 710 Cloverbud Activities
- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Enroll as a PROGRAM VOLUNTEER, then choose your committee as your "unit". DO NOT select any projects.
- **Club advisors,** enroll as a Club Volunteer with your club. DO NOT select any projects.
- **Volunteers** will not be approved until they have met all requirements, including annual advisor training to be offered early in 2024.
- **HORSE Members:** New Projects with project books include 186 Gymkhana Animal Sciences and 187 Roping Animal Sciences. You must be enrolled in 187 Roping if you want to participate in ground roping classes. For Ohio State Fair and Ashland County PAS shows, the 187 Roping Project book will be required. Part of your score at the Ohio State Fair will be from your roping project book. If you want to participate in the State competitive trail ride in September, you must be enrolled in 188 Trail Riding project.

Enrollment tips and videos may be found on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-online-enrollment-information> or you may contact the Extension Office for assistance.

## FFA Members in 4Honline

Any FFA member that is taking ANY animal to the fair, will need make a 4Honline account if they do not already have one.

- **FFA Members:** Choose "yes, I want to enroll in 4-H". When you choose your FFA chapter as your club, the system is set up to realize you are not actually enrolled in a 4-H club.
- Please list your FFA chapter as your "club".
- Choose COP: Animal, FFA (market goat, dairy cow, market hog, etc..) as your project.

## 4-H Volunteers Background Check Renewal Notice

Reminder to those 4-H Volunteers who received a notice to complete their background check for 2024 via postal mail; This is to be completed by February 15 to continue in your 4-H volunteer role. Please sign the bottom of the form that gives you all the information and code number, then send it to [aulger.3@osu.edu](mailto:aulger.3@osu.edu). This lets us know you have completed your requirement and allows us to send a request to the State Office for you to be reimbursed.

## Ohio State Fair Market Beef EID tags and DNA Kits

Possession deadline for Ohio State Fair market beef projects is January 1. Market Beef that will be entered in the Ohio State Fair must have an EID tag. The DNA kit is to be on file at the State Fair office by January 15. The EID tag number MUST be listed on the envelope with the DNA sample.

Prior to submission, the nomination envelope for each sample kit remitted must be signed by either the 4-H professional or FFA advisor, depending in which organization the youth is taking the market animal(s). Please plan accordingly to ensure you make the January 15 submission deadline for your State Fair market beef entry.

*1 - EID tag*

## Ohio State Fair Possession Deadlines

**If you plan to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, animals MUST be entered and approved in the 4-H/FFA member's 4-H Online account by the deadline below!**

Below is a listing of the possession deadlines for the Ohio State Fair. **\*Note, the MAY 1 market goat possession deadline.\*** This also means, **if you plan to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, these animals MUST be entered in the 4-H/FFA**

**member's 4-H Online account by this deadline!** When verifying OSF entries, the Extension Office will now have to verify possession date and if it's not in 4-H online by the possession date, there is no way for us to verify this requirement. In order to be more consistent with statewide livestock exhibition ownership rules, the Ohio State Fair has listed animal ownership dates below:

**MARKET ANIMALS -**

- Market beef – January 1
- Market swine – May 26
- Market lambs – May 26
- Market goats – May 1
- Dairy feeders – May 26
- Market rabbits – June 1
- Market poultry – within 5 days of hatch

**BREEDING ANIMALS -**

- Breeding Beef – June 1
- Breeding Swine – June 1
- Breeding Sheep – June 1
- Breeding Goats – June 1
- Breeding Poultry – June 1
- Breeding rabbits – June 1
- Dairy Cattle – June 1

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Our June 1 deadline for Quality Assurance meets the State Fair QA Deadline for all species.

## 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](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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