

4-H Newsletter 1/12/2024

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, January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day in accordance with Ohio State University's Holiday Schedule.

Mandatory Market Steer Weigh In & Tagging Tomorrow!



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!
- Be sure we can see that there is an EID tag in the ear in at least one of the pictures.
- You must have front, right and left side pictures of your animal.

How to identify your animal 4Honline:

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

Tractor Certification Course in Medina

CFAES OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
MEDINA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
2024 TRACTOR SAFETY CERTIFICATION COURSE
Orientation Meeting - Saturday, February 3rd, 9:00am-10:00am
Classroom Sessions 1-4 - Saturday, February 3rd - March 10th
Practical start at 8:15 am and end at 12:00pm, and at 1:00pm, on 3/10
Tractor Skills & Driving Test - To be announced

Why: Successful completion of the 24-hour course along with passing scores on the written, skills, and driving exams, will qualify a 14-18 year old youth to operate a tractor and farm machinery and receive the current Farm Safety Manual of Labor Standards for employment as a driver. *Participants must be age 14 by the course completion date.

Cost: \$50. Payment to be made with registration. Course materials will be distributed at orientation. Please check carefully for 4-H Ashland County.

Registration Deadline: January 25th. Must have a verified registration deadline for class to be offered.

Class Location: Ashland County Agricultural Society - Fair Office 1210 N. Smith Rd., Medina

Important Note: Students should have the basic ability to operate a farm tractor and have access to a farm tractor.

Questions: Contact Susan Chapman, 330.665.4335 or s.chapman@ohio.edu

2024 Medina County 4-H Tractor Certification Course
Return this completed form with \$50.00 cash made payable to: 4-H Ashland County
4040 Medina Rd., Medina OH 44029

Participant's Full Name _____
Billing Address _____
City _____ OH _____ Zip _____ County of Residence _____
Daytime Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Business _____
Signature _____ Age _____ (on Jan. 1) _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Ohio 4-H Conference

The 2024 Ohio 4-H Conference will bring together 4-H **volunteers and teens** (age 13 and older) from across Ohio. You can participate in a variety of educational sessions that offer something for everyone! Sessions will start at 9:00 am on March 9, 2024.

To register, fill out the registration form below and turn it into the Ashland County Extension Office.

Ohio 4-H Conference Sessions:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20O4HC%20Reg%20Book_0.pdf

Registration Form: <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20O4H%20conference%20reg.pdf>

The Ashland County 4-H Committee has paid for a limited number of adult volunteers to attend. Teens may apply for a scholarship to attend by filling out the Trip/Event scholarship application below.

4-H Spark Expo

The 2024 Ohio 4-H Spark EXPO will be June 12-15, 2024 on The Ohio State University's Columbus Campus!

The 4-H Spark EXPO (Exploring Pathway Opportunities) is an exciting opportunity for youth who have completed the eighth grade at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. There will be four days of fun and learning with activities to explore a variety of career and educational opportunities. Attendees will develop valuable skills, make new friends, and fuel individual growth; and they will get the chance to tour Ohio State's campus.

One day will be devoted to exploring possible career choices offered through Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Youth will attend four sessions assigned from preferences reflected on their registration form.

To learn more about the event or to register visit: go.osu.edu/4Hsparkexpo

- Space is limited to 75 youth so register soon if you are interested!
- **COST:** Thanks to generous financial support from the Ohio 4-H Foundation and others, the registration fee is \$75.
- Fill out a trip award application below to apply for a scholarship from the Ashland County 4-H Committee!

2024 Ohio 4-H Forestry Wildlife Conservation Camp

Join Ohio 4-H, Hocking College & ODNR professionals at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp for a weekend of learning about forestry and wildlife education, fishing, hiking, tree climbing, outdoor survival, ODNR careers & college opportunities and more!

- This camp is designed for youth grades 7-11. Participants DO NOT need to be 4-H members to attend camp.
- Friday, April 19-Sunday April 21 at Canter's Cave, Jackson, Ohio
- Cost: \$115.00
- Registration Deadline is March 28, 2024

For more detailed information go to: <https://ohio4h.org/camp/forestry-and-wildlife-conservation-camp>

To register, go to: www.go.osu.edu/24ForestryWLCamp

Statewide, there are 15, \$60 scholarships sponsored by the Ohio 4-H Foundation. Leaving the final cost of camp at \$55 (total price is \$115 this year) The Forestry Wildlife Conservation Camp Scholarship application is at www.go.osu.edu/24ForestryScholarship

This Scholarship Deadline is March 1, 2024.

Sea Camp

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp at Kelleys Island has offered hundreds of young people the opportunity to learn about aquatic science and experience a variety of recreational watersports on Lake Erie. Sea Camp is offered to youth ages 14-17 (age as of the first day of camp).

The mission of Ohio 4-H Sea Camp is to offer teenage youth an introduction to the Great Lakes through hands-on experiences in a variety of aquatic-based programs. Sea Camp will enable participants to experience Lake Erie-based activities and culture such as aquatic science, water recreation, and fishing.

For more information, go to: <https://ohio4h.org/camp/sea-camp>

To apply for a scholarship to attend, fill out the Ashland County Trip/Event Award application below.

Trip/Event Scholarship Opportunities

Interested in an advertised State 4-H event?

- Ohio 4-H Conference
- Sea Camp
- Leadership Camp
- Ohio 4-H Spark Expo
- Forestry Camp
- Many Others: If you are interested in a 4-H event not on the application, just write it in!

Through the generosity of our Ashland County 4-H Committee, there are scholarships available to help cover cost of attending! Fill out the application below and return to the Extension Office by February 5.

Ashland County Trip Award Application:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20trip%20award%20app%20final_3.pdf

2024 Equistep is now open!

EquiSTEP (Equine Safety, Training, and Education Program) is an ANNUAL statewide requirement for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H Horse Program activities and/or enrolled in a 4-H horse project. Must be completed by MAY 1 to eligible to show.

To complete this requirement, go to <http://go.osu.edu/equistep2024>

- Enroll using you own unique email address. DO NOT use your school email addresses as the course enrollment invitation will be blocked by the school's email system.
- MAKE SURE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION THAT ASKS WHAT COUNTY YOU ARE FROM AND CLICK THE LAST RED ARROW TO SUBMIT AFTER THE FEEDBACK SURVEY. Otherwise, our office does not get notified that you have completed the course.
- You will receive a confirmation email from Equistep when you have successfully completed the course. Keep this confirmation email for your records.

Club Organizational Advisors and Committee Treasurers

Each year 4-H Clubs and Committees are responsible to turn in the following documents. THANK YOU for ensuring we are following Ohio State University guidelines!

DUE JANUARY 31

- Club charter checklist (4-H clubs only) <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%204-H%20Club%20Charter%2010.2022%20Final.pdf>
- 2023 Financial Summary: Please use this form. We are required to upload it into your club/committee's 4Honline profile.
<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%204H%20Club%20Affiliate%20Yearly%20Financial%20Summaryfillable.pdf><https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%204H%20Club%20Affiliate%20Yearly%20Financial%20Summaryfillable.pdf>
- Last Bank statement of 2023 showing the December 31, 2023 balance.

DUE APRIL 15

- Constitution <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%204-H%20Club%20Constitution%2010.2022%20Final%20Fillable.pdf>
- Schedule of your club/committees events and meetings.
- Inventory Checklist: If your inventory is the same as last year, please just state so on the form and turn it in. <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/EquipmentInventory.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>

Lamb Pool: Order your Market Lamb for 2024!

One option to purchase your 2024 market lamb is through the lamb pool. The Sheep & Swine Committee finds the lambs and distributes them to members through a predetermined process. Cost is current market price per pound.

Information and Rules:

<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Lamb%20Pool%20Rules%20and%20Regulations24.pdf>

Order Form: <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Lamb%20pool%20application24.pdf>

4-H Day At Columbus Blue Jackets



<https://bluejackets.spinzo.com/?group=4h-foundation-7ush>

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=UDfPlbiDq7msiUa5>.

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.)

Additional information and a downloadable application are also available on our website at 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.

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. 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. 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 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.

2024 Ashland County 4-H Calendar: More events/updates coming soon!

The 2024 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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