

4-H Newsletter 4/29/2024

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

A BIG 4-H Welcome to Amy Nalley!



Amy Nalley will be joining our Ashland County 4-H Extension team on May 6 as a 4-H Youth Development Program Assistant. Please join us in welcoming her!

Hi! I am Amy Nalley and I am so excited to join the Ashland county extension team! I grew up in the Wayne County 4-H program and have been active with my kids 4-H club here in Ashland county. The 4-H program is a wonderful opportunity for our youth and young adults to build leadership, responsibility, and networking skills. I look forward to helping our program grow and fulfill the needs of our community!

Horses and Dogs Must be Uploaded into Member's 4Honline Profile by TOMORROW MAY 1

MAY 1 is the deadline for member's to identify their horses and dogs under their 4Honline profile. This requires pictures to be uploaded as well as other identifying features.

Dogs: You will need your county dog license and vaccination record.

Horse Members: EQUISTEP must also be completed by MAY 1. You may upload your certificate in your 4Honline profile

For an instruction sheet on how to add your animal to 4Honline profile go to our website at:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/animals%20tab%20Ashland%204honline%202024_1.pdf

2024 Equistep: Mandatory Each Year for Anyone Taking a Horse Project

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.

4-H Camp Registration Opens TONIGHT at Midnight!

The Ashland/Wayne County 4-H Camp will be June 30-July 3. Registration will open at Midnight on May 1st. Plan to register early to reserve your spot!

2024 4-H Camp brochure https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/0043_2024%20camp%20brochure-%20updated.pdf

2024 4-H Camp Registration: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GYBDZdzXj3yH30

FFA & Industrial Arts Crop & Shop Fair Entries

It is Fair entry time for FFA and Industrial Tech Fair entries! Fair entries for CROP AND SHOP entries only, NO animal projects..

FAIR ENTRIES FOR THESE PROJECTS ONLY will be open May 2- May 17. **THIS IS THE ONLY TIME FRAME YOU MAY MAKE FAIR ENTRIES IN THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS.**

Tips:

- If you created an account in FairEntry in 2023, you can use their same email address and password (account) information.
- If you don't remember your password, you can click on the link to reset it.
- If you are a new exhibitor *or have a different email address* you will need to create a new account in FairEntry.
- If you are not sure you are taking FFA next year, still complete entries. During check-in at the fair, they will become scratches if the project is not exhibited.
- Reminder that the produce display is no longer available.

To make your FFA or Industrial Tech Crop and Shop Fair Entry, go to

<https://ashlandcountyjrfair.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19758>

For help signing in, making an account or an entry in Fair Entry go to

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/FairEntry.Family.Entries4HO.Ashland_3.pdf

2024 Ashland County Jr. Fair Book

The 2024 Ashland County Jr. Fair book is here!

Please note we are still waiting on the state to publish the 2024 LIVESTOCK HEALTH EXHIBITION RULES and clarification on the veterinarian . These will be updated when the State finalizes them.

Sheep & Swine Exhibitors: Mandatory Clinic

New this year: Sheep & Swine Exhibitors must attend one of the following educational meetings to be eligible to show at the fair

May 5th at 5pm Fairgrounds

or

June 18th at 630 Fairgrounds

Lamb Pool Pick Up

Pick up for lambs ordered through the lamb pool is **THIS Sunday, May 5th at the Fairgrounds.**

Robotics

Congratulations to our Robotics competitors!

Simon Vance finished 2nd in combat bot ant weight and 2nd in beetle weight

Brody Matz finished 12 in sumo bot

All Ashland Robotics members made it through their first rounds and represented Ashland County well!

Ashland County Community Foundation Supports the 4-H Dog Program!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Ashland County Community Foundation for awarding our 4-H Dog program funds to purchase some new dog agility equipment! For dogs and youth alike, agility is a favorite part of dog practice. We are truly grateful for the Community Foundation grant that will allow us to replace some of the worn agility obstacles and return borrowed equipment.

Community Service Opportunity



Ashland SWCD is going to be hosting a spooky forest walk again this October at Hazel Willis Woods. It is going to be October 16th from 4-6pm.

CLubs are invited to set up a station within the woods on our loop road for a hands on activity/craft for participants to enjoy. If you would like to participate or have any questions please reach out to Ashland Soil and Water at 419-281-7645.

Feeder Calf & Swine Tags

All feeder calves and market swine to be exhibited at the Ashland County Fair must be tagged with an 840 EID tag and identified in 4Honline by June 1. These tags are available to be picked up at the Extension Office or the Fairgrounds office during business hours.

Market Chicken Order

It's time to order your Market Chickens! If you are planning to take Market Chickens to the fair, you must order them from the Poultry Committee through the link below. Market Chickens must be ordered AND paid for by May 31.

For more information read the Market Chicken Order letter on our website at:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20Market%20Chicken%20Order%20Letter_2.pdf

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

Fancy Poultry Exhibitors

The Poultry Committee has created a resource sheet for Fancy Poultry exhibitors to help locate fancy poultry breeders and area fancy poultry shows. This can be found on our website at:

<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Fancy%20Poultry%20Opportunities.pdf>

Livestock Exhibitors

Exhibitors: Please read over the project requirements and the Jr. Fair book closely. There have been several changes.

Changes include:

- Premiums will NOT be payed for market animal projects.
- Maximum weight limit for market hogs is now 300 lbs.
- Family Market Hog/Goat/Lamb: Families may tag a “family goat/sheep/hog(s)” for the number of exhibitors in the household. A family Hog/Goat/Lamb can be used as one of the exhibitor’s project animals should that member’s original project be unfit to show. Animals unfit to show must be verified by a licensed Veterinarian. Please refer to the project requirements of each species for more information.
- Pop up tents are only permitted on move in day, day before the show (prep day) and the day of the show. After show day, all tents must be removed.
- Scrapies tag will be the official ID for all goats and sheep. This will be the only official tag they will need. You may use registration tattoo instead of a Scrapies tag, but the tattoo must be able to be read at fair check in and you must bring the registration papers that match the tattoo at check in.
- Any single animal must not be cross entered unless it is a multi animal project. Ex: a ewe lamb may not be entered as a ewe lamb breeding project AND a market lamb. However, a ewe lamb may be shown in the appropriate sheep breeding class and still be exhibited as a part of the flock class. The exceptions to this rule are dogs and horses who may be entered in multiple classes and pack goats who may be shown in their respective market, breeding, or pet class as well as the pack class.
- Animals MUST remain in their respective barn area. At NO TIME should animals be on the midway, in the campground, parking lot or ANYWHERE other than their immediate barn area.
- At check in, all classes become final. Animals wishing to declare Born & Raised must have appropriate fair entry and be declared for this class at check in.
- Breeding sheep will be limited to one animal per exhibitor per class.
- Animals will NOT be reweighed. The weights will be as stated for individual species and there will be no additional allowances.
- No equipment may be placed on the fair grounds until Wednesday after 5pm. NO exceptions!

Online Quality Assurance Option

The ONLY Online Quality Assurance training that is accepted is the YQCA listed below.

1. Youth can go to the following website to take the age-appropriate online module: yqcaprogram.org/login/index.php
2. The cost is \$12.
3. Youth and their parent/guardian must create and login to a YQCA account.

Keep these items in mind:

- The course must be completed by June 1, 2024.
- We have been told it takes a minimum of 90 minutes to complete.
- If the member does not pass the test at the end, the member will have to wait a minimum of one hour before taking the test again.

- If a member completes YQCA for their county QA requirement, they **MUST** email their completion certificate to aulger.3@osu.edu **This is the only way the Extension Office knows you have completed this requirement.**

New this year: ALL animals, including breeding, pet and dairy animals, must be identified in 4Honline. The only exception is poultry and market rabbits. See below.

ALL animals including breeding and Dairy animals must be identified in 4Honline to be eligible to show at the fair. The only exception is poultry. Poultry does not need identified in 4Honline.

Deadlines to identify your animal in 4Honline are:

MAY 1: Horses and Dogs

JUNE 1: Feeder Calves, ALL Goats, ALL Sheep, Hogs (plus Swine Born & Bred form if applicable), Dairy, Breeding Rabbits

AUGUST 9: Market Rabbits Market Rabbits will be identified directly in the Fair Entry website as you create your Fair Entry. You do **NOT** need to identify your market rabbits in 4Honline, only in Fair Entry.

Horse Clinic

First horse clinic is **MAY 1 at 6:00 PM** at the Fairgrounds.

Reminder: You must attend at least one scheduled county sponsored clinic or workshop to participate with your horse project at the Ashland County Fair or be eligible for the Outstanding Horse Member Award. You must attend the required 1 ½ hours of a clinic. Attendees will sign in and sign out. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their child.

IF YOU ARE SHOWING AN ANIMAL AT STATE FAIR, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR ANIMAL IDENTIFIED IN YOUR 4HONLINE PROFILE BY THE OHIO STATE FAIR POSSESSION DEADLINE FOR THAT ANIMAL! See farther down in newsletter for State Fair possession deadlines.

Breeding Animal or Dairy Animal Lease Requirement

If you plan to lease your breeding and/or dairy animals you must have the required forms below uploaded into the animals 4Honline profile by JUNE 1.

These leases outline rules for both the lessee and lessor as well as asking for animal description and are available on our website:

[Dairy Lease](#)

[Breeding Animal Lease](#)

Leasing MARKET animals for youth exhibition projects is NOT permitted under any circumstances.

Current horse lease information can be found

here: https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/d6/files/Animal_Sciences/horse/HorseLease.pdf

Goat Clinic

The Goat Committee is holding a goat clinic on Thursday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 21. Both are at 6pm in Mozelle Hall on the Fairgrounds.

Anyone taking a goat project **MUST** attend at least one of these clinics to be eligible to show at the Fair so please make arrangements to attend.

Interested in a Dairy Project?

Interested in a Dairy Project, but don't have a cow or place to house it? We can help!

Let's Connect!

If you are interested in showing a Dairy calf, heifer, or cow, but do not own or have a place to house one, the Dairy Committee would like to help you find an animal to lease. Message us on Facebook or reach out to a committee member and we will help to connect you with a local farmer with whom you can discuss a potential lease agreement.

Not sure how to show a Dairy animal?

We can help with that too! New exhibitors can learn the ins and outs of showing a Dairy project at our educational clinic. For more information, reach out to us on Facebook.

Find us on Facebook

Sea Camp

Pre-registration for 2024 Sea Camp has opened!

Pre-register by May 1 at: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5yBcE2GHok0rLa6

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp July 19-July 23 2024

Sea Camp at Kelley's 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 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. The program is a supervised, educational environment fostered by Ohio 4-H and The Ohio State University.

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

Ashland Soil & Water Ambassador Opportunity

Ashland
Water Conservation District

Youth Conservation Ambassador

We are looking for 16- year old high school students & future conservation leaders interested in learning more about soil and water conservation in Ashland County!

Application Deadline
MAY 10, 2024

AMBASSADOR EXPECTATIONS

- Attend 4 SWCD board meetings
- Assist with 2 education events & 1 service event planned by SWCD staff
- Lease plan and execute a conservation service project.

AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THEIR YEAR OF SERVICE JULY 2024-JUNE 2025, AMBASSADORS WILL RECEIVE A \$500 EDUCATIONAL STIPEND.

For an application or more information please contact:
Ruth McCree, Outreach Specialist
rrmccree@ashlandcounty.org
419-281-7645

WANTED: Young Conservation Leaders!

Ashland SWCD is currently accepting applications for our **NEW** Youth Conservation Ambassador program. Two outstanding young leaders will be selected to participate in this program, and after successfully completing their year of service they will each receive a \$500 educational stipend.

Call Emma at 419-281-7645 for a complete application or via email at emmaswcd@gmail.com

Big Green Garage Sale

The Big Green Garage sale is back! Keep this in mind as you are spring cleaning. We will begin collecting clean, usable items in June.

Clubs, members, and volunteers will be asked to help with this fundraising event held June 28-30. More details to come.

State Older Youth Beef Day



CFAES

Older Youth Beef Production Field Day

DATE: June 15, 2024
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Registration 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: OSU 4-H Beef Center
2720 S. Apple Creek Rd
Apple Creek, OH 43001

For youth 14 and older, this will be a unique opportunity to learn about the beef industry. We will have a hands-on day walking youth through the beef production cycle focusing on cow-calf management.

Parents are welcome, as we have a tour scheduled in the morning of the ATU and CFAES Wooster campus with admissions staff.

For registration visit: go.osu.edu/2024youthbeefday
Registration Deadline: June 2, 2024
Cost: Youth \$75, Parents \$15, Lunch Included
Limited to first 30 Youth Registrations.

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OHIO Extension Beef Team
beef.osu.edu

College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Ohio 4-H Event Youth Assistant Opportunity



CFAES COLLEGE of FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, and ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Apply to be an Ohio 4-H Event Youth Assistant (4HEYA)

Applications due May 15, 2024

Gain experience working events at the Ohio State Fair and enhance leadership skills!

Visit go.osu.edu/4HEYA for more details and the application.

Must be able to attend training on July 10 or July 16

Any 4-H member in Ohio ages 13-18 as of January 1, 2024 is eligible to apply!

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Applications to be an Ohio 4-H Event Youth Assistant (4HEYA) are open now!

Visit <https://go.osu.edu/4HEYA> for more information on the 4HEYA program or apply today at go.osu.edu/4HEYAapp.

Applications are due by May 15.

Senior Shooting Sport Camp

Ohio 4-H Senior Shooting Sports Camp 2024 Registration is now open!

- Open to any teen completing **grades 7-12** in the current school year
- Basic disciplines offered at this camp include: Archery, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Living History and Hunting & Wildlife.
- Advance disciplines offered include: Action Archery, Advanced Pistol, Rifle Sports, Marksmanship, Shotgun Sports, Intro. to Steel, Steel & Pistol/Rifle. Advance disciplines require previous shooting/archery experience. *All Classes offered are based on a minimum and maximum class size. Participants will be asked to select a second*

and third choice class, in the event their first choice is full or is not offered. Early paid registrations will assist in getting first choices.

- **Location - Canter's Cave 4-H Camp Inc. 1362 Caves Rd. Jackson, Ohio 45640**
- **Camp dates: July 14-19, 2024**
- **Cost of Ohio 4-H Senior Shooting Education Camp: \$400**
- **Registration Deadline: June 13, 2024**

To Register go to <https://go.osu.edu/24SrShootingSportsCamp>

Junior Shooting Sports Camp

Registration is open for the Ohio 4-H Junior Shooting Sports Camp 2024 at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp June 7-9

- Open to any child completing **grades 3 - 6** in the current school year
- No previous shooting or archery experience needed
- Basic shooting & archery disciplines only which include: Archery, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, and Living History. New this year Hunting & Wildlife. *All Classes offered are based on a minimum and maximum class size. Participants will be asked to select a second choice class if which they will be enrolled into if their first choice is full or is not offered.*
- Cost: \$250.00 Scholarships may be available. Please contact the Extension Office or a Shooting Sports Instructor BEFORE you register.
- **Registration Deadline: May 6, 2024 by midnight**

Register at: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3t2ho0azMt6JGjY

Ohio STEM Camp

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WHEN:
June 10-12, 2024
Register by May 28th

COST:
\$100.00

WHO:
Youth in Grades 5-7

LOCATION:
Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
1362 Caves Rd
Jackson, OH 45640

CONTACT:
Madeline Altmire
maltmire.63@osu.edu
or 614.773.8444

Canter's Cave 4-H Camp presents...
Exploring STEM at Camp!
Youth in grades 5, 6, & 7 are invited to join Canter's Cave 4-H Camp this summer at 4-H STEM Camp!
Register by May 28th at go.osu.edu/4HSTEMCamp

4-H STEM Camp focuses on the topics of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in ways that are unique and fun. Youth explore the outdoors and learn about the science of the world around them through interactive sessions. Campers enjoy traditional camp activities with a STEM spin, such as camping, with a fire science or chemistry focus.
For registration information, visit: cantercave.osu.edu

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and Environmental Sciences

Registration for 4-H STEM Camp at Canter's Cave is now available! This camp is available to any 5th-7th grade students interested in exploring STEM with a camp twist.

Registration and other information can be found at: go.osu.edu/4HSTEMCamp

When: June 10 - June 12, 2024

Where: Canter's Cave 4-H Camp, Jackson OH

Cost: Camp fee: \$100.00

Who: Camp is open to children completing 5th, 6th, or 7th grades this spring.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 28th

Club Volunteers

The Club Code is: 4H2023

Use this to when logged into 4Honline to see your club roster.

Instructions on how to look up your club roster:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Club.Leader.Login%20%281%29_0.pdf

Livestock Project Requirements

All Animal Project requirements can be found on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-requirements/livestock-project-requirements>

Sheep & Swine project requirements were updated on March 25 to include the Sheep & Swine Educational meeting dates.

- **Still/FCS Project Requirements:** <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-requirements/family-and-consumer-science-and-still>

4-H Project Books

We ask that once again, 4-H Clubs collect project book orders from their members. This helps us keep costs down by ordering only the books that will be needed for this year.

Club Project book order form:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20Volunteer%20Order%20Form%20alpha%20order%20fillable_1.pdf

While individuals are always welcome to come to the Extension Office and purchase their book, please keep in mind we do not keep an inventory of Still project books. They will only be ordered on demand. You are welcome to contact us in advance to ensure we have the book you need in stock.

REMINDER: Current, up to date records of this year's project animal will be required at book judging. We will no longer have 'record inserts' available to update a project book as this practice is no longer supported by the State 4-H Office.

Ohio State Fair Ownership Deadline

If you plan to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, your animal **MUST BE IDENTIFIED** in your 4HOnline profile by the date below.

- **MARKET ANIMALS** –
 - **Market beef** – January 1
 - **Market swine** – May 23
 - **Market lambs** – May 23
 - **Market goats** – May 1
 - **Dairy feeders** – June 1
 - **Market rabbits** – June 1
 - **Market poultry** – within 5 days of hatch

BREEDING ANIMALS –

- **Breeding Sheep** – May 22
- **Breeding Beef** – May 22
- **Breeding Swine** – May 22
- **Breeding Goats** – May 16
- **Breeding Poultry** – May 31
- **Breeding rabbits** – May 31
- **Dairy Cattle** – May 22

BEEF Department

- **All cattle must arrive with 840 EID in place**

- 15-digit number starting with 840
- Breeding can use tattoo as SECONDARY ID
- BVD testing required for all cattle
 - exception of Commercial Cattle
 - One test good for lifetime
- BEEF BREEDING
 - *Crossbred breeding heifers will be required to submit a DNA packet with 840 EID tag information, reach out to Andi Hershey for packets (a.hershey@expo.ohio.gov)*
 - *Due Date: Postmarked by June 1st*

DOG Department

- Show starts, June 17th

SWINE Department:

- The Jr Swine Show requires ALL hogs to have:
 - 840 tag
 - Premise ID
- To exhibit breeding swine, must be enrolled in the project at the county level

Other Ohio State Fair updates and reminders

General:

- Exhibitors MUST be enrolled in the project they want to exhibit at the state fair, even if the county doesn't offer it at fair (i.e., swine breeding).
- All Junior Exhibitors must enter their projects online.
 - No late market or breeding (new 2024) entries

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2024 Ashland County 4-H Calendar:

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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