

Weekly 4-H Word

April 24, 2023

4-H CAMP

Preble County Camp Counselors have started plans for 4-H camp. This year campers will find a variety of fun activities at Preble County Castaway Island at Camp Clifton! *Camp will be held June 28—July 2.* Look for more details to come.



Remember that 4-H camp is not just for 4-H members. Any youth meeting the age requirements is welcome to attend.

A link to camp registration and camp scholarship information will be posted as soon as possible.

BUCKEYE BRIDGE RIDE

The Friends of Preble County 4-H group is encouraging you to enjoy their annual Buckeye Bridge Ride! The activity will take place this year on Saturday, June 24th. You can find more information at <http://www.buckeyebridgeride.org>.

The Friends of 4-H are looking for items for the drawing for ride prizes at the event. Please contact Bruce Burton if you or your club can donate.

Monies raised at this event benefit our Preble County 4-H program. Helping at the Bridge Ride could count as community service as part of a 4-H project. Plus it is a fun way to get out and do something active! Friends of 4-H encourages 4-H members to come and support this event

4-H PROJECT AND OTHER INFORMATION

PROJECT BOOKS

The 2023 Family Guide is posted on the Ohio 4-H website - <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>. You can also pick up printed copies on the bookcase outside our office. This year, project books can be purchased at our office. Please check with your club advisor to see if your club is placing a group order.

Members taking any of the Rabbit Projects must purchase the new *Rabbit Project Book #228* this year.



HORSE DEPARTMENT NEWS

HORSE ID INFORMATION

Again this year, we are asking all members with horse projects to enter ID information into 4honline including pictures of your horse. This replaces the paper form that has been used in the past. Information must be entered **no later than May 1, 2023**. Be sure to add information about a back up horse if that applies. Unfortunately this information does not carry over year to year so even if you entered the information last year, it needs to be added again this year. If you need help with entering your animals in 4honline, you can contact your advisor or the Extension Office.

EquiSTEP

There are new equine safety training requirements in place for 2023 and moving forward! EquiSTEP is Ohio 4-H's Equine Safety, Training, and Education Program and it is an annual requirement for ALL Ohio 4-H youth enrolled in a horse project. EquiSTEP training needs to be completed by May 1, 2023. Access the course here: <https://cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/equistep-2023>

4-H HORSE CAMP AND MINI CLINICS

The Preble County Horse Advisors are hosting the 1st Annual 4-H Horse Camp and Mini Clinics on May 20th and 21st at the Preble County Fairgrounds. This event is open to all 4-H and FFA youth. Come join in for a weekend of fun and learning! For more information please check out the flyer at preble.osu.edu

FAIR NEWS

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Each Junior Fair youth taking a market or lactating animal to the Preble County Fair must participate in the Quality Assurance Program (QA) by attending a QA class each year. A reminder that a parent or guardian **MUST** attend QA with any exhibitor in grades 3-8.

A flyer with information about 2023 Quality Assurance is posted at preble.osu.edu.

YQCA information: Youth in grades 9 —12 are eligible to complete QA online. The YQCA website is <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. Instructions for this website are posted at preble.osu.edu.

ROYALTY CONTEST

Applications for Junior Fair royalty are posted on the Extension website.

Applications are due by May 1. Applications can be dropped off to the Extension Office. If we are not open, there is a basket on the bookcase in the lobby where applications can be dropped.



RABBIT CHECK INS

All breeding and market rabbits are required to come to check in days. Mark your calendars...

Breeding Rabbit Check-In
Market Rabbit Check-In

Friday, June 23rd from 7—9 PM at the south side of the Expo
Friday, July 7th from 7—8 p.m. outside the Toney Building

If an exhibitor is not available to bring the rabbit(s) to the check in, a representative may bring the animal(s).

POULTRY CHECK IN AND POLLURUM TESTING

All fancy birds are required to come to a check in Friday, June 23rd from 7—9pm on the south side of the Expo Center. The bird's information will be verified and committee members will be available to answer questions.

Pollorum testing: Any show bird coming to the fair needs to be tested with the exception of birds under one year that have hatchery papers. Turkeys must be tested by a veterinarian. More information to follow on the Pollorum Testing for June 23rd during the check in.

FEEDER CALF TAGGING

Feeder Calf Tag In will be Saturday, June 24th from 8am to 10am.

LAMB AND GOAT WEIGH IN

The mandatory tagging and weigh in for market lambs and goats is on **Sunday, May 7 2023** from 1 – 4 p.m. at the fairgrounds. All market lambs must have scrapie tags at the weigh in. Lambs and goats must have bands for castration. DNA samples and paperwork will be collected at that time. Tags will be purchased the day of weigh in for \$5 each (1 per animal tagged). DNA tubes must also be purchased at a cost of \$5 (1 per animal tagged). Be prepared to pay that day.

PLEASE NOTE: *Add all of your market goat/market lamb entries into Fair Entry at preble-county.fairentry.com by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023. Complete required fields. Pictures are not required.*

This information needs to be in the system **BEFORE** you go to the scale on Sunday.

The tagging form can be found at: <https://preble.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/preble-county-fair>. Please complete the form **BEFORE** you come to weigh in.

MARKET HOG TAGGING

Hogs must be tagged by **Sunday, May 7, 2023**. DNA Samples and paperwork must be turned in by 4pm that day

Tags and taggers are available at the SFB office! The cost of tags is \$5 and the cost of the DNA tube is \$5. Taggers are available to borrow. Please do not wait until the last minute.

FOR CLUB ADVISORS

FAIR WRISTBANDS

Fair wristbands are available at the Fairgrounds. Please take a list of your members when picking up the wristbands.

YEARLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY—due by January 31

If you have not turned in your yearly financial summary, please do so ASAP. You can find the form at: <https://ohio4h.org/volunteers/volunteers/club-leaders/finances/clubaffiliate-yearly-financial-summary>. Please email the form to tilton.47@osu.edu or drop it by the office.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR EVERYONE

April 25	7PM	Quality Assurance Session—Expo Expansion
May 1	4:30PM	Preble County Junior Fair Royalty Applications due
May 1		EquiSTEP Due
May 1		Horse Photos Due
May 7	1—4PM	Mandatory Market Lamb and Market Goat Weigh in
May 7	4PM	Hog DNA and paperwork due at fairgrounds
May 8	7PM	Quality Assurance—Final Preble County Session—Expo Expansion
May 20 & 21	9A—4:30PM	Horse Camp
June 14		Carteens
June 15	11:59PM	Fair Entries Due
June 17		Junior Fair Royalty Contest—Expo Expansion
June 23—25		PAS Show
June 23	7—9PM	Breeding Rabbit Check In
June 23	7-9PM	Fancy Poultry Check In and Pollorum Blood Testing
June 24		Buckeye Bridge Ride
June 24	8—10AM	Feeder Calf Tag In
June 28—July 2		Preble County 4-H Camp
July 7—July 9		Preble County 4-H Advisors Horse Show
July 7	7—8PM	Market Rabbit Check-In
July 13		Make-Up Project Judging Day (by appointment)
July 17 & 18		Livestock Skillathons
July 19		Non-livestock Project Judging
July 20	1-7PM	Livestock Project Book Evaluation
July 29—August 5		Preble County Fair