

Weekly 4-H Word

February 10, 2023

It has been a while since we have communicated with you...we have celebrated the new year and now we are getting ready to celebrate the start of a new 4-H Year! We are excited to have all of you as part of our Preble County 4-H family and hope you will encourage others to join 4-H, too! Watch for a calendar with important dates coming soon.

NEW 4-H EDUCATOR

We are searching for a new Preble County 4-H Educator. The job is posted here [R#65944](#) through February 14th. Please feel free to share this link!

4-H ENROLLMENT

Our 4-H Enrollment deadline is April 1, 2023. Be sure that all returning and new members are registered by that deadline.

4-H enrollment will continue to be done in 4honline. You can access 4-H Online at Ohio.4honline.com which is accessible on computers, phones and tablets.

You can begin enrolling anytime. Use the same email and password as in previous years to log in. We have also posted a document on our website with instructions for both new and returning members.

PROJECT BOOKS

The 2023 Family Guide is posted on the Ohio 4-H website - ohio4h.org/familyguide. You can also pick up printed copies on the bookcase outside our office. Project books will be available to order and pick-up at the Preble County Extension Office.

A Note from the State 4-H Office regarding project books:

Price Increase 2023

Thank you for your support of Ohio 4-H project books and other resources. As a result of increased costs associated with their production and distribution, particularly for printing, the base price of project books has been raised to \$8. Just like before, some longer project books cost more. The prices of other materials, such as resource handbooks, have increased slightly too. We appreciate your support of the cost recovery business model, which also provides for this Family Guide.



FOR CLUB ADVISORS —

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>. You can email the form to Nancy or drop it by the office.

ADVISOR and MEMBER EMAILS

If there are advisors or members in your club who are not receiving communications from our office, please let Nancy know so that we can make sure that everything is correct in 4honline. Please continue to also update your profiles.

FUNDRAISERS

A reminder about club fundraisers... All fundraisers must be approved. Please submit the form before your fundraiser begins. If your fundraiser is something you do every year—sell flowers, etc. you do not need to submit a new form each year. Fundraisers CANNOT be any kind of games of chance where you are selling a chance to win a prize. This includes raffles. Please be sure that any 4-H club sponsored fundraiser meets the fundraising guidelines.

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. Kara will also be providing more information regarding EquiSTEP at the Advisor Training sessions.

ADVISOR TRAINING

Below are the dates for mandatory advisor training. Remember that all advisors are required to attend one of the dates below.

February 28, 2023	7PM	Bruner Arena
March 15, 2023	7PM	Bruner Arena

We look forward to seeing you as we begin a new 4-H year!

PREBLE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR COORDINATOR

At the January 19th Senior Fair Board meeting, the Preble County Senior Fair Board voted to hire Karen Hamilton to serve as the Junior Fair Coordinator for the Preble County Fair. This newly created position was designed to assist the Senior Fair Board operate the Preble County Junior Fair. Karen Hamilton is a life-long Preble County resident. She and her husband, Kip, have 3 children, Arica, Kendale, and Kolby. Karen and her family have been active in 4-H and Junior Fair for many years. Karen's office hours will vary. To contact Karen with questions regarding Junior Fair, or to schedule an appointment to meet, please contact Karen at 937-336-1981 or by email at karen@preblecountyfair.com.