

# Weekly 4-H Word

May 12, 2021

*PLEASE BE SURE TO REVIEW THE ENTIRE NEWSLETTER. There is important information throughout. Look for new information about dates for things like QA towards the end of the newsletter.*

## **EXTENSION OFFICE AND 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

Now that Preble County is an orange county, our office will be open with limited walk-in hours. Walk-in hours will be Monday—Thursday from 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. We will be available other hours by appointment.

To contact us use the information below:

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Find Current 4-H Meeting Guidelines at: <https://ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected>

## **COMING UP THIS WEEKEND...COUNTY 4-H MEETING**

***If you would like to attend our May meeting, please register by noon on Saturday, May 15.***

Join us for monthly county meetings for updates, learning and club time. Even if your club is not participating for a meeting, all are welcome to attend. Meetings are scheduled from 4 until done (end time will depend on if club's are using the meeting time) on the following dates:

May 16 speaker: Ryan Vonderhaar, Preble County 4-H alumni

We will also be sharing information about 4-H camp, fair entries and other important updates. The ZOOM link will be sent out late on Saturday or Sunday morning.

4-H Families: Please use this link to register for the county meeting <https://go.osu.edu/preblecountymeetingmay2021>. You only need to register one 4-H member per family.

Club Advisors: Please use this link to let us know how your club will participate: [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_42TyXVeJJnOYrem](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42TyXVeJJnOYrem)

## 2021 4-H CAMP

Registration is open for our 2021 4-H Camp and we would love to have you join us. Camp is for youth ages 8 and in the 3rd grade —14.

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

We are planning a western themed camp with lots of fun activities: swimming, archery, crafts, hiking, fishing and more.

Camp dates are June 28—July 2, 2021.

4-H members should register through your 4-H account. You will find paperwork that can be attached to your registration before you submit it. You can leave your registration incomplete until you attach the paperwork. We can also take required paperwork at our office. Non 4-H members can register using the form found online.

Scholarships are available for 4-H members. The application can be found on our website. Thank you to the generous donation of the Preble County 4-H Committee, Friends of Preble County 4-H and The Preble County Horse Advisors for making these funds available.

You will find more information on our website [www.preble.osu.edu](http://www.preble.osu.edu).

## HORSE ID INFORMATION

Again this year, we are asking all members with horse projects to enter ID information into 4honline. This replaces the paper form that has been used in the past. Information must be entered **no later than May 15, 2021**. Be sure to add information about a back up horse if that applies.

If you need help with entering your animals in 4honline, you can find basic information in the document titled: 2021 Tagging Instructions for Lambs, Goats and Hogs which is found on the Preble County Fair page on our website. Scroll to the end of the document. You can also contact us at the numbers listed at the beginning of the newsletter for help.

## PROJECT BOOKS

4-H project books may be purchased from the Extension Office. This will save on shipping. We prefer that club's place one order for all the member's books but can fulfill family orders as well. You can email or call ahead to make sure that we have a book in stock.

You can also order directly from Extension Publications as you did last summer. You will find information for doing that at <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources>. There are also a few Stay at Home Projects (including Cloverbud Activities) that can be downloaded for free.



## 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 OR by choosing the "test out" option. A reminder that a parent or guardian MUST attend QA with any exhibitor in grades 3-8.

Registration is required. Only those who have pre-registered will be allowed to attend a particular session.  
Register at: <https://go.osu.edu/prebleco2021qa>

If you have not registered yet for QA, there are a couple spots left in the session on May 25. At this time, this is the last QA that is scheduled.

## RABBIT CHECK INS — *new information as of April 26*

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

Breeding Rabbit Check-In	Saturday, June 19 from 8-10 a.m. in the <u>Toney Building</u>
Market Rabbit Check-In	Friday, July 9 from 7-9 p.m. at the rabbit barn

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 — *new information as of April 26*

All fancy birds are required to come to a check in. 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. The fee for testing is \$1 per bird. Turkeys must be tested by a veterinarian. We just verified with ODA in mid-April that anitgens are available and testing is required.

Saturday, June 26 8 —10 a.m. Dairy Show Arena (next to FFA building)

## TAKE PART IN THE BUCKEYE BRIDGE RIDE—CLUB INCENTIVE FOR PARTICIPATION! - *new information as of April 26*

The Friends of Preble County 4H group is encouraging you to enjoy their annual Buckeye Bridge Ride! The activity will take place this year on Saturday, June 26th. You can find more information at <http://www.buckeyebidgeride.org> and click on registration. To encourage more 4Hers to participate in this activity, the FOPC4H group will be awarding **\$500 to the 4H club** with the most riders who sign up and ride in this year's event! You can have your club 4Hers, parents, alumni, and others count toward your number of participants by completing the registration in advance OR on the "day of" the event and marking the "I would like to ride for \_\_\_\_\_ 4H."



**Clarification:** Anyone can ride for a 4-H club and be counted toward that club's number of riders—they just need to designate that they are riding for that club. For example, a 4-H member brings 2 non 4-H friends to the ride. On the registration from those non 4-H friends would designate their 4-H friend's 4-H club and then would count towards the total club numbers.

Monies raised at this event benefit our Preble County 4-H program. Riding in 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.

## ***PORK FESTIVAL ICE CREAM STAND—SEPTEMBER 18—19, 2021***

The Pork Festival committee is planning a festival for 2021 and will be celebrating 50 years of the festival. Preble County 4-H has been thankful for the ability to hold our annual Ice Cream Stand as a fundraiser. Funds raised from the stand are used to support 4-H members through sponsorship of awards, camp scholarships, trip sponsorships and much more.

Many counties in Ohio charge per member county fees and/or hold county level fundraisers. Preble County is lucky to be able to raise enough dollars at our 2 day Ice Cream Stand that we do not have to hold additional fundraisers or charge county fees.

In order to be successful, we rely on 4-H members and their families to work 2 hour shifts scooping ice cream at the Festival. This is a great way to support this fundraising effort and also to do community service. ALL 4-H MEMBERS are encouraged to help. We will be looking for additional help on Saturday evening due to special events that will be held as part of the 50th year celebration.

In order to reward those who help, the Preble County 4-H Committee is offering incentives.

For individuals who help, there will be a drawing for \$50 gift cards—one for those who help on Saturday and one for those who help on Sunday.

There will be a \$100 gift card for 1 4-H Club. To be eligible a club must have 5 people work (members, parents, friends etc.) on either Saturday or Sunday. Clubs are only eligible for 1 entry. The drawing will be on Sunday.

A sign up schedule will be available later this summer.

## ***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 I or slide it under the door at our office (the building itself is usually open during the day).

### ***ADVISOR and MEMBER EMAILS***

As we have transitioned to the new version of 4honline, there have been some issues with 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.

## ***IMPORTANT DATES FOR EVERYONE***

### **June 15**

June 19 8—10 a.m.

June 26 8—10 a.m.

### **June 28—July 2**

July 9 7—9 p.m.

July 19—23

July 31—August 7

### **Fair Entries Due—information on how to make entries will be shared soon**

Breeding Rabbit Check In

Fancy Poultry Check In and Pollorum Blood Testing

### **Preble County 4-H Camp**

Market Rabbit Check-In

Project Judging Week—Livestock and Non-livestock

Preble County Fair