

Weekly 4-H Word

January 19, 2021

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE ENTIRE NEWSLETTER. There is important information throughout.

Upcoming January Deadlines:

Camp Counselor Applications/References	due January 22
Ohio State Fair DNA Samples	due January 31. Must have Christy's signature so please plan accordingly.
Yearly Financial Summaries (for 4-H Advisors)	due January 31

EXTENSION OFFICE AND 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS—*new on January 19*

We are back to limited office hours beginning today. As long as we are a red county, we will be open by appointment only.

Nancy Tilton, Office Associate:	937-583-1131	tilton.47@osu.edu
Christy Millhouse, 4-H Educator:	937-419-4242	millhouse.10@osu.edu

From Ohio 4-H...

As we begin the new year, the Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-Person Meetings & Events has been updated to reflect current guidance from Ohio State University and health officials. Beginning SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021, the following is in effect:

- Hosting virtual meetings and events is preferred
- If activities are critical/essential and are in-person, they must be education-focused
- Group cannot be larger than 50 people, including adults, youth, presenters, etc.
 - This directive is dependent on local health department guidelines.
 - The group size may need to be reduced to 10 (or other amount), based on directives from your local health department.
- Face masks are required inside and outside at all times
- Potlucks and buffets are not permitted

Find details and updated guidelines at [Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-Person Meetings & Events](#)

As part of an academic institution, we follow science and model what the CDC, Ohio Department of Health and other experts stress is important in addressing this virus. All 4-H volunteers are expected to follow these guidelines regarding 4-H meetings and events. Volunteers who are not in compliance will receive a first warning. A second incident disregarding our effort to protect the health, safety and well-being of members, families and communities will result in immediate termination of volunteer status.

OSU Extension offices will be open based on the current Ohio Public Health Advisory System. If a county is purple or approaching purple, OSU Extension offices will be closed and employees will be working virtually. If a county is red, OSU Extension offices will be staffed by appointment only. You will need to call in advance to schedule a time to go to the office. Please note there may be additional guidelines from county health departments.

STATE FAIR MARKET BEEF DNA DEADLINE

For those exhibitors interest in showing market beef at the Ohio State Fair, the DNA sample deadline has been moved to January 31. The envelope requires a signature. With limited time in the office beginning the week of January 18, please plan ahead. Christy is typically in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the Thursday of Senior Fair Board meetings. Please email to make an appointment for the signature.

BIRTHDATE FOR MARKET SWINE, LAMBS AND GOATS AT THE PREBLE COUNTY FAIR

The Senior Fair Board voted to eliminate the date of birth requirements for market swine, market lambs and market goats. Keep in mind, however, that weight requirements must still be met.

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS—due January 22, 2021

Being a 4-H Camp Counselor is a great opportunity to practice leadership skills and have fun at the same time. We hope that we will be back at camp this summer and so are going to start the process of planning for camp. Camp dates will be June 28—July 2. **Applications are due by January 22, 2021.** There are 2 ways to apply (see below). You may also do a combination—for example, complete the paper application and give the link to those completing your reference.

Paper Forms

Complete the paper forms which are available on our website. Return the paper forms to the Extension Office by mailing or slipping under the door to the office (due to limited staffing)

Online Survey

Camp Counselor Application Survey Link: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3klHEFqDdkVsvat

Camp Counselor Reference Form: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Lvw13isc1wlzkh

VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES

OHIO 4-H CONFERENCE

The Ohio 4-H Conference is held every year as a time for volunteers and teens to come together to share ideas and learn from each other. Typically it is an in person event in Columbus but this year it will be held virtually. This is the perfect opportunity for those who may have not wanted to make the trip to Columbus to participate. There are a variety of educational sessions that offer something for everyone!

Virtual sessions will start at 9:00 am on February 20 and 7:00 pm on February 23 & 25. The registration booklet with descriptions of sessions is posted at www.go.osu.edu/2021O4HC. There will be no charge for those attending this year's conference. Those wishing to attend the conference can register themselves. Registration deadline is Friday, February 12 at 5:00 pm.

4-H CLUB LEADERSHIP TRAINING

February 15 10:00 a.m. — noon

This multi county training is for members and volunteers. Officer duties and resources will be covered along with several other topics including parliamentary procedure, ZOOM tips and tricks, Virtual Activities and Meeting Preparation. Participants will take part in fun activities including a snack at the end of the training. This is another great opportunity to learn from other volunteers and members in other counties without having to travel. The training is designed not just for youth who are club officers but for anyone who wants to learn more about club leadership.

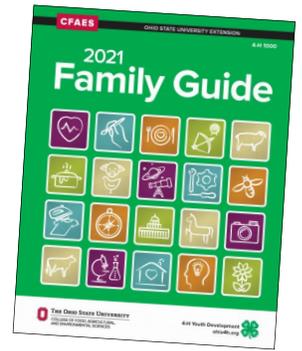
Register by February 11 at go.osu.edu/clubtraining

STATE HORSE ADVISOR/VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Attendees can view presentations via OSU Scarlet which is the platform where modules of information will be posted to listen to at your own pace. Registered participants will be sent a link for an optional Q&A Zoom meeting on Saturday, January 30, 2021 from 10:00am to 12:00pm with the State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. The modules will be available for viewing from 9:00am Thursday, January 28th through 9:00pm Sunday, January 31st. **Online registrations are due by 11:59pm on January 22, 2021.**

PROJECT BOOKS

The 2021 Family Guide is posted on the Ohio 4-H website - <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>. All of you will be receiving a Family Guide in the mail. At this time the best way to get project books is by ordering 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.



4-H TIME CAPSULE

Are you looking for a way to remember the unusual year of 2020. There is a 4-H time capsule activity posted on the Ohio 4-H website. <https://ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected>. There is also one just for Cloverbuds posted at <https://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/> Look down the left sidebar for the post. Christy designed both of these activities.

COUNTY AWARDS

The 4-H Committee was disappointed to cancel our annual recognition banquet this fall and had originally hoped to hold an event after the first of the year. After discussing the current COVID conditions in the county at the November meeting, the committee decided against a county event but will be distributing awards in what think is a fun, exciting way when clubs begin meeting again in the spring (because we hope that we will be able to meet in person again by then). This was forward thinking considering the guidance we received today about 4-H programming. Award winners – hang tight – we will be in touch closer to that time.

Advisors... We have not printed member certificates for all members yet. We are excited that the county commissioners approved enough in our budget to lease a new copy machine. The machine has been ordered and we are just waiting on getting it delivered. Once we get that, we will print club certificates and still plan to distribute in the spring with advisor packets. If you need your club certificates sooner, please let Nancy know.

4-H ENROLLMENT

4-H enrollment will continue to be done in 4honline but this year it will look a little different—Ohio 4-H is now using 4honline version 2. This new version a more user friendly and should work on phones and tablets. You can begin enrolling anytime.

Use your same email and password to log in. Make sure that it says v2 in the address bar and it will look different once you are logged in. There are instructions in 4honline to follow and we have also posted a document on our website with instructions for both new and returning members.

FOR CLUB ADVISORS—YEARLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY—*due by January 31*

Please be sure to turn in your yearly financial summary to the office **by January 31**. 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).

GRAB AND GO MEETING TOOL KIT

Start your 4-H year with seven ready-to-go club meeting agendas detailing a family kick-off, team building, officer elections, public speaking and more. Learn how to adapt in-person activities to a virtual setting and strategies for including Cloverbuds. Find it at go.osu.edu/clubmeetingtoolkit.