

# Weekly 4-H Word

January 6, 2021

It is a new year and we are excited for 4-H in 2021! Right now we are working on plans for the coming year and crossing our fingers that we will be able to get back to normal.

*Christy*

## EXTENSION OFFICE AND 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

We are continuing to only telework through January 15. Right now, we are hoping to be back to limited office hours after that. Our office staff is not allowed to attend anything in person as OSU employees through January 15.

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All 4-H meetings and events must be canceled, postponed, or held virtually until January 15.

## 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. **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 the reference survey 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

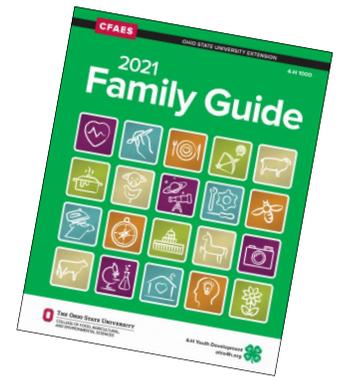
Camp Counselor Application Survey Link: [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3kIHEFgDdkVsvat](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3kIHEFgDdkVsvat)

Camp Counselor Reference Form: [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9LvW13isc1wlzkh](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9LvW13isc1wlzkh)



## 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. Remember though that you should not be distributing those at an in person event until after January 15.

## 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 you 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

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).