

Weekly 4-H Word

March 5, 2021

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

EXTENSION OFFICE AND 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

We are back to limited office hours by appointment only. To contact us use the information below

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

4-H ENROLLMENT

Our 4-H Enrollment deadline is April 1, 2021. Be sure that all returning and new members are registered by that deadline.

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 is 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. There are still some bugs being worked out by the developers of 4honline so bear with us as we continue to learn and adapt to this updated database.

Advisors: We recently switched to Version 2 of 4-H Online and unfortunately there were some issues with the conversion. Typically we would ask you to approve your club enrollments but V2 of the database doesn't give you that opportunity just yet. We keep thinking you will have the ability to approve your members soon but the timing of that update is still to be determined. As soon as your enrollment is complete Nancy can give you access to your club roster/enrollment list. Our office will be taking care of the member approvals until the organizational advisors are released to do it. Thank you for being patient as these corrections are made!

PROJECT BOOKS

The 2021 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. We are able now to order books to have available at our office. We will be placing an office order for more popular titles and can also place club or family orders. We will arrange appointments for pick ups.

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.

COUNTY 4-H MEETINGS

Join us for monthly county meetings for updates, learning and club time. Meetings are scheduled from 4 until around 6 on the following dates:

March 14, April 11 and May 16

Meetings will begin with a brief update with information about Preble County 4-H, include an educational program or speaker and time for 4-H Clubs to meet if Club Advisors choose.

4-H Families: Please use this link to register for the county meeting — <https://go.osu.edu/preblecountymeetingmarch2021>. 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_42TyXVeJnOYrem

TAKE PART IN THE BUCKEYE BRIDGE RIDE—CLUB INCENTIVE FOR PARTICIPATION!

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.buckeyebridgeride.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."

NATIONAL BEEKEEPING SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION

What's the buzz? It's the National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. Write a short essay (750-1000 words) on "Threats to Bee Colonies and Methods to Defend Against the Threats." One winner from Ohio will be selected to advance to the national competition. Submit Ohio entries by March 21 to jinks.osu.edu and find the requirements at <https://preservationofhoneybees.org/essays/2021-essays>

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.

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.