

Geauga County 4-H



News & Notes

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ENROLLMENT REMINDER

DUE TO APRIL 15th BEING A SUNDAY, ALL ENROLLMENTS MUST BE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY 8:30AM ON MONDAY, APRIL 16th.

CLUBS MAY USE THE FOYER DROP BOX FOR WEEKEND SUBMISSIONS.

NO LATE (after 8:30am on April 16th) OR INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

ALL FORMS MUST BE ORIGINALS – NO FAXED, PHOTOCOPIED, SCANNED, OR EMAILED FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Enrollment Form Reminders

- Clearly make changes. Please print. If it's illegible, it won't be updated.
- If a member is taking the project again in 2018, the "enroll" box for that project must be checked.
- Any new projects must be written in "NEW PROJECT" area.
- Volunteers should review each enrollment form. Best practice is to initial the form, indicating it had been checked.
- A member must complete project judging in order for their year in the project to count. For example, if a member signs up for Scrapbooking, completes activities in the project book but does not attend project judging, then that member never completed a Scrapbooking project and their year in that project would not count.

Projects

Enroll	Project	Club	Volunteer Title	Years In
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	756 Living History Project	County Coyotes Shooting Sports		3
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	150CE Chicken Exhibition (Fancy)	Geauga Caprine Kids		7
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	150CM Chicken Market	Geauga Caprine Kids		7
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	150DE Duck Exhibition	Geauga Caprine Kids		6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	150DM Duck Market	Geauga Caprine Kids		6
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	150TM Turkey Market	Geauga Caprine Kids		4
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	225 Breeding Rabbit Project	Geauga Caprine Kids		3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	227 Pet Rabbit Project	Geauga Caprine Kids		5
<input type="checkbox"/> (Enroll)	641 Beekeeping Project and Record book	Geauga Caprine Kids		4
(New Project)	244 From Airedales to Zebras, Level 1			
(New Project)	691 Grow Your Own Vegetables			
(New Project)				

The Example above indicates that the member will be enrolling in the following projects for 2018 4-H year:

- 150DM – Duck Market
- 227 – Pet Rabbit
- 244 – From Airedales to Zebras, Level 1
- 691 – Grow Your Own Vegetables

ADVISOR AREA

Club Information for Website

It's time to review and update your clubs information on the website. Please review what's currently online and complete the attached form titled **Club Information Form** and return it to the Extension Office at your earliest convenience with any changes. The information you provide will be used to update the club page on the OSU website geauga.osu.edu. If at any time a club would like to change the content on their club page, the club would just resubmit a new form and the information will be updated.

<https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/geauga-county-4-h-clubs>

4-H Membership Cards

Any clubs that would like yearly membership cards for the members and volunteers in their club should notify the office when club enrollments are turned in. Please be patient as all enrollments must be entered before any cards can be distributed.

Family-A-Fair

Family-A-Fair is a community service opportunity for clubs to participate in. When a club provides a sponsorship award, the funds are used to provide a Geauga County family the opportunity to experience the Great Geauga County Fair. Club sponsorships will provide selected families with admission tickets, ride tickets, concession vouchers, and milkshake tokens. See flyer for more information.

Volunteers Needed: Real Money Real World Program

May 9th – Berkshire High School

We are looking for volunteers to help facilitate the simulation (Part II) at Geauga County schools. Volunteers would donate a few hours of their time to run a simulation booth. Geauga County 4-H Volunteers who assist will receive credit towards their annual requirements. Volunteers can assist with a simulation, or even part of a simulation. If interested, please contact the Extension Office. 4-H Volunteers will receive credit towards their annual requirements.

Upcoming Simulations

Berkshire High School – Wednesday, May 9th, 8:30am – 12:30pm

CLUB NEWS

Refer-A-Friend Contest 2018

The Advisory Committee is holding their annual Refer-a-Friend Contest!!! The 4-H club who refers the most new members will receive a \$50.00 prize. The winning club will be announced in the May Newsletter.

Contest Rules:

1. New members are defined as those who have not been a previous member of 4-H in any club, county, or state.
2. New members must complete the "Refer-A-Friend" form, along with their 4-H enrollment and submit it to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on April 15th.
3. The winning club must use the prize money towards the entire club (pizza party, a night at the movies, etc.) The money may not be distributed in cash form to the members.

4-H Club Insurance

All clubs are strongly encouraged to purchase 4-H Club Insurance. A yearly policy is only \$1 per person (\$2 for horse and shooting sports). For more information visit <http://www.americanincomelife.com/who-we-serve/4-h-insurance>

Fighting Hunger in Geauga County – Community Service Opportunity

Greener Fields 4-H Club is again partnering with all of 4-H and with the Geauga Hunger Task Force to help increase donations to the 7 local food pantries throughout the county. Mary O'Neill and Annika Markoff, 4-H co-chairs of the food drive, are working with Dr. Augustine Kellis of Kellis Eye Center on a joint fundraiser. From April 15 until July 31, all donations and money raised by 4-H clubs and businesses in Geauga County will be again be generously matched by Dr. Kellis up to \$25,000. In 2017, the Geauga 4-H and business donations to the Geauga Hunger Task Force totaled over \$22,000! More information will be in the May newsletter. Please contact Christine Belliveau at 440-313-2864 for specific questions.

TSC Paper Clover Campaign – Spring 2018

Tractor Supply Company is proud to support the 4-H program.

From April 11th through April 22nd, TSC customers can donate \$1 at checkout to support the 4-H program. 90% of funds raised go back to the state and county 4-H programs to support camp and leadership opportunities 10% goes to National 4-H. Help us spread the word about the Clover Campaign. 4-H Clubs are encouraged to contact their local TSC Store to set up a club booth.

https://www.tractorsupply.com/landing-pages_4-h_4h-tsc

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Growing Giant Pumpkins Class

Auburn Pointe Greenhouse will host a Growing Giant Pumpkin class on Saturday, April 7th from 10:00-11:00. Have you ever gone to a Pumpkin Festival and wondered how they grew those giant gourds? Local resident Jim Domo will teach gardeners of all ages how to grow a giant pumpkin in their backyard. Jim will share his experience and secrets to growing these giant gourds. He will go through the growing process; from soil preparations, seed genetics, germination, timing, care, fertilizers and insect control etc. What a great parent/grandparent/child activity for the summer! Everyone will get 2 giant pumpkin seeds to take home! Fee is \$10.00 or \$5.00 for 4H members Register today at Auburn Pointe Greenhouse 440-543-7455

April 7th

4-H MEMBERS

Behind the Scenes at the Cleveland Zoo

June 1-2 (overnight)

The Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee is sponsoring their 6th Annual Educational Field Trip in collaboration with the Cleveland Zoo. Rising Waters Safari Camp is an African themed overnight Zoo adventure where participants will get to see behind the scenes at the zoo. Participants will stay overnight at the zoo. Cost is \$45. See flyer for more details and registration materials. Spots are limited so register early. Registration deadline is 4:30pm, May 10th.

4-H Teen & Older Youth Opportunities

Ohio 4-H offers a wide range of state and national level opportunities for active members. Interested in traveling to Washington, DC and learn about the history of our nation? Maybe you'd like to work alongside the State 4-H leaders and serve as an advocacy for 4-H and youth issues. How about traveling internationally or being a host family? These are just a few of the opportunities older youth can choose from. For a complete list see the "Teen & Older Youth Opportunities" attachment and contact the Extension Office with any questions. *Opportunities Include: 4-H Ambassador, CWF/LWF, Ohio State Junior Fair Board, 4-H Teen Council, Ohio Youth Capital Challenge, Buckeye Leadership, various camp counselor positions, and scholarship/achievement opportunities.* <http://www.ohio4h.org/families/just-teens>

4-H Advisory Academic Scholarship Opportunity

Due May 1st

Geauga County 4-H Advisory is offering a \$500 academic scholarship for current Geauga 4-H seniors or Geauga 4-H alums who are pursuing higher education. For complete details and eligibility requirements, please visit

<https://geauga.osu.edu/node/401>

Ohio 4-H Event Youth Assistant (4HEYA)

Who: Individuals age 13-18 (as of January 1 of the year of application) and have at least 1 year prior 4-H experience. Timeframe: Apply by May 15, selection, training, service to OSF, and evaluation. Complete responsibilities by August 31, 2018. Applications available at: <https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens> Questions? Contact Kayla (oberstadt.1@osu.edu) or Hannah (epley.24@osu.edu)

Requirements (in addition to application/selection process):

- Training-Must attend one of the options for training (July 10 or July 19)
- Events-Must work a minimum of 3 events at the Ohio State Fair; may work more if desired
- Program Fee: \$25/person for first year members; \$10 for 2nd or more year members
- Teens Receive:
 - 4HEYA Polo & Nametag
 - State Fair admission, parking ticket, and meal ticket(s) -
 - Experience of working events at the Ohio State Fair
 - Opportunity to enhance leadership skills and be involved in the State 4-H program

Public Speaking & Demonstration Contest

May 24th - 7:00pm

Cloverbud Division

Junior Division: 8 – 13

Senior Division: 14 -18

Members can choose from several categories; 4-H Pledge & Creed Contest, Illustrated Talks & Demonstrations, or the NEW video infomercial category. For complete rules, guidelines, and registration form, visit www.geauga.osu.edu. Registrations due by May 18th

Geauga 4-H Cloverbud Camp – Mark Your Calendars

Join us for two full days of fun at Cloverbud Camp. Cloverbud camp is limited to 20 campers. Registration will be open May 1st.

When: July 12 and 13

Where: Camp Burton, 14282 Butternut Rd. Burton, OH

Times: 8:00am – 5:00pm (not an overnight camp)

Meals: Morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack

Activities: Swimming, crafts, nature walks, games, and much more

Cost: Free (Thanks to those who support the Paper Clover campaigns at Geauga's Tractor Supply Stores)

Any volunteers/4-H members (14 and older) who are interested in helping out at Cloverbud Camp should contact the Extension Office.

Geauga County's 4-H Camp Week

June 17-23 @ Camp Whitewood

Do you have any summer plans? What better way to think of warm weather than to think of 4-H Camp! This year's camp is held from June 17-23 at Camp Whitewood. Cost is \$315 and includes all meals, lodging, crafts, and much, much more. Camp is open to all youth ages 8 and in 3rd grade through 14 years old. 4-H memberships is not required to attend.

Registration closes the June 8th. Scholarships are available.

Can't attend Geauga's week. Don't worry there's many other camps to choose from. Visit <http://4hcampwhitewood.com> for all the details.

Car Wash - May 19th 10am-2pm

The Geauga/Trumbull County 4-H Counselors are holding their annual wash fundraiser at

Tractor Supply in Middlefield

on May 19th from 10am-2pm

All funds raised will be used to help pay for counselor materials and camp supplies



2018 4-H Camp Scholarships

1. Geauga County 4-H Camp Whitewood Scholarship

DUE: April 30th

For any Geauga County resident or 4-H member to attend the Geauga County 4-H Camp at Camp Whitewood from June 17-23, 2018. Camper Scholarships are available courtesy of the Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee. Partial scholarships, of up to \$150, may be awarded based on available funds. Only Geauga County residents or Geauga County 4-H members are eligible to apply and must be registered for camp before submitting scholarship application. First priority will be given to Geauga County 4-H members. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 18, 2018. Scholarship forms are available online or at the Extension Office. Contact the Extension Office at (440) 834-4656 with questions. Scholarship Applications are due to the Geauga County Extension Office, not Camp Whitewood.

2. Ohio 4-H Camp Scholarship

DUE: 30 days before the start of camp

For any Geauga County 4-H member who wishes to attend a 4-H Camp (Any camp other than Geauga's 4-H Camp at Camp Whitewood June 17-23, 2018). Camper Scholarships are available courtesy of the Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee. Partial scholarships, of up to \$100, may be awarded based on available funds. Only Geauga County residents or Geauga County 4-H members are eligible to apply and must be registered for camp before submitting scholarship application. First priority will be given to Geauga County 4-H members. Scholarship forms are available online or at the Extension Office. Contact the Extension Office at (440) 834-4656 with questions. Scholarship Applications are due to the Geauga County Extension Office.

Scholarship applications are available at <http://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/geauga-county-4-h-camp>

Special Needs Camp - Canters Cave 4-H Camp, Jackson, OH

July 27-29, 2018

"4-H is for everyone," but sometimes accessibility issues deny youth with multiple handicaps the opportunity to attend camp. In Ohio, a statewide 4-H camp is held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson, Ohio for multiple handicapped youth and their caregivers. Being a typical kid is what Camp is all about and it is no different for special needs youth. Being handicapped does not mean you do not want to do all the things that typical children do. Special needs youth need the availability of a camp which can accommodate their varying medical, physical and emotional needs. Ohio 4-H Special Needs Camp is designed with special needs youth in mind and is tailored to their needs. It gives youth a chance to try new things in a safe environment while building relationships. For complete registration materials visit <https://4hcantercave.osu.edu/home/experience-it/special-needs-camp>. Registration due July 2nd.

LIVESTOCK/HORSE

Swine Tagging

Deadline: May 19th at 12:00pm

Swine tagging deadline is May 19th at 12:00pm. Any clubs with members planning to participate in the Market Swine project need to contact Swine Coordinator Kirk Walker with a headcount per club ASAP.

2018 Weight Limits – 220 to 310 pounds

Advisors will be contacted with tag pick up date.

Kirk Walker – klngbrd@aol.com

Wanted - Species Chairman

This year we would like to be better organized for Project Judging. We are asking for one volunteer to serve as a species chair. This individual would be responsible for updating the score sheets, making sure there are enough volunteers and tables at project judging, and ensuring your species Skill-a-thon kit has all the necessary items before judging day. If interested, contact the Extension Office. The following species need a chairperson: Beef, Swine, Rabbit/Sm Animal, Goats.

Mandatory Equine Meeting

April 21, 9am – School Building

The 4-H Equine Member Meeting is mandatory for ALL youth, regardless of their years in 4-H, and their legal parents/guardians who are participating in the 2018 Geauga 4-H Horse Program. The meeting will include information regarding rules and regulations, scholarships, PAS, project judging, show dates, work responsibilities, program calendar and important dates, chain of command, Q&A session and more. Registration is **not** required as all members are required to attend.

Equine Safety & Ethics Training

April 21, 10am-12pm – School Building

The Ohio 4-H Program requires all first year horse project members, regardless of age and their legal parents/guardians to attend the 4-H Equine Safety & Ethics Program before they are eligible to participate in the 4-H horse program. This includes new Cross-County members as well. Those that have attended as Cloverbuds and will be riding for the first time in 4-H activities must attend. All youth and their legal parent/guardian must complete this resource before riding in any 4-H activities involving horses to help ensure the safety of the children as they work with horses. This training is immediately following the mandatory Equine Meeting and will last approximately 2 hours. Late arrivals or early departures will not be allowed. Members must pre-register for the S&E program by April 17th by calling the Extension Office.

2018 Quality Assurance Program - See QA Packet for complete information.

Test Out Option: Testing is offered the week of April 23-27 during normal business hours or April 24th at 4:30pm. Members must pre-register at least 24 hrs in advance at the Extension Office. Geauga County Junior Fair market animal project exhibitors ages 12-14 and 15-18 and have previously attended a QA program, may elect to take a Quality Assurance test in their primary project area. Those who pass the test will be exempt from annual quality assurance re-certification until they move into the next age bracket or are no longer a Geauga County Junior Fair feed exhibitor. Must preregister by calling the Extension Office at 440.834.4656.

QA Program: May 5th, 10am-12pm, Registration open from 9:30-9:50am. No admittance allowed after 9:55am. Geauga Fair Grounds. Out of county QA opportunities are available.

Geauga Park District: Trail Rides & Equine Clinics

All horseback trail rides through the Park District require registration via www.geaugaparkdistrict.org or 440-286-9516.

Sharing Trails with Horses (For Hikers, Bikers and Other Trail Users)

Saturday, April 21, 10 AM-Noon, The West Woods, Turkey Ridge Shelter

[\(Facebook event here\)](#)

Whether you're a hiker, biker, jogger or dog-walker, learn how to safely approach horseback riders sharing park trails. Horses and riders from Rich Bradshaw Training Stables of Burton will demonstrate trail etiquette and non-threatening ways to approach and safely co-exist with horseback riders, teaching how to get "inside the brain" of a horse. Please bring your children, strollers and dogs for a chance to meet the horses; no additional horses, please.

Maple Highlands Horse Ride

Saturday, May 5, 10 AM-12:30 PM, Headwaters Park, Crystal Lake Picnic Area Rt. 608 Parking Lot

[\(Register here\)](#) [\(Facebook event here\)](#)

Bring your horse for this leisurely spring Amish-countryside ride on the bike and buggy path that includes two covered bridges. This 6-7 mile ride on the newly opened Maple Highlands Trail-South provides a peaceful tour of parks, farms and village. Road crossings, gravel, bridges, bikes and/or buggies may be anticipated. Another different ride takes place in the afternoon; riders may register for one or both rides and bring lunch to eat in between.

Headwaters Horse Ride

Saturday, May 5, 1-3 PM, Headwaters Park, Crystal Lake Picnic Area Rt. 608 Parking Lot

[\(Register here\)](#) [\(Facebook event here\)](#)

Bring your horse for this leisurely naturalist-led ride enjoying wildflowers, an eagle nest, migratory birds and scenic lake views. This 4-mile ride on the Buckeye and Maple Bridle Trails includes gravel and bridges with the possibility of bikes. A different ride takes place in the afternoon; riders may register for one or both rides and bring lunch to eat in between.

Horseback Trail Ride (Walk, Trot & Canter)

Saturday, June 23, 10-11:30 AM, Observatory Park

[\(Register here\)](#) [\(Facebook event here\)](#)

Bring your horse for this naturalist-led trail ride, enjoying the summer woodland from a seat in the saddle at a faster pace. Walk-only riders, please attend the afternoon ride. Participants may register for one or both trail rides with a lunch break between.

Horseback Trail Ride (Walk Only)

Saturday, June 23, 1-3 PM, Observatory Park

[\(Register here\)](#) [\(Facebook event here\)](#)

Bring your horse for this naturalist-led trail ride, enjoying the summer woodland from a seat in the saddle at a more leisurely pace. Walk, trot and canter riders, please attend the morning ride. Participants may register for one or both trail rides with a lunch break between.

Riders must trailer their own horses to the park. Helmets are encouraged. Please bring a shovel to clean up after your horse in the parking lot.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

- 1 Cross County Requests Due
Early Enrollment Deadline
- 15 **ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – All enrollments must be received by Monday, April 16th, 8:30am.**
- 21 **Mandatory Horse Project Meeting and Equine Safety & Ethics Training**
- 30 Camp Whitewood Scholarship applications due

May

- 5 **Quality Assurance**
- 10 Zoo Field Trip Registration Deadline
- 24 Public Speaking Contest
- 26 4-H Horse Show
- 28 Memorial Day – Extension Office Closed

June

- 1 All QA and Horse Safety & Ethics must be complete and submitted to Extension Office by 4:30pm
- 1-2 **Zoo Field Trip**
- 9 4-H Point Horse Show
- 17-23 **Geauga County 4-H Camp**
- 23 PAS Show – Geauga Co. Fairgrounds

Mark Your Calendars - 2018

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| April 15 | Enrollment Deadline |
| May 5 | Quality Assurance |
| June 17-23 | Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp |
| July 12 & 13 | Cloverbud Camp |
| July 21 | Project Judging – Livestock & Miscellaneous |

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