

The Geauga 4-H Report



April 2021

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April

- 1 Early Enrollment Bonus Deadline
Volunteer Policy 1.50 Training Deadline
- 6 Advisory Committee Meeting
- 7 Virtual Quality Assurance Session 2
- 15 Enrollment deadline – 4:30pm**
- 29 Virtual Club Officer Training 6:30pm**

May

- 1 Quality Assurance
- 20 Public Speaking & Demonstration Contest
- 31 Memorial Day – Office Closed

June

- 13-18 Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp

Save the Dates!

2021 Quality Assurance

Saturday, May 1st from 9:30 -11:30 am, Fairgrounds

Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp

June 13-18, Camp Whitewood

Cloverbud Camp

July 15 & 16, Camp Burton

2021 Project Judging Dates

Animal Project Judging: Saturday, July 17th
9:00-11:00 am, Fairgrounds

General Project Judging: Saturday, July 17th
12:30-3:00 pm; School Building

Clothing Project Judging: Tuesday, July 20th
(Tentatively scheduled)

Virtual options will be communicated if needed.

2021 4-H ENROLLMENTS – APRIL 15th 4:30PM DEADLINE

Deadline to enroll is fast approaching. Project selection is important, and we encourage you to check out <https://projectcentral.ohio4h.org> to explore the wide variety of options available. Once you are ready to enroll...

WEBSITE: <http://v2.4honline.com/>

Best Browsers for access: Firefox and Chrome.

Returning Members & Advisors:

Instructional step-by-step video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6tEKXvnFRY>

New 4-H Members

Complete a paper enrollment form. The Extension Office will enroll you based on your form. If the new member is a sibling of a current members (family already has an enrollment profile), member can submit a paper form or be entered online by the parent/guardian.

Complete instructions and video resources are available at: <https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/how-join-geauga-county-4-h/4-h-online-enrollment>

4-H Club News

Refer-A-Friend Contest

As 2021 may continue to be a challenging year, clubs are encouraged to recruit new members again for the 2021 4-H Year. This year's contest will award the club who recruits the biggest percent of new members in relation to their 2020 returning members. Winning club will get to choose between a \$50 4-H Mall Gift Card or \$50 Joann Fabrics Gift Card. Clubs electing to participate will need to submit the club refer-a-friend form.

Club Information for Website

It's time to review and update your club information on the website. Please review what is 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. [Club Information Form](#)

Project Book Orders

If clubs/youth can place orders through the Extension Office or can order directly from the website. Only orders purchased through the Extension Office with a club check are tax exempt. Personal orders will be charged tax.

To order online, visit: <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources>
(Coupon for free shipping on orders over \$20)

For an order form to submit to the Geauga Extension Office, visit:
https://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/2021%20Summary%20of%20Changes.pdf

Quality Assurance

Tentative In-Person: Saturday, May 1 at 10:00am. No late entry. Registration opens at 9:30am.

YQCA Option – Online <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

Youth will have the option to fulfill their QA requirement by completing an online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) session again in 2021. The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA), has endorsed the following option for youth who are officially enrolled in a 4-H and/or FFA livestock/food animal project.

For the training to meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA requirement for the project year:

- Youth must complete the online session by June 1, 2021.
- The on-line module completed MUST be for the correct 4-H age for the youth.
- Must submit copy of certificate to the Extension Office by 4:30pm **June 1st**.

Please Note:

- All other online courses **do not** meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA Certification requirements. This is the only online (non-OSU) opportunity available to 4-H members.
- The Geauga County Agricultural Society has approved this online YQCA option.
- The \$12 fee is imposed and collected by the YQCA and not the Geauga Extension Office or the Geauga Agricultural Society

Test Out Option

Youth interested in testing out should contact the Extension Office to set up an appointment. Youth will take a written test consisting of 50 multiple choice questions. 70% is required for passing.

Geauga Hunger Task Force

Greener Fields 4-H Club, in partnership with all of Geauga County 4-H and Dr. Augustine Kellis, will again be running a food drive for the Geauga Hunger Task Force. Our drive this year is being led by our club secretary, Jayme O'Neill. The GHTF supports five local food pantries in Geauga County, as well as provides support to NextStep, to groups that deliver home based meals, to provide lunch meals to Seniors at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, financial support to local churches providing community meals, financial support to Claridon Cares which provides summer lunches to students, and to the Veterans pantry.



All donations and money from 4-H clubs and businesses who give through the 4-H drive will be matched up to \$20,000. In 2020, the Geauga 4-H and business donations, plus the match from Dr. Kellis, totaled close to \$39,000! If any club wants to send a financial donation, please mail it to the Geauga Hunger Task Force (check payable to them), Attn: Claudia Toth, 209 Center St., Chardon, OH 44024. Please indicate in the memo line that it's for the 4-H food drive. If it's not a club check, please also include the club name so your club's participation can be noted. It would be helpful to also send a tally sheet noting the financial donation to Christine or Jayme. New this year is the option of shopping off of our Amazon wish list for donation items! The items will be shipped to an adviser and personally delivered to a local pantry. If a club donation of food items is made, please send a tally sheet so that club participation and the match can be recorded. Please note the food drive attachments. Thank you all for your past help and participation! Our help will be needed this year more than ever. Food assistance is the number one reason for calls for help to the United Way since the pandemic.

Member Information

Virtual Club Officer Training – April 29th 6:30pm-8:00pm

To Register please visit - [4-H Club Officer Training](#)

Any youth who is serving as a club officer or is interested in learning more about officer roles, is invited to attend this virtual club officer training opportunity. Participants will be able to select which officer position they want to learn more about. Volunteers may attend as well and will receive volunteer training credit.

At least one member (not a volunteer) per club must attend for the club to receive a Club Officer Resource Kit on behalf of the Ohio 4-H Foundation grant Geauga 4-H has received.

This training opportunity is a multi-county event. Each officer role session will be facilitated by OSUE or CSUE 4-H professionals. It is the responsibility of the participant to actively participate, keep their video on, and follow attendance instructions to receive credit.



Scholarship Opportunities

4-H Advisory Committee Scholarship

The Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee Scholarship may award up to two \$500 academic scholarships for the 2020 year. Deadline to apply is July 31st.

[Advisory Committee 4-H Scholarship](#)

4-H Horse Committee Scholarship

The Geauga County 4-H Horse Committee may award up to two \$500 academic scholarships. Deadline to apply is August 1st.

[Geauga 4-H Horse Committee Scholarship](#)

4-H Camp Scholarships – Coming Soon

Jr. Fair Information

The Governor has opened up the state for fairs at this time. If COVID continues to come under control and numbers don't begin to rise, we will have a full fair in September. Our Senior Fair Board Secretary, Paul Harris, has worked very hard since our 2020 fair to make full fairs a reality, and we are grateful for all of his hard work.

We are planning on tagging and weighing sheep and goats in person this year as long as COVID numbers continue to come down. Tagging will take place on the fairgrounds at the swine scale on May 15th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Masks are required and social distancing should be observed. Swine tagging will be done at the farm and the information turned into Junior Fair by May 15th.

The King and Queen application is attached to the newsletter. This is open to all members of Junior Fair participating groups (4-H, Girl/Boy Scouts, Grange, GHPA, Farm Bureau). If you are interested in participating, please complete the attached application form and submit it to the Secretary's Office on the fairgrounds by June 1st.

We are looking for applicants for our Junior Fair Auxiliary. This year the program is being overseen by our Grange Adult Coordinator, Jennifer Lanstrum. This program is open to any members in good standing between the ages of 11 and 13. If you are interested, please complete the form and return it as directed.

Swine Tagging Information

Swine Coordinator: Kirk Walker 440-679-4207

Hog tag in must be completed and turned in to Kirk by Sat. May 15th at Noon.

Advisors, please contact Kirk with number of kids taking hogs and number of tags needed.

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