

The Geauga 4-H Report



February 2021

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February

- 1 Advisory Committee Meeting
- 15 New Volunteer Interview Day
- 15 Camp Counselor Interviews. 6:30pm

March

- 1 Advisory Committee Meeting
Club Turkey Orders due to the Fair Office
- 8 4-H Yard Display Entries Due by 8:00am
- 13 Virtual Quality Assurance Session 1
- 15 Cross County Requests Due by 4:30pm
- 18 New Volunteer Interview Day
- 25 Virtual Quality Assurance Session 2
- 31 Virtual New Volunteer Orientation & 1.50 Training

April

- 1 Early Enrollment Bonus Deadline
- 5 Advisory Committee Meeting
- 7 Virtual Quality Assurance Session 3
- 15 Enrollment deadline – 4:30pm

Save the Dates!

2021 Quality Assurance

Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 -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.

A word from Alisha...

The 2021 4-H year is underway! While we are unsure of what this year will bring, we are optimistic. We learned a great deal from our tribulations in 2020. As we begin to plan our club meetings, community outreaches, county events, shows, and prepare for Jr. Fair, I remind everyone to be mindful of others' health and wellness.

Here at the Extension Office we do our very best to offer as much as we can with the limitations we are currently experiencing. We are required to follow OSU and Geauga County Health Department guidelines and therefore we shift programming as they recommend/require. Our promise is to communicate any updates and changes as soon as we receive them. Please dig deep and remember why we love 4-H so that some day when we are back to normal, we can learn to thrive together again. If you have specific concerns or suggestions, we are glad to hear them! Reach out to us anytime!

Yours in 4-H,
Alisha Faudie
4-H Extension Educator



Advisor Area

Ohio 4-H Virtual Conference

The 2021 Virtual Ohio 4-H Conference brings together 4-H **volunteers and teens** (age 13 and older) from across Ohio. You can participate in a variety of educational sessions that offer something for everyone! Join us as we learn from one another to make the best better for Ohio 4-H programs.

This year's conference dates:

- Saturday, February 20 – 9:00am
- Thursday, February 25 – 7:00pm
- Saturday, February 27 – 7:00pm

Registration Information

- Cost: FREE
- www.go.osu.edu/2021O4HC

New 4-H Volunteers

Anyone interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer for the 2021 year must complete the entire screening process (application, references, BCI, and interview) by **March 31, 2021**. Volunteer applications are available to download and print at www.geauga.osu.edu.

Volunteer interviews will be conducted on Monday, February 15 and Thursday, March 18. All potential volunteers must schedule an interview time. Interviews will be virtual via the Zoom platform until further notice.

2021 4-H ENROLLMENTS

It's time to start enrolling in Geauga County 4-H for 2021. 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: All returning members and volunteers have an account. If your email has changed please contact the Extension office. Please do not make a new account.

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>

Need Enrollment help? Open to volunteers, parents, and members. Not a required training.

March 4 at 6:30pm - [4-H Online Enrollment Help Session Registration](#)

Online OSU Child Abuse Training (Policy 1.50)

Complete by April 1st

<https://cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/2021-osu-policy-150-annual-training-4h-v7-00q3>

All OSU volunteers must complete the annual Child Abuse & Neglect Recognition Training. All volunteers are able to complete the course online. The course is self-registration. Upon completion, please submit a screen-shot or forward the completion course notice to the Extension Office.

New Volunteer Orientation & 1st Year Child Abuse Training

March 31st via Zoom

New volunteers have two options at completing orientation and their Child Abuse Training. They are able to complete both training online or can register for a Zoom training on March 31st. Any volunteer is welcome to attend as well.

New Volunteer Orientation - 6:30pm

Child Abuse Training – 7:45pm

[New Volunteer Orientation & Child Abuse Training Registration](#)

Club Officer Resource Kits – Survey

Click for survey → [Club Officer Survey](#)

Geauga 4-H has received a grant from the Ohio 4-H Foundation that will allow us to provide resource kits to all our clubs. Each club will receive a kit for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We know that some clubs have additional officer positions. To better serve the needs of our clubs, we ask that each club complete the brief survey regarding what officer positions your club has. If a club does not complete the survey, they will not receive the additional officer resource kits. Please complete the survey by February 28th. We are looking at late April - early May for the upcoming Officer Training.

4-H Club News

4-H Yard Display Contest – *Replaces the Window Display Contest*

This year we are taking a social distancing approach to our 4-H promotion actions. Instead of the regular Window Display Contest where clubs come together to decorate a business display, we are suggesting “yard displays”. Both youth members and volunteers are encouraged to decorate their own yards, front doors, porches, barns, etc.

Displays can promote a club, 4-H camp, or 4-H in general. This year there is no specific criteria required. There is no limit to the number of displays once club can have. Displays should depict a positive 4-H message and be large enough to read from a distance. Take a picture of your display and email it to faudie.2@osu.edu or ward.714@osu.edu by 8:00am on March 8th. Winning display will earn their club a \$50 gift card to the 4-H Mall.



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.

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

Club Information for Website

It's time to review and update your clubs 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](#)

Celebrating 4-H

4-H Stories from Current Members, Advisors, and Alumni. Share your fondest 4-H memories, how 4-H has changed you, your leadership experiences, how you met your best friend in 4-H, how your project challenged you, etc. Send us your stories by February 28. We hope to share through social media, our website, compile a handout of our 4-H stories, and possibly share in the newspapers

Quality Assurance

This year youth will have multiple options to complete Quality Assurance. Three virtual sessions and one will (hopefully) be in-person. Youth can elect to participate in any session. Virtual options are limited to 50 registrations. Review QA flyer for complete details. To register for virtual (zoom) opportunities only, visit: [2021 Virtual Quality Assurance Registration](#)

Virtual Opportunities:

Session 1: Saturday, March 13 at 9:00am
Session 2: Thursday, March 25 at 7:00pm
Session 3: Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00pm

In-Person:

Saturday, May 1 at 10:00am

Member Information

Honeybee Essay Competition

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees is once again sponsoring the 2021 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. The essay competition is open to active 4-H Club members only.

2021 Essay Topic: Immunity: Threats to Bee Colonies and Methods to Defend Against the Threats

Deadline for submission to the Ohio 4-H state office is March 29, 2021. Submit essays to Lisa Jinks, jinks.2@osu.edu by midnight. Each submitted essay will be reviewed by a panel of writing professionals and the top essay selected will be submitted for national competition. Be sure to see important requirements and guidelines on the Foundation's website. [Click here for rules and overview.](#)

4-H Fashion Board Applications

Members interested in joining the 2021 Fashion Board should complete an application and submit it to the Extension Office by March 1, 2021. Members must be at least 12 years old (as of Jan 1, 2020), have previously completed two years of clothing or textile projects, and carry a clothing project while serving on the board. Contact the Extension Office for an application or complete the online application at: [2021 Geauga 4-H Fashion Board Application](#)

Jr. Swine Day

The 2021 OSU Jr. Swine Day will be held virtually on Saturday, February 20 from 9:00AM - 12:30PM. Virtual Jr. Swine Day is free of charge. To register go online to www.go.osu.edu/jsd2021.

Please pre-register by February 16. Only online registrations will be accepted. After you fill out the registration you will receive a confirmation email. An additional email will be sent to you 48 hours prior to the event which will contain the Zoom Link and password that are needed to view Jr. Swine Day. Virtual Jr. Swine Day will not fulfill your requirement for QA. You must complete QA in your county.

Equine Safety & Ethics (EQUISTEP)

Completion of this program is required for **first year members** before participating in 4-H Horse Activities.

– 2021 Topics: Helmet Safety, Safety & Handling, Preventative Health, and Handling Adversity

Members will fulfill the requirement by completing online CANVAS Modules. Each participant will enroll themselves via a link the link below. Each participant must have a unique email address (i.e. siblings cannot use same email)

<https://cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/equine-safety-training-and-education-program-09-mz2-e41>.

Across County Lines Request

OSU Extension policy is that youth should participate in the 4-H program in their county of residence. Each county program received money for operations from their county government and local volunteers work hard to support their local programming. Therefore, across county membership is strongly discouraged.

If you have youth interested in joining your club that live out-of-county, they **MUST** complete a *Request for Membership Across County Lines* form and submit it to the 4-H Educator in the county where membership is being requested. NOTE: This must be done as early as possible in the 4-H year as counties have different enrollment deadlines and the form may need to be processed earlier than the county deadline.

The policy and form may be printed from our website: geauga.osu.edu (4-H Youth Development, Club Information and Forms). The Geauga County deadline is March 15th.

Permission for 4-H membership across county lines should NOT BE assumed by the parents of the child or advisors until official notification is received from the 4-H office I the county of request.

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