

# Geauga County 4-H



## News & Notes

February | 2020

### Club & Membership Guideline Reminders

As you start to gear up for the 2020 4-H Year, please be aware of the following:

1. All new volunteers must have completed the OSU Volunteer Screening Process and been approved by the Extension Office before they are able to act in the capacity of a 4-H Volunteer.
2. Clubs participating in Online Enrollments still must submit a paper copy of all enrollment forms to the Extension Office by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Clubs must have a minimum of 5 members from 3 different families. Members are defined as youth age 8 (as of Jan 1) and in third grade or any youth age 9 or above regardless of grade level. *Cloverbuds cannot be counted towards the minimum membership requirement.* This is a Club Charter requirement.
4. As the Extension Office receives new member inquiries, we suggest they attend meetings of at least 2 different clubs to see what the best fit for their family is before deciding on a club to join. If you are looking for more members or your club is at capacity, let us know as this will help us in assisting new families.
5. **Across County Membership Request due March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Ohio 4-H has updated the Across County requirements for a more standardized policy across the state. Please review the updates. All requests **MUST** be submitted 30 days before the enrollment deadline of the requesting county. Youth interested in joining Geauga 4-H must submit their Across County request form to the Geauga Extension Office by March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

## **ADVISOR AREA**

### Volunteer Training Opportunity

**February 25<sup>th</sup> at Auburn Career Center**

Volunteers and 4-H youth are invited to attend the multi-county training on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Auburn Career Center. Participants can fulfill their OSU Child Abuse & Recognition Training and choose from various workshops or complete their new volunteer orientation requirement. Youth will be able to complete their 2020 QA training as well. This event is free to all 4-H volunteers and members. Registration is due to Lake County Extension by Feb 18<sup>th</sup>

[https://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/Events/2020%20Volunteer%20Training%20Flyer%20-%20Auburn.pdf](https://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Events/2020%20Volunteer%20Training%20Flyer%20-%20Auburn.pdf)

#### **4H ONLINE ENROLLMENT HELP**

Volunteers who are doing their clubs Online Enrollments this year are welcome to come to the Extension Office to use the computers and for trouble shooting help. Please call to set up a time.

We are also working on hosting an Enrollment Entry Night where volunteers can bring their enrollments and computer to the office and receive direct trouble shooting help. Stay tuned for complete details.

#### **Volunteers Needed: Real Money Real World Program**

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.

- February 14 – Chardon Middle School 7:30am-12:30pm
- May 12 – Cardinal Middle School 7:15am – 10:30am
- May 20 – Notre Dame 12:00pm – 2:00pm

#### **2020 Potential 4-H Volunteers**

Anyone interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer for the 2020 year must complete the entire screening process (application, references, BCI, and interview) by **March 31, 2020**. Volunteer applications are available at [www.geauga.osu.edu](http://www.geauga.osu.edu)

Volunteer interviews will be conducted on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. All potential volunteers must schedule an interview time.

New Volunteer Orientation & New Volunteer Child Abuse & Recognition Training - March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Geauga Extension Office

## **CLUB NEWS**

#### **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](http://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](#)

#### **Ohio 4-H Club/Affiliate Yearly Financial Summary**

**Due January 31, 2020**

All 4-H clubs and affiliates (committees) are required to submit a Yearly Financial Summary by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Club financials will now be reported based on each calendar year's bank transactions, January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Clubs may elect to complete the form in two ways. 1) Submit the Financial Summary online using the instructions accompanying the summary. 2) Submit the Financial Summary in hard copy form to the Extension Office. The Extension Office will then submit all club summaries to the State Office as required. Each club's Organizational Advisor should have received the necessary information and forms that were included in the Annual Update packet. Additional copies are available on the website or by contacting the Extension Office.

#### **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>

#### **Window Display Contest**

Clubs are invited to create an educational display with posters, pictures, three-dimensional materials, etc. to promote the opportunities and fun your club offers! Every club or program that creates a display and submits the required information will be recognized. Displays will be judged during the week of March 8-14. Displays will be placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and clubs will receive a certificate. No monetary prizes will be given. Complete submissions must be received at **Extension Office by March 9, 2019 at 8:30am**. Submissions may be dropped off at the office or by email [faudie.2@osu.edu](mailto:faudie.2@osu.edu) or [ward.714@osu.edu](mailto:ward.714@osu.edu). See flyer for complete details.

## 4-H MEMBERS

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### **Geauga 4-H Cloverbud Camp – SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us for two full days of fun for Cloverbud Camp. While the details are still in the works, here's what we know:

**When:** July 16 and 17

**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 the all the support through the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign!!!

\*Cloverbud camp is limited to 20 campers. Registration will be available soon.

### **Geauga County's 4-H Camp Week**

**June 14-19 @ 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 16-21 at Camp Whitewood. Cost is \$305 and includes all meals, lodging, crafts, and much, much more. Camp is open to all youth ages 8 and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 14 years old. 4-H memberships is not required to attend.

**Registration closes the June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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.

## LIVESTOCK/HORSE

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### **Wanted - Species Chairman 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, contributing to updating the make-up tests, 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.

### **Equine Safety & Ethics Training**

**April 18**

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 15<sup>th</sup> by calling the Extension Office.

### **Quality Assurance Planning Committee**

Any volunteers interesting in helping plan and organize this year's QA are invited to be a part of the 2020 QA Planning Committee. The committee will meet on March 4, and April 1, and April 29 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. Interested volunteers should notify the Extension Office by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **OSU Junior Swine Day**

**March 28 – OSU Wooster or Columbus**

OSU Jr. Swine Day will be held March 28 at two locations: Columbus and Wooster. The program includes topics on Evaluations & Selections, Meat Sciences, Nutrition and Feed Management, and Showmanship. Quality Assurance is also offered. Youth attending QA are required to submit confirmation of attendance to the Geauga Extension Office. Registration is \$15 and spots are limited. See attached brochure for complete schedule of events.

\*\*\*Only online registrations will be accepted-no onsite registration available [www.go.osu.edu/OSUJRSDAY](http://www.go.osu.edu/OSUJRSDAY)

## Youth Poultry Clinic

**April 18<sup>th</sup> – OSU ATI, Wooster**

The 2020 Youth Poultry Clinic will be held Saturday, April 18, at OSU ATI, Wooster. The postmark deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 1. The cost for the clinic is \$25.00 for adults and \$20.00 for youth. Registration material will be available after the first of the year at <https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/poultry/poultry-calendar-events>.

Tentative topics are: Necropsy, Processing/Meats, Exhibition Poultry, Digestion/Nutrition, OPA/Careers, Youth Quality Assurance, Broilers A-Z, Laying Hens/Eggs, and a Question/Answer Corner.

Refreshments and lunch are included in the registration fee. Vendors will be present.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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### **February**

14 Real Money Real World Program at Chardon Middle School  
17 New Volunteer Interview Day- by appointment only  
24 Camp Counselor Parent Meeting

### **March**

8-14 Ohio 4-H Week  
14 Ohio 4-H Conference – Columbus, OH  
12 New Volunteer Interview Day – by appointment only  
**15 Cross County 4-H Member Request Deadline**  
20-21 Counselor Camp Overnight Training at Camp Whitewood  
**26 New Volunteer Orientation & Policy 1.50**  
30 New Volunteer Screening Deadline

### **April**

1 Early Enrollment Deadline  
**15 Enrollment Deadline – 4:30pm**  
18 Equine Safety & Ethics Training



### **Mark Your Calendars – 2020**

<b>May 2</b>	<b>Quality Assurance</b>
June 14-19	Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp
July 16 & 17	Cloverbud Camp
<b>July 18</b>	<b>Project Judging (Animal &amp; Miscellaneous)</b>
October 1	Officer Books Due

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