

Geauga County 4-H



News & Notes

January | 2019

Club & Membership Guideline Reminders

As you start to gear up for the 2019 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 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.
3. 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.

4. NEW DEADLINE: Across County Membership Request due March 15th

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 15th at 4:30pm.

<https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/volunteers/Across%20County%20Lines%20Policy%20and%20Request%20Form%20Nov%202018.pdf>



Enhancing the Cloverbud Experience

March 14th - 6:30pm

Geauga County 4-H has received a grant from the Ohio 4-H Foundation to provide educational Cloverbud curriculum and materials to all of our 4-H clubs. Each club will receive a copy of the following: The Big Book of Cloverbud Activities, Choose & Tell Cards, Cloverbud Cubes, and the Cloverbud Volunteer Guidebook. Volunteers who attend this training will receive their club's materials and participate in hands on Cloverbud activities using the Cloverbud Activity Kits that are available to borrow from the Extension Office. Volunteers must register by March 8th.

Quality Assurance Planning Committee

Any volunteers interesting in helping plan and organize this year's QA are invited to be a part of the 2019 QA Planning Committee. The committee will meet on March 6, and April 3, and May 1 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. Interested volunteers should notify the Extension Office by February 28th.

CLUB NEWS

Ohio 4-H Club/Affiliate Yearly Financial Summary

Due January 31, 2019

All 4-H clubs and affiliates (committees) are required to submit a Yearly Financial Summary by January 31st. Club financials will now be reported based on each calendar year's bank transactions, January 1st - December 31st 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.

Refer-A-Friend Contest – Updated Guidelines

Clubs are encouraged to recruit new members again for the 2019 4-H Year. This year's contest will award \$25 to the club who recruits the biggest percent of new members in relation to their 2019 returning members. Clubs still need to submit the refer-a-friend form for all new members.

4-H MEMBERS

4-H Fashion Board Applications

Members interested in joining the 2019 Fashion Board should complete an application and submit it to the Extension Office by January 31, 2019. Members must be at least 12 years old (as of Jan 1, 2019), 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 visit [here](#)

Older Youth Opportunities

Looking for 4-H related opportunities at a State and/or National level? The links below contain information which will be helpful to 4-H members, parents, and volunteer leaders. The forms must be signed by the 4-H Extension Educator, before they are submitted. Please contact our Extension Office for deadlines. <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>

Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) is a 4-H leadership program for youth entering grades 7 through 9. The program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just 1 mile from the Washington, D.C. border. For more than 50 years, thousands of 4-H'ers have participated in our high school program, Citizenship Washington Focus and now we are happy to introduce its precursor for middle school 4-H'ers, LWF. Middle school 4-H delegates will: Build confidence in their ability to motivate and direct others in meaningful action, Practice effective communication with others through group discussion and public speaking, Work with others to create and accomplish goals, Develop an understanding of their own personal leadership style, Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other 4-H'ers from across the nation, and Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, DC.

<https://ohio4h.org/families/members/opportunities-more/leadership-washington-focus-lwf>

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, ages 14-19, from across the country. Citizenship Washington Focus gives 4-H youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need to be outstanding leaders in their home communities and at the national level. Through sightseeing tours in the living classroom of Washington, D.C. and hands-on educational workshops, youth will learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it and how they can apply the leadership and citizenship skills they have learned at CWF when they return home. <https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/citizenship-washington-focus>

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 11 and 12

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: TBD

Cloverbud camp is limited to 20 campers.

LIVESTOCK/HORSE

NEW DATE: Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show: July 13 – 19th

Horse members attending State Fair ONLY – Project Judging will be held June 22 (PAS Show Day) at the Extension Office. Please talk to your club advisor for more information.

EERA VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers and 4-H youth are invited to attend the multi-county trainings. Participants can fulfill their OSU Child Abuse Training and choose from various workshops or complete their new volunteer orientation requirement (No new volunteer orientation at the April 11th training). This event is free to all 4-H volunteers and members. More information coming soon!

February 11 – Ravenna High School

February 27 – Auburn Career Center

March 20 – Medina County Career Center

April 11 – Kent State Geauga Campus

DATES TO REMEMBER

January

- 1 Happy New Year – Extension Office Closed
- 28 Camp Counselor Interviews
- 31 **Club Financial Summary Due**
Fashion Board Applications Due

February

- 1 Deadline to register for the Ohio 4-H Conference
- 11 EERA Volunteer Training – Ravenna High School
- 25 Camp Counselor Parent Meeting
- 27 EERA Volunteer Training – Auburn Career Center

March

- 3 – 9 **Ohio 4-H Week**
- 9 **Ohio 4-H Conference – Columbus, OH**
- 4 Window Display entries due by 8:00am
- 15 **NEW Cross County Deadline**
- 20 **New Volunteer Orientation**
EERA Volunteer Training – Medina County
- 22-23 Counselor Camp
- 31 **New Volunteer Screening Deadline**

Additional Important Dates - 2019

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| May 4 | Quality Assurance Training |
| April 15 | Enrollment Deadline - 4:30pm |
| April 18 | QA Study Review & Test Out |
| June 16-21 | Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp |
| June 30 – July 3 | STEM Camp |
| July 11 & 12 | Cloverbud Camp |
| July 16 | Style Revue (Clothing Project Judging) |

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