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 15th.

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 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.

ADVISOR AREA

2020 Annual Update & Conference January 30, 2020 – 6:00pm
Annual Update and volunteer training conference will be held at Kent State Geauga. Volunteers will be able to pick up their club packets, complete the required OSU Child Abuse Recognition training, and choose from other training topics to complete their annual volunteer requirements. Topics will include Online Enrollment training, Vaping/electronic cigarettes, Ag-vacating for agriculture, club finances & fundraisers, and others.

YOUTH SESSIONS: Club Officer Training will also be offered at this time. Training will focus on the club secretary position: what is required and how to write good minutes. This session will be open to both youth and adults. Team Building and Agvacating for Agriculture sessions will also be offered for youth.

*Clubs may submit their 2019 Financial Summaries at this meeting.

Register by January 24th at https://go.osu.edu/geaugaconference2020
Volunteers who are participating in 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.

**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 240 Student (four 60 min sessions)

**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 17th and Thursday, March 12th. All potential volunteers must schedule an interview time.

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

**Ohio 4-H Conference**

The 2020 Ohio 4-H Conference will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on Saturday, March 14, 2020. The event is designed to bring together 4-H volunteers and teens from across the State of Ohio. The objective of this event is to learn together and from each other in order to improve our abilities to deliver the Ohio 4-H Program to its members. Educational selections offered at the conference offer something for everyone and have the ability to satisfy every taste and need. Over 150 sessions to choose from including QA Training for youth and the mandatory Child Abuse Training for all volunteers.

Registration deadline for Geauga County volunteers and members: **February 3, 2020**. Registration form and payment must be at the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Monday, February 3. Cost $40 Visit [https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference](https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference) for complete registration materials.

*** The Geauga 4-H Endowment will be sponsoring 5 volunteer and 5 youth scholarships for attendance at the Ohio 4-H Conference. Scholarship will cover the $40 fee and is a first come, first serve basis. Complete registration form must be submitted to the Extension Office by 4:30pm, February 1 to be eligible.

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**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. 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](https://www.geauga.osu.edu)

**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 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.
4-H MEMBERS

4-H Fashion Board Applications
Members interested in joining the 2020 Fashion Board should complete an application and submit it to the Extension Office by January 31, 2020. 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 visit here.

LIVESTOCK/HORSE

Quality Assurance Planning Committee
Any volunteers interested 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 28th.

OSU Junior Swine Day
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

Youth Poultry Clinic
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

January
1  Happy New Year – Extension Office Closed
28  Camp Counselor Interviews
30  Annual Update & Volunteer Conference – Kent State Geauga Campus
31  2019 Club Financial Summary due

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
20-21  Counselor Camp Overnight Training at Camp Whitewood
26  New Volunteer Orientation & Policy 1.50

Mark Your Calendars – 2020

March 14  Ohio 4-H Conference
March 15  Cross County Request Deadline – 4:30pm
March 26  New Volunteer Orientation (includes First Year Child Abuse Training)
March 31  New Volunteer Screening Deadline
April 15  Enrollment Deadline - 4:30pm
May 2  Quality Assurance
June 14-19  Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp
July 16 & 17  Cloverbud Camp
July 18  Project Judging (Animal & Miscellaneous)

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