

# The Geauga 4-H Report



JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2024

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## January

- 2 Happy New Year – Office Closed
- 8 Camp Counselor Open House
- 12 Camp Counselor Applications Due  
County Conference Registration Deadline
- 15 MLK Jr. Day - Office Closed
- 27 4-H County Conference & Luncheon
- 29 Camp Counselor Interviews
- 31 **Yearly Financial Summaries Due**

## February

- 1 Ohio Achievement Award Applications Due
- 7 Ohio 4-H Conference Registrations Due
- 15 **Volunteer BCI Deadline & Receipts Due**
- 24 Counselor Camp Option #1

## March

- 4 4-H Yard Display Entries Due by 8:30am
- 9 Ohio 4-H Conference, Columbus, OH
- 15 Cross County Requests Due by 4:30pm  
Turkey Orders Due
- 27 Geauga Poultry Clinic: Option #1

## April

- 1 Early Enrollment Deadline
- 11 Geauga Poultry Clinic: Option #2
- 15 **ENROLLMENT DEADLINE**  
Market Chicken & Market Duck Orders due

## Save the Dates!

### Geauga Poultry Clinics

March 27<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm  
April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

### Quality Assurance

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

### Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp

June 9-14, Camp Whitewood

### Livestock Project Judging – Online

July 1-12

## OHIO 4-H WEEK March 3-9, 2024

## Annual Financial Summary - Due January 31<sup>st</sup>

Required for all 4-H clubs, committees, and committee sub-affiliates.

Financial reports are for the 2023 calendar year.

Reports must indicate amount of income and expenses and a description.

[https://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/forms/Yearly%20Financials%20-%20fillable%20PDF.pdf](https://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/forms/Yearly%20Financials%20-%20fillable%20PDF.pdf)

Description (fundraiser, dues, etc.)	Amount
Club Dues	\$145
Candy Bar Fundraiser	\$350
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$495</b>

**ACCEPTABLE**

Description (books, program fees, etc.)	Amount
Club Expenses	\$345.09
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$345.09</b>

**UNACCEPTABLE**

## **Selecting A 4-H Project: 2024 Family Guides**

The State 4-H Office mailed out the 2024 Family Guide to each current 4-H family this year. New families and those wanting multiple copies can also pick them up at the Extension Office. A downloadable version is available at <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>

Self-Determined and Idea Starters are free and downloadable and can be found at <https://ohio4h.org/selfdetermined>

Be sure to check out the new and updated projects offered this year. Clubs may purchase project books at the Extension Office. Club order forms are included in the club 2024 packet.

A great resource to help members decide on a project is Project Central. Project Central is an easy way for 4-H members, project helpers, and advisors to preview Ohio 4-H project books and resources. Take a closer look at a book, find out what others have to say, and share your experiences. Check it out at <https://ohio4h.org/books-and-resources/project-central>

### **Project Central**

#### **Search**

Find new projects and resources by searching keyword, skill level, or topic.

#### **Find**

Results are easy to sort!

#### **Learn**

Preview sample pages, read other members' and volunteers' feedback.

#### **Rate and Share**

Help others choose projects and resources by rating and sharing on social media!



[projectcentral.ohio4h.org](https://projectcentral.ohio4h.org)

## **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](https://geauga.osu.edu) (4-H Youth Development, Club Information and Forms). **The Geauga County deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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 in the county of request.



## **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](https://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](#)

## **Club Recruitment Post**

If any club would like a club specific post on the Geauga 4-H Facebook page to help recruit new members, please contact Alisha. Post can contain club pics, projects offered, how to contact the club, etc.

## **2024 4-H ENROLLMENTS**

It's time to start enrolling in Geauga County 4-H for 2024. 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=Q6tEKXvnF>

### **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>

#### **Stop and Call our office if .....**

- You cannot find your family profile. **DO NOT** create a new one.
- You are a new member or volunteer
- You do not have access to the internet

By allowing you access, you can update your club and project information as well as personal information (email, home address, phone, etc). This will ensure that you are properly enrolled in the county program and receive important news and updated such as newsletters, deadline information, and leadership opportunities. Projects cannot be changed/added after the April 15 enrollment deadline.

*Enrollment deadline for 2024 is April 15<sup>th</sup> (Club may have an earlier deadline).*

## **Enrollment Materials**

Several Ohio 4-H policy updates have occurred since last enrollment. When completing and submitting enrollment materials, please take note of the following updated items and requirements for 2024.

- ✿ Volunteer Standards of Behavior
- ✿ Youth Code of Conduct (Includes parents)
- ✿ Photo Release – Member and Volunteer
- ✿ Shooting Sports Permission form included with members enrollment in 4HOnline.
- ✿ Club By-Laws & Constitution – Clubs must submit a new, signed copy by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ✿ Club Blanet Certificate – Clubs must submit a form by April 15<sup>th</sup> or before purchasing project books, whichever comes first. A copy will be included in the annual club packets.
- ✿ Club Inventory Lists – Will be due January 31<sup>st</sup> starting in 2025.



## NEW: Ohio 4-H Volunteer Handbook

[https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Policy\\_Procedure/volunteers/Online%20Ohio%204-H%20Volunteer%20Handbook\\_2023.pdf](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Policy_Procedure/volunteers/Online%20Ohio%204-H%20Volunteer%20Handbook_2023.pdf)

## Volunteer BCI Background Checks

Ohio 4-H volunteers are required to submit for a BCI every 4 years of continued service. Those volunteers who needed rescreened were mailed a letter with fingerprint instructions. To continue your service as a 4-H volunteer, Ohio BCI checks must be completed, and a copy of the receipt must be submitted to the Geauga Extension Office by **February 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### New 4-H Volunteers

Potential 4-H volunteers for the 2024 year must complete the OSU 4-H Volunteer Screening and Selection process before **March 31, 2024**.

**Step 1:** Submit a Volunteer Application and references to the Extension Office.

**Step 2:** Club organizational advisor must provide a letter of support for the potential volunteer.

**Step 3:** Complete a BCI Screening.

**Step 4:** Contact the Extension Office to arrange an interview.

**Step 5:** Complete OSU's required trainings.

*Potential volunteers should not complete any trainings until instructed to do so by the Extension Office.*

Visit <https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/advisor-information-and-forms>

for volunteer job description, applications, and additional information.



### **Online 4-H Volunteer Training Opportunities**

The Northeast Region Volunteerism Team is offering a series of volunteer connection sessions. Attend one or attend all. Submit a copy of the training certificate or post session survey to the Extension Office to count towards the 2024 volunteer training requirements.

#### **Be a Positive Communicator**

February 13 6:30-8:00pm

#### **Finding Space for Mental Wellness**

March 12 6:30-8:00pm

#### **Animal Science – Relationships & Sportsmanship**

April 9 6:30-8:00pm

Learn more and register: <https://tinyurl.com/4hnerv>

### OHIO 4-H CONFERENCE

The 2024 Ohio 4-H Conference will take place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on Saturday, March 9. This 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 to improve our abilities to deliver the Ohio 4-H Program to its members. Choose from nearly 200 sessions!

- **County Registration Deadline: February 7<sup>th</sup> to the Geauga Extension Office**
- Cost: \$40.00 (includes lunch & programs, NOT parking) \*\$50 after Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> (no lunch included)

*\*We are currently exploring the possibility of sharing a bus with Trumbull Co. 4-H.*

Session & Registration Information: <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>

## **Geauga Fashion Board Applications**

Members interested in joining the 2024 Fashion Board should complete an application and submit it to the Extension Office by March 1, 2024.

Members must be at least 12 years old (as of Jan 1, 2024), 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:

<https://go.osu.edu/2024geaugafashionboard>



## **Statewide 4-H Camps**

Ohio 4-H offers a variety of statewide camping opportunities.

<b>Forestry &amp; Wildlife Conservation</b>	<b>April 19-21</b>
<b>Ohio 4-H Leadership Camp</b>	<b>June 1- 5</b>
<b>Junior Shooting Education Camp</b>	<b>June 7-9</b>
<b>Exploring STEM at Camp</b>	<b>June 10-12</b>
<b>Ohio 4-H Sea Camp</b>	<b>July 19-23</b>
<b>Senior Shooting Education Camp</b>	<b>July 14-19</b>
<b>Space Adventure Camp</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Special Needs Camp</b>	<b>TBA</b>

Camping opportunities are held at various 4-H Camp locations across the state. Each camp has specific age requirements and registration deadlines. To learn more about these camping opportunities, visit

<https://ohio4h.org/camp>

## **Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp**

**June 9 – 14, 2024**

**Cost: \$355**

Looking for summer plans? Join us for a week of fun and memories at 4-H Camp Whitewood. Campers enjoy swimming, shooting sports, nature, campfires, games, and much more.

<https://www.4hcampwhitewood.com/>

### **Scholarships Opportunities Available Soon**

Geauga 4-H Advisory Scholarship

Monte Myer Memorial Camp Scholarship

*Due at the Extension Office by May 1<sup>st</sup>*

**We can't wait to see you at camp!**

## **Ohio 4-H Awards & Scholarships**

Ohio 4-H offers a variety of awards, scholarships, and opportunities at the state level. Most applications are due February 1<sup>st</sup> to the Geauga Extension Office. County nominations are then sent to the State 4-H Office by the application deadline.

- State Jr. Fair Board
- National 4-H Dairy Conference
- OTA Local Government Award
- State Achievement Awards (27 categories)
- Ohio 4-H Scholarships
- Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council
- National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute

Complete instructions and details can be found at

<https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>



## **2024 Poultry Project Requirements – FIRST YEAR PROJECT MEMBERS ONLY**

Youth wishing to enroll in any poultry project for their first time and exhibit their project with Jr. Fair must participate a poultry clinic. This requirement has been implemented as there is a growing need for poultry husbandry education throughout both programs. Quality Assurance training will be taught at all clinics, fulfilling the members QA requirements for the year. This project requirement is for ALL first year poultry project members, regardless of age and *those re-enrolling in a poultry project that didn't complete this requirement in the past.*

Due to spacing availability, Poultry Clinic QA is not an additional option for returning members. Members can attend QA on May 4<sup>th</sup>, complete the online QA for a fee, or test out if age eligible. See QA Packet for complete details (coming soon).

### **Qualifying Clinics:**

OSU Poultry Clinic	TBA	ATI, Wooster, OH	
<i>*Must submit attendance to Extension Office by April 1<sup>st</sup>.</i>			
Geauga Poultry Clinic #1	March 27	6:30pm	Geauga Extension Office
Geauga Poultry Clinic #2	April 11	6:30pm	Geauga Extension Office



To register for a Geauga Clinic visit: <https://go.osu.edu/2024geaugapoultryclinic>

*\*Pre-registration is required!*



## **4-H Yard/Window Display Contest**

Clubs are invited to create a 4-H promotional display. This year clubs can choose to create a window display at a local business or individual members can create yard displays.

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 must 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](mailto:faudie.2@osu.edu) or [ward.714@osu.edu](mailto:ward.714@osu.edu) by 8:30am on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please include the name of your club, location of the display and contact information.

**National Garden Club - Scholarship for Agriculture Majors:** Applicants must be an Ohio resident majoring in an agriculture field of study. Up to 45 scholarships are available, each in an amount up to \$4,000. Deadline to apply is February 1<sup>st</sup>. <https://gardenclubofohio.org/scholarships/>

## Jr. Fair Information

### The Jr. Fair Theme for 2024 is “Hiding out with Jr. Fair”

#### 2024 Dates to Remember

As of January 10, 2024



March 15 - Must have turkey order turned in.

March 27 - Poultry Clinic, for first year market projects.

April 11 – Poultry Clinic, for first year market projects.

April 15 - Must have market chicken and market duck order turned in.

May 18 – Lamb and Goat tagging at the fairgrounds, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Also, Swine tag numbers and tagging forms are due in the Junior Fair Office.

June 1 – King and Queen applications due in the Junior Fair Office

July 1 – Jr Fair T- shirt designs are due. Drop off or mail to the  
Sr. Fair office.

July 13 – King and Queen interviews at the fairgrounds.

July 20– Exhibitors can enter their projects online, through Fair Entry.

Market animal assessments are due. It is \$10.00 per lot through the sale. Assessments should be turned in to the advisor and the advisor will turn in the total amount and the list of exhibitors and their projects.

At this time, the advisors will be able to get the buyer's boards for their members at the Jr. Fair Office 9am-12pm.

July 27 – Jr Fair Livestock Sale Entry and Picture Deadline for Online Sale. ([bwfinaldrive.com](http://bwfinaldrive.com))

August 14 – Entries for fair close.

August 17 – Buyers boards are due back, Completed, to the Jr. Fair Office 9am-12pm.

August 19– Online completed Drug Use Notifications (DUNF) are due in the Secretary's Office at the fairgrounds.

August 28 (move in date) through September 1 – The Great Geauga County Fair

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