



The Geauga 4-H Report

July - August 2023

Geauga County Extension Office, 14269 Claridon Troy Road, P.O. Box 387, Burton, OH 44021

440-834-4656 Facebook: Geauga 4-H

July

- 1 Online Project Judging Opens.
Deadline to sign up for General Project Judging
Jr. Fair T-Shirt Contest Entries Due
- 4 Independence Day – Extension Office Closed
- 8 Jr. Fair King & Queen Interviews
- 15 **Online Project Judging Closes at 11:59pm**
Jr. Fair entry opens.
Market animal assessments due
- 15 **General Project Judging – By Appointment Only**
- 24 Jr. Fair Booth Reservations Due
Jr. Fair T-Shirt Orders Due
- 30 Jr. Fair Livestock Sale Entry and Picture Deadline

August

- 1 Jr. Fair Scholarship application due – Fair Office
- 4 Photography Contest Entries Due
- 9 **All Fair Entries Close**
- 23 DUNF Forms due online
- 26-27 Buyer Board Drop Off – Jr. Fair Office
Jr. Fair Shirt & Wristband pick up – Jr. Fair Office
- 26-30 Jr. Fair Booth Set Up
- 30 **Fair Move in Day**

Geauga County Fair

August 31 – September 4

Important Dates!

Livestock Project Judging: ONLINE
July 1 through 11:59pm on July 15

**Miscellaneous/General Project Judging
In Person**
Saturday, July 15th
By Appointment Only

Clothing & Textile Judging (Style Show)
July 18th

Geauga County 4-H Photography Contest 2023

All 4-H Youth are invited to submit a photo (or two) in this year's photography contest. There are three age categories and three divisions to choose from. Members are not required to be enrolled in a photography project.

See flyer for complete rules and information.
Entries due to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on August 4th.

4-H SPOTLIGHT

Want to see your photo in our
BARNs, FARMs & FAIR Special Section
for **FREE?**

Send your photo and caption by August 1 to:
editor@karlovecmedia.com



**Middlefield
POST**



Junior Fair Spotlight



https://www.geaugamapleleaf.com/4-h-submissions/?fbclid=IwAR1E5_OczB8pSXydrCDMhtQMwaJ0aITkbWCUGUMxNhv33oxJBo4V7jdOj4

Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp



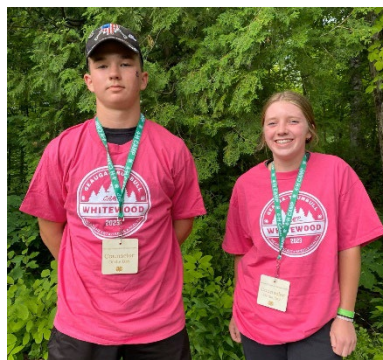
Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp Counselors consist of both 4-H members and non-members. Counselors are selected through an interview process and complete over 50 hours of training before attending camp. All camp programming and activities are developed and facilitated by the counselors each year.

Our 2023 camp was our largest camp since 2012, consisting of 134 campers from around the area. A special **THANK YOU** to the **Geauga County Senior Fair Board** for providing 50 scholarships to Geauga County 4-H members.

2023 Camp Award Recipients



Outstanding Counselor Awards
Ben – First Year Counselor
Brandon – Returning Counselor



Counselors for a Day
Noah & Kit



4-H Awards
Piper – “Head” Award
Rowan – “Heart” Award
Ronan – “Hands” Award
Jeremiah – “Health” Award
Ivy – “Spirit of Camp” Award

2023 CLOVERBUD CAMP

Cloverbud Camp was held at Camp Whitewood this year. Campers enjoyed the many activities experienced by our resident campers.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the 4-H Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaigns. Funds generated from the campaign are used to cover camper fees and costs.

Stay Tuned for 2024 Camp Information & Counselor Applications

2023 Project Judging Information

Online Livestock Project Judging 2023: Beef, Dairy, Dogs, Goats, All Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine

Project judging will be open from July 1 through 11:59pm, July 15.

Do not wait until the last minute. The system will automatically close at 11:59pm, stopping any in-progress activity, resulting in an incomplete test.

Online Skillathon Test Project Judging

Project completion tests are an Ohio 4-H approved skillathon test. Completion of test and project book reviewed by the club advisor results in project completion for 2023.

- Tests are age based (as of January 1, 2023) not years in project.
- Tests are species based. Ex: All goat projects (pygmy, pack, meat, etc.) will take the Goat test.
- Members complete one test per species.
- Youth must correctly enter an email address to have their score emailed to them. Please print a copy of the email for your records and to share with your club advisor.
- There is no time limit for the test and a while a minimum score is not required, members should still take this method of project completion seriously.
- Project judging scores may be taken into consideration for year-end awards.
- Members can take the tests from any computer or smartphone. Youth are welcome to take their tests at the Extension Office if they need assistance. Prior arrangements must be made.
- Youth must complete the entire test in one sitting.
- Youth should only take the test one time. The first test score recorded will be the official score.
- Incomplete tests will result in incomplete project judging. Members with incomplete judging status will not be eligible for Jr. Fair exhibition/participation in the incomplete project area.
- Technical difficulties must be communicated to the Extension Office **prior** to the deadline.

Scenario: Dakota's 4-H age is 16. This is his second year in Market Ducks, fifth year in Market Turkey, and first year in Beef Breeding. To complete project judging, Dakota's club advisor will review his books and he will complete the Poultry Senior Test and Beef Senior Test.

Late Project Completion: July 17-21.

- Youth who fail to complete their judging by the deadline must contact the Extension Office.
- Youth must complete their judging tests at the Extension Office during regular office hours by appointment only.
- There is a **\$25 per project late fee** for completion after 11:59pm on July 15th.

NEW OPTION: 2023 State Fair Online Skillathon

Certificate of Completion due to the Extension Office by July 15th

Youth may choose to fulfill their 2023 Geauga County Project Judging requirement by completing the Online State Fair Skillathon. Youth completing a State Fair Skillathon do not need to complete the county version.

Youth must submit a copy of their certificate of completions (received upon completion) to the Extension Office by 11:59pm on July 15th. Certificates can be emailed to faudie.2@osu.edu or ward.714@osu.edu.

*Note: State Fair Skillathons are date/time stamped. It is the member's responsibility to complete the skillathon and submit their certificate by July 15th, 11:59pm. Completing skillathon at State Fair will not fulfill the county requirement as in-person State Fair skillathons occur **after** the July 15th deadline.*

See Project Judging Information Packet for Judging Links. Contact the Extension Office with questions prior to the deadline.

Community Service Opportunities

Greener Fields 4-H Club Community Service Project



Supporting the Geauga Hunger Task Force

Greener Fields 4-H Club, in partnership with all of Geauga County 4-H and Dr. Augustine Kellis, will again be running a food drive for the Geauga Hunger Task Force. Our drive this year is being led by Jayme O'Neill and our Food Drive Committee. The GHTF supports five local food pantries in Geauga County, as well as provides support to NextStep, to groups that deliver home based meals, to provide lunch meals to Seniors at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, financial support to local churches providing community meals, financial support to Claridon Cares which provides summer lunches to students, and to the Veterans pantry.

All donations and money from 4-H clubs and businesses who give through the 4-H drive will be matched up to \$20,000. In 2022, the Geauga 4-H and business donations, plus the match from Dr. Kellis, totaled a little over \$42,000.00!!! If any club wants to send a financial donation, please mail it to the Geauga Hunger Task Force (check payable to them), Attn: Claudia Toth, 209 Center St., Chardon, OH 44024. Please indicate in the memo line that it's for the 4-H food drive. If it's not a club check, please also include the club name so your club's participation can be noted. It would be helpful to also send a tally sheet to Christine or Jayme. If a club or personal donation of food items is made, please send a tally sheet so that club participation and the match can be recorded. A tally sheet and food drive and contact information are attached. **Please note the food drive is ending August 1** this year to give us all plenty of time to prepare for fair. Thank you all for your past help and participation!

THANK YOU from Family-A-Fair

The committee would like to thank all those who supported Family-A-Fair in 2022. Your generous donations resulted in 81 Foster Kids being able to experience the Great Geauga County Fair.

Veterans Blankets

Thank you vets and their families



for your service and sacrifice!

The Sew Sew Sweet 4-H Club would like to invite your 4-H Club to support and honor all our Geauga County Veterans.

How: Make no-sew blankets for our veterans that will be distributed at the Great Geauga County Fair on Friday, September 1, 2023 at the Veteran's Tent.

See flyer for complete blanket instructions and information.

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FAMILY - A - FAIR

(Sponsored by the Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee)

Provide Geauga County Foster Kids & Families with free admission to the Great Geauga County Fair!

Sponsorship Award Amount: \$100
(Clubs or personal donations in any amount are welcome.)

Families Receive: Admission Tickets, Concession Assistance, & Milkshake Tokens

4-H Clubs providing sponsorship can fulfill community service requirements.

Sponsorships due by July 31.

Checks payable to: Family-A-Fair

Drop off at Ext Office or mail to:

OSU Extension
Gauga County
P.O. Box 387
14269 Claridon Troy Rd.
Burton, OH 44021
*Attn: FAF



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4-H Scholarships & Opportunities

Huntsburg Pumpkin Festival

Megan Maddox, Huntsburg Pumpkin Festival Committee Member



This year the festival will be held on October 7 and 8th. I would like to reach out and invite you and your club members to consider participating in the Pumpkin Festival. Any and all ideas are welcome! We have areas that your club could set up a table or a tent to talk about your club and recruit members, or also put on an activity or game for the youth who attend the festival. Any money earned from your games or activities would be for your club to keep and use towards any needs you may have.

We have a parade on Sunday, October 8th and would love to have as many youth floats or entries as possible. A prize will be given to the club with the most decorated and outstanding float or group presence! I have made it my mission to bring back the community aspect and focus on youth for this year's pumpkin festival and all festivals moving forward. Any participation would be greatly appreciated and encouraged! For any questions or information about participating, please do not hesitate to reach out to Megan Maddox at 440-636-2197 or mmaddox2197@gmail.com. We ask that all clubs, who would like to participate will give us a definite confirmation by the end of August, just so we can ensure a space for all. Thank you all, and I hope to hear from all who are potentially interested!



4-H Advisory Scholarship

The Geauga 4-H Advisory Committee may award up to two \$500 academic scholarships. Due July 31st.

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5tqocHFr7iNiZaC

Gauga County 4-H Horse Scholarship

The Geauga 4-H Horse Committee may award up to two \$500 academic scholarships. Due August 1st.

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8D5B0ARGcEINjVA

Livestock Sales Scholarship

Applications must be in the Geauga County Fair's Secretary's Office or postmarked by August 1st.

https://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/forms/2023%20Livestock%20Sales%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf

BJ Wells Memorial Award

**Not a monetary award*

This award is open to all swine project members.

https://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/forms/Brad%20Wells%202023%20Application.pdf

All Scholarships & Award applications can be found at: <https://geauga.osu.edu/node/401>

JUNIOR FAIR INFORMATION



"Tropical Nights Under Grandstand Lights"

REGISTERING FOR JR. FAIR

ALL Jr Fair sign-ups are online at www.geaugafair.com
Click **Participate**, in the dropdown Click **Jr. Fair** to find the
DUNF & Livestock registration forms.

This year we changed to using FairEntry for registration.
It works with 4-H Online and already has much of the
information loaded into the program.

July 15th Jr. Fair entries open <http://geaugairfair.fairentry.com>

Please review links for any help and questions you may have
about entering. You will need your 4-H Online login information.
If you have forgotten your login information, contact the
Extension Office at 440-834-4656.

DO NOT CREATE A NEW 4-H ONLINE ACCOUNT.

Helpful FairEntry Links:

https://fairentry.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/article_attachments/360003317233/FairEntry.Exhibitor.Login.FlowChart.pdf

https://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Fair/FairEntry.Family.Entries4HO.pdf



Tips for Exhibitors making Online Entries:

- Recommended browsers: Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Older versions of Internet Explorer may cause unexpected results.
- Register all entries for each exhibitor in the family before proceeding to the Payment section.
- Be sure to click the "Submit" button when you have completed your entries. Entries are not final until they have been submitted.
- Check your email inbox for a confirmation email with a list of your entries and any related fees.
- You will receive a second email when your entries have been approved by your fair.

**Jr. Fair
Entries
are free.**

July 15th Assessments are Due to the Jr. Fair Office. It is \$10 per lot through the sale. Assessments should be turned into the advisor. One payment per club will be accepted. Checks are made out to G.C.A.S. Buyers' boards will be handed out at this time to advisors.

July 24th Jr. Fair Booth Reservations and T-shirt orders due

July 30th ALL Livestock **Pictures** Must be submitted to geaugairfairlivestock@gmail.com

August 1st Scholarship applications are due to the fair office

August 9th All Fair entries close

August 23rd DUNF forms are due online.

August 26 & 27 Advisors must drop off Buyers boards and pick up shirts & wristbands from the Jr. Fair Office

August 26-30 Booth set up. The Jr. Fair building will be open
Saturday & Sunday - 10am-8pm.
Monday & Tuesday 3pm-9pm.
Wednesday 9am-12pm.

August 30th Fair move in day.

***Weigh in for Goats, Sheep, & Swine is 6-10am & 3-5pm ONLY**

Beef weigh in is from 5-9pm.

Poultry weigh in time will be sent to Advisors with each club's time.



Please double check that each exhibitor in the Livestock Sale has done All 4 Steps:

These all open on July 15th.

1. Entered their project through Fair Entry
2. Filled out the Livestock sale participant form
3. Emailed picture(s) for each project
4. Completed the online DUNF form

For all Jr. Fair related questions, contact Jr. Fair Coordinator Gwynne Young at gwynnesburg@msn.com



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QUESTIONS ABOUT OHIO'S LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION RULES?

CHECK OUT OUR **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** RESOURCE

SCAN THE QR CODE



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