

The Geauga 4-H Report



June 2021

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June

13 PAS Horse Show
13-18 Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp
20 Ohio State Fair Junior Livestock Entry Deadline

July

1 Clothing & Textile Registration Form Due
7 State 4-H Junior Horse Show Entry Deadline – 1:00pm.
1-17th Virtual Project Judging
5 Offices Closed – 4th of July Observance.
15 & 16 Cloverbud Camp
19-23 State 4-H Junior Horse Show
20 Clothing & Textiles Judging
28-Aug 8 Ohio State Fair Junior Exhibitions
31 4-H Advisory Scholarships Applications Due

August

1 Horse Committee Scholarship Applications Due
13 Photography Contest Entries Due

Save the Dates!

Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp

June 13-18, Camp Whitewood

Cloverbud Camp

July 15 & 16, Camp Burton

2021 Project Judging Dates

Animal Project Judging: Virtual Completion
Judging Links will be open July 1-17th.
All judging must be completed by 11:59pm on July 17th.

General/Miscellaneous Project Judging:

Saturday, July 17th
10:00-2:00 pm; School Building

Clothing Project Judging: Tuesday, July 20th
Kenston Gardiner Center

A word from Alisha...

The days are getting warmer, the sun is shining, and 4-H is kicking into high gear. We are excited to be slowly headed back towards a more normal summer. Our summer 4-H programming continues to look a little different. We are moving forward with residence camp at Camp Whitewood and Cloverbud Day Camp at Camp Burton. Project judging will be in person and virtual so please read over the guidelines.

Over the next few months our 4-H members will be busy preparing for shows, project judging, and fair. There is so much more to 4-H than just the amazing projects. We love to see members and clubs out there "learning by doing" so send us pictures and videos of the new memories and skills.

Yours in 4-H,

Alisha Faudie

4-H Extension Educator



COVID 19 & MASK REQUIREMENTS: IMPORTANT UPDATE

Effective immediately, June 1, 2021, we have been given university approval to follow local guidance for our statewide campuses with regard to masks.

What this means for OSU Extension, in general:

- Face masks are not required to be worn inside or outside at 4-H camp (day or overnight) for ALL employees AND clientele.
- Face masks are not required to be worn inside or outside at any OSU Extension (including 4-H non-camp) programs and activities for ALL employees AND clientele.
- Face masks are not required to be worn inside or outside at county offices for ALL employees AND clientele.
 - Face masks are strongly recommended for those who are not yet fully vaccinated (strongly recommended means the individual chooses to wear a mask or not)

All other health and safety guidance is still in effect, such as physical distancing and sanitizing.

Individuals and/or family members may not attend if they or anyone living their household is experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste or smell, or as been directly exposed (confirmed or suspected) to COVID-19 if they are not fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 vaccinations are our best current protection against infection and a fatal outcome. Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a face mask; however, we strongly recommend eligible, but unvaccinated, individuals to continue to properly wear a face mask when social distancing cannot be maintained.

A reminder: As the case has been to date, know that these guidelines may be modified at any time if conditions change, and/or if the guidance is not followed, and/or if a local health department issues more stringent requirements.

Advisor Area

Volunteer Training Opportunities

We are looking to offer a volunteer training opportunity early this fall and would like the input of our volunteers as to what topics they would like offered. Please let the Extension Office know of any topics or areas of training you would be interested in.

Project Judges Needed - July 17th

Miscellaneous/General 4-H project judging is being held in person and we are looking for judges. If you would like to serve as a judge, please let the office know. Judging areas include cooking/nutrition, shooting sports, natural resources, arts, and healthy living. Serving as a judge will count towards the annual volunteer training requirement. Volunteers are not able to judge their own members.

4-H Club News

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 our club secretary, Jayme O'Neill. 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 provide 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 2020, the Geauga 4-H and business donations, plus the match from Dr. Kellis, totaled close to \$39,000! 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's name so your club's participation can be noted. It would be helpful to also send a tally sheet noting the financial donation to Christine or Jayme. New this year is the option of shopping off of our Amazon wish list for donation items! The items will be shipped to an adviser and personally delivered to a local pantry. If a club donation of food items is made, please send a tally sheet so that club participation and the match can be recorded. Please note the food drive attachments. Thank you all for your past help and participation! Our help will be needed this year more than ever. Food assistance is the number one reason for calls for help to the United Way since the pandemic.

Blankets for Veterans Community Service Opportunity Sew Sew Sweet 4-H Club

Make No-Sew Blankets for our Veterans that will be distributed at the Great Geauga County Fair on Friday, September 3, 2021 at the Veteran's Tent.

These blankets should start with 2 fleece fabrics measuring at least 1 1/2 yard pieces.

Please have blankets turned into the Extension Office by August 20th in a bag labeled with your 4-H clubs name on it. Please remember this is a community service project that could count towards your Honor Club application.

If you should have any questions regarding this project, please contact Lisa Briggs at briggsl@ymail.com or at 440-313-2371. Thank you for your help in honoring our Veterans.

Thank you vets and their families



for your service and sacrifice!

Member Information

2021 Project Judging

Please read the Project Judging Packet for complete details and information.

Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Clothing & Textile Judging Registration

Clubs with members participating in clothing and textile judging should register their members and the project(s) they wish to have judged and submit a \$5.00 registration fee. This registration fee helps the Style Review Committee cover

the cost of the Style Show. Members pay the fee regardless of whether they are participating in the Style Show or Alternative Judging. Failure to pay will result in not being judged (projects not judged result in an incomplete and do not count towards members 4-H years or fair eligibility). Registration fee is \$5.00 per member (not per project). Clubs should collect the fees and write a club check to the Style Review Committee. Money and the registration form are due by July 1st to the Extension Office.

Cloverbot (Cloverbud) Challenge: Mars Rover

With the news about camp fresh in everyone's minds, the Preadolescent Cloverbud Design Team is excited to share information about the 2021 Cloverbot Challenge. Information is posted on the Ohio 4-H website <https://ohio4h.org/families/cloverbuds/cloverbot-challenge> and via Facebook.

In honor of the Mars Rover, this year Cloverbuds will be going to space with the challenge happening on Mars. Cloverbuds will design a place to live on the Red Planet and create a model featuring their method of transportation. The Challenge will take place virtually on Monday, July 12 or Thursday, July 22 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. We will be utilizing breakout rooms in ZOOM so that teams will have the opportunity to share their projects. With help from the Ohio 4-H Foundation, teams can order a kit to get them started.

4-H Camping Opportunities

Geauga County's 4-H Camp Week

June 13-18 @ Camp Whitewood

Theme: Medieval Times at 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 13-18 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 3rd grade through 14 years old. 4-H memberships is not required to attend.

Registration closes the June 2nd. Due to COVID guidelines, we are operating at a reduced capacity so camper spots are limited. Please register early.

Unable to attend Geauga's week. Don't worry there's many other camps to choose from. Visit

<http://4hcampwhitewood.com> for all the details.



Geauga 4-H Cloverbud Camp

Join us for two full days of fun for Cloverbud Camp.

When: July 15 and 16

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 generous Tractor Supply Paper Clover donations from the 2020 campaign.

Cloverbud camp is limited to 20 campers. Registration is available at

<https://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program/Pages/4H/Camp/Cloverbud%20Camp%202021.pdf>



Scholarship Opportunities

4-H Advisory Committee Scholarship

The Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee Scholarship may award up to two \$500 academic scholarships for the 2020 year. Deadline to apply is July 31st.

[Advisory Committee 4-H Scholarship](#)

4-H Horse Committee Scholarship

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

[Gauga 4-H Horse Committee Scholarship](#)

4-H Photography Contest

Here's a chance to show off your photography skills. All pictures must be taken between Fair 2020 and August 1, 2021. Members are not required to take a 4-H Photography Project to enter contest. Entry deadline is 4:30pm on August 1st. All eligible entries and winners will be displayed in the Jr. Fair Building during fair.

OHIO YOUTH SKILLATHONS (State Fair Skillathon)

All Skillathons are open to any Ohio 4-H member, age 8 and in the 3rd grade, or 9 years old and older regardless of grade level, to age 18 as of January 1, 2021, and FFA members.

- You do not have to exhibit a particular species to participate in that species Skillathon.
- Virtual Skillathon participation does not qualify a youth participant for outstanding market exhibitor awards at the Ohio State Fair. This is a separate event, and you must compete in person at the Ohio State Fair to qualify for OME awards.
- Youth who participate in the Virtual Ohio Youth Skillathons are still eligible to participate at the in-person Ohio State Fair Skillathons, even within the same species.
- Any specific rules for an individual species will be outlined on the testing site.
- Skillathons will be delivered through Scarlet, a university-approved distance learning site. You must have access to a mobile device or computer with ability to access the internet.
- Even though the Skillathons are online, each Skillathon must be taken by the youth only without assistance from family or friends.
- There will be 4 stations in each Skillathon that will make up 4 separate, timed modules.
- Each station will have a time limit (typically 5 minutes per station).
- If your child requires any testing accommodations, please contact us in advance at 4hanimalscience@osu.edu and we will work with you to make accommodation arrangements.
- Results will be posted for each age category, age division, and overall after the Skillathon is completed. Participants will receive an email with a link to view the results.

Registration is due by July 14th: www.go.osu.edu/skillathonregistration

- Please answer all of the survey prompts.
- Each youth will need a unique email address to be used as your log-in credential. For example, a family with 3 children participating must have a unique email address for each child.
- If you have any questions, please contact 4hanimalscience@osu.edu

Skillathon Dates:

- Session 1 (June 28, 9a – 4p): Dog, Horses
- Session 2 (June 29, 9a – 4p): Goats, Sheep, Alpacas/Llamas
- Session 3 (June 30, 9a – 4p): Dairy, Beef, Swine
- Session 4 (July 1, 9a – 4p): Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy



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