

Geauga County 4-H



News & Notes

March | 2020

4-H and Signing Contracts

There may be times throughout the year where 4-H committees and clubs rent a building or facility. This may be for club meetings or to host a fundraiser or have a special event. Before any volunteer signs off on a contract, it is important that everyone is aware of the liabilities.

1. 4-H Committees may not sign any contracts. OSU does not allow this. Please contact the Extension Office well in advance of any potential event. There is a process to complete with OSU Legal that can take several weeks.
2. 4-H Clubs may sign contracts. However, the club is assuming all legal responsibility. OSU cannot provide property insurance of any kind. If clubs elect to sign a contract and the contract contains any indemnification/hold harmless clauses, etc. the club is taking on all responsibility by signing.

ADVISOR AREA

4HONLINE ENROLLMENT HELP

Volunteers who are doing their clubs 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 an appointment.

We are also working on hosting an Enrollment Entry Night where volunteers can bring their enrollments and computer to the office and receive direct trouble shooting help. Stay tuned for complete details.

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.

- May 12 – Cardinal Middle School 7:15am – 10:30am
- May 20 – Notre Dame 12:00pm – 2:00pm

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. **Volunteer interviews will be conducted Thursday, March 12th. All potential volunteers must schedule an interview time.** **New Volunteer Orientation & New Volunteer Child Abuse & Recognition Training** - March 26th at 6:30pm at the Geauga Extension Office

CLUB NEWS

Advisory Committee Sponsored Fundraiser

Participating clubs can choose to sell Welch's Fruit Snacks and/or Buckeye Candy Bars. Orders are due April 15th with your enrollments. See flyer for complete details.

Club Information for Website

It's time to review and update your club's 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](#)

4-H Club Insurance

All clubs are strongly encouraged to purchase 4-H Club Insurance. A yearly policy is only \$1 per person (\$2 for horse and shooting sports). For more information visit <http://www.americanincomelife.com/who-we-serve/4-h-insurance>

Window Display Contest

Clubs are invited to create an educational display with posters, pictures, three-dimensional materials, etc. to promote the opportunities and fun your club offers! Every club or program that creates a display and submits the required information will be recognized. Displays will be judged during the week of March 8-14. Displays will be placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and clubs will receive a certificate. No monetary prizes will be given. Complete submissions must be received at **Extension Office by March 9, 2019 at 8:30am**. Submissions may be dropped off at the office or by email faudie.2@osu.edu or ward.714@osu.edu. See flyer for complete details.

4-H MEMBERS

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 16 and 17

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 all the support through the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign!!!

*Cloverbud camp is limited to 20 campers. Registration will be available soon.

Geauga County's 4-H Camp Week

June 14-19 @ 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 16-21 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 membership is not required to attend.

Registration closes the June 5th.

Can't attend Geauga's week. Don't worry there's many other camps to choose from. Visit <http://4hcampwhitewood.com> for all the details.

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. See application for details and requirements. Deadline to apply is July 31st.

4-H Horse Committee Scholarship

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

Geauga County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale Committee Inc. Scholarship

4-H youth participating in the Geauga County Junior Fair Livestock Auction, that have graduated from High School and will be attending either a vocational, two or four year college are eligible to apply for a scholarship sponsored by the Geauga County Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee Inc. Applications due July 1. See application for complete details.

2020 News for 4-H and Ohio Military Kids

Here's to the start of new decade for Ohio Military Kids! This will be a year of appreciation as we embrace 2020 with open minds and big hearts. We extend our appreciation to those past, present, and future who contribute time and efforts to support the increasing number of military-affiliated youth served by OMK.

Ohio Military Kids is a partnership with Ohio State University Extension 4-H Youth Development and Ohio National Guard Family Readiness. This partnership allows us to put on numerous events around the state of Ohio. From overnights, daylong programs, weekend camps, and even a weeklong camp, these events are open to youth of military families. 4-H older youth and adults can volunteer for OMK events, including as camp counselors in the summer!

With our event season approaching, we are all excited to embrace the new year of 2020! Ohio Military Kids just launched their first wave of events for March and April. These events include two daylong horse camps, a zoo overnight, and a weekend farm visit. Visit our website at go.osu.edu/OMKevents to learn more about the 2020 adventures of Ohio Military Kids!

LIVESTOCK/HORSE

Wanted - Species Chairman for Project Judging

We are asking for one volunteer to serve as a species chair. This individual would be responsible for updating the score sheets, contributing to updating the make-up tests, making sure there are enough volunteers and tables at project judging, and ensuring your species, Skill-a-thon kit has all the necessary items before judging day. If interested, contact the Extension Office.

Equine Safety & Ethics Training

April 18

The Ohio 4-H Program requires all first year horse project members, regardless of age and their legal parents/guardians to attend the 4-H Equine Safety & Ethics Program before they are eligible to participate in the 4-H horse program. This includes new Cross-County members as well. Those that have attended as Cloverbuds and will be riding for the first time in 4-H activities must attend. All youth and their legal parent/guardian must complete this resource before riding in any 4-H activities involving horses to help ensure the safety of the children as they work with horses. This training is immediately following the mandatory Equine Meeting and will last approximately 2 hours. Late arrivals or early departures will not be allowed. Members must pre-register for the S&E program by April 15th by calling the Extension Office.

Quality Assurance Planning Committee

Any volunteers interesting 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

March 28 – OSU Wooster or Columbus

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

April 18 – OSU ATI, Wooster

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.

2020 DairyPalooza

April 25 – Canfield Fairgrounds

The 2020 DairyPalooza is celebrating 10 years as being the premier 4-H dairy event in the state of Ohio! This year's event will be on **Saturday, April 25** at the Canfield Fairgrounds in Canfield. In the morning a state-certified Quality Assurance program for 4-H-aged youth will be offered, while adults and Cloverbuds can attend tracks of sessions designed for them. In the afternoon, youth can go to breakout sessions of their choice covering a range of topics – nutrition, showmanship and fitting, reproduction, genomics and more.

Registration starts at 8:00am, with the program beginning at 9:00am. The pre-registration deadline is April 4, at a cost of \$6.00 per person. With this you will receive a t-shirt, pizza lunch, take-home materials, and more. Late- or Walk-in registrations will cost \$10.00 per person, and will not include the t-shirt, but will include pizza and take-home materials while they last. People can register as an individual/family online. People may also register as a group, as well as using paper registration.

The DairyPalooza website is: <http://www.ohiodairypalooza.com/>. For more information please refer to the website and/or contact Lisa Gress at randroliver@gmail.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

- 4 QA & Farm Safety Planning Meeting
- 8-14 Ohio 4-H Week
- 14 Ohio 4-H Conference – Columbus, OH
- 12 New Volunteer Interview Day – by appointment only
- 15 Cross County 4-H Member Request Deadline**
- 20-21 Counselor Camp Overnight Training at Camp Whitewood
- 26 New Volunteer Orientation & Policy 1.50**
- 30 New Volunteer Screening Deadline

April

- 1 Early Enrollment Deadline
- 15 Enrollment Deadline – 4:30pm**
- 18 Equine Safety & Ethics Training**

May

- 2 Quality Assurance**
- 12 Real Money Cardinal Middle School
- 20 Real Money Notre Dame Middle School
- 21 Public Speaking Contest
- 25 Memorial Day – Office Closed**



Mark Your Calendars – 2020

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| May 2 | Quality Assurance |
| June 14-19 | Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp |
| July 16 & 17 | Cloverbud Camp |
| July 18 | Project Judging (Animal & Miscellaneous) |
| October 1 | Officer Books Due |

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