

# Geauga County 4-H

## **News & Notes**



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## **ADVISOR AREA**

#### **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 10 – Cardinal Middle School

7:30am - 10:45am

70 Students

May 21 – Notre Dame Jr. High

12:00pm - 2:00pm

75 Students (two 60 min sessions)

#### Wanted - Species Chairman

This year we would like to be better organized 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, 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.

## **CLUB NEWS**

#### **Refer-a-friend Contest**

This year 11 clubs participated in the contest, resulting in 57 new 4-H members!

The winning clubs were determined by a percent gain based on the number of new members and returning members.

Congratulations to the **GJG & Memory Keepers** for recruiting the most new members! They are the recipients of a \$25 award sponsored by the Advisory Committee.

#### Top Recruiting Clubs

- 1. Geauga Junior Genealogists & Memory Keepers 50% new recruitment
  - 2. Ride With Pride 42% new recruitment
  - 3. Geauga Prime Time 35% new recruitment

#### 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 <a href="http://www.americanincomelife.com/who-we-serve/4-h-insurance">http://www.americanincomelife.com/who-we-serve/4-h-insurance</a>

#### Fighting Hunger in Geauga County - Community Service Opportunity

Greener Fields 4-H Club is partnering with all of 4-H, Dr. Augustine Kellis, and the Geauga Hunger Task Force to help increase donations to the 7 local food pantries throughout the county. From now until July 31, all donations and money raised by 4-H clubs and businesses in Geauga County will be again be generously matched by Dr. Kellis up to \$25,000. In 2018, the Geauga 4-H and business donations, plus the match from Dr. Kellis, to the Geauga Hunger Task Force totaled over \$25,000! Please contact Christine Belliveau at 440-313-2864 for specific questions or if you would like our food drive committee members to come speak at your club about the drive.

#### **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.

## **4-H MEMBERS**

#### **Geauga 4-H Advisory Field Trip**

June 27th 8:00am-5:00pm

Each year the Geauga 4-H Advisory Committee sponsors a field trip open to all Geauga County 4-H members and Cloverbuds. This year's field trip includes visiting the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland with a special behind the scenes tour, a stop at Wade Oval Park, and the Greater Cleveland Food Bank where participants will volunteer. Participants will leave the Extension Office around 8am and travel by motor coach and return at approximately 5pm. Thanks to the Advisory Committee and clubs who support the annual fundraisers, this trip is free to all 4-H'ers. Spots are limited so register early. Complete information and registration materials can be found at <a href="https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-membercloverbud-opportunities-and-forms">https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-membercloverbud-opportunities-and-forms</a>

#### **Public Speaking & Demonstration Contest**

May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00pm

Cloverbud Division Junior Division: 8 – 13 Senior Division: 14 -18

Members can choose from several categories; 4-H Pledge & Creed Contest, Illustrated Talks & Demonstrations, or the video infomercial category. For complete rules, guidelines, and registration form, visit <a href="www.geauga.osu.edu">www.geauga.osu.edu</a>. Registrations due by May 17<sup>th.</sup>

#### **Academic Scholarship Opportunities**

https://geauga.osu.edu/node/401

There are academic based scholarships available to Geauga County 4-H'ers. Please visit the scholarship page for all available applications and their requirements.

4-H Horse Committee Scholarship up to four \$500 awards Applications due May 31 Geauga Master Gardeners Scholarships one \$1,000 award Applications due July 1

#### **Geauga County's 4-H Camp Week**

June 16-21 @ 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 \$290 and includes all meals, lodging, crafts, and much, much more. Camp is open to all youth ages 8 and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 14 years old. 4-H memberships is not required to attend. **Registration closes the June 7**<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### Geauga 4-H Cloverbud Camp

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 11 and 12

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 2018 campaigns.

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%202019.pdf

Miscellaneous Project Judging – Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>
Miscellaneous Project Judging includes the following projects areas: Child & Family Development, Creative Arts, Food & Nutrition, Health Living, Home Living, Leadership & Citizenship, Money Management, Natural Resources, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, and Self-Determined Projects. All members wishing to be judged need to contact the Extension Office starting June 1<sup>st</sup> and register for a judging appointment by June 28<sup>th</sup>. Members will need to bring their completed project book, pen or pencil, and their presentation materials. There is no alternate miscellaneous project judging date. Miscellaneous projects must be judged on July 20<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for State Fair. Alternately judged projects are eligible for Jr. Fair. Advisors interested in serving as a judge or would like to recommend a judge should also contact the Extension Office.

**Members in need of an alternate Miscellaneous Judging date:** Members/advisors will need to contact a qualified individual to judge the members project. Judges should not be a member's family member or the member's immediate advisor. Once an alternate judge is secured, contact the Extension Office with the judges contact information – name, phone number, email address. The office will directly send the judge the necessary judging information and scored sheet based on the member's project. All judging must occur before July 19th and the original score sheets must be submitted to the <a href="Extension Office by 4:30pm on July 19th">Extension Office by 4:30pm on July 19th</a>.

Not sure what needs to be completed before judging? Visit <a href="http://www.ohio4h.org/families/ohio-state-fair/state-fair-non-livestock-4-h-guidebook">http://www.ohio4h.org/families/ohio-state-fair/state-fair-non-livestock-4-h-guidebook</a> for a complete list of project requirements. County completion requirements are the same as the State Fair requirements.

## LIVESTOCK/HORSE

\*Youth who attended an Out-of-County QA program must submit their verification form or completion certificate to the Geauga Extension Office by June 1<sup>st</sup>. All QA must be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. No verification or program attendance after June 1<sup>st</sup> will be accepted, which results in ineligibility for Jr. Fair participation as a 4-H member.

#### Project Judging Make Up - Animal Projects Only

Those who cannot attend judging on July 20<sup>th</sup> must submit a Make-Up Project Judging Request From, their completed project book, and a \$5 fee to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Friday, June 28th. Make-up testing is only eligible to those with a valid reasoning for not being able to attend project judging. No other times will be given to make up project judging. Livestock and horse projects that attend make-up judging are eligible for Jr. Fair and State Fair.

Make up testing will be administered at the Extension Office on the following days by appointment only:

Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 3:30pm Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 3:30pm Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 3:30pm Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 3:30pm \*Tests consist of a variety of questions: multiple choice and labeling. All test questions are from the project books and skill-a-thon kits. Members must take a test for every project they wish to complete.

Make-Up Project Judging Request form -

https://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program Pages/4H/Events/2019Make-Up%20Judging%20Request%20Form\_0.pdf

#### JR. FAIR INFORMATION

#### **Market Hog Project Members**

Advisors with youth planning to take market hog projects must contact Kirk Walker and provide the following information as soon as possible: Club name, number of youth taking the market hog project, and number of tags needed. Each youth may tag up to 3 hogs. Family's using a family hog may tag 1 hog per youth. Contact Kirk with any questions: 440-679-4207 (text or call) or kingbrd@aol.com

#### Letter from Jan Jackam, Jr. Fair Coordinator:

Things are beginning to gear up for the 2019 Great Geauga County Fair. First, we have the rules, nomination form, and resume form for our Junior Fair King and Queen contest. Nominations must be received by June 1, 2019 to be eligible for interview. Please have your nominees complete and turn in their resumes by July 1.

Also, we are again giving tee shirts to all Junior Fair exhibitors, but we need some artwork to go on the shirts. Attached with this newsletter is the information for entering the tee shirt drawing contest. Be sure to have the artist include his or her name and the club they belong to with the artwork. Submit only black and white pictures for the tees.

I am sure many of you know that Wendy Ramsey resigned as our Junior Fair Livestock Sale coordinator. We will be coordinating the Sale this year with a committee. The Junior Fair Board representatives are Dennis Bergansky and RJ Jefferson, who will be working with Cheryl Carr, Matt Dolence, Kristi Klingman and Jan Jackam. If you have any questions, please contact one of us or send me an email at <a href="mailto:lijackam@gmail.com">lijackam@gmail.com</a>. Clubs with market livestock projects will be getting an email asking for the name and contact information for our records. Please respond in a timely manner so we can make sure you get the information you need to ensure we have a successful year.

We have two new Adult Coordinators to introduce. The new Horse Department coordinator is Kaylee Ronschke, and the Sheep Department is now headed by Monika Marcotte. Both come with experience with Junior Fair and working with youth and I look forward to working with them for the next 3 years

Jr. Fair T-Shirt Contest

Jr. Fair King & Queen Nominations

https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/jr-fair-information

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

May

10 Real Money Real World – Cardinal MS
 21 Real Money Real World – Notre Dame MS

23 Public Speaking Contest

June

1 Clothing & Textile Judging Registration Form Due

**16-21 Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp** (registration deadline June 7)

21 Day of Service – Collaborating with United Way

Cloverbud Camp Registration Deadline

22 PAS Horse Show (Project judging for PAS youth only)

30 – July 3 STEM Camp – Camp Whitewood

July

June 30-July 3 STEM Camp – Ashtabula/Geauga 4-H at Camp Whitewood

July 11 & 12 Cloverbud Camp – Camp Burton

16 Clothing & Textile Judging and Style Revue

20 Project Judging

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