



The Geauga 4-H Report

May - June 2023

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May

- 18 Geauga's Got Talent
- 20 QA Amazing Race – Camp Whitewood
- Lamb & Goat tagging – Fairgrounds
- Swine tag numbers & forms due – Jr. Fair Office
- 29 Memorial Day – Extension Office Closed

June

- 1 **Quality Assurance Completion Deadline**
- Jr. Fair King & Queen Applications due – Jr. Fair Office
- 2 Deadline to register for 4-H Camps
- 11-16 Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp Week
- 17 Cloverbud Camp – Camp Whitewood
- 19 Juneteenth – Extension Office Closed

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**
- 30 Jr. Fair Livestock Sale Entry and Picture Deadline

August

- 4 Photography Contest Entries Due

Geauga County Fair

August 31 – September 4

Important Dates!

QA Deadline
June 1st

Ohio State Fair Registration Deadline
June 20th

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 EXTENSION OFFICE HOURS

Effective May 15, 2023, the Geauga Extension Office will be closed from 11:30am-12:30pm for lunch.

Welcome Brooke! Geauga 4-H Summer Assistant

Brooke Mottley is the Summer Student Assistant at the Geauga County Extension Office. She is a former Ashtabula County 4-H member with thirteen years of involvement in the Ohio 4-H program and will be assisting Geauga County Extension with multiple activities this summer. Brooke is a senior at Thiel College where she is studying Communication Sciences and Disorders. After she graduates, she hopes to become a Speech Therapist in schools.

Brooke will be assisting with the preparation and facilitation with camp counselors and campers at the Geauga-Trumbull 4-H resident camp, Nature Camp, and Cloverbud Camp. Additionally, she will be assisting with the Style Revue, Project Judging, and other 4-H assignments throughout the summer.



~ ~ ~ 4-H Camp Opportunities ~ ~ ~

Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp **June 11 – 16, 2023** **Cost: \$335**

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/>



We can't wait to see you at camp!

Cloverbud Camp **Saturday, June 17th** **Camp Whitewood**

Registration now available.



OHIO 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CAMP

@ Canter's Cave – Jackson Co.

Junior Camp: grades 3-6
June 23-25, 2023
Registration deadline: May 26

Senior Camp: grades 7-12
July 9-14, 2023
Registration deadline: June 9



**special SS scholarships exist

<https://ohio4h.org/families/members/events-opportunities/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-ed-camp>

OHIO 4-H SEA CAMP

July 14-18

@ Kelly's Island

Sea Camp will enable participants to experience Lake Erie-based activities and culture such as aquatic science, water recreation, and fishing.

Camp is open to any teen ages 15-17; enrollment in 4-H is not a requirement for registering. Cost is \$400 to members of 4-H. Cost is \$450 to teens not enrolled.

<https://ohio4h.org/camp/sea-camp>

Canter's Cave 4-H Camp presents...

Exploring STEM at Camp!

Youth in grades 5, 6, & 7 are invited to join Canter's Cave 4-H Camp this summer at 4-H STEM Camp!

Register by June 1st at go.osu.edu/4HSTEMCamp

4-H STEM Camp focuses on the topics of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in ways that are unique and fun. Youth explore the outdoors and learn about the science of the world around them through interactive sessions. Campers enjoy traditional camp activities with a STEM spin, such as campfire, with a fire science or chemistry focus.

For registration information, visit 4hcantercave.osu.edu

WHEN:

June 19-21, 2023

Register by June 1st

COST:

\$100.00

WHO:

Youth in Grades 5-7

LOCATION:

Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
1362 Caves Rd
Jackson, OH 45640

CONTACT:

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Geauga-Trumbull Camp Counselors THANK YOU for your support!



Natural Resource 4-H Project Opportunity

Ohio Department of Natural Resources is excited to host a summer program for 4-H members on Saturday, June 17th at Alum Creek State Park. The program will focus on several natural resources project books. Parental supervision is required. To register, visit <https://ohiodnr.gov/home/news-and-events/all-events/parks-wc-events/central-ohio/4h-project-day-alumcreek-061723>



Heart of the Great Outdoors

4-H PROJECT DAY

HOSTED BY OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ALUM CREEK STATE PARK

Saturday, June 17, 2023
10 am to 4 pm

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources invites Ohio 4-H members to explore the state's rich natural wonders through hands-on activities that fulfill the requirements of select project books



ohiodnr.gov/4HDay



4-H PROJECT DAY

Heart of the Great Outdoors

PROJECT WORKSHOPS

 Geology: Can You Dig It?	 Why Trees Matter	 Beginning Fishing
 Ohio Birds	 Insect Adventures	 Explore the Outdoors
 Photography Basics	 Get Started in Art	



RSVP & SIGN UP
ohiodnr.gov/4HDay

ALUM CREEK State Park

Delaware, OH
Workshop Locations TBA

WHAT TO BRING

- Your 4-H project book(s)
- Pencil
- Closed-toe shoes or boots
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Packed lunch

Students participating in the photography project should bring their own camera or smartphone.

Dress for the weather.

QUESTIONS? Contact

Jordan Conner, DNR
jordan.conner@dnr.ohio.gov

Cloverbuds

It's beginning to feel like spring and summer and it is a great time to be outside. Being active outside with Cloverbuds is so fun and so very important. Being outside improves children's academic performance and helps build critical thinking skills. They learn about the world around them. Relaxing in the great outdoors reduces stress, as it does for many adults, too. Children learn to appreciate the world around them and begin to understand their role within it.

How can you incorporate the great outdoors into your Cloverbud meetings? Could you move your 4-H meeting outside? Could you incorporate a hike? Could your club recreation activity be outside?

In the Big Book of Cloverbud Activities, there are many outdoor activities to try with your Cloverbud members. For instance, Chapter 23 is all about habitats as homes for animals. Youth will learn what a habitat is and can even make their own. Check it out!

Ideas to do with children as the weather is warming up:

- ✿ Plant a garden- let the children pick what to plant
- ✿ Go on an insect hunt
- ✿ Blow a dandelion
- ✿ Make hopscotch and play with your child
- ✿ Play with sidewalk chalk
- ✿ Go on a bike ride
- ✿ Take the dog on a walk
- ✿ Make pictures of the clouds in the sky
- ✿ Fly a kite
- ✿ Go fishing
- ✿ Blow bubbles
- ✿ Read a book outside
- ✿ Have a yummy picnic
- ✿ Creeking
- ✿ Search local park system and find programs
- ✿ Go on a theme hike (ex. Find things that are purple, ABC hike, shape hike, etc.)

Check out additional Cloverbud resources at: [Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Resources](#)

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.

QUALITY ASSURANCE INFORMATION

REMINDER: Deadline to complete QA is June 1st.

YQCA Option – Online <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Youth will have the option to fulfill their QA requirement by completing an online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) session again in 2022. The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA), has endorsed the following option for youth who are officially enrolled in a 4-H and/or FFA livestock/food animal project.

For the training to meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA requirement for the project year:

- Youth must complete the online session by June 1, 2022.
- The on-line module completed MUST be for the correct 4-H age for the youth.
- **Must submit copy of YQCA certificate to the Extension Office by 4:30pm June 1st.**

It is the youth's responsibility to submit QA Certificates to the Geauga County Extension office by 4:30pm on June 1st. Emailed copies are accepted. Use the drop box in the foyer for afterhours submission.

2023 Project Judging Information

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. All fees collected are used to secure judges, facilities, etc.

Clothing judging registration forms can be found at geauga.osu.edu

Online Livestock Project Judging 2023: Beef, Dairy, 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 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.

Miscellaneous/General Project Judging 2022: School Building, Geauga Fairgrounds

In-person project judging: Saturday, July 15th – by appointment only 10:00am – 1:00pm

Miscellaneous/General 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.

Reminder: Guinea Pigs and Pocket Pets (Hamsters, Gerbils, Rats, Mice) will also participate in General Project Judging. Members should bring their completed project book and a poster display depicting their project and what they learned. No animals permitted.

All members wishing to be judged need to contact the Extension Office starting June 20th and register for a judging appointment by July 1st.

Members will need to bring their completed project book, pen or pencil, and their presentation materials.

Miscellaneous projects must be judged on July 15th to be eligible for State Fair. Members should arrive no more than 5 minutes before their appointment.

Alternate Miscellaneous/General Project Judging: Please contact the Extension Office

Advisors interested in serving as a judge or would like to recommend a judge should also contact the Extension Office.

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

JUNIOR FAIR INFORMATION

For all Jr. Fair related questions, contact Jr. Fair Coordinator Gwynne Young at 440-488-1322 or gwynnesburg@msn.com

May 20th 8:00am – 10:00am Goat, Sheep tagging and Swine tag turn in at the fairgrounds.

July 15th, Exhibitors can enter their projects online. Also, 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.

The Prince & Princess program was such a wonderful success last year that we are bringing it back. Please fill out the google form by **Aug 12th**.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcBD2_tjLXmF6U_azmtTkjYUuKEap5g9w1TCxLVQvkS19WKw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Geauga County Junior Fair T- Shirt Contest

Due
July 1st



The Geauga County Junior Fairboard is looking for ideas for the back of the 2023 Geauga County Junior Fair T-shirt. The shirts will be distributed to all Junior Fair participants.



Junior Fair King & Queen Contest

Applications due June 1st

The King and Queen contest is open to all Jr. Fair participants between the ages of 16 and 18, as of January 1, and a member of the youth Jr. Fair Organization they represent for at least two years.

2-DAY SALE

FRIDAY, September 1st AT 2:30 IN THE AUCTION TENT
Rabbits, Chickens, Turkeys, and Ducks

SATURDAY, September 2nd AT 4:00 IN THE ARENA
Dairy Baskets, Swine, Goats, Sheep, and Beef



All Jr. Fair information is also posted at:

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

- 2023 Jr. Fair Rulebook Changes
 - Calendar of Events
- Adult Coordinator Information
 - Sale Flyer
- Jr. Fair Applications: T-Shirt Contest, King & Queen Applications, etc.

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