

The Geauga 4-H Report



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November - December 2023
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4-H Calendar

November

- 10 Veterans Day Observation – Extension Office Closed
23-24 Happy Thanksgiving – Extension Office Closed

December

- 2 **Beef Tagging**
10 Breakfast with Santa
25-26 Happy Holidays – Extension Office Closed

January

- 1 Happy New Year – Extension Office Closed
12 **Camp Counselor Applications Due**
County Conference Registrations Due
15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Extension Office Closed
27 **County 4-H Conference**
29 **Camp Counselor Interviews**

Save the Date!

Gauga 4-H County Conference
Saturday, January 27th
Time: 9:00am

Will include volunteer training sessions, a session for youth members, youth and volunteer awards, appreciation luncheon for all award winners and volunteers, and 2024 Club packet pickup.

Registration and complete details coming soon.

Annual Financial Summary - Due January 31st

Required for all 4-H clubs, committees, and committee sub-affiliates.
Financial reports are for the 2023 calendar year.

Reports must indicate amount of income and expenses and a description.

https://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/forms/Yearly%20Financials%20-%20fillable%20PDF.pdf

| Description (fundraiser, dues, etc.) | Amount |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Club Dues | \$145 |
| Candy Bar Fundraiser | \$350 |
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| Total Income | \$495 |

ACCEPTABLE

| Description (books, program fees, etc.) | Amount |
|---|-----------------|
| Club Expenses | \$345.09 |
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| Total Expenses | \$345.09 |

UNACCEPTABLE

2024 CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS

Open to all youth ages 15 and older. 4-H membership is not required to serve as a counselor for Geauga County. Applications are available online and can be mailed upon request. All applications are due January 12th to the Geauga Extension Office. Applications available at: <https://go.osu.edu/2024counselors>



Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp

June 9 – 14, 2024

Cost: \$335 before December 31st

Cost increases January 1st.

Need the perfect holiday gift? Give the gift that'll create lasting memories! Campers enjoy swimming, shooting sports, nature, campfires, games, and much more.

<https://www.4hcampwhitewood.com/>

Scholarships Opportunities Available Soon

Geauga 4-H Advisory Scholarship

Monte Myer Memorial Camp Scholarship

Due at the Extension Office by May 1st

We can't wait to see you at camp!

Ohio 4-H Awards & Scholarships

Ohio 4-H offers a variety of awards, scholarships, and opportunities at the state level. Most applications are due February 1st to the Extension Office. County nominations are then sent to the State 4-H Office by the application deadline.

- State Jr. Fair Board
- National 4-H Dairy Conference
- OTA Local Government Award
- State Achievement Awards (27 categories)
- Ohio 4-H Scholarships
- Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council
- National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute

Complete instructions and details can be found at

<https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>

4-H Family Guides

Ohio 4-H is mailing a Family Guide to each of our returning households. Advisors can pick up extra Family Guides at the Extension Office. Additional guides will be available to pick up at the County Conference. So often we hear that people didn't know some projects existed. Help your members explore their interests by highlighting the contents of the Ohio 4-H Family Guide at your next club meeting. These are also online at www.ohio4h.org/familyguide. Another great resource that shared project reviews and information is: <http://projectcentral.ohio4h.org>

Across County Line Policy (Geauga Membership Requests due March 15.)

Potential 4-H'ers interested in joining a club that live out-of-county must complete and Across County Line request form and submit it to the 4-H Educator in the county of request. Approval must be granted by both the county Extension Educators before an individual is accepted. *Please do not promise membership in your club or involve anyone in club functions as accepted members until they are received official approval.*

The Geauga 4-H Horse Committee is hosting their annual Breakfast with Santa and silent auction to raise money for the 2024 year. Proceeds are used to provide educational clinics, horse shows, scholarships, and year end awards for all Geauga youth enrolled in a horse project.

Tickets are \$10 for everyone 3 years and older. Unable to attend but still want to help? Consider donating a silent auction item/basket.



GEAUGA COUNTY 4-H ADVISORY COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER

Supports Geauga 4-H:

- Camp Scholarships
- Academic Scholarships
- Member Recognition
- Volunteer Conferences
- Educational Field Trips
- Other County Events



Free Shipping. Order by December
15th for holiday delivery.

<https://go.osu.edu/geaugacheese>

All proceeds support the mission of the
Gauga County 4-H Advisory Committee.



Three order options



4 Piece: \$42

Marble, Gouda, Cheddar,
& Pepper Jack



6 Piece: \$52

Colby, Pepper Jack, Marble,
Bacon Cheddar, Pepperoni
Cheese, & Summer Sausage



8 Piece: \$60

Lacy Baby, Pepper Jack,
Marble, Colby, Bacon
Cheddar, Pepperoni
Cheese, & Gouda

Each cheese is approximately 3/4lb

2024 4-H ENROLLMENTS - NOW OPEN

Are you ready to enroll?

WEBSITE: <http://v2.4honline.com/>

Best Browsers for access: Firefox and Chrome.



Returning Members & Advisors:

Instructional step-by-step video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6tEKXvnFRY>

New 4-H Members

Complete a paper enrollment form. The Extension Office will enroll you based on your form. If the new member is a sibling of a current members (family already has an enrollment profile), member can submit a paper form or be entered online by the parent/guardian.

Complete instructions and video resources are available at: <https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/how-join-geauga-county-4-h/4-h-online-enrollment>

Stop and Call our office if

- You cannot find your family profile. **DO NOT** create a new one.
- You are a new member or volunteer
- You do not have access to the internet

Update your club and project information as well as personal information (email, home address, phone, etc). This will ensure that you are properly enrolled in the county program and receive important news and updated such as newsletters, deadline information, and leadership opportunities. Projects cannot be changed/added after the April 15 enrollment deadline. Clubs may have an earlier deadline.

4-H Project Book Updates

The 2024 program year is bringing new and revised projects. A complete description of these and all Ohio 4-H projects are in the 2024 Family Guide.

NEW PROJECTS

Gymkhana
Roping
Assistance Animals in Action
Relationships 101

REVISED/REPLACED

Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows
Dog Resource Handbook
Rabbit Resource Handbook

DISCONTINUED PROJECTS

Equine Reproduction and Genetics
Keeping Fit
Dashboard Dining
Wired for Power
Entering Electronics

Members are unable to enroll in discontinued projects.

Enrollment Materials

Several Ohio 4-H policy updates have occurred since last enrollment. When completing and submitting enrollment materials, please take note of the following updated items and requirements for 2024.



- ✿ Volunteer Standards of Behavior
- ✿ Youth Code of Conduct (Includes parents)
- ✿ Photo Release – Member and Volunteer
- ✿ Shooting Sports Permission form included with members enrollment in 4HOnline.
- ✿ Club By-Laws & Constitution – Clubs must submit a new, signed copy by April 15th.
- ✿ Club Blanet Certificate – Clubs must submit a form by April 15th or before purchasing project books, whichever comes first. A copy will be included in the annual club packets.
- ✿ Club Inventory Lists – Will be due January 31st starting in 2025.

Volunteer BCI Background Checks

Ohio 4-H volunteers are required to submit for a BCI every 4 years of continued service. Those volunteers needed rescreened were mailed a letter with fingerprint instructions. To continue your service as a 4-H volunteer, Ohio BCI checks must be completed, and a copy of the receipt must be submitted to the Geauga Extension Office by **February 15th**.

New 4-H Volunteers

Potential 4-H volunteers for the 2024 year must complete the OSU 4-H Volunteer Screening and Selection process before **March 31, 2024**.

- Step 1:** Submit a Volunteer Application and references to the Extension Office.
- Step 2:** Club organizational advisor must provide a letter of support for the potential volunteer.
- Step 3:** Complete a BCI Screening.
- Step 4:** Contact the Extension Office to arrange an interview.
- Step 5:** Complete OSU's required training.

Potential volunteers should not complete any trainings until instructed to do so by the Extension Office.

Visit <https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/advisor-information-and-forms> for volunteer job description, applications, and additional information.



Online 4-H Volunteer Training Opportunities

The Northeast Region Volunteerism Team is offering a series of volunteer connection sessions. Attend one or attend all. Submit a copy of the training certificate or post session survey to the Extension Office to count towards the 2024 volunteer training requirements.

Creating a LGBTQ+ Inclusive Program

January 10 6:30-8:00pm

Be a Positive Communicator

February 13 6:30-8:00pm

Finding Space for Mental Wellness

March 12 6:30-8:00pm

Animal Science – Relationships & Sportsmanship

April 9 6:30-8:00pm

Learn more and register: <https://tinyurl.com/4hnerv>



**FOOD
DRIVE**

March 1 –
August 1

Supporting the Geauga Hunger Task Force

Since 2015, the financial donations and items given, plus the match from Dr. Augustine Kellis, totals over \$250,000.00 given to the Geauga Hunger Task Force!! With the match from Dr. Kellis, \$22,549.64 was given this year!

We sincerely thank you for your participation and giving! Please thank your members and their families! Most of all, thank you for helping the food insecure here in our county.

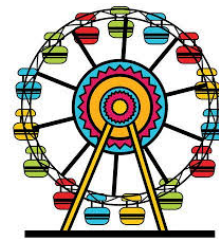
Greener Fields 4-H Club
Christine Belliveau, Wendy Mesnick, Amanda Yingling, and Libby Mosher

2023 4-H Club Food Drive Participants

Auburn Swine
Breeders and Feeders
Buckeye Bunnies
Gauga Beef and Swine
Gauga Dairywomen
GJG & Memory Keepers
Gauga Jr. Leaders
Granny's Kids
Greener Fields
Hare Raisers
Pygmy Connection
Sew Sew Sweet
Swinging Hams

Club Recruitment Post

If any club would like a club specific post on the Geauga 4-H Facebook page to help recruit new members, please contact Alisha. Post can contain club pics, projects offered, how to contact the club, etc.



FAMILY – A – FAIR

Family-A-Fair (FAF) would like to thank the following clubs and individuals who donated to the FAF program this year. Through their generosity, 71 foster youth/families were able to experience The Great Geauga County Fair!

2023 4-H Club Family-A-Fair Participants

Gauga Caprine Kids
Gauga Dairywomen
Granny's Kids
Giggles N Stitches
Greener Fields
The Pygmy Connection
Sew Sew Sweet
Swingin' Hams

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE JR. FAIR OFFICE
FOR ASSISTING WITH THIS PROGRAM!**

Club Information for Website

It's time to review and update your clubs information on the website. Please review what is 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](#)



JUNIOR FAIR INFORMATION

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

Open Coordinator positions for Jr. Fair: Due December 1st to the Fair Office.
Dog, Poultry, Dairy Goats

These are 3-year terms. This year Dog, Poultry, and Dairy Goats are available to apply for. Please note that we accept new applications every 3 years for each department. This does not mean that the coordinator in charge now is stepping down.

Beef Tagging: Saturday, December 2

Please send your list of your beef projects that will be coming to beef tagging on Saturday, December 2, 2023, between 8am-10am to **Ryan Ivans by November 19th** – ivansfarms9190@gmail.com

For each member, please include the following:

- Exhibitor Name
- Breed
- Miniature Breed (must be declared now)
- Geauga Born (must be declared now)

Please remind your club members that they need to be castrated and dehorned at tagging. Entry will be through Gate 7 off of Cook St.



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