



The Geauga 4-H Report

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September - October 2023

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4-H Calendar

October

- 1** Volunteer Continuing Trainings Due
- 4-15** Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
- 20** Spooktacular Whitewood

November

- 1** Recognition Award Nominations Due
Club Secretary & Treasure Books Due
- 10** Veterans Day Observation – Extension Office Closed
- 18** Member Recognition Ceremony
- 23-24** Happy Thanksgiving – Extension Office Closed

December

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

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OHIO 4-H TEEN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

ACHIEVEMENT FORM WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 2023, 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Learn about opportunities that can arise from successful achievement form completion, improve record keeping skills, and enhance forms to make them even stronger!

Location: hosted virtually on Zoom!

Cost: FREE

Who: 4-H members interested in completing the achievement form; 4-H professionals, parents and advisors interested in supporting 4-H members

RSVP by September 29, 2023 at go.osu.edu/AchForm2023

Questions? Contact: Frances Foos, foos.61@osu.edu, 614-247-9945

Parents/guardians are responsible for maintaining care, custody and control of their minor(s) and are responsible for the activities their child is participating in. If you have a disability and have questions about accessibility or wish to request accommodations, please contact Frances Foos (foos.61@osu.edu).

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2023 Member Recognition Ceremony

Saturday, November 18th

Claridon Woodlands. Time TBA

4-H Award winners (members) and a guest are invited to attend this year's Member Recognition Ceremony. Light refreshments will be provided.

All award winners will be notified via email by November 8th. Registration information will be included in the email.





2024 Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp

We are working on securing our 2024 camp dates. In the past, the Geauga-Trumbull camp is held in early June, and we are striving to keep it this way. Once our camp week is secured, camp counselor applications will be available. Application will be due mid-January to the Geauga Extension Office.

If you would like to have an application sent to you or someone you know, please fill out this brief survey.

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1FUqQzZj3rOF1LE



Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign: October 4 – 15

TSC continues their partnership and support of 4-H with the Paper Clover Campaign. The fall dates are set for October 4-16. TSC store and regional management are extremely committed to partnering with 4-H on the local level to raise the visibility of the 4-H program and garner customer support that advance positive youth development. Breakdown of donations: 10% National 4-H and 90% Ohio 4-H (10% State 4-H Office, 80% County).

All funds raised at Tractor Supply's in Geauga County are used to providing Cloverbud Camping opportunities. Over the last several years, we were able to offer Cloverbud Camp at no charge to our cloverbuds and their families thanks to the generous support of the community. Our hope is to be able to continue to provide this opportunity in the future.



2022 Recognition Awards: Due November 1st

Volunteer Recognition Awards

Below is a general description of the awards that will be presented at the Recognition & Appreciation Ceremony. Nomination forms are available online and are due by November 1st. Volunteers must be in good standing and have completed their volunteer training requirements to be eligible. Previous award winners are not eligible to receive the same award multiple times. <https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/member-recognition>

- **Clover Key Award** – The KEY to 4-H growth lines in new, committed, and creative leaders. This award recognized leaders with service from 1-5 years who have provided outstanding service to 4-H and demonstrated a genuine passion towards the program and its ongoing success.
- **Leadership Development Award** – Recognizes a 4-H volunteer, with 5 or more years of service, who had demonstrated and displayed the ability to develop leadership in youth.
- **Meritorious Service Award** – This award honors an individual who has shown superior dedication to the 4-H program. Volunteers with 10 or more years of service, who have made a special contribution to or impact on the Geauga County 4-H program. The recipient of this award will have influenced the lives of 4-H members in a positive way and/or influenced the overall of the 4-H program.
- **Gauga County 4-H Hall of Fame Award** – The prestigious award honors an individual who had served in the 4-H program for a minimum of 15 years and has made significant lifetime contributions of service to the 4-H program.

Volunteer Awards and Club Community Service Awards will be given out at the Volunteer Conference in 2024.

Member Recognition Awards

Below is a general description of the awards that will be presented at the Recognition & Appreciation Ceremony. Nomination forms are available online and are due by November 1st, 4:30pm. In addition to each award's eligibility requirements, members must have fulfilled all their 4-H project requirements to be eligible (met enrollment deadlines, completed project judging, QA [if applicable], met minimum attendance requirements, are in good standing, etc.). Awards requiring supplemental descriptions must be attached to the application – please print or type, illegible note cards will result in disqualification. Only one member/club per application. See nomination forms for complete details. <https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/member-recognition>

- **Outstanding 4-H Member** (Replaces Outstanding Participation Award) - This award is to recognize youth who have exhibited outstanding participation across the 4-H program and who have worked to improve themselves and gain personal growth by learning new skills, gaining new knowledge, and participating in a variety of experiences in 4-H. Members are limited to one outstanding award. The Outstanding 4-H Member is awarded on an individual basis not on a species/project basis.
- **Gold Medal** - The Gold Medal Awards are used to recognize members who have shown outstanding effort, personal increase of knowledge and skill, and outstanding achievement in a General Awards category or project area. A 4-H member may only receive the Gold Medal award once per category or project area during their 4-H career.
- **Honor Club** - A 4-H Honor Club is one that incorporates the spirit of 4-H, as stated in the motto, pledge, and the eight elements of positive youth development, in its meetings, project work, and club activities. Honor Club recognition is a challenge to all clubs to set goals and work together to achieve those goals. It is *not* intended as a contest between clubs.
- **Cloverbud Award** – Recognize outstanding Cloverbuds at the yearly recognition ceremony. Only enrolled cloverbuds (age 5 and in kindergarten to age 8 and not yet in the third grade by Jan 1st are eligible to receive this award.

- **Club Community Service Award** – This award will recognize a club(s) that demonstrated outstanding community service efforts for the year. This award will be given out at the Volunteer Conference in early 2024.
- **Geauga County 4-H'er of the Year** - Combines Ambassador Award and Girl/Boy of the Year. Applications should be completed by the member. Geauga County's 4-H'er of the Year is the most prestigious award given at the county level. It will be awarded to one individual, age 16 or older, who actively demonstrated their 4-H character in all of their activities and interactions. The member should be active in local 4-H activities and demonstrated leadership abilities at the local club and county level(s). Applicants should support and exhibit the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship, serve as an Ambassador to 4-H, and live to "Make the Best Better".

VOLUNTEERS

Ohio 4-H Volunteer Training Requirements

State University 4-H Volunteers have an outstanding reputation for their commitment to the development of our youth. In order to maintain this outstanding reputation, Ohio 4-H volunteers shall continue enhancing their skills to ensure all 4-H participants have a positive and educational experience by annually attending two youth development training opportunities.

Organizational Club Advisors were emailed a notice of all club volunteers training status. Volunteers have until October 1st to complete their 2024 training requirements (if applicable).

Online modules are available at <https://campus.extension.org/>.

Note: Volunteers who have already fulfill their 2023 requirements are asked to wait until after October 1st to complete any trainings for the 2024 year.



SAVE THE
DATE

Ohio 4-H Conference
Columbus Convention Center
Saturday, March 9, 2024

Registration coming soon!
Scholarships available.

New 4-H Volunteers

Anyone interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer for the 2024 year must complete the entire screening process (application, references, BCI, and interview) by **March 31, 2024**. Visit <https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/advisor-information-and-forms> for volunteer job description, applications, and additional information.

JUNIOR FAIR INFORMATION

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

What an exciting year! Our 201st Great Geauga County Fair was a Great success! Many Thanks to all the hands and hearts that put in so much time to make it another wonderful year for our Jr. Fair members, their families, and our community!

Our 2023 King and Queen are Sutton Pikor and Ava Intelisano. Congratulations!

The winners of this years Livestock Sale Scholarships are, Joslyn Borah, David Stemle, Edith Tomasek, Grace Toth, Samantha Bergansky, Marrisa DeFranco, Abigail Whitehead, Rachel O'Reilly, Alex Noah, Brooke Taylor, Sarah Skytta, Jack Jacobs, and Garret Tomasek. Best wishes to them for a great future.

Thank you to all those that bid on this at the auctions and that donate throughout the year to the future education of our young adults. Your support is appreciated!

The Livestock sale brought in \$922,962. With \$20,395 in add-ons. We had a total of 642 animals and 3 Dairy Basket through the sales. Please Thank your buyers for their tremendous support!

There will be a post- fair meeting with the coordinators from the Beef, Goats, Pygmy, Poultry, Rabbits, Sm. Animal, Sheep, and Swine and 1 or 2 advisors from each club. If you have any questions or suggestions, please send them to advisors or Gwynne Young at Gwynnesburg@msn.com.

For any other thoughts for other areas, please email them to Gwynne as well.

Jr. Fair Board Applications are Due October 1, 2023

The application is attached.

Open Coordinator positions for Jr. Fair:

Dog, Poultry, Dairy Goats

Applications are due to the Fair office by Dec.1, 2023.

The Adult Coordinator position is for a 3-year term.

Please return the attached application.

Beef Tagging is on Saturday, December 2, 2023

We gratefully acknowledge the continued help and financial support of our Geauga County Commissioners Jim Dvorak, Tim Lennon, and Ralph Spidalieri.



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