

# Geauga County 4-H



## News & Notes

September | 2020

### In-Person Meeting Guidelines – Effective as of September 1, 2020

- If activities are critical/essential and are in-person, they must be education-focused.
- Group cannot be larger than 50 people, including adults, youth, presenters, etc.
  - This directive is dependent on local health department guidelines.
  - The group size may need to be reduced to 10 (or other amount), based on the directives of your local health department.
- Face masks are required.
  - This includes inside AND outside at all times.
  - Program participants and parent/guardians ages five and older must wear a mask.
  - The exception is shooting sports where safety is a concern when on the line. Refer to the full guidance document online for additional shooting sports guidance (link below).
  - Medical conditions or disability exceptions are also permitted.
- Potlucks and buffets are not permitted

Any time your county is designated a Level 4 Public Health Emergency (color-coded purple) by the Ohio Department of Health, all in-person 4-H club meetings and events must be held virtually or postponed until the designation changes to Level 3 or below.

Ohio's Public Health Advisory System updates are at

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/publichealth-advisory-system/>

All other guidance we provided July 22 is still in effect. That information, along with these new updates, is at <https://ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected>.

## Photography Contest Winners

### Junior Division

1. Megan Pleva – Flockmasters
2. Ben Pleva – Flockmasters
3. Lilah Kane – Ride with Pride

### Senior Division

1. Sam Pleva – Flockmasters
2. Maria Kimball – Ride with Pride
3. Julia Madeja – Ride with Pride

# CLUB NEWS

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## **Recognition & Awards Ceremony**

We are sad to announce that this year's 4-H Recognition & Awards Ceremony is cancelled. With the ongoing struggles and restrictions we faced this year, awards will not be given out. The Geauga 4-H Advisory Committee will be meeting to discuss alternatives. If you have any ideas or suggestions to share with the committee, please do at [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3n2sS3cSBARUB0h](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3n2sS3cSBARUB0h) by September 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **4-H Information Distribution**

Effective January 1, 2021, all Geauga 4-H mass correspondences including newsletters, event flyers, etc. will be sent from our 4-H Online System, using the emails families and volunteers entered during their enrollment. This transition will be occurring over the next few months, communications will be sent through 4-H Online and directly from the Extension Office. Please check your email spam/junk files. The correspondences will come from [oh-geauga@4honline.com](mailto:oh-geauga@4honline.com). Families will also directly receive newsletters and other information through 4-H Online as well.

## **2020 Enrollments & Officer Books – Due October 1<sup>st</sup> by 4:30pm**

Clubs are asked to submit their 2020 enrollment paperwork (member/volunteer forms, club charter, inventory log, etc.) along with their Secretary and Treasurer books by October 1<sup>st</sup>. We do not need club calendars. The Secretary books should contain minutes and attendance from your virtual meetings and Treasurer's book should have meeting financial reports. There will be a drop box in the foyer at the Extension Office for submissions. If clubs wish to submit enrollment materials sooner, please contact the office to set up a drop off appointment.

# 4-H MEMBERS

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## **Statement on 4-H Membership Eligibility – Kirk Bloir, Assistant Director Ohio 4-H**

Ohio 4-H membership begins with Cloverbuds when a child is five and ends on December 31 of the year they turn 19. Due to cancellation of activities in 2020, there have been requests to extend a year of eligibility for 4-H members. This was given strong consideration at the national and regional levels. The decision was made that national 4-H programs will follow existing age requirements and another year of eligibility will not be granted. Following conversation with our 4-H professionals, Ohio will follow that policy.

Changing the policy would set an unsustainable precedent for youth participation for years to come. It would create increased unfairness when considering competitive events with the cascading impact on those who would have aged out taking spots of current youth down the line. COVID-19 has created a loss of experiences for everyone however, I am confident in the resiliency of our youth. Over the past few months, their ability to adapt and willingness to persevere has been evidenced by their participation in virtual camps, meetings and other 4-H activities. Ohio 4-H is proud of how our volunteers and young people have adapted in this unprecedented time.

## **Camp Counselor Applications**

Camp Counselor Applications will be due December 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications will be available in paper form and online. Youth (4-H or not), age 15 or older by June 1, 2021, are eligible to apply. The 2021 Geauga-Trumbull Camp is scheduled for June 13-18, 2021 at Camp Whitewood.

## **Visit the 4-H STEM Tent During this Year's Virtual Farm Science Review**

We're excited to offer virtual STEM-focused programming during this year's online Farm Science Review. Plan to join us on September 22, 23, and 24 to take virtual tours and field trips, learn about watershed and stream health, explore careers in agriculture, and more. The schedule for our virtual 4-H STEM Tent is below. More information, including how to register to participate in these free sessions, will be coming soon.

### ***Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020***

9 AM-10 AM – Virtual Video Tour of Myers Hatchery and Dialog  
10:15 AM – Explore Agriculture in Hawaii Using Google Expedition  
11 AM-Noon – Egg Catcher STEM Challenge  
12:15 PM – Virtual Video Tours of Young's Jersey Dairy and/or Guiggsberg Cheese  
1:15 PM-2:15 PM – From Moo to You Dairy Science Lab at GISA  
2:30 PM – Career Explorer

### ***Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020***

9 AM-10 AM – Soil Health Challenge  
10:15 AM – Soil Broken Down  
11:00 AM – Clean Water STEM Pathways Challenge  
Noon – 1 PM – Water Quality Challenge  
1:15 PM-2:15 PM – Watershed and Stream Health  
2:30 PM – Finding the Right Career Path, Assessing Your Employable Skills

### ***Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020***

9 AM-10 AM – Virtual Video Tour of Robotics Dairy Systems  
10:15 AM – Cookie Prospecting STEM Pathways Challenge  
11:00 AM – A Boost Against Arthritis STEM Pathways Challenge  
Noon to 1 PM – Agriculture Mechanization STEM Challenge  
1:15 PM-2:15 PM – From Pasture to Plate Virtual Video Tour and Meat Science Lab  
2:30 PM – Virtual Video Tour of John Deere Tractor Simulator and Ag STEM Career Discussion

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## **LIVESTOCK/HORSE**

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### **Equine Experience Day – Lake Erie College**

**October 2, 9:00am-2:00pm**

EQ Experience Day 2.0 is being held at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center in Mentor. It is open to all individuals interested in pursuing a degree with Lake Erie College's School of Equine Studies. The event includes tours of campus and the stables, opportunity to attend short equine based classes, information on intercollegiate teams, and more. For more information, visit <https://pages.akerolabs.com/x2tj9/lake-erie-college/eq-experience-day>

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