FIRST RULE OF 2021: NEVER TALK ABOUT 2020
2021 Annual Update

- In-Person Meeting Guidelines
- Enrollment Changes
- Important 2021 Dates
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In-person Meetings and Events Guidance and Requirements

- OSU Extension can resume in-person programming on January 16 that has approved exemptions in counties that are not purple, not approaching purple, and are not in conflict with a local health advisory.

- **Approved Exemptions**
  - 4-H club meetings and events that are educationally focused
  - 4-H Camp Counselor Selection and Training
  - Educational programs focused on preparing for junior fair, more specifically Quality Assurance and jr. fair board education; virtual attendance at sr. fair board meetings continues to be the preference

OSU Extension offices will be open based on the current Ohio Public Health Advisory System. If a county is purple or approaching purple, OSU Extension offices will be closed and employees will be working virtually. If a county is red, OSU Extension offices will be staffed by appointment only. You will need to call in advance to schedule a time to go to the office. Please note there may be additional guidelines from county health departments.
In-person Meetings and Events Guidance and Requirements

As we begin the new year, the Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-Person Meetings & Events has been updated to reflect current guidance from Ohio State University and health officials. Beginning SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021, the following is in effect:

- Hosting virtual meetings and events is preferred
- 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 directives from your local health department.
- Face masks are required inside and outside at all times
- Potlucks and buffets are not permitted
In-person Meetings and Events Guidance and Requirements

https://ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected

Now more than ever it's time for 4-H'ers to make the best better! While youth are at home and staying safe, we still want you to stay connected. Below are links to activities for youth and resources for volunteers. Check back frequently for additional links and program updates!

Announcements - January 13, 2021

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ENROLLMENTS

Enrollment Deadline
April 15th

April 1st – Honor Club bonus points deadline
Enrollments

• Deadline is April 15th at 4:30pm
  – Members enroll every year
  – All enrollments must be put into the 4HOnline system (except first time members/volunteers)
  – No prior year enrollments will be distributed
  – Complete the 4-H Code of Conduct or Volunteer Standards of Behavior electronically
  – Complete Permission to Participate (Dog, Horse, and Shooting Sports) electronically
Enrollments

- Head club advisor will receive a roster of all members and their projects to review.
  - Corrections may be made to contact information only.
- No project changes or additions after April 15th
- A member must be enrolled in the project to complete Project Judging and to exhibit at fair as a 4-H member
- Youth are expected to complete the projects they enroll in.
- Clubs can set early deadlines for volunteer review
Virtual 4-H Enrollment Help Session

March 4th - 6:30-8:00pm

This session is intended to serve as open office hours for anyone who is having trouble or has questions.

Families should already be able to log in and access their account before the help session.

This will not be a “learn the system” training.

4-H Online Enrollment Help Session Registration

Not a required training. Link will be shared in the February Newsletter.
Additional Forms

• Club Charter
• Club Inventory
• Club By-Laws (if updated)
• Across County Requests – Due March 15
• 4-H Winning Plan
• Accident & Injury Report Form
• Club Insurance: AIG Insurance Online
  https://www.ailife.com/specialriskdivision/4h-extension
Over 200 4-H Projects to choose from...

https://ohio4h.org/familyguide
Project Updates & Changes: NEW Projects

- Medicine Science and Safety
- Tracking Your Health & Fitness
- 387 Here, There, Ag Careers Are Everywhere
- 613 Explore the Poles
- 637 Edible Landscapes
Project Updates & Changes: Updated Projects

- 179R Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows
- 412 Sew for Others
- Photography Basics, Book 1
- Next Level Photography, Book 2
- Mastering Photography, Book 3
- Shotgun Member Record Book
- Muzzleloader Member Record Book
- Living History Member Record Book
Project Updates & Changes: Self-Determined

365.00 General
365.01 Companion Animal
365.02 Creative Arts
365.03 Family Life
365.04 Natural Resources
365.05 Quilt
365.06 Workforce Prep

• Build around topic areas that have their own state fair classes.
• Must be used with the Self-Determined project Guide
• All levels eligible for State Fair

New Idea starters for 2021:

365.00 Amateur Radio (Idea Starter)
365.04 Get Started with Composting (Idea Starter)
365.04 Paddle Water Sports (Idea Starter)
Project Central

Search
Find new projects and resources by searching keyword, skill level, or topic.

Find
Results are easy to sort!

Learn
Preview sample pages, read other members’ and volunteers’ feedback.

Rate and Share
Help others choose projects and resources by rating and sharing on social media!

projectcentral.ohio4h.org
Project Book Distribution Options

• Order and pick up at the Extension Office. This option provides the best price on project books. Discounted book price and tax free when paying with a club check.

• Order online. You can order directly from extensionpubs.osu.edu. Free shipping on orders over $20 using code FREE2021. Orders can be shipped directly to any Ohio address. Returns are not accepted so review your orders carefully.

• Create our own project. Self-determined projects are an excellent choice for self-motivated members eager to create their own project. Idea starters can be used to build upon a self-determine project.

• Download one for free. Select from a dozen projects in the “Stay-at-Home” collection. Click, save, print.
https://ohio4h.org/stayathomeprojects
Important Dates
2021 4-H Dates to Remember

- May 1st – Quality Assurance (In Person)
- May 1st – Equine Safety & Ethics Completion Deadline
- June 1st – QA Completion Deadline
- June 12 – PAS Horse Show
- June 13-18 – Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp
- July 15 & 16 – Cloverbud Camp
- July 17 – Project Judging
- July 20 – Clothing & Textiles Project Judging

*Additional program dates on the 4-H Calendar. County calendars available online at geauga.osu.edu under Club Information
Quality Assurance

- QA Virtual Dates: must pre-register, limited to 50 per session.
  - Saturday, March 13\textsuperscript{th} at 9:00am
  - Thursday, March 25\textsuperscript{th} at 7:00pm
  - Wednesday, April 7\textsuperscript{th} at 7:00pm

- May 1\textsuperscript{st} in-person QA
  - If we are unable to hold in-person events, the May 1\textsuperscript{st} QA will be held virtually

- Online Option & Out-of-County (including virtual)
- Test-Out Option by appointment (in-person only)

\textit{Registration will be in February Newsletter}
Equine Safety & Ethics (EQUISTEP) – Due May 1

• Completion of this program is required for first year members before participating in 4-H Horse Activities
  – 2021 Topics: Helmet Safety, Safety & Handling, Preventative Health, and Handling Adversity

• Online CANVAS Modules
  – Each participant will enroll themselves via a link
  – Each participant must have a unique email address
  – Complete and pass a 10-question quiz at the end

• Will be required for ALL Equine members in 2022.
Camping Opportunities

• Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp
  – June 13-18 at Camp Whitewood
  – Open to all youth age 8-13 (4-H membership not required)
  – Cost: $305 – Partial camperships may be available courtesy of the Geauga 4-H Advisory Committee

• Cloverbud Camp
  – July 15 & 16 at Camp Burton
  – Open to all 2021 Geauga County 4-H Cloverbuds
  – Limited to 20 Cloverbuds
  – Cost: $10 to reserve your spot.
    • TSC Paper Clover Campaign funds are used to provide full camperships. THANK YOU to everyone who donated!!

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Project Judging: In-Person

• Saturday, July 17: 9:00 – 11:00am
  – Livestock & Horses
  – Need chairperson for each species to assist with organization

• Saturday, July 17: 12:30 – 3:00pm
  – General (Miscellaneous) Projects
  – Must sign up for an interview time

• Tuesday, July 20 (Tentative)
  – Clothing & Textile Projects
Project Judging: Make Up

• General & Clothing Projects
  – Members who are unable to attend Project Judging but wish to have their project judged should contact their advisor to assist with securing an alternate Judge. Once a judge is secured, the Extension Office will send the judge the necessary information and score sheets to the judge. Alternately judged project score sheets must be received back at the Extension Office by 4:30pm on July 16th. Alternate judging still requires a poster display & completed project book.

• Livestock & Horse Projects
  – Members who cannot attend judging on July 17th will need to submit a Make-Up Judging Form that is signed off on by their club advisor by 4:30pm on Thursday, July 1st to the Extension Office.
  – Members must have a legitimate reason for needing the make-up option. Extension Office has the right to deny any requests.
  – All make-up tests are administered at the Extension Office between July 1 and July 14.
  – Minimum score of 70% to pass. If a youth scores below a 70% they will need to attend Skillathon or they will not be eligible for Jr. Fair participation as a 4-H member.
  – Advisors MUST check and sign off on the member’s books prior to judging.
To be determined…

• County Conference and volunteer training opportunities

• Club Officer Resources & Training
  – Grant from the Ohio 4-H Foundation to provide officer resource kits for each club.
  – Participation in the training is expected to receive kits.

• Public Speaking & Demonstration Contest

• Awards & Recognition Ceremony
  – Planning to hold again in 2021.
Other Opportunities

• Jr. Swine Day – February 20 (registration in newsletter)
• Dairy Palooza – April 24
• Special Interest Clubs
• International Programs
  – Winter & Spring International Pen Pal Program
  – Summer Virtual Hosting
  – [http://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/international-program](http://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/international-program)

As opportunities become available, they will be communicated in the newsletter and announced on the 4-H Facebook page.
Ohio 4-H Week
March 7-13
Promotion & Recruitment
Celebrating 4-H
4-H Promotion & Recruitment

• 4-H Yard Display Contest
  – Decorate your yard, front porch, door, barn, fence, etc.
  – Positive 4-H message about your club, 4-H Camp, and/or 4-H in general
  – No limit to how many displays a club can have
  – Winning display earns $50 4-H Mall Gift Card for their club
  – Entries due by 8:00am Monday, March 8th to Alisha or Wendy
  – Replaces Window Display Contest
4-H Promotion & Recruitment

• Refer-a-Friend Contest

- Clubs are encouraged to recruit new members.
- Share what opportunities 4-H and your club offer.
- Host a virtual informational meeting
- Use the Yard display contest to recruit new members
- The Extension Office can provide you with printable handouts upon request
- Participating clubs should submit the Refer-a-Friend form (one per club)
- Club who recruits the most “new to 4-H members” (in relation to their returning 2020 members) will win a $50 4-H Mall Gift Card
Celebrating 4-H

4-H Stories from Current Members, Advisors, and Alumni.

– Share your fondest 4-H memories, how 4-H has changed you, your leadership experiences, how you met your best friend in 4-H, how your project challenged you, etc.
– Send us your stories by February 28th
– Will share through social media, website, compile a handout of our 4-H stories and possibly share in the newspapers
Advisor Information

New Standards of Behavior
Updated Training Requirements
OSU Child Abuse Training – Online Course
Virtual Ohio 4-H Conference
NEW Standards of Behavior

I understand and agree that as a volunteer:

- In accordance with Ohio State University policy, Self-Disclosure of Criminal Convictions Policy 4.17, I am required to self-disclose criminal convictions within three business days of the conviction.
- I will follow Ohio State University Institutional Data Policy, which specifies requirements for protecting institutional data, including but not limited to 4-H member and volunteer personal data.
- I will uphold and support the responsible and lawful use of social media. In so doing, I will not create or post social media content that is abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, or creates a hostile environment.
- I will report any child abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect in accordance with university policy.
- I will not intentionally or purposefully place myself in a position alone with a member of a vulnerable population, in a one-on-one situation, including, but not limited to sleeping quarters with participants.
- I will not, under any circumstances, physically, verbally, or emotionally abuse or fail to provide the basic necessities of care, such as food or shelter to participants.
- I will endeavor to provide a safe and healthy program/camp experience for all participants.
- My volunteer status is subject to immediate suspension or termination based on any act or omission that Extension determines to be contrary to any portion of these standards or otherwise in conflict with the goals of OSUE.
Volunteer Development Requirements (trainings)

Ohio 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 additional youth development training opportunities.

Must attend at least two trainings totaling no less than 2 hours by October 1\textsuperscript{st}.

NEW: This is in addition to the Child Abuse Training (Policy 1.50).

If attending a non-Geauga 4-H event, be sure to sign in at the event and/or fill out the alternate training form.
Policy 1.50 Course – due April 1

https://cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/2021-osu-policy-150-annual-training-4h-v7-00q3

• Self Registration.

• Fill out the registration form. Name and email addresses are required. It is okay to enter “0” for phone number and zip code. Enter “NA” for title and company.

• 3. After filling out the registration form, you will receive two emails from Canvas Catalog. One email will ask you to complete your registration, the other will confirm your enrollment in your course(s).

• 4. After creating your account to complete required training, we encourage you to bookmark the login page at https://scarlet.instructure.com/login/canvas
2021 Virtual Ohio 4-H Conference

- February 20\textsuperscript{th}  9:00 – 11:35am
  - Advisor Resources, Healthy Living, Growing 4-H Virtually
- February 20\textsuperscript{th}  1:00 – 3:35pm
  - Animal Sciences, Camp, Effective 4-H Clubs
- February 23\textsuperscript{rd}  7:00 – 9:00pm
  - Cloverbuds, Project Specifics
- February 27\textsuperscript{th}  7:00 – 9:00pm
  - Leadership Skills, STEM

Registration link:  [www.go.osu.edu/2021O4HC](http://www.go.osu.edu/2021O4HC)

*Registration Deadline: February 12\textsuperscript{th} at 5pm*
Making Online Meetings Fun

Zoom meeting, audio only

Zoom meeting with video
Making Online Meetings Fun

• Hold themed meetings
  – Backgrounds: favorite TV show, favorite animal, dream vacation spot, picture of their current 4-H project, etc.
  – Dress Up: old Halloween costumes, favorite school attire, wacky hats, pajamas, etc.
  – “Bring Your Pet” Meeting
Making Online Meetings Fun

• Virtual Dance Party
  – Randomly play 15-20 seconds of music throughout the meeting. Each time music is played, members must stand up and dance.

• Arm’s Reach Show & Tell
  – When called upon, members grab something within arms reach. Items can be anything; pen, tv remote, box of tissues, a spoon, etc. Ask the member to make up a short story like they are participating in Show & Tell with the item.

• Never Have I Ever (Rated G Edition)
  – Using the wave or thumbs up feature, members can participate in this quick game.
    • Made a pizza from scratch.
    • Sung karaoke.
    • Saw a double rainbow.
    • Traveled to another country.
Making Online Meetings Fun

• Trivia Contests
  – Use Polls to create trivia questions for members to answer
  – Use Breakout rooms to create teams, give each team a list of questions to answer, regroup and review the answers.

• Incorporate Chat Explosions
  – Chat exposing are when participants type their answer into the chat but don’t hit send until instructed to.
  – Can use this as a starting point for discussions on fundraiser ideas, t-shirt colors, field trip locations, etc.
Making Online Meetings Fun

- What are you doing in your club?
- How are you engaging members virtually?
- Tips or ideas to share?
Please type your name and club in the chat so we can keep track of attendance.

In the next day or so you will receive an email from Brian Butler (butler.143@osu.edu) with an evaluation form for tonight's update.