

# 4-H Clover Buzzz

*Making the Best Better in Tuscarawas County*

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**4-H Motto**

To Make the Best Better

**4-H Pledge**

I pledge

My Head to clearer thinking,  
My Heart to greater loyalty,  
My Hands to larger service,  
My health to better living for  
my club, my community, my  
country, and my world.

Dear Volunteers, Members, and Parents:

It doesn't seem possible that we've already experienced a whole month of 2019, but in fact we're already into February. 4-H clubs are hopefully gearing up for another fun year full of 4-H project work and looking ahead to the warm sun-filled days of spring. I'm sure looking forward to warmer days! Please read on for important 4-H information and deadlines.

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### On-line Enrollment Entry

Advisors will need to turn in hard copies of enrollments for **new** members only. New advisors are mailed their enrollment form to sign and return. Remember, advisors **can't** enroll children who are not theirs. Families must re-enroll themselves. Instructions were provided in the club packets at advisor trainings and can be found online at: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-parents-and-volunteers>. Remember—you must use the “family” email address to log in!

Members and advisors need to complete the form in its entirety, including the Standards of Behavior/Code of Conduct sections. Members and advisors **must** be entered into the 4-H Online system AND paper enrollment forms (first years only) **must** be received by **April 15**.

### State Mandated Training for Volunteers

Reminder—If you did not attend the Recognizing and Preventing Child Abuse Training (1.50) with Kiersten on January 26 or 29, you must complete the *training and quiz* through 4-H Online once your enrollment has been approved, no later than April 15.

Due to the less than stellar weather we've had on advisor training dates - a face-to-face evening session will be available for those who had planned to come to one of the trainings just to complete their 1.50 Protection of Minors requirement. (This will **not** be an annual advisor update.) If you still need to complete this annual training and would like to avoid the lengthy online model - mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.** It will be held at the **Extension Office**. Please call 330-339-2337 or email [heckel.13@osu.edu](mailto:heckel.13@osu.edu) to register. Let us know if you have questions.



## New Advisors with Existing Clubs

If anyone plans on becoming a 4-H advisor with an existing club, they must pick up an application packet from the office, complete a BCI, provide references, complete an interview with Kiersten, and attend an orientation. Remaining orientation dates are listed. Please RSVP for orientation you plan to attend ([heckel.13@osu.edu](mailto:heckel.13@osu.edu) or 330-339-2337).

- February 6, 10:00 a.m., Extension Office
- February 6, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office
- March 7, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office
- April 3, 10:00 a.m., Extension Office (tentative)
- April 3, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office

## IRS 990N Filing

**DO NOT FILE** as Kiersten continues to handle this until further notice. If you have received an auto-revocation letter and have not informed the office, please do so as soon as possible!

## Congratulations! 2018 Honor Club Awards

*Gold Honor Clubs:* 4-H Jr. Achievers; 4-H Pioneers; Above and Beyond; Atwood Lakers; Kountry Kids; Mix-N-Match; Prime Cuts; Stillwater Korn Kids; Thunder Valley Pioneers

*Silver Honor Club:* 4-H Hares

*The Four H's Community Service Award:* (Heart) Happy Harvesters; (Heart) Thunder Valley Pioneers; (Hands) 4-H Hares; (Hands) Above and Beyond; (Health) Mix-N-Match; (Head) Atwood Lakers; (Head) Heels Down; (Head) Jolly Ranchers

## Non-completing Club Officers

While it is not common, occasionally clubs have officers fail to complete their year of service for a variety of reasons. This is particularly challenging if the secretary or treasurer does not complete their year. Regardless, your club must submit a Secretary's Book and a Treasurer's Book to demonstrate fulfillment of your club charter. It is recommended that advisors keep a copy of treasurer's reports, minutes, and attendance sheets. Contact the Extension Office if you have concerns.

## Secretary Books

**Note:** All clubs are required to use the most current Ohio 4-H Youth Development Club Constitution as their club's constitution. Advisors received this at the Advisor Training. **A signed copy is due with enrollment materials by April 15.** Club By-Laws are highly encouraged, but not required. If your club decides to have By-Laws, a signed copy is also due by April 15. The originals of each of these forms, along with signatures, need to be placed in the Secretary's Book.

*2018 Outstanding Secretary Book Awards:* 4-H Hares—Trista Recchiuti; 4-H Jr. Achievers—Laiken Wallick; 4-H Pioneers—Belle Fockler; Above and Beyond—Allison Kendle; Angel Valley Rosebuds & Ramblers—Maggie Miller; Boots and Chutes—MaKenna Oszust; Country Wild Childs—Charity Ramser; Happy Harvesters—Hayley Reiger; Happy Homesteaders—Norah Randolph, Riley Randolph; Kountry Kids—Emma Grewell; Rush Rascals—Lily Lewis; Stillwater Korn Kids—Bryante Caldwell; Stone Creek Peas & Carrots—Sienna Quillin; Thunder Valley Pioneers—Emma Koile; Town and Country—Madison Incarnato.

## Treasurer Books

**Note:** Financial integrity is very important for our 4-H program both at the county and state levels. For this reason, we ask that clubs observe the following guidelines:

- Money within the club belongs to the club membership - not individuals - thus a vote is necessary when funds will be used for any purpose.
- Clubs should establish a budget at the beginning of the year. This budget should be voted upon by the club members. This helps to facilitate the purchase of necessary items by advisors and/or committee leaders between meetings. For example, the fair decorations committee may need to make purchases for the upcoming fair booth. If this is a budgeted item, the purchaser can act within that budget to make the necessary purchase. These purchases should then be noted on the Treasurer's Report.
- Club funds, other than fair premiums, should not be dispersed to individual members. Clubs wishing to provide members with money for food, rides, etc., during the fair should provide their members with vouchers instead. The Clover Café and our county commodity groups are accommodating in setting up vouchers for interested clubs.
- There needs to be a receipt for **all** reimbursements.

*Outstanding Treasurer Book Awards:* 4-H Heartlanders—Todd Tacy; 4-H Pioneers—Zoe Bosler; Above and Beyond—Mackenna Armstrong; Atwood Lakers—Meghan Kieffer; Boots N Buckles—Emilie McQueen; Brandywine—Haylee Kinsey; Buckhorn Buckeyes—Lexi Troyer; Crooked Run Cloverstitchers—Katana Kerch; Happy Harvesters—Clair Haswell; Kountry Kids—Briar Sharrock; Mix-N-Match—Brianna Burdette; St. John's 4-H'ers—Rachel Pfeiffer; Stone Creek Peas & Carrots—Samantha Masters; Town and Country—Kelly Shumaker.

### **Older Youth**

There are two more regularly scheduled meetings for our Older Youth (members currently in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 18 years as of January 1): Thursday, February 7 and Monday, March 4. On **February 7**, we'll meet at 5 PM at Texas Roadhouse in New Philadelphia for the Dine to Donate, then move to the meeting (and dessert!) at 7 PM at Salem Fellowship Hall. **Call the office to RSVP for the 7<sup>th</sup>** so we know how much dessert to prepare. We hope most of our youth will be able to join us at Texas Roadhouse. Teens will be helping with the Explore 4-H Night on **March 4** at the Clover Café on the fairgrounds and will be notified as to what time they need to arrive.

### **Explore 4-H Night**

This year, we're trying something new to celebrate Ohio 4-H Week and the Tuscarawas County 4-H Program! Join us at the **Clover Café on Monday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m.** for Explore 4-H Night! This event is being put on by the Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee and will be open to the public as well as all 4-H clubs. In fact, we encourage clubs to have an exhibit! This will be a great opportunity to recruit new members if you're looking to expand your club. Even if you are not actively recruiting new club members this year, we still invite you to set up a display to showcase the many projects Ohio 4-H has to offer! If your club has had a member who has gone to the Ohio State Fair in their project and they still have their display, we would love for them to set up and be on hand to answer questions! Clubs can also set up games or activities for the public to participate in. We would like to see all project areas represented on this fun evening. If you have questions, please let Kiersten know by calling the office at 330-339-2337 or email at [heckel.13@osu.edu](mailto:heckel.13@osu.edu).

### **Community Service Opportunities for Clubs**

We are looking for clubs to assist with a number of events in the coming months. Please contact the office if your club is interested.

- Camp Piedmont Work Day—May 4, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
- Healthy Kids Day—April 27, Noon—4 p.m., YMCA, Dover
- Ag in the City – June 14, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Tuscora Park

### **Social Networking Guidelines...Facebook, Twitter, Instagram...OH MY!**

Technological communication (also known as social networking) is becoming increasingly popular in today's society. This is the way young people communicate, relate to others, and ultimately share information. Social media can be a very helpful tool, but it can also cause problems. A social networking section was provided to all advisors at advisor trainings in the *Member and Volunteer Handbook*. **Please note that this information is available and applicable to all volunteers, members, and parents.** Please review the handbook and visit the Ohio 4-H Guidelines for Social Networking and Web Sites at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/volunteers/volunteers/club-leaders/club-management-resources-policies-and-procedures>

#### **A few rules:**

1. An advisor and/or 4-H professional should be a member of the group.
2. The group needs a monitor to encourage and monitor dialogue.
3. Sites must provide settings that require comments to be approved before they are posted
4. No negative comments, articles, or pictures against the club, county program, or people should be allowed on the site.
5. Currently social networks are open only to youth ages 13 and above. By law youth ages 12 and under are not permitted to be on a social network. Instead, members under 13 years old should use a parent's profile.
6. All photos on the site must be accompanied by signed photo release forms. Youth should not be tagged or otherwise identified in photos on websites.
7. The social network cannot be the only means of communication among group members.
8. 4-H professionals control only who and what goes on the county 4-H page.
9. When using the 4-H emblem and other logos, groups must follow the established state and federal guidelines.

## Member Clinics and Orientation Events

Check the calendar (Events tab, online) for member-focused clinics and events related to Create with 4-H Day, Quilt Day, Dog Club Orientation, Small Animals, Scrapbooking, and Hogs. Additional clinics and workshops are sure to be added throughout the year – stay tuned!

## Project Information Meetings

Encourage your members to investigate projects at the following informational events and clinics:

- Dog Information Meeting – March 25, 6 p.m. at the Clover Café. For more information, contact Carri Davy at 330-204-0140.
- Shooting Sports Information Meeting – Scheduling soon. Watch for details in the *Clover Buzzz* and our web site. For more information, contact Joe Martin at 740-922-5814.

## Clover Café

The Clover Café is the only fundraiser for the Tuscarawas County 4-H Program. The Café raises enough money to pay for the printing of club materials, support 4-H events throughout the year, eliminate the need for individual membership fees, and helps to keep camp fees low. Remember to support the Café during the 2019 4-H year!

## Public Speaking

The Health & Safety Speaking Preview and the Demonstration Contest entries are now online and will held at Jerusalem Church. (<https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/public-speaking-contests>)

## Miscellaneous

- Plowboy Prom 2019—March 9 from 6—10 p.m., Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

## Livestock Information

### Quality Assurance

<http://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-livestock/quality-assurance-qa>

This year's brochure is available on our web site (listed above) and in the office. Please refer it for this year's session dates and test-out option. All members exhibiting an animal at the Tuscarawas County Fair must attend a QA session. Horse members must attend a Horse Safety and Ethics session. In addition to the QA brochure, Livestock Requirement Summary, and 4-H Calendar, further livestock details can be found at: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-livestock>.

If a member attends a state QA such as Ohio Beef Expo or Junior Swine Day, the Senior Fair Board requires that the exhibitor or parent submit a copy of their certificate as proof of attendance by April 15 and pick up a packet of county materials. A signature is required when materials are received.

### Livestock Judging Team

The Livestock Judging Team held its kick-off meeting in December. Dr. Terri Specht DVM will again be coaching the team this year. She can be contacted at 740-817-4042 with questions or if someone is still interested in participating. The next practice is scheduled for February 10 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Dover Middle School. Upcoming contests include ATI-Wooster on February 23 and Ohio Beef Expo on March 15.

### Poultry Projects

Turkeys and Broilers will be paid for at the point of pick up. See the county calendar for tentative pick up dates. These dates can potentially be altered due the hatchery's schedule.

Should there be another outbreak of Avian Flu like in 2015, the ban could be reinstated in which case members would not be able to exhibit their poultry projects. **Note: members will not be permitted to switch to a different project if a ban is imposed.** The member is encouraged to see the poultry project through to completion, even if he/she does not possess birds. Members are strongly encouraged to take a second project if they take a poultry project.

The poultry resource handbook is not available. Members in a first-year poultry projects must purchase a handbook folder from the office (\$5) which contains materials approved by the Small Animal Committee. Additional resources can be found on our site at: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-livestock/small-animals>.

### **DNA Collection, Scrapie Tag Info, and Animal Tagging**

Due to biosecurity concerns, hogs will continue to utilize a DNA collection system in place of animal check-ins. Hogs will also be required to submit ID forms and pictures with their DNA. In addition, scrapie tag information must be provided for all Market Goat projects at the time of DNA collection. Kits and DNA collection information will be available at Quality Assurance sessions. Market lambs and market goats will need to be tagged in this year and will take place on June 8 from 8-11 AM . NO DNA for goats and sheep.

### **Food Judging—Tuesday, July 9**

Food and Nutrition Judging will take place at Midvale Elementary in the gymnasium. Members are **not** to bring food items to judging; any items brought to judging will not be sampled or calculated into the member's score.

### **Fair Entries**

Fair entries will be in the Jr. Fair section of the fair book which will be available to members at Quality Assurance sessions. Additionally, fair entry forms will be available at the Extension office. Entries may be submitted at Interview Judging or any time prior to the **August 7, 2019, deadline. The Extension office collects these on behalf of the Sr. Fair Board; late entries will not be accepted.**



### **New Week for 4-H Camp, Judging**

Please note that 4-H Camp and Interview Judging have moved to earlier times this year! Camp will be June 16-19. Livestock and Miscellaneous Judging have moved to the week of July 8. Clothing Judging will remain the third week of July and will be July 17 at Broadway United Methodist Church.