Dear 4-H Volunteers,

This is the time of year that I look back and reflect on what has happened. Whatever 2019 has brought you, please take a moment to reflect. Think about the impacts others have had on your life this year. Was there someone who helped you learn a new skill? Was there a fellow 4-H’er or an advisor who helped you set and reach your goals? Was there someone in your life who inspired you to do something new? Take a moment to say thank-you to them.

I’d like to say thank you for everything you have done for our membership! Your dedication to our program and the youth is greatly appreciated!

I hope you all take time this holiday season to spend time with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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This newsletter is being sent to all 2019 advisors via USPS. Future newsletters will not be mailed, but will be available on our website and print copies will be available at our office.

T-Shirt Reminder

Please remember any time that 4-H is used in print it must have the hyphen between the 4 and the H to be correct. Club t-shirts must also be approved by Kiersten before going to print.
Ending 2019

- The following clubs received a $50 check along with a banner for the 2019 Farm Bureau Champion of Care Exhibit Award.
  - Beef—Buckhorn Bandits
  - Dairy—Buckhorn Buckeyes
  - Equine—4-H Pioneers
  - Fair Booth—Happy Harvesters
  - Goats—Jolly Ranchers
  - Poultry—Stillwater Korn Kids
  - Swine—4-H Heartlanders
  - Rabbit—Mix-N-Match
  - Sheep—Country Clovers

- There are still a few clubs that need to pick up their fair premium checks and member fair displays at the Extension office. Please pick them up immediately! Please cash the premium checks as soon as possible so the Sr. Fair Board can run their year-end reports.

- It is recommended to have an end of the 4-H year club celebration. This type of event provides members the timely opportunity to receive their project premiums. This is also a good time to get involved in community service as there are many projects available throughout the county during the holidays.

- Please remind members who took livestock projects to turn in their thank you cards and required completed record books to receive their sale check. Small Animal Sale shares are available for non-market animals, breeding rabbits, goats, and poultry (those who finished and exhibited projects).

- Congratulations to the 2019 Friend of 4-H recipients, Dan’s Wholesale Flooring and Larry Miller.

- Thank you to the advisors who promoted our Older Youth camps and trips. We had a presentation at the Advisor Banquet that received great reviews! A special shout-out to: Vidalia Porter (Happy Harvesters) and Alyssa Sproul (Boots and Chutes).

- The tallied votes are in! Here are the results of the 4-H Committee election (with term year ending):
  - Amanda Heavilin (2022)
  - Kameron Steel (2022)
  - Michelle Evans (2022)
  - Michala Sproul (2022)

Gratitude for the Ohio Military Kids (OMK) Program

With the end of a year comes time for reflection of gratitude and growth. The Ohio Military Kids (OMK) program has experienced both. Our gratitude extends to those who contribute time and talents to support the growing number of military-affiliated youth served by OMK.

OMK has a full schedule planned for the 2020 event season. Ohio Military Kids is a partnership with Ohio State University Extension 4-H Youth Development and Family Readiness with Ohio National Guard. With this amazing partnership, Ohio Military Kids puts on several events throughout the state of Ohio. These events range from daylong educational programs, to overnights, to weekend camps, and even weeklong residential camps. These events are open to youth of military families, and they do not have to be a member of 4-H to participate. 4-H members and adults have the opportunity to volunteer for OMK events, including as camp counselors in the summer.

Visit go.osu.edu/OMK for more information as you express your gratitude for those who serve our country and help us continue to grow the reach of Ohio Military Kids by sharing this website with a military family!

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Beginning 2020

The following are due no later than January 17, 2020:
- Secretary Book,
- Treasurer Book,
- Financial Summary,
- Community Service Reports (if your club has any),
- and Honor Club Sheets (only if your club is eligible for Gold/Silver).

- The 2020 Family Guides are now available online (ohio4h.org). They will be available for pick up at the advisor trainings in January.

- Older Youth Opportunities— In order to more in line with state opportunities, the Older youth timeline was moved up and Camp Counselors and Junior Fair Board members were selected in November. Check out the teen opportunities table on our web site (Older Youth page).
  - New for 2020! We will be holding a teambuilding retreat on Sunday, January 19—Monday, January 20 (no school for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) at Elkhorn Valley (www.elkhornvalley.com). All Older Youth who are in 9th grade or higher are eligible to join and we highly encourage those who were selected as Camp Counselors and Junior Fair Board to attend. More details will be forthcoming.
  - First Food and Fashion Board meeting will be held on January 12.
  - Ohio 4-H Scholarship - available online at ohio4h.org. Applications are due February 15, 2020.
  - Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee Scholarship will be available to high schools seniors. Applications will be due in June.

- The Ohio 4-H Conference for teens and volunteers will be held March 14, 2020, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus. Registrations are due to our office no later than February 6. Registration materials are available at our office. The 4-H Committee will pay $15 toward registration with the balance of $25 due at registration. Sessions fill up quickly, so get your reservations in early!

- If you are adding any new advisors to your club, they will need to complete a Volunteer Application, BCI background check, and attend an interview. The first orientation will be held January 6 at the Extension office and begins at 6:00 p.m. Applications are available at the office.

  Individuals interested in starting a new club must complete a Volunteer Application, BCI background check, and schedule an interview with Kiersten. Applications are available at the office. This interview must be completed by January 22 so all clubs can attend training on the 25th or 30th.

- Advisor Training - OSU Policy 1.50 requires an annual training for all volunteers. There are two (2) dates available.
  - January 25, 9:00 a.m., First United Methodist Church, New Philadelphia
  - January 30, 6:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, New Philadelphia

One (1) advisor from each club must attend a training; other advisors not attending will be required to complete the online 1.50 Training and Quiz through 4HOnline. These are opportunities to share, learn, and ask questions. Think of Advisor Training as “Quality Assurance” for advisors.

**Pre-registration is required.** Club materials will be distributed. Please indicate at registration the advisor who will be picking up materials.

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• Publications

The deadline for all publication orders is May 1. No full club orders will be accepted after that date as all members should have enough time after enrolling to complete the project requirements before Interview Judging. Orders are to be picked up no later than one week after being contacted. (If a book is lost or damaged, we will order replacements after May 1, but full club orders need to be placed by May 1. Cost of the publication plus tax is required.)

The publication order procedure remains the same. Clubs need to complete and submit a Project Book and Resources Order Form. Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Forms are to be received by NOON on Thursdays. Advisors are not limited to one order. Once the club’s order has arrived and completed, we will contact the individual listed on the form for pick up. Complete payment is due at that time; prepayments will not be accepted. Only one club check made payable to OSU Extension or cash will be accepted; multiple checks will not be accepted.

Individuals wanting to pick up 4-H publications will also need to complete a Project Book and Resources Order Form. Again, order forms are due by NOON on Thursdays, and will be completed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Again, NO full club orders will be accepted after May 1.

Looking ahead into 2020:

• 4-H Camp will be June 28—July 1.
• 4-H Interview Judging will continue to be held the second (full) week of July—same as last year—as some OSF events have moved up. Details forthcoming.
• Ohio State Fair is July 29 - August 9 (ohiostatefair.com).
• Tuscarawas County Junior Fair entries due August 7.
• Tuscarawas County Fair is September 21-27 (tusccountyfairgrounds.com).
• Livestock sale check distribution will be early November as fair is later this year.

Best wishes for a happy Holiday Season and New Year from the Extension staff!

Happy Holidays!