

Email via 4HOnline sent April 3, 2020

Greetings Tuscarawas 4-H!

I would like to extend my appreciation for everyone's patience and flexibility through the last couple of weeks. This situation escalated very quickly, and I don't think any of us were prepared. But, the agricultural community, 4-H included, is full of resilient people. We're finding ways to communicate, engage, inspire, and educate with the resources we have. It's been amazing to watch how everyone has come together from all over to share ideas, build tools and resources, and encourage one another. Please read on. I've included a LOT of information. Some are repetitive but if you keep reading, there's some new info as well, like our plan for 4-H project book distribution.

Clubs are beginning to meet virtually. The free accounts have limitations (I've heard 40 minutes) but OSU has an account with Zoom so if you are interested in setting up a Zoom meeting for your club and you need some direction, you may contact myself (heckel.13@osu.edu), Chris Kendle (kendle.4@osu.edu), or Michelle Moon (moon.317@osu.edu) and we'll help you get one set up! We held our first virtual camp counselor training Monday night and will continue to meet with our committees and groups this way until we're permitted to begin face-to-face programming again.

Last week, we received information about the **YQCA** online training for members who want to complete their annual 4-H QA requirement online. This information was sent out in a separate email last Friday but in case you missed it, please note that this will NOT be the only option. You may wait to complete QA once we are permitted to hold face-to-face programming again. This is simply another option you may choose from. Also note this course has a fee. This is not OSU's program; therefore, this fee cannot be waived. It is, however, the only online QA that is approved through the Ohio Department of Agriculture. All other online courses do not meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA certification requirements (i.e., BQA, PQA, BEST, etc.). County fairs are not guaranteed, though we hope they will continue as planned so it is you and your family's decision to complete this course understanding the circumstances.

Use your 4HOnline profile to log in to YQCA. Read instructions at the link provided on our QA page: go.osu.edu/tusc4-hqa.

For the month of April only, YQCA is offering a flash sale - offering the training for \$9! See the information on our QA page for instructions and the coupon order form and invoice.

Horse Information – The **2020 Horse Packet** will be available to members and advisors on our website by April 15. The packet will only be available online this year. The **horse registration deadline remains** 4 p.m. on May 27. **Horse Safety and Ethics** has been rescheduled to June 2 at 7 p.m. A makeup Safety and Ethics date will be available on June 17. Pre-registration is required for June 17. More details will be announced. New for **State Fair** this year, all horses will require a negative Coggins test for OSF participation.

What's Due and When? —Our annual **April 15 enrollment deadline remains** the same as most of our enrollments are done by families through 4HOnline. Only new members need to complete a new member form. Please remember to adhere to the April 15 enrollment deadline. If re-enrolling, you have until 11:59 p.m. on April 15 to submit your enrollment. New members can drop off their form in the locked drop-box or email it to Astra (armstrong.133@osu.edu). In addition to enrollments, the rest of your club's forms are also due. Enter in to 4-H Online by April 15 (returning families must enter their own):

- All Members (first year members will need completed and signed enrollment forms)
- All Advisors (returning only; we enter new advisor information)
- All Cloverbuds (first year members will need completed and signed enrollment forms)

We would also very much like these documents by April 15, if possible*:

- Signed copy of your club constitution and by-laws
- Completed Club Charter form
- Club calendar of events/club program

**We understand with these unique and challenging times that you may not have these documents ready by April 15, so please turn them in as soon as you can.*

NOW, I'll get to the part you are probably most interested in:

4-H Project Book Distribution—The main question we've been getting lately is "how do we order 4-H books?" A handful of clubs managed to get their orders in prior to all these changes but most had not. After much discussion, the State 4-H Office announced their plan on April 1. In order to continue to support the current "Stay at Home Order" those in Columbus are going to offer a few options for low-contact or, even better, no contact distribution. We are still not permitted to be distributing books from the county Extension offices and it's still important for club leaders to refrain from distributing as much as

possible themselves. Our state leaders are confident that you'll find a good option from those listed below.

1. Ohio 4-H members and their families can order directly from extensionpubs.osu.edu and select one of two coupons, one for free shipping OR one for 20% off the entire order. For small orders of one or two project books, the free shipping coupon works best because shipping is often close to the cost of a typically priced project book. For larger or more expensive orders, the 20% off coupon works better. Ohio State is offering both so each person placing an order can decide. Orders can be shipped directly to the member's home, as long as it is an Ohio address. The coupon codes do not work for any zip codes outside of Ohio. Another important point to keep in mind—the warehouse is not able to accept returns for any reason. Details and the actual coupon codes will be shared on ohio4h.org homepage and also via Facebook in the coming days. (They are not yet available.)
2. The State 4-H Office is making a select group of project books available as freely available PDFs. Although OSU is unable to provide every book in this manner, we want to support families and members with learning resources that may be particularly relevant during this time. Members can choose one or more of these project books PDFs listed.

About 4-H

- Discovering 4-H (91)

Clothing and Textile Science

- Sew Fun (409)

Creative and Leisure Arts

- My Favorite Things (496)
- The Writer in You (588)
- Get Started in Art (592)
- Family History Treasure Hunt (442)

Food and Nutrition

- Let's Start Cooking (459)
- Yeast Breads on the Rise (462)

- Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals (485)

Healthy Living

- Your Thoughts Matter (359)

Home Living

- The Laundry Project (405)
- It's My Home (491)

Leadership and Citizenship

- Leadership Road Trip (375)
- Pantry Panic (376)

Natural Resources

- Explore the Outdoors (611)
- Ohio Birds (621)

STEM

- Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry (493)
- Not Just Knots (540)

3. Self-determined projects are an excellent choice for self-motivated members eager to get started and create their own project. Although self-determined project may be better suited for older 4-H'ers, these projects are available for any member and are often driven by idea starters already available online. (For project judging, self-determined projects are judged in self-determined categories.) Visit the [Self-Determined Projects and Idea Starters page](#) for more information on these projects.

Additional considerations for project book distribution:

- It's possible some members have already paid for books by paying their club leaders. If a member chooses to order online at this time, or use one of the Perfect Stay-at-Home Projects, we ask that clubs cooperate in providing a refund or credit. If members have already enrolled in a project and want to switch, we are granting

an automatic extension so members may add/change/drop projects through June 1 **BUT** members must still be enrolled by April 15. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding in our need to provide maximum flexibility to our members and families this year.

- Livestock record books, resource handbooks, and other projects not listed above are in stock and available for purchase on the e-store.
- 4. We will be contacting clubs who submitted book orders with specific information.
- 5. Guidelines for all projects are on our web site. Visit our Project Guidelines page at go.osu.edu/tusc4-hguidelines. Some advisors who submitted early book orders received a printed version with their order. The remaining clubs will be mailed a copy.
- 6. Livestock project registration forms can be found on our Animal Sciences page: go.osu.edu/livestock_registrations.
- 7. For this year only, members who will be needing a poultry resource folder (the red folder) can receive the information as a PDF through email. Contact Astra (armstrong.133@osu.edu) to request the information. Please be specific as to which project resources will be needed (e.g., 150**CM** Chicken Market, 150**TM** Turkey Market, 150**DM** Duck Market, etc.).

We will return to ordering books by club through the Extension office next year, but the State Office is working with us as much as possible to provide alternative ways to get books to use during this unique time. This approach to low/no-contact project book distribution will be revisited and revised as the pandemic situation continues to evolve. For now, this is the approach we are taking.

Finally, don't forget to look for the **4-H daily challenges** that we began posting on March 30 on the county Facebook page! (Search for and "Friend" Ohio State University Extension Tuscarawas County.) We will continue this next week as well! I've teamed up with Jamie McConnell, 4-H Educator from Muskingum County, to put these challenges into place. We've also launched a **virtual demonstration contest** on the OlderYouth Facebook page for people to vote on. (Search for and "Friend" OlderYouth Tuscarawas.) The winner will get a pizza party (eventually!) for their 4-H club. Voting will end at Noon on Monday, April 6. Head over to the OlderYouth Facebook page to vote and/or post a demo!

Hope you are able to enjoy some sunshine this weekend!

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