

4-H Clover Buzzz

Making the Best Better in Tuscarawas County

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Dear Volunteers, Members, and Parents:

It doesn't seem possible that we've already experienced a whole month of 2020, 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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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.

Online Enrollment Entry Remains the Same

Families must re-enroll themselves using the "family" email address to log in. 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, advisors **cannot** enroll children who are not theirs!

Advisors are to turn in hard copies of enrollments for **new members only**. Advisors who are new to a club are mailed their enrollment form for signature and are to return their form to our office as soon after receiving as possible. 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-HOnline 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 25 or 30, you must complete the *training and quiz* through 4-HOnline once your enrollment has been approved, no later than April 15. If you still need to complete this annual training and would like to avoid the lengthy online model - mark your calendars for **4-H Super Sunday, March 29** (details to be announced). Speaking of Super Sunday...

4-H Super Sunday

This year, we're trying something new to celebrate Ohio 4-H and the Tuscarawas County 4-H Program! Join us at the Union Hospital Cafeteria **on Sunday, March 29** (watch for details to be announced). 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.



- **Advisors to be Recognized at Ohio 4-H Conference**

Congratulations to the following advisors who will be recognized at the Ohio 4-H Conference in Columbus on March 14 for their years of service. Thank you for your service! Michelle Evans—20 years; Brenda Sibley—20 years; Jody Dewalt—25 years; Donna Patterson—25 years; Pat Rust—25 years; Ruth Burky—35 years; Dean Brown—42 years; Janice Cronebaugh—47 years; and Louise Harding—51 years.

- **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 or 330-339-2337).

- February 6, 10:00 a.m., Extension Office (if needed by a minimum of 5 people)
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- March 10, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office
- April 2, 10:00 a.m., Extension Office (if needed by a minimum of 5 people)
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- **IRS 990N Filing—DO NOT FILE** as Kiersten continues to handle this until further notice.

- **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.

2019 Outstanding Secretary Book Awards: 4-H Pioneers—Krista Fellers; Above and Beyond—Adeline Kendle; Atwood Lakers—Elizabeth Cox; Boots and Chutes—Sadie Cottrell; Buckhorn Tribe—Alexis Shaw; Happy Harvesters—Violet Thomas; Happy Homesteaders—Riley Randolph; Mix-N-Match—Braelynn Hahn; Prime Cuts—Kylie Eckstein; Stone Creek Peas and Carrots—Sienna Quillin; Strasburg Country—Leah Hamilton; and Valley Showstoppers—Hunter Miller.

- **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.

2019 Outstanding Treasurer Book Awards: 4-H Farmers and Friends—Ryan Vogel; 4-H Heartlanders—Shane LeMonte; 4-H Pioneers—Rory Chismar; Above and Beyond—Macie McMillen; Atwood Lakers—Madison Heredia; Buckhorn Buckeyes—Lexi Troyer; Country Clovers—Mackenzie Kandel; Country Wild Childs—Kailee Kohler; Crooked Run Cloverstitchers—Katana Kerch; Happy Harvesters—Claire Haswell; Kountry Kids—Briar Sharrock; Milkmakers—Mic Donato; Prime Cuts—Codie Poole; St. John's 4-H'ers—Erin Brogan; Stone Creek Peas and Carrots—Samantha Masters; Thunder Valley Pioneers—Emma Koile; Town and Country—Luke Parker; Valley Showstoppers—Hayley Carpenter; and Vision of Hope—Cheyenne Peterman.

- **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—April 25, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
- Healthy Kids Day—April 4, Noon—4 p.m. (tentative), YMCA, Dover
- Ag in the City – June 5, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Tuscora Park

- **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 9, 6 p.m. at the Clover Café. For more information, contact Carri Brandt at 330-204-0140.
- Shooting Sports Orientation/Information Meeting – March 28, B&A Primitive Weapons Club, Noon—2 p.m. For more information, contact Joe Martin at 740-922-5814 or 330-340-7314.

- **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 2020 4-H year!

- **Public Speaking**

The Health & Safety Speaking Preview and the Demonstration Contest entries are now online and will be held at Jerusalem Church. (<https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/public-speaking-contests>) Both contests will take place on June 17.

- **Food Judging—Tuesday, July 14**

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.

- **Miscellaneous**

- Plowboy Prom 2020—March 14 from 6—10 p.m., Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

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.

Livestock Information

Quality Assurance

go.osu.edu/tusc4-hga

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 go.osu.edu/tuscanimalsciences.

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 February 2 at Dover Middle School. Dr. Terri Specht DVM will again be coaching the team. She can be contacted at 740-817-4042 with questions or if someone is interested in participating. Upcoming contests include Mt. Gilead on February 22, OSU ATI (Wooster) on February 29, and Ohio Beef Expo on March 20.

Poultry Projects

Turkeys, Broilers, and Market Ducks 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 go.osu.edu/tuscanimalsciences.

DNA Collection, Scrapie Tag Info, and Animal Tagging

Due to biosecurity concerns, we are continuing to not utilize a county tag-in for hogs. Instead of collecting DNA, we will be moving to using a two-tag system. Both tags, along with instructions, can be purchased from the Market Livestock Committee at QA sessions for \$3. Hogs will also be required to submit ID forms and pictures. In addition, scrapie tag information must be provided for all Market Goat projects. Market lambs and market goats will again need to be tagged in this year and will take place on June 6 from 9-11 AM . NO DNA for goats and sheep.

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, 2020, 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 are still a little earlier this year! Camp will be June 28-July 1. Livestock and Miscellaneous Judging have moved to the week of July 13. Clothing Judging will be July 23 at Broadway United Methodist Church.

New This Year—Market Ducks!

These ducks will be purchased through the Small Animal Committee and will be picked up in August. See the upcoming Junior Fair Supplement for additional information.



The Senior Fair Board has announced their decision to ban exhibitors from feeding hogs ractopamine. The Ohio State Fair has also announced they will be going ractopamine free as well.