

Email via 4-H Online sent May 13, 2024

Hello T-County 4-H!

Horse Program Information

- **EquiSTEP:** Members taking a horse project must complete EquiSTEP before participating in any workouts or riding in other 4-H horse related activities. **The 2024 EquiSTEP completion deadline is May 17.** You can access the EquiSTEP program at: <https://cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/EquiSTEP-2024>.
- **Ohio State Fair Horse Show:** Members wishing to participate in the OSF Horse Show must compete in a PAS show and qualify in at least 2 (but not more than 4) classes. Members must have an Out of County PAS Form signed by a Tuscarawas County professional to attend a PAS show. **OSF Declaration forms are due May 17.**
- **Horse Camp:** **Registration for the 2024 Horse Camp is due May 17.** Horse Camp will be held on June 1 at the Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds. Register online at go.osu.edu/TuschHorseCamp.

Small Animal Updates

- **Turkey pick up** will be **Tuesday, May 14, from noon to 5 p.m. at Gerber & Sons Country Farm & Garden** (1487 State Route 39, Dover). **Turkeys MUST be picked up during these hours.** They can be picked up by friends, family, advisors, etc. Please be sure to have your brooder set up and warm before you come to pick them up!
- **Holmes County Bunny Day Camp** will be held on **Saturday, May 18 beginning at 9 a.m. at Harvest Ridge** (the Holmes County Fairgrounds). Topics will include housing, nutrition, health, 4 and 6 class breeds, supplies, and meat pen selection. 4-H'ers wishing to practice showmanship may bring their rabbits to the clinic. The event is free and open to all 4-H members. No registration required.
- **Tuscarawas County Tattooing/Practice Rabbit Show** will be **held June 8 beginning at 9 a.m. at the fairgrounds.** Tattooing is for breeding rabbits. The "Mock Rabbit Show" is a great opportunity for beginners to learn what to expect at fair.
- **Tuscarawas County Market/Utility Goat Opportunity** will be held on **June 18 at the Fairgrounds.** The scales will be set up and you will have the opportunity to weigh your market goat. This date will also be the **ONLY** opportunity to bring your harness/utility goat to practice the course for fair. A diagram/map of the obstacle course will be available for you to take home during Livestock Skill-a-Thon in July if you are unable to attend on this evening.



Ohio State Fair Dog Show

The OSF Dog Show is open for entries. It will be held **June 17-19**. **All entries must be posted by 1:00 p.m. May 21**. Late entries no accepted. Check out OSF Dog Show information on the Ohio 4-H website (<https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/dog/dog-ohio-state-fair>), then proceed to the Ohio State Fair website for detailed information at: <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/livestock/livestock-competitions>. Scroll down to DOG SHOW.

Tuscarawas County Dairy Trip

The Tuscarawas County Dairy Trip will take place on Tuesday, June 4. The trip is free to Tuscarawas County 4-H dairy program members and their chaperones. Please contact our office for more information.

4-H Event Youth Assistant (4HEYA) applications are now available!

This is an opportunity for teens 13-18 as of January 1 to get a short-term experience at the state level. 4HEYA's help staff summer 4-H events such as state project judging, contents, awards ceremonies, and more! The **application is due May 15, 2024**, and require a letter of recommendation from Chris or Michelle. For more information and the link to apply, visit <https://go.osu.edu/4HEYA>.

Register Now for 4-H Camp Piedmont!

Registration is open through **May 31 (or when camp limit is met)**. Register at <http://go.osu.edu/4-HCampPiedmontRegistration>. Scholarships are available.

Tuscarawas County 4-H Water Park Fun Night

Our annual Water Park Fun Night will be held **Tuesday, June 4, 6-8 p.m. at the Uhrichsville Water Park**. The event, sponsored by the Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee, is free and open to all Tuscarawas County 4-H members, advisors, and their families. Clubs are welcome to bring their own food and refreshments (this will not be provided this year). No glass bottles are permitted on the waterpark grounds.

Animal Guidelines and Registration

Revised guidelines for all animal projects have been posted to the Tuscarawas County 4-H website. The guidelines include species-specific instructions for animal registration through 4-H Online. **As a reminder, all animal projects** (with the exception of market steer/heifer, market poultry, and market rabbits) **MUST be registered through 4-H Online by June 17**.

Livestock Quality Assurance (QA)

QA is a requirement put forth by the Ohio Department of Agriculture for youth who are exhibiting livestock at a county fair. Youth who still need to complete QA can do so online through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) online program. More info on QA (including YQCA) can be found on our website: <https://go.osu.edu/tusc4-hqa>. **All QA must be completed by May 31 to be eligible to exhibit at the Tuscarawas County Fair.**

Project Judging

Members are expected to participate in 4-H project judging for successful completion of their project. Judging times will be assigned by club and available in early June.

Judging dates will be as follows:

- **Monday, July 8** – Hog and Horse projects (including Horseless Horse)
- **Tuesday, July 9** – Miscellaneous, Foods, and FCS Related projects (including You and Your Dog, All About Dogs, and Service Dogs)
- **Wednesday, July 10** – Goats, Poultry, and Rabbit projects
- **Thursday, July 11** – Beef, Dairy, and Sheep projects
- **Thursday, July 18** – Clothing projects

Members who are unable to attend regularly scheduled judging must attend make-up judging (Miscellaneous and FCS Projects) or complete an online skill-a-thon (animal projects). Those attending make up judging are not eligible for state fair participation, interview awards, or outstanding market exhibitor awards. Arrangements for make-up judging must be made **prior to regularly scheduled judging**.

- **Miscellaneous and FCS Project** make-up judging will be held on Wednesday, July 3. A SignUpGenius scheduling link will be available June 1.
- **Animal Project** make-up will be done through an online skill-a-thon. A link to sign up for online skill-a-thon judging will be available June 1.

Ohio 4-H STEM Camp

Registration is now open for Ohio 4-H STEM Camp at Canter's Cave June 10-12, 2024. The camp is available to 5th-7th grade students interested in exploring STEM with a camp twist. Registration (due May 28) and other information can be found at: go.osu.edu/4HSTEMCamp.

Thank you for taking the time to share this with your 4-H members and their families.

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