

Email via 4-H Online sent January 4, 2024

Hello, Tuscarawas County 4-H Family!

Happy 2024! I am excited to be working with you this year as we continually seek to make the best better in our county 4-H program. There are many exciting activities and trainings coming your way already! Please feel free to contact our office with any questions!

Officer Books

Club Secretary and Treasurer books are **due Friday, January 12, 2024, by 4 p.m.** Please make sure to submit your Ohio 4-H Club Yearly Financial Summary as well (https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Advisors/Ohio%204-H%20Club%20Yearly%20Financial%20Summary%20due%202024.pdf). (Also attached to this email, bottom, for your convenience.) This is different than the audit form that is included as part of the Treasurer's book. Both forms need to be turned in. Binders may be placed in our locked drop box (available 24/7). Please put them together in a plastic grocery bag and tie the handles together as to keep everything together when it drops in.

Club Information Sheets

The Organizational Leader (Head Advisor) for each club should have received an email inviting them to complete the annual Club Information Sheet. (Check your spam/junk folder if it doesn't appear in the Inbox.) We ask that every club complete this form annually. We use the information provided to connect new members with clubs. The Club Information Sheet needs to be completed by February 29 (online preferred, go.osu.edu/clubinfosheet).

County 4-H Advisor Training

All Ohio 4-H advisors are required to attend an annual advisor training covering state designated competency topics. Tuscarawas County Advisor Training will be held on Wednesday, January 31 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, February 3 at 9 a.m. Both will be held at the First United Methodist Church in New Philadelphia. It is only necessary to attend one of these dates. Please register at https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aYmgbLzBbfk4bMa so we are sure to have adequate seating for each training. If you are unable to attend these dates, contact [Chris Kendle](#) prior to the training dates.

New Advisors

Serving as a volunteer with the Ohio 4-H Program is a privilege, not a right, and thus several steps are in place to ensure the safety and positive development of our 4-H members. Individuals wishing to become an advisor need to complete an application (including a background check and references), meet with county Extension professionals for an interview, and attend new advisor training. Further, if you are joining an existing club, the current advisors will be contacted and the need for additional club advisors discussed. New advisor applications and information can be found at <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/new-advisors>.



New Clubs

If you would like to establish a new club, you must contact Chris (kendle.4@osu.edu) by January 31.

Quilt Day

Our Annual Youth Quilt Day will be held on Saturday, February 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Newcomerstown Masonic Lodge. Members do not need to be taking a quilt project to participate. The cost is \$15 and includes all project materials and lunch. More information at <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/events/youth-quilt-day-1>. (Flyer/Registration Form is attached, below, for your convenience.)

Beginner Project Clinic and QA Extravaganza

We will be holding beginner project clinics for all livestock species as well as horses and dogs on Sunday, February 18, 1-5 p.m. Quality Assurance and EquiSTEP certification will also be offered during this time. The event is free, and all members are welcome to attend. More details will be available very soon!

Ohio 4-H Conference

Registration is now open for the Ohio 4-H Conference. Please note that our 4-H Committee pays a portion of the registration fee for each participant and **our county registration form must be used to ensure proper payment/registration entry**. The conference session booklet (for selection of sessions and workshops) and county registration form can be found at <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/ohio-4-h-conference>. **Registrations must be received at our office by 1:00 p.m. February 8.**

4-H Camp Piedmont

It's only January but we are dreaming of Camp Piedmont in June! Due to high camp numbers and a consistent need for a camper waitlist, we decided to take the leap and once again split our camp into two camp sessions. Tuscarawas County Junior Camp (for those currently in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades) will be held Sunday, June 23 -Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Tuscarawas County Beginner Camp (for those currently in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades) will be held Thursday, June 27-Saturday, June 29, 2024. We are still working on pricing as well as check-in/release times and will have those out to everyone very soon!

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