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I hope everyone made it through the winter season and has had a good start to spring! With spring comes 4-H projects! We hope that you have received your 4-H project books and have taken a look at those. It's great to get a jump start! March was a busy month celebrating Ohio 4-H Week, club Officer Training, and 4-H enrollments! We are pleased to announce that Seneca County has 781 4-H youth enrolled, 150 Cloverbuds and 131 4-H advisors and volunteers for 2023. Thank you all for your support of Seneca County 4-H and "Making the Best Better."

Be sure to read our spring issue of our newsletter for all of our upcoming event dates and important information. Be sure to also check out our website: www.seneca.osu.edu and like us on Facebook: Ohio State- Seneca County 4-H program and download the 4-H Now app from your apple or google play store and search for Seneca County 4-H for the latest and most up-to-date news and information as well.

Newsletters

Our 4-H newsletters go out to all of our 4-H members and their families and advisors quarterly. These times are Jan-March, April-June, July-September, and October-December. Our newsletters are now **digital/electronic only**. Therefore, you can view our newsletters on our website at: www.seneca.osu.edu under the 4-H Youth Development tab, on our Seneca County 4-H app, and/or via e-mail. We will have a few hard copies available in the Extension office if you need to access one that way.

Club Reminders

Some clubs had missing information and forms when they came in for enrollment. These forms and club meeting dates were due at the time of enrollment. There are still a couple clubs that also need to pick up their books and turn in forms. Please get your forms turned in ASAP and books picked up. Not turning in the correct forms or missing forms could result in your club not being in good standing or Club Carters not being granted.



United Way Annual Campaign

Did you know that Seneca County 4-H is an associate agency to the Tiffin-Seneca United Way? The monies raised through this campaign help to make a difference in our community and support their associate agencies like Seneca County 4-H! You have until April 30th to help them reach their goal! Thank you for your consideration in helping to ensure that our service continues!

Ohio 4-H Week

Thank you to all of our members, clubs and families that celebrated Ohio 4-H Week and promoted 4-H throughout the county. The winner of this year's Ohio 4-H Week contest sponsored by Seneca County 4-H Advisory Council is Thompson Toilers! They painted windows at local businesses and stores in Bellevue.



4-H Kickoff

Our annual 4-H Kickoff will be on Friday, May 5 at the Seneca County Fairgrounds. Bring your pennies, family, and friends to have a great time and join together in the games that will be displayed. The event will run from 7-8:30 p.m. and clubs may start setting up at 6:00 p.m. Any clubs that would like to have a game/activity that night may still sign up by calling the Extension office.

Fair 101

Fair 101 will be Saturday, April 15 from 9-11 a.m. in the Food Court at the Seneca County Fairgrounds. Come find out what happens as you complete your project and prepare for judging and fair. Representatives from all livestock species, horses, dogs and miscellaneous projects will be present to help answer your questions and provide information.

Green Cards

Green Cards are now available for purchase at the Extension office. You may pay up front with the cards or take cards and return any unsold cards and payments to the Extension office by June 1st. The cost is \$10/card and \$5 goes directly towards your 4-H club and \$5 goes to the 4-H Advisory Council. There are a couple new businesses on the cards this year. Thank you to the 4-H Advisory Council for your work on this fundraiser.

Businesses include:

Golden Crown	Madison Street
Isabelle's Salon Services	Tim Hortons
Subway	Wendy's
Smitty's Pizza	Fort Ball Pizza Palace
Left Field Restaurant	Reino's Pizza & Pasta
Superior 24/7 Security	Jolly's
Great Lakes Ace Hardware	Bair Bros.
Napoli Pizza	Heavenly Pizza
Carmie's BBQ & Grill	JT's Bagel Bar
The Deli Café at Frost Village	Old Fort Country Market
Rock Run Bulk Foods	Bailiwick's Coffee Co.
Simply Susan's	Mint Hair Design
Tiffin Drive In Theater	Frozone
Dunkin' Donuts	Thread Designs
Head Shed of Tiffin	Bodyworks Fitness

Seneca County 4-H Fundraiser

During our Grade A Celebration on Sunday, August 27, we will be having a silent auction. All proceeds from the silent auction will go to benefit the Seneca County 4-H Program. We would love to have clubs donate something for the silent auction. We will also accept any personal donations. Please put this on your club's agenda for future meetings to brainstorm what you will be donating. We will start collecting silent auction donations at the Extension office in July. We appreciate your contributions and support of the Seneca County 4-H Program!

Important Project Information and Deadlines

April:

Project Changes, Adds, and Drops

The last day to add, drop, or change projects from those enrolled by March 20th is **Thursday, April 20, 2023**. Any changes must be made by calling the Extension Office, 419-447-9722, or emailing, Mancuso.48@osu.edu. You will not be able to make these changes in your profile yourself after enrollment has been submitted and approved.

Feeder Calf Pictures

All members taking feeder calves need to submit photos by **April 30, 2023**. The exhibitor must be in all three pictures. Pictures can be dropped off at the Extension Office or Jr. Fair Office.

Housing Forms, Dairy Leases, and Breeding Animal Leases

Anyone taking a livestock project, whether it is market or breeding, and that animal does not live at the same residence as the exhibitor you must fill out a housing form. Forms are due no later than **April 30, 2023**. All housing forms must be signed by the member, custodian, advisor, parent, Jr. Fair Coordinator, and 4H Educator.

<https://seneca.osu.edu/sites/seneca/files/imce/2023%20Housing%20Form.pdf>

Anyone leasing a breeding or dairy project animal must fill out the leasing form no later than **April 30, 2023**. Leasing MARKET animals for youth exhibition projects is **NOT** permitted under any circumstance. Description of animal(s), photos, lessor and lessee information, and parent/guardian signature is required.

Breeding Animal Lease Agreement

<https://seneca.osu.edu/sites/seneca/files/imce/Breeding%20Lease.pdf>

Dairy Animal Lease Agreement

<https://seneca.osu.edu/sites/seneca/files/imce/Dairy%20Lease.pdf>

Club Group Projects

Clubs who were planning on doing a group project, should have turned in a Group Project Entry form to the Extension office by April 1st. Group project entry forms can be found here:

<https://seneca.osu.edu/sites/seneca/files/imce/Group%20Project%20Guidelines%20and%20Entry%20Form.docx>

The entry forms will be processed and every club participating in a group project **MUST** register for a time to be judged on either July 12 or July 15 in conjunction with project judging.

If you had members in your club enroll in a project, intended as a group project, please let the office know, so we can remove it from their profile. We use projects on members profiles for judging schedules and group projects should be separate from what members take as their individual project(s).

May:

Self Determined Projects

Members taking a self-determined project on anything other than the idea starters listed on pages 67 and 68 of the Seneca County 4-H Family Handbook, must turn in the project topic and outline to the Extension office by **May 1st**. The outlines will be with the judge at judging, but it is advised to make a copy of your outline before turning it in to the Extension office.

Quality Assurance Completion

All members taking livestock projects, excluding dogs and horses, need to complete an approved QA training no later than **May 1, 2023**. Seneca Co's final county wide training will be held April 30, 2023 at Sentinel with test out starting at 12:00 pm for youth 15 and older as of Jan. 1st. All first time livestock exhibitors must attend this training with a parent/guardian present the entire time.

Horse Information and ID's

All horse information for horse projects are due to the Extension office by **May 1, 2023**. Information and forms include: Horse ID papers, horse pictures, Lease Agreements, and Rules Acknowledgement.

June:

Writing Projects

All writing projects are due to the Extension Office by **Tuesday, June 20th**. This deadline is set so that the judges have time to read through your materials before coming to judging on Wednesday, July 12. All writing project members still need to attend project judging on their designated judging day of Wednesday, July 12th.

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

Miscellaneous Project Judging

All miscellaneous projects must be judged no later than **July 15, 2023**, except for gardening and canning and freezing projects, which are judged on Saturday, July 22 at the fairgrounds. This deadline includes anyone who is unable to attend county project judging and must be advisor judged. This will help to ensure that we have grades into the system in a timely manner, provide clubs with an accurate count of ribbons for booth set-up, and alleviate problems with premium distribution.

Miscellaneous 4-H project members will be required to sign up for a designated time to be judged for all of their projects. The information and link to register for times will be available in early July.

A list of what projects are judged on what days is included at the end of the newsletter.

Quality Assurance

Every member taking livestock (not horses or dogs) must attend Quality Assurance training. **First year members taking a livestock project must attend a county wide Quality Assurance session put on by the Seneca County Extension office/Jr. Fair and a parent/guardian must be present the entire time.**

There are four options for completing Quality Assurance training.

- Attend one of the county wide trainings offered in Seneca County.

County wide Quality Assurance will be offered on the following dates and locations. All first year members taking a livestock project must attend one of these sessions with a parent/guardian present. The test out option will be offered at the county wide Quality Assurance options listed below. Youth ages 15-18 years who pass the Quality Assurance test can test out of their annual Quality Assurance program permanently. These ages are as of January 1, 2023 – a youth's 4-H age. A Quality Assurance Study Guide can be found on the Livestock Resource page at [Quality Assurance Test Study Guide.pdf \(ohio4h.org\)](#)

Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., test out starting at 12:00 p.m. at Sentinel Career and Technology Center

- Attend a qualified Quality Assurance training with/in your club.

Certified Assistant Instructors will be able to teach Quality Assurance at the club level. If they choose to open it up to others to attend, you will be notified.

- Attend a qualified Quality Assurance training in another Ohio county- fees may apply. You can call the Extension office for dates and times.
- Attend a qualified Quality Assurance training at an Ohio 4-H approved event.

These could be at a clinic, Junior Swine Day, Ohio Beef Expo, Dairy Palooza, Champions Choice Lamb Camp, etc.

Quality Assurance must be completed by a county deadline of May 1st, 2023.

Club Officer Training

Thank you to those who attended Officer Training. For those who were unable to make it to our in-person training, we have some resources on our website here: <https://seneca.osu.edu/news/officer-resources>

4-H Club Meeting Visits

Ten clubs were randomly selected for a visit after the new year. The clubs that were selected, already received a notification of their visit. A representative of the 4-H Advisory Council will come to sit in at your meeting. 4-H Club visits are being conducted to help support and advise on club structure and observe how club meetings are ran. This is a way for us to help you improve meeting structure if need be and provide feedback. Club meeting times and dates for the 2023 4-H year should already be turned into the Extension Office.

Volunteer Fingerprint Reimbursements

If you were selected to get your fingerprints done for the 2023 year or you are a new volunteer, you can be reimbursed for the cost to have the background check done. You must submit your reimbursement form and original receipt. The payment will be processed through the office and a check will be issued from the University. You will not receive payment from the Seneca County Office. Please keep an eye out for a three-part tear off check from The Ohio State University.

Sheep and Goat Tagging

For sheep exhibitors:

Sheep tagging will be Saturday, May 6th from 8-10 a.m. at the Seneca County fairgrounds at the front drive by the livestock pavilion and hog barn.

For goat exhibitors:

Goat tagging will be Saturday, May 6th from 9-11 a.m. at the Seneca County fairgrounds in the Entertainment Building.

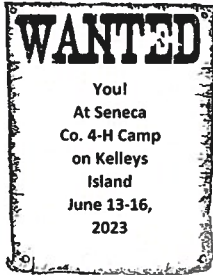
We ask that you please pre-register for tagging as this helps to speed up the process of tagging and know who to expect. Below is the link and QR code for this year's tagging registration.

Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/i5mjqOzzMb>



2023 Camp Information

Mark your calendars for June 13-16, 2023 for this year's Jr. Camp at Kelleys Island! This year's theme is Wild West...You Are Wanted at Seneca County 4-H Camp!



[Come to 4-H Camp on Kelleys Island!](#)

[Wild West...You Are Wanted at Seneca County 4-H Camp](#)

As a reminder, there will be no full camp scholarships given out. We highly encourage you to start thinking of ways you can save up for camp now. It could be a fundraiser with your club or saving a little each month. Scholarships at most will be half of the cost of camp per applicant if accepted.

Camp scholarship applications are now available! All scholarship forms are due to the Extension office by May 8, 2023.

Camp registrations are now available! Registration forms, fees, waivers, and health form are all due to the Extension office by May 22, 2023.

Scholarships, registrations, health forms and additional information can be found here:

<https://seneca.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/seneca-county-4-h-camp>

Cloverbud Camp

Cloverbud Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at a location TBD. Any Cloverbuds currently enrolled are eligible to attend. Registrations will be available on our website soon and in the office. Please promote this opportunity to your Cloverbuds.

Congratulations!!

One of our recent 4-H alumni and former camp counselor, Carlene Fredritz, was selected to serve on permanent staff at Kelleys Island 4-H Camp as the Recreation Leader. We are so excited for her and can't wait to see her at camp!

Shooting Sports Project Important Information

If you are taking a shooting sports project through Sandusky County, please check your email as the important dates and information from Sandusky was sent out!

Seneca County Family Handbook

The 2023 Family Handbook is available on our website www.seneca.osu.edu ---→ 4-H Youth Development ---→ Seneca County Family Handbook for all members, families, volunteers, and advisors to access at their convenience- <https://seneca.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-seneca-county-family-handbook>. Please feel free to bring it up on our website or print one off. If you would like a hard copy of the handbook, they are \$5 and can be picked up at the Extension office while supplies last.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Please enroll for the Kroger Community Rewards program. This gives a percentage of your sales to Seneca County 4-H. It WILL NOT affect your Kroger card savings in any way. It's easy to apply and helps us fund various 4-H events and programs. Thanks in advance, for your support!

Here are the steps!

To re-enroll (if you've already signed up):

go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com

- Click "sign-in" (enter your email and password).
- Put in the group number or part of the name of the organization (Seneca County 4-H Program).
- Choose the correct organization.
- Click Enroll.

If you have never enrolled your Kroger plus card:

- go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- Click "create account"
- Follow the steps. (Name, address, etc.)
- Enter plus card OR alt ID number
- Go to Community Rewards (near bottom)
- Put in the group number or part of the name of the organization (Seneca County 4-H Program).
- Choose the correct organization.
- Click Enroll.



State Fair Rules and Guidelines

As the busy summer season is approaching fast and we are diving right into our 4-H projects for this year, I want to point your attention to the Ohio State Fair judging guidelines and expectations. For more information and specific guidelines for non-livestock projects go to: <https://go.osu.edu/BqHn>. For more information and specific guidelines on livestock projects go to: Livestock.ohiostatefair.com

Milkshake Stand, Booth Patrol, and Dairy Bar

Don't forget to get your club signed up to help out with these three things!

Clubs that have a booth in the Jr. Fair Building must take a time for booth patrol. Members who are exhibiting their projects in the county booth must help with the county booth patrol time on Saturday night of the fair. **This is NOT AN OPTION it is a REQUIREMENT.** Failure to participate in booth patrol may result in not excepting enrollment in the following year.

If your club is smaller, but would like to help out with the milkshake stand, we do have some smaller clubs looking for additional workers. Please contact the Extension office for further information.

We currently do not have the list for the Dairy Bar, but once they start getting the schedule around and looking for workers, we will let you know!

2023 Graduating Seniors

Congratulations to our graduating class of 2023! We would love to highlight our senior 4-H members on our website, Facebook page and in the senior booth at the Seneca County Fair. Letters will be sent out via mail and e-mail soon to all graduating seniors to answer some questions and return a photo of themselves to the Extension office. All senior information will need turned back into us by **Friday, May 26th.**

4-H Partners with JOANN for 'Clovers for Kids' Campaign

National 4-H has developed a partnership with the company JOANN and they do a campaign each spring to help raise money for 4-H. This year the campaign has already started and will run through April 30.

Key Info:

- Ohio will receive back 70% of the in-store campaign dollars raised.
- Online purchases go back to National 4-H because their system can't track by state.

Looking for a weekend craft project? Check out this promotion with 4-H and **JOANN Fabric and Craft Stores.** The Ohio 4-H Foundation will use the funds received for mini-grants to local county 4-H programs. Give at your local JOANN store between now and April 30. Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK.



Scholarship Opportunities

Christopher T. Norman Memorial Scholarship

Applications can be found at:

<https://huron.osu.edu/sites/huron/files/imce/Norman%20Scholarship.pdf>

1. Applicants must be a current 4-H member in the following counties: Ashland, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Henry, Huron, Lorain, Lucas, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Williams, and Wood.
2. Must be a 2023 graduating high school senior
3. Applicants **must apply, be accepted, and attend** a college or technical school.
4. Applicants enrolling in The Ohio State University, OSU Branch Campuses, or ATI will be give preference.
5. Two letter of recommendation (preferably from instructors or employers) must be included with the application.
6. Mail completed application by April 13, 2023 to Pam Norman, 476 Edwards Road, Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Seneca County 4-H Advisory Council Awards and Scholarships

The Seneca County 4-H Advisory Council has several scholarship and award opportunities for all 4-H members.

The application is available on our website at

<https://seneca.osu.edu/sites/seneca/files/imce/Advisory%20Council%20Awards%20and%20Scholarships%202023.pdf>

or at the Extension office. All applications are due to the Extension Office by July 1st, 2023. Interviews will be conducted on July 10th or 11th.

Scholarships and Awards available:

- The Golden Award: Presented at the Grade A Celebration on Sunday, August 27th to two first or second year 4-H aged members.
- Home Economics Award: Presented to two 4-H members 16 years of age or older. Members should have significant experience in 4-H Home Economics projects. This award is announced at the Grade A Celebration on Sunday, August 27th.
- I Dare You Award: Presented to two 4-H members 16 years of age or older. Members should exhibit exemplary leadership skills. This award is announced at the Grade A Celebration on Sunday, August 27th.
- 4-H Advisory Council Scholarships: Presented to two 4-H members who are graduating seniors entering college and have significant 4-H and community involvement. Members should exhibit exemplary leadership skills. The scholarship recipients are announced during the 4-H Awards ceremony on Monday, July 24 during the fair.

Scholarship Opportunities continued:

Seneca County 4-H Advisory Council Awards and Scholarships Continued:

- Seneca County 4-H Program Memorial \$250 scholarship is presented to one 4-H member who is a graduating senior entering college with significant 4-H and community involvement and leadership experience. This scholarship is presented in memory of members of the Seneca County 4-H family who have passed away. An essay of no more than 500 words must accompany this application explaining the importance of giving back. The scholarship is presented during the 4-H Awards ceremony on Monday, July 24 during the fair.

All recipients who are applying for any of the above scholarships or awards, should attend the respective event in which the award or scholarship will be announced and given out. This is a surprise, so recipients will not be notified ahead of time.

All of the awards and scholarships are awarded once. Therefore, if you have previously won an award or scholarship, you are not eligible for that one again.

Food and Fashion Board

Food and Nutrition and Clothing and Textiles Clinics

Are you enrolled to take a food and nutrition or sewing and textiles project this year? Come to our clinic to learn more about your project and receive a lot of resources and help. We also encourage you to bring your project and receive guidance and ask any questions you might have about the project. These clinics will be facilitated by members and advisors of the Food and Fashion Board. The clinics will be held on Saturday, May 6th at the Extension office. The food and nutrition clinic will be from 9-11 a.m. and the clothing and textiles clinic will be from 12-2 p.m. If you plan to attend one or both of these clinics, please call the Extension office or e-mail Mancuso.48@osu.edu or cole.537@osu.edu by Monday, April 24th.

See the attached flyer at the end of the newsletter for additional information about the Food and Nutrition and Clothing and Textiles Clinics!



CARTEENS

If you are interested in being a teen instructor for CARTEENS, you do not need to be in 4-H, but you must be at least 14 years old. As soon as you turn 14, you can join CARTEENS; it does not have to be by January 1st. We meet every other third Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office and would love to have you join our team. Teen facilitators teach other teen traffic offenders about speeding, operating a vehicle impaired, and distracted driving. Being a CARTEEN is a great way to improve public speaking skills and learn more about teaching tools and not to mention there are gas cards, scholarships, and fun trips that you can earn. Save the dates for our next programs: April 17th and June 19th.

Jr. Leadership News and Information

Junior Leadership is for any 4-H teen 14 years and older. As soon as you turn 14 you can join Junior Leadership; it does not have to be by January 1st. We welcome any and all new members every month and we would love to have you join us! Junior Leadership focuses a lot on community service. The Junior Leadership group goes on teen exchanges with other counties throughout Ohio, helps with project judging and 4-H awareness, hosts Santa's Workshop, participates at the 4-H Kick-off at the fairgrounds, helps with the milkshake stand, and provides other fun opportunities for teens and families. Junior Leadership meets every second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Come and check us out! Save the dates for our next few programs: April 10th, May 8th, June 12th.

Officers

Congratulations on our newly elected officers: President- Lauren Gabel, Vice President- Adelyn Morgan, Secretary- Odin Knight, Treasurer- Eli Lucius and Recreation Leader- Alexis Margraf.



State Opportunities

4-H Alumni

The Ohio 4-H Foundation is currently featuring alumni, donors, and volunteers on their Facebook page. They would love to recognize people from our county.

- Why I Give Wednesday – Each Wednesday they feature someone who either gives to 4-H as a donor or gives as a volunteer. If you are interested, please fill out the survey at <https://go.osu.edu/whyigive>
- 4-H Alumni – They also want to feature 4-H alumni in our county. Each Monday, they will be featuring a 4-H alum on their page. If you are interested, please fill out the survey at <https://go.osu.edu/4halumnistory>

You can follow the Ohio 4-H Foundation Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OH4HFoundation so you don't miss any of the features.

4-H Master Clothing Educator Volunteer Online Textile and Clothing Trainings for 2023

See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for additional information.

- Beginning Level Textile and Clothing: April 18, 2023, from 7-8 pm
- Intermediate Level Textile and Clothing: April 27, 2023, from 7-8 pm
- Advanced Level Textile and Clothing: May 4, 2023, from 7-8 pm.

Junior Swine Day

Jr. Swine Day will be held at the Union County Fairgrounds April 8, 2023 starting at 8:30 am.

Topics covered:

- Showmanship
- OH-Pig Program
- Feed Nutrition
- Animal Selection
- Meat Science
- Biosecurity

See the event flyer at the end of the newsletter for additional information and how to register!



Buckeye Young Shepherds' Expo

What are you doing April 22? Get yourself to Columbus for the first-ever Buckeye Young Shepherds' Expo! Exciting, hands-on sessions around a variety of sheep and lamb topics. Complete your Quality Assurance requirements, take a look at a real lamb carcass and the cuts of meat, work on your ear tagging/tail docking/injection skills, and learn about careers in the livestock industry. Plus, visit with old friends and make new ones! The cost is \$15 for kids and adults, which includes lunch. Youth participants receive a FREE t-shirt. Register by **April 8** at <http://ohiosheep.org/lead-buckeyeyoungshepherdsexpo.html>! Registration will be capped at 200 participants, so register early! See the event flyer at the end of the newsletter for additional information!

Ohio 4-H Project Book Survey

Each year we ask members and volunteers to take this survey to share their opinions and help us decide what future project books might look like.

This quick survey asks volunteers and members if they prefer digital or print project books and allows a place for comments. This survey asks for basic demographic information (member or volunteer, county), but no personal information. Link to survey: go.osu.edu/projectbooksurvey.

The survey will be open until Friday, April 14.

Ohio Military Kids

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!

The mission of Ohio Military Kids is to support the youth of military families throughout the deployment cycle. Ohio 4-H is an essential supporter of the Ohio Military Kids Program and its mission. Ohio 4-H works hand-in-hand with Ohio National Guard to deliver fun and supportive programs to military families. With military youth in every county in Ohio, the partnership of 4-H to promote OMK opportunities to your military friends and neighbors in all 88 counties is appreciated!

Please check out their website at: go.osu.edu/OMK to see all of the updates and share with military families.

OHIO MILITARY KIDS CAMP REGISTRATIONS ARE GOING LIVE

Our Ohio Military Kids Camps for this summer are opening in April! Feel free to advertise as ANY military connected youth may attend these camps. We have three summer camps that we coordinate:

Teen Leadership Camp

Provides an opportunity for teens to participate in leadership workshops in a camp setting where they will develop confidence, resilience, friendships, and leadership skills that will last a lifetime.

Dates: Monday, June 5 to Friday, June 9

Location: Central Ohio

Age: 13 - 17 years of age by the time of camp

Cost: \$100 per youth

Deadline: 11:59 pm on Sunday, April 30, 2023

Teen Kelleys Island Camp

A 5-day and 4-night adventure on Kelleys Island. Activities include sailing, swimming, rafting, kayaking, volleyball, soccer, archery, lined dances, crafts, campfire, and more!

Dates: Sunday, July 30 to Thursday, August 3

Location: Kelleys Island

Age: 12 - 15 years of age by the time of camp

Cost: \$125 per youth

Deadline: 11:59 pm on Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Youth Kelleys Island Camp

A 5-day and 4-night adventure on Kelleys Island. Activities include sailing, swimming, rafting, kayaking, volleyball, soccer, archery, lined dances, crafts, campfire, and more!

Dates: Sunday, August 6 to Thursday, August 10

Location: Kelleys Island

Age: 9 - 11 years of age by the time of camp

Cost: \$125 per youth

Deadline: 11:59 pm on Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Registration and our other events can be found at <https://go.osu.edu/OMKEvents>.

Ohio 4-H SPARK EXPO

We're excited to host this event June 14-17 right here on the Ohio State University campus for youth who will complete **8th grade at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year.**

Teens at the Spark EXPO will learn about agriculture and related STEAM fields from industry experts, and faculty and staff of the Ohio State College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The deadline to pre-register is April 17.

<http://go.osu.edu/4hsparkexpo>

EXPO registrations do not need to go through the county and participants can register independently with no payment/support from their county. This also gives youth who are not enrolled in 4-H to enroll as well!

Please note: SPARK EXPO pre-registration is through April 17.

Ohio Farm Bureau's ExploreAg

Ohio Farm Bureau's signature ag literacy and workforce development program, ExploreAg, offers free week- and day-long immersion programs for **high school students**. In ExploreAg, teens learn about agriculture and related STEM fields from industry experts, scientists, and educators. Participants visit producers like Smuckers, manufacturers like John Deere, and research laboratories at OSU; develop their leadership and collaboration skills; and prepare for college and career.

ExploreAg 2023 Weeklong Camps:

- OSU Columbus Campus, June 11-16
- OSU Wooster Campus, June 18-23
- University of Findlay, July 9-14

ExploreAg 2023 Mini Camps:

- Wilmington College June 4-7
- COLT Electric Lineman Training, June 9
- Rio Grande, June 30
- Hocking College, July 31 – Aug. 2

Apply by April 10, 2023. The 2023 ExploreAg flyer is available [here](#).

Cloverbud Engineering Adventure

It's time for the 2023 Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Engineering Adventure! This year's theme is Time Travel and Cloverbud teams will create their own project. Exploring Time Travel is a great way for Cloverbuds to connect with the past or imagine the future. All teams must register by April 14th. Find all the details here: [2023-Cloverbud-Engineering-Adventure.pdf \(bpb-us-w2.wpmucdn.com\)](#)

Ohio 4-H Special Needs Camp

Camper Info – Registration due June 1. Ohio 4-H Special Needs Camp is held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp with support of a 4-H Foundation grant. The facility is in Jackson County, Ohio, just south of Chillicothe. Each summer, we offer a camping experience for youth aged 8-adult who have unique needs that cannot be accommodated in a traditional camp setting. We typically have a small group of between 15-25 campers and their caregivers who spend the weekend doing all the normal camp things, modified for their needs.

This year, Camp will be June 9-11. Camper registration forms, along with some pictures and additional information about the event, are online at this site:

<https://4hcantercave.osu.edu/home/experience-it/special-needs-camp>

Questions can be directed to Michelle Stumbo at Stumbo.5@osu.edu

4-H Event Youth Assistant (4-HEYA)

Here is a basic overview of the opportunity:

- What: 4-H Event Youth Assistant (4HEYA)
- Who: Individuals age 13-18 (as of January 1 of the year of application) and have at least 1 year prior 4-H experience.
- Timeframe: Apply by May 15, selection, training, service to OSF, and evaluation. Complete responsibilities by August 31, 2023.
 - Applications available at: <https://go.osu.edu/4HEYAapp>
 - Two references should be submitted at: <https://go.osu.edu/4HEYAref>
- Requirements (in addition to application/selection process):
 - Training - Must attend one of the options for training (July 11 or July 17)
 - *Please note: individuals MUST attend one of the training options. This is not negotiable. If you know you are unable to attend a training option before applying, it is best to wait another year before applying to serve in this capacity.*
 - Events - Must work a minimum of 3 events at the Ohio State Fair; may work more if desired
- Program Fee: \$25/person (paid at go.osu.edu/4HEYA25);
- Teens Receive:
 - 4HEYA Polo & Nametag
 - State Fair admission, parking ticket, and meal ticket(s)
 - Optional State Fair housing in the Rhodes Center (if desired)
 - Experience of working events at the Ohio State Fair
 - Opportunity to enhance leadership skills and be involved in the State 4-H program
- What about the Teen Leadership Council? YES, these members may apply for 4HEYA AND TLC this year, if desired. TLC applications will be available in June and will be due the Friday following the Ohio State fair. Their term is September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024. Current TLC members are not eligible to apply for 4HEYA, as they are already fulfilling obligations at the Ohio State Fair.
- Questions? Contact Frances (foos.61@osu.edu) or Sarah (longo.79@osu.edu)

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp

[Ohio 4-H Sea Camp pre-registration](#) has launched! Our staff is excited to invite teens to Kelleys Island during July 14-18 to learn aquatic science, water recreation and safety, and so much more!

We encourage counties to share this camp pre-registration with teens (who will be ages 15-17 at camp) to secure their spot by completing this survey early. There is no limit to the number of campers from any particular county. Pre-registration is being collected to ensure that we have reached all counties' scholarship/selected recipients prior to full paperwork and payment being completed. Full registration documents will be shared with those who pre-register. Those documents include health forms, waterfront waiver, and ODNr Boaters Education, as well as request for payment.

Note: Camp registrations DO NOT need to go through the county. Campers may register independently with no payment/support from their county, and this includes the opportunity for youth who are not enrolled in 4-H to enroll! When payments are requested, county-sponsored youth will have the opportunity to have their camp registration paid through Workday with internal worktags to be charged.

A few reminders about Sea Camp 2023:

- Sea Camp is open to any teen ages 15-17; enrollment in 4-H is not a requirement for registering.
- Campers must be age 15-17 as of July 14 (day one of camp). If an individual is 18+ at the time of camp, please encourage them to complete [a camp counselor application](#) by April 15.
- Cost is \$400 to members of 4-H. Cost is \$450 to teens not enrolled. Thanks to the Ohio 4-H Foundation for grant support for enrolled members!

In addition to camper [pre-registration survey](#) found online, we are continuing to accept applications for camp counselors through April 15! Counselors must be 18+ at the time of camp. These applications are found on the Sea Camp website.

Website: [Go.osu.edu/SeaCamp](https://go.osu.edu/SeaCamp)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Ohio4HSeaCamp/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Sea Camp Directors!

- Co-Director: Ashley Hughey, Portage County 4-H Youth Development Educator, Hughey.28@osu.edu
- Co-Director: Jenny Strickler, Coshocton County 4-H Youth Development Educator, strickler.60@osu.edu

4-H Urban Immersion Project

The 4-H Urban Immersion Project (UIP) is an Ohio 4-H initiative that combines cross-cultural learning, teamwork and service learning in the urban environment of Washington, DC. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the UIP Experience!

4-H teens ages 15-18 and still in High School are eligible for this 4-day service-learning experience that will build skills and abilities to prepare youth for success in a diverse workplace as well as build cultural understanding of those who are different. This experience will not be about shopping or sightseeing, although we will visit some monuments and historic sites. The cost of the experience is \$180. Limited scholarship funds are also available. All teen applicants will be contacted to complete an additional phone interview before selection.

This is Ohio 4-H! Photo Contest

Help recognize the 4-H members, Cloverbuds, volunteers, or educators in your life who embody *This is Ohio 4-H!* by submitting your photos. Any 4-H member may submit photos for the *This is Ohio 4-H!* Photo Contest. There will be two divisions, Junior (4-H age 8-13) and Senior (4-H age 14-19). All entries must be submitted by May 17. Winners will be featured in a special *Ohio 4-H Highlights* newsletter and used to promote 4-H around the state. Please see flyer for full details.

Submission:

Please submit a JPEG file for each photo. One photo may be submitted per category.

1. Submissions for the Junior division:
go.osu.edu/photocontestjr2023.
2. Submissions for the Senior division:
go.osu.edu/photocontestsr2023.
3. **All entries must be submitted no later than Wednesday, May 17.**

See the event flyer at the end of the news letter for additional information!



Jr. Fair Board News from Emily

We have important News!

The Fair Season is upon us. Here is what is happening with Junior Fair.

April 15- 9am-11am, Fair101 in the food court at the Seneca County Fairgrounds. Come find out what happens as you complete your project and prepare for judging and the fair.

April 16- Junior Fair Board Meeting-Youth Center 4 p.m.

April 30 -All feeder calf pictures are due to the Junior Fair Office.

April 30-Last Countywide Quality Assurance. Sentinel From 1 pm- 3pm

May 5-4-H Kickoff

May 6-Goat Tagging – Entertainment Building 9 am-11am. Information and QR code are listed earlier in the newsletter.

May 6-Sheep Tagging-Front drive by pavilion and hog barn- 8am-10am

June 11-Junior Fair Board meeting and Flea market Clean up. Cookout before meeting.

June 15-All Royalty Applications and entries due to Junior Fair Office.

We are looking forward to a great spring and an awesome fair. We are already “Over the Moon” about the 2023 Seneca County Fair.



Project Judging Dates and Projects

Wednesday, July 12 from 9:00 a.m.-mid afternoon at the Fairgrounds.

Everyday Food and Fitness
Let's Bake Quick Breads
Beyond the Grill
Grill Master
Yeast Breads on the Rise
Snack Attack!
Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals
Take a Break for Breakfast
Let's Start Cooking
Cooking on My Own
Star Spangled Foods
Dashboard Dining: A 4-H Guide to Healthful Fast Food Choices
Pantry Panic
Sports Nutrition: Ready, Set, Go
Party Planner: A 4-H Guide to Quantity
Global Gourmet
Kitchen Boss
Dress-Up Outfit- Formalwear
Dress-Up Outfit Daywear
Accessories for Teens
Em-Bel-Lish: A 4-H Guide to Wearable Art
Outerwear for Anywhere
The Laundry Project
Ready, Set, Sew Active!
Loungewear
Sundresses and Jumpers
Quilting the Best Better
You Can Quilt!
Self-Determined: Quilting
Creative Costumes
Terrific Tops
Clothing for Middle School
Clothes for High School and College
Look Great for Less
Clothing for Your Career
Shopping Savvy
Clothing Master: Design and Construction
Sewing and Textiles Master
Sew For Others
Designed by Me
Sew Fun
Family History Treasure Hunt (Genealogy)
Self-Determined: Babysitting
My Favorite Things
Photography Basics, Level 1
Next Level Photography, Level 2
Mastering Photography, Level 3
Photography Master
Get Started in Art
Discovering 4-H
4-H Around the Globe
My Hands to Larger Service

Wednesday, July 12 Continued:

Makeover My Space
Your First Home Away From Home
It's My Home
Becoming Money Wise
Teens....On the Road to Financial Success
Mentoring: Leadership in Action
Diversity: The Source of Our Strength
Teens on Board
Leadership Master
Self-Determined: Camp Counseling
The Work World is Calling...Are you Ready?
Finding Your Voice: Public Speaking Made Easy
Am I Ready for Work?
Here, There, Ag Careers Are Everywhere
You're Hired!
The Writer in You
Club Leadership 1
Club Leadership 2
Leadership Road Trip: Where Are You Going?
Staying Healthy
Keeping Fit
Tracking Your Health and Fitness
You're the Athlete
First Aid in Action
Alcohol and Drug Abuse
The Truth About Tobacco
Your Thoughts Matter
Your Feelings Matter
Medicine Science and Safety
Superhero You
Cake Decorating
Scrapbooking: A 4-H Guide to Preserving Memories
Seeing Through Graphic Design
Self-Determined Creative Arts (including paper crafts, string art, and miniature gardens)

Saturday, July 15 from 9:00 a.m.- midafternoon at the Fairgrounds

Rockets Away (2-liter Bottles)
Rockets Away (Solid-Fuel Model Rockets)
Solid-Fuel Rocketry Master
Science Fun with Flight
Robotics Essentials
Robotics Master
Young Engineers in Solar Energy
Beekeeping
Insect Adventures 1
Insect Adventures 2
Insect Adventures 3
Science Fun with Physics
Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry
Science Fun with Dairy Foods: The Case of the Missing Milk
Exploring Polar Science
Explore the Outdoors



4-H CLINICS



Food and Nutrition Clinic: May 6th from 9 to 11 AM
Sewing and Textile Clinic: May 6th from 12 to 2 PM
Both are at the Seneca County Extension Office

RSVP by April 24, 2023, at 419-447-9722 or at
cole.537@osu.edu

BRING YOUR PROJECTS!

You can attend both clinics if you are taking both food and fashion projects!



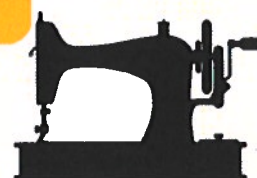
FOOD & NUTRITION CLINIC

Members will learn what judging is like and give tips to finish their projects. Benefits include learning more about judging and your project, and also gaining more cooking knowledge to help in the skillathon.



SEWING & TEXTILE CLINIC

Members will learn new sewing skills. Posture and model walk will be key points in the clinic. Feedback will be given by Food and Fashion board members to participants. Questions and help with projects will be offered.



4-H Master Clothing Educator Volunteer Online Textile and Clothing Trainings for 2023



To register for Beginning Level Textile and Clothing April 18, 2023, from 7-8 PM online training complete the online survey by April 13 at 4:30 PM at <https://go.osu.edu/beginninglevelsewing2023>

To register for Intermediate Level Textile and Clothing April 27, 2023, 7-8 PM online training complete online survey by April 24 at 4:30 PM at <https://go.osu.edu/intermediatelevelsewing2023>

To register for Advanced Level Textile and Clothing May 4, 2023, 7-8 PM online training complete online survey by April 28 at 4:30 PM at <https://go.osu.edu/advancedlevelsewing2023>



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JUNIOR SWINE DAY

April 8, 2023

TOPICS

Showmanship
OH-Pigs Program

Feed Nutrition
Animal Selection

Meat Science
Biosecurity

DETAILS

Time: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
(Registration opens at 8:30 AM)

Cost: \$5/person
(Lunch Included)

Location: Union County Fairgrounds



PLAN TO ATTEND THE FIRST-EVER



APRIL 22, 2023 | 8A-3P

**OSU ANIMAL SCIENCE BLDG
2029 FYFFE COURT
COLUMBUS, OH 43210**

\$15/PERSON

Come learn about a variety of topics surrounding the sheep industry: everything from the barn to the showing to the consumer's plate, all in an interactive and hands-on setting. This is a perfect learning opportunity for youth of all ages who are passionate about raising sheep and lambs. Register online at <https://www.ohiosheep.org/lead-buckeyeyoungshepherdsexpo.html> by April 8!



2023 4-H Urban Immersion Project

Who: Teens ages 15-18 (by the date of the trip – still in High School) - Space is limited.

Where: Washington, DC (*Washington Seminar Center –
201 4th St. SE, Washington, DC*)

When: Thursday (6am), September 21st – Sunday,
September 24th, 2023 Application:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:6fe9638f-9d08-330c-844b-8a66900ed822> (go.osu.edu/uip23)

Deadline: August 7th, 2023

Cost: \$180 (check payable to Warren County Extension)

(Includes most meals, program fees, overnight lodging and transportation)



Family Camps

Family camps are weekend retreats perfect for family fun and bonding! A range of activities are available for campers of all ages. Activities offered may include crafts, canoeing, campfires, and hiking! Registration will go live in July at go.osu.edu/OMKEvents.

Northeastern Ohio -
Friday, August 25 to Sunday, August 27

Northern Ohio -
Friday, September 8 to Sunday,
September 10

Central Ohio -
Friday, September 22 to Sunday,
September 24



Teen Leadership Opportunities

Central Ohio - Teen Leadership Camp
Monday, June 5 to Friday, June 9

Once a year, Ohio Military Kids offers a small group camping experience where teens have the opportunity to participate in activities which promote leadership and teamwork. This weeklong residential camp is open to military-connected youth aged 13-17. Activities may include hiking, ziplining, climbing, cookouts, high ropes, and teambuilding exercises. Registration will be available mid-March at go.osu.edu/OMKEvents.

Ohio Military Teen Council
Motivated Teens interested in developing their leadership skills and representing military-connected youth in Ohio can apply to join the Ohio Military Teen Council and attend events nationwide including an annual regional summit for Military Teens. Interested youth should contact Mark Scherer, Child & Youth Program Coordinator, at mark.a.scherer7.ctr@mail.mil.



Camp Kelleys Island

A 5-day and 4-night adventure on Kelleys Island. Activities include sailing, swimming, rafting, kayaking, volleyball, soccer, archery, lined dances, crafts, campfire, and more! Registration will go live in April at go.osu.edu/OMKEvents.

CKI - Teen
Ages 12-15
Sunday, July 30 to Thursday, August 3
CKI - Youth
Ages 9-11
Sunday, August 6 to Thursday, August 10

Family Fun

Winter Wonderland
Saturday, December 9th, 2023, 1:00pm -
4:00pm

A free event for all Ohio Military, Veterans, and Gold Star Families! Join in the family fun for all ages! Activities include photos with Santa, cookie decorating, hot chocolate, arts and crafts, and more! Register at go.osu.edu/OMKEvents in October.




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Sponsored by the Ohio 4-H Foundation

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Categories:

Show us the 4-H members, Cloverbuds, volunteers, or educators who have helped you:

- Inspire curiosity
- Build lifelong skills
- Fuel adventure
- Grow leaders
- Uncover new career pathways
- Create lasting friendships

Rules and Guidelines:

- Photo(s) should be the original work of the member and fit into one of the outlined categories.
- **Photos must include a 4-H member, Cloverbud, volunteer, or educator and 4-H apparel is strongly encouraged.**
- Use of copyrighted or protected characters or logos is not permitted, except for the 4-H emblem.
- Photos must be submitted electronically.
- Evaluation will be based on the quality, creativity, and originality of the photo.
- Winning photos from each category will be featured in a special *Ohio 4-H Highlights* newsletter and used to promote Ohio 4-H on our social media pages, newsletter, and in various publications throughout the year. Even if your photo is not selected as a winner, it may be used for promotional purposes.
- By submitting an entry, you give Ohio 4-H the right to use your photo(s) in print or electronic materials related to the promotion and recognition of the Ohio 4-H program. This could include, but is not limited to: 4-H brochures, impact reports, the Family Guide, etc. When photos are used, the 4-H member's first name and county may be displayed.

Submission:

Please submit a JPEG file for each photo. One photo may be submitted per category.

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If you have any questions, please email ohio4hfoundation@osu.edu.



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