

Seneca County Family Newsletter

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I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy! With the new year comes the beginning of a new 4-H year as well and it is time to hit the ground running. Be sure to read this winter 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 University Extension, and download the 4-H Now app from your apple or google store and search for Seneca County 4-H for the latest and most up-to-date news and information as well.

We are excited to see what 2024 has in store for us. May this year lead to new opportunities, building leaders, trying something new, making new friends and memories, and Making the Best Better with 4-H. I look forward to growing with you in the coming year! The future is bright!

The Seneca County OSU Extension Office will be open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and by appointment only on Fridays.

The office will be closed on the following day due to the observance of a holiday: January 15th (Martin Luther King Jr. Day). The office will also be closed during the volunteer training on Jan. 16th from 11:30 am until approximately 2:30 pm.



Seneca County 4-H App

As the new 4-H year approaches, don't forget, the Seneca County 4-H app is available and can be used by all. Go into your google play or apple store and download 4-H Now. Once 4-H Now is downloaded, then you will see the Seneca County 4-H app listed. We hope you take advantage of this additional way to receive our news and information!

End of Year Packets

Club end of year packets are ready for pick up at the Extension office. These packets contain member/volunteer certificates, pins, secretary and treasurer forms, and other important information. Tenured volunteers also have gifts that can be picked up when the club packet is picked up. We ask that all packets be picked up. If you still have a packet to pick up, please do so ASAP.

Secretary and Treasurer Books, Annual Financial Summary, and Honor Club Forms

Secretary and Treasurer books, annual financial summaries, and honor club forms are due to the Extension Office by January 16, 2024.

Secretary and Treasurer books and Annual Financial Summaries are NOT optional to turn in. These must be turned in, for your club to be in good standing. Honor club forms are optional and can be found in your start up packet from January 2023. If you need a copy, reach out to the office. Old, outdated forms for Annual Financial Summaries WILL NOT be accepted. These forms can also be found on our website here:

<https://seneca.osu.edu/node/add%20volunteer-forms-and-resources>

<https://seneca.osu.edu/sites/seneca/files/imce/2023%20Year%20End%20Financial%20Summary.pdf>

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! Please consider donating to the campaign and helping the United Way reach their goal! Thank you for your consideration in helping to ensure that our service continues!



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.



4-H Newsletters

As a reminder, 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 **digital/electronic only**. It is **IMPORTANT** for you to have an accurate email on file under your profile, so you are getting the newsletter and other emails sent out through 4Honline. If you are not getting them, please check your junk mail folders as well.

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.

Seneca County Family Handbook

The 2024 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>.

Volunteers and advisors will each receive one hard copy. Please feel free to bring it up on our website or print one off. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, please contact us. If you would like a hard copy of the handbook, they are \$6 and can be picked up at the Extension Office while supplies last. But will not be available until after volunteer training and new volunteer orientation.

[This handbook is the place to find all you need for 4-H enrollment, policies and procedures, project requirements, judging and fair requirements, calendar of events, resources and more!](#)

4-H Club Audits

Five clubs were randomly selected to be audited by the Seneca County 4-H Advisory Council. All clubs that were selected should have already received notification and more information in the mail and in end of the year club packets. The audits will take place following January 16, when financial summaries and secretary and treasurer books are turned into the office. This is a way to ensure all clubs are following the correct financial guidelines as suggested by the Extension Office. It will also protect the treasurer, club, advisors, and Extension Office in the case of any financial issues or challenges by others. Audits that do not pass inspection will require further investigation.

4-H Club Meeting Visits

Ten clubs were selected for a visit in 2024. The clubs that are due for a visit will receive 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. Once you have set your schedule of meeting times and dates for your club for the 2024 4-H year, please be sure to provide a copy to the Extension Office.

Club Officer Training

There will be an officer training for anyone who is an elected officer. This will include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, News Reporter, Recreation Leader, Health and Safety officer, etc. The training will be held on **Monday, March 11th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** at Sentinel Career and Technology Center. See the attached flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.



Ohio 4-H Week

Ohio 4-H week is **March 3rd-9th**. Have you or your club celebrated 4-H week? This is a great time to represent Seneca County 4-H and spread awareness about this great organization. You could wear your club and county 4-H apparel, paint windows, set up a booth, create posters and flyers, present in schools, or work with Tractor Supply Company to set up a table. These are just some ideas in which you can spread the word about 4-H. Please send us your pictures and share how you are celebrating Ohio-4-H week to cole.537@osu.edu or Mancuso.48@osu.edu. All individuals who submit photos will represent their 4-H Club in a drawing. Multiple pictures does not warrant multiple entries. The winning 4-H Club from the drawing will win a special treat for their entire club!



Ohio 4-H Conference

End Ohio 4-H week by attending the Ohio 4-H Conference at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on **Saturday, March 9th**. This conference has something for everybody to enjoy and leave with, whether you are a teen 4-H member, parent, or volunteer. The registration fee is \$40 and registrations and fees are due to the Extension Office by **Monday, February 5th**. Registrations and registration booklet with session descriptions and offerings are now available at the Extension Office or on the website <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>. Register now to ensure your spot in the sessions and workshops you want to attend as they fill up fast!



New Volunteer Information

Anyone who would like to apply to be a 4-H volunteer for the 2024 4-H year must submit a volunteer application online by January 31st, 2024 to be considered for the 2024 4-H season. After this deadline, they must wait for the following year. Applications can be filled out electronically and can be found here: <https://go.osu.edu/newvolapp> Following the January 31st deadline, you will be contacted by Katie to schedule an interview.

[Become a 4-H Volunteer!](#)

Returning Volunteer Information

Annual 4-H Update and Mandatory Policy 1.50 Training

Volunteers, please mark your calendars to attend one of the mandatory Youth Activities and Programs Policy trainings, 4-H update, and rotating sessions of your choice. Any active volunteers must attend a training to be a volunteer in 2024. [Seneca County volunteers MUST attend one of our scheduled trainings.](#) Attending another counties volunteer training is NOT an option and will not be considered for fulfilling the annual training requirement. New volunteers in 2024 do not have to attend this, as it is all covered in your new volunteer orientation.

All trainings will be held at Sentinel.

- Thursday, January 11, 2024 6:00-8:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 12:00-2:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 6:00-8:00 pm
- Saturday, January 20, 2024 9:00-11:00 am

2024 Volunteer Background Checks

If you are selected for background check rescreening, you will receive your paperwork from the Extension office via letter at mandatory volunteer training in January. You will have until **February 15, 2024** to complete your fingerprints. If this is not completed by the deadline, you will not be considered a volunteer for 2024. Be sure to keep the receipt and reimbursement forms and turn them into the Extension office following the completion of your fingerprints.

4-H Open House

Please share this opportunity far and wide to any potential new youth and their families and current members and their families!

We will be hosting an Open House on **Sunday, February 11 from 4-5 p.m.** at Sentinel Career and Technology Center. This Open House is for any youth members age 5-18 and their families who are interested in joining Seneca County 4-H or learning more about the program. We also encourage current 4-H members to attend as we will offer some additional opportunities to get involved as well as provide new project ideas. We will have project books for them to look through, resources, handouts, and door prizes!

4-H clubs are encouraged to set up a table at the event. This is a great way to get new 4-H members in your club! Invite your current members and display previous project work too! Potential new members and families will be coming through looking for a club to join. Please call or e-mail us and we will add you to our list and ensure that you have a table. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for additional information.



4-H Achievement Form

Older youth in 4-H should experience and take advantage of the many opportunities for trips and scholarships that are available to them through the county, state, and national level. In order to qualify or be considered for some of these opportunities, an Achievement Form must be filled out. Some of the opportunities include: National 4-H Congress, National Dairy Conference, State Junior Fair Board, and many more! Achievement forms can be found at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships> Achievement Forms are due to the Extension Office by **Friday, January 19th**!

2024 Camp Information

Mark your calendars for Seneca County Jr Camp June 11-14, 2024 at Kelleys Island!



Come to 4-H Camp on Kelleys Island!

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 Counselor interviews were held December 21st and 22nd, 2023. Planning and training sessions will begin in January.

Camp registration forms, medical forms, costs, and any other important information will be coming in the following months. Be sure to check out our website and Facebook page for additional information.

Congratulations to our 2024 Camp Counselors:

Kendalynn Allison	Eli Lucius
Aden Baines-O'Hagan	Adalyn Lutz
Emma Boes	MyahAnn Reesman
Megan Boes	Emily Reinhart
Lillian Burkholder	Carter Riehm
Laura Cook	Sean Roby
Ashley Elchert	Zander Singrey
Henry Franks	Natalie Snaveley
Brance Gebauer	Ailey Thompson
Isabella Humphrey	Gracie Webster
Ava Lucius	Kristen Webster

Cloverbud Day Camp will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The location will be announced at a later date.

2024 4-H Enrollment

Volunteer enrollment on 4-H Online 2.0 must be completed by **March 15th**. 4-H member enrollment must be completed by **March 20th**. Help sheets, tutorials, videos, etc. to help with this process are available on our website at <https://seneca.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4honline-20>. If you already have an account, please DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT!

4-H Videos

[What 4-H Has Done For Me](#)

[Join Seneca County 4-H!](#)

[What is Your 4-H?](#)

Scholarship Opportunities

Ohio Soybean Scholarship

The Ohio Soybean Council Foundation (OSCF) is pleased to offer \$44,000 in scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students for the 2024-2025 academic year. Scholarships are available to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing studies related to the soybean industry and the field of agriculture. The deadline to apply is January 12, 2024 by 11:59 pm. Applications are available at www.soyohio.org/scholarship.



Master Gardeners Scholarship

Are you a high school senior and planning to attend college to pursue a degree in plant science (agronomy, botany, horticulture, forestry, or landscaping)? The Seneca County Master Gardener program is offering a \$500 scholarship to high school graduates or college applicants who currently live in Seneca County and are a graduate of a Seneca County High School. Mohawk High School graduates who reside in Seneca County will also be considered for the scholarship. If you have questions about the application or process, please contact the Master Gardener Scholarship Committee at FAES-senecacountymgv@osu.edu

Completed applications are due by March 15th and may be submitted by email to FAES-senecacountymgv@osu.edu (email preferred) or by first-class mail, addressed:

Seneca County Extension Office

Master Gardener Scholarship

3140 S. State Route 100 Suite E

Tiffin, Ohio 44883

Application and information can also be found on our website at <https://seneca.osu.edu/program-areas/master-gardener-volunteers/master-gardeners-student-scholarship>

Quality Assurance for Livestock Exhibitors

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 OSU Extension office and 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 livestock exhibitors must attend one of these sessions, with a parent or guardian present with them the entire time. There are **NO** exceptions to this. There will be a test out option for those members who are 15-18 years old. This is only offered at County Wide QA sessions. Once a member tests out of QA they no longer have to attend a QA session or test out the following year. You are done for the remainder of your 4-H career. **These ages are as of January 1, 2024- a youth's 4-H age.**

- Monday, February 26, 2024 at Bellevue Senior High School, 6:00 pm. Test out beginning at 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at Mohawk Schools, 6:00 pm. Test out beginning at 5:00 pm.
- Sunday, April 28, 2024 at Sentinel, 1:00 pm. Test out beginning at 12:00 pm.

- 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, we will compile a list and you will be notified. ****These do not qualify for first year members.****

- Attend a qualified Quality Assurance training in another Ohio county- fees may apply. You can call the Extension office for dates and times. ****These do not qualify for first year members.****

Quality Assurance for Livestock Exhibitors

Continued:

- 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, Buckeye Young Shepherds' Expo, Ohio 4-H Conference, etc. ****These do not qualify for first year members.****

Quality Assurance must be completed May 1, 2024 for all livestock exhibitors. This is strictly enforced. There are ZERO exceptions. Members who do not complete QA by the county deadline will not be eligible to show livestock at the Seneca County Fair.

New for 2024- Rabbit and Poultry Quality Assurance

The Seneca County Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator, Pressley Buurma, will be hosting a Youth Quality Assurance training on **April 15th from 6-8pm** at the Seneca County Fairgrounds in the food court next to the Sr. Fair office. This YQCA will be available for all Junior Fair members who are taking the rabbit or poultry projects; this includes the pet rabbit project and all poultry projects. This training will allow those members to better understand Quality Assurance and Animal Care as it relates to their animal. This is a free event and counts for the county Quality Assurance requirements **unless they are a first-year member**. All first-year members must attend one of the three in-person Quality Assurance trainings put on by the Extension Office and Jr. Fair. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to learn about species specific Quality Assurance, do hands-on activities and discuss various clinical topics about rabbits and poultry. For any questions, call the office at 419-447-9722.



Food and Fashion Board

Consider joining the Seneca County Food and Fashion Board. This teen board is a group who has a lot of common interests and enjoys taking projects and learning more about food, nutrition, cooking, sewing, and textiles. Our goal is to bring you together and ultimately be advocates for the food and nutrition and clothing and textiles projects throughout Seneca County and the 4-H Program. Youth 14 and older who have taken sewing and textiles or food and nutrition projects should have received letters in the mail inviting you to our first meeting for 2024 on Tuesday, **January 30th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Extension office. Meetings will be the third or fourth Tuesday of every month January-July. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Extension office. We hope to see you there!

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 the third Monday of February, April, June, August, October, and December 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 program: **February 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 and Fun Nights, 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 meetings: **January 8th, February 12th, March 11th (Officer Training).**

Jr. Leadership News and Information Continued: Club Demonstrations and Health and Safety Talks

As clubs are starting to meet back up for the new year, the Junior Leaders put together videos on how to properly give a demonstration and a health and safety talk. These presentations are available for clubs and members to utilize on our website here:

<https://seneca.osu.edu/news/proper-club-demonstrations-and-health-and-safety-talks>

Casino Night

Casino night will be **Saturday, February 17th from 7-10 p.m.** at the Youth Center at the fairgrounds. Any youth 14+ are welcome to come and play casino like games and win chips and prizes! There will also be food and drinks available. Come and have a fun filled evening with Junior Leadership!

Older Youth Opportunities

If you are a teen, now is the time to be thinking about additional opportunities and getting more involved in 4-H! Junior Leadership created a video that explains all older youth opportunities at the county, state and national level. Get more involved in 4-H and all that it has to offer! There are scholarships available to help with the costs associated with some of these opportunities! Check out the video here:

<https://seneca.osu.edu/sites/seneca/files/imce/Teen%20Opportunities%20Video%202022.docx>

State and National Opportunities

Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, ages 14-19, from across the country. Citizenship Washington Focus gives 4-H youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need to be outstanding leaders in their home communities and at the national level. Through sightseeing tours in the living classroom of Washington, D.C. and hands-on educational workshops, youth will learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it, and how they can apply the leadership and citizenship skills they have learned at CWF when they return home. CWF will be June 20-27, 2024 for Seneca County delegates and the cost is \$1,800. For more information, please visit: <https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/citizenship-washington-focus>

Seneca County scholarship application for this opportunity!

https://seneca.osu.edu/sites/seneca/files/imce/Award%20Trip%20Scholarship%20App%202023%20_1.pdf

State and National Opportunities Continued:

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.

Buckeye Leadership Workshop

Buckeye Leadership Workshop is a learning, sharing "workshop" intended as a balanced program of social, physical, mental, and spiritual activities. Buckeye Leadership Workshop provides a powerful learning environment in which anyone who works with people, professionally or informally, can develop programming for youth or adults. The workshop also benefits those who simply enjoy associating with great people, experiencing new ideas, and learning new skills. Experiential learning through recreation is truly the intent and methodology of Buckeye Leadership Workshop. Buckeye Leadership Workshop is April 3-7, 2024 at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, Ohio. The cost to attend is \$390 and payment and registration is due by **February 20th**. To find more information and register for the event, please visit: <http://buckeyeleadership.com/>

Seneca County scholarship application for this opportunity!

https://seneca.osu.edu/sites/seneca/files/imce/Award%20Trip%20Scholarship%20App%202023%20_1.pdf

State and National Opportunities Continued:

Ohio 4-H Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp

- **Dates:** April 19-21, 2024, arrival at camp will be Friday evening approx.. 7:00 PM and departure times will be Sunday approx.. 11:30 AM). These times could change based on programming opportunities.
- **Location:** Canter's Cave 4-H Camp located in Jackson County Ohio
- **What:** This camp is made possible through partnerships of Ohio State University Extension, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Hocking College. This camp has offered hundreds of young people the opportunity to learn about Forestry & Wildlife careers, Forest Ecology, Wildlife Conservation, and other Environmental Science topics through hands-on experiences in a variety of STEM based programs.
- **Who:** Teens currently in Grades 7-11 are welcome to attend.
- **Cost:** Cost per camper \$115.
- **Registration Deadline:** March 28 by midnight
- **Space limited:** This camp is limited to 75 campers.
- **Website:** <https://ohio4h.org/camp/forestry-and-wildlife-conservation-camp>
This camp is sponsored by the Ohio 4-H Foundation

Mike Rowe Work Ethic Certification Virtual Training

Open to all Ohio high school youth.

Dates: Every Monday and Wednesday from April 22 - May 8

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Must be able to attend all sessions.

[Click here to register.](#)

Registration is due April 12. Limited to 20 participants. Learn more at
<http://go.osu.edu/mrwworkethic>

BUCKEYENEXT

Youth can learn more about the app at
<http://go.osu.edu/buckeyenext>

This app allows youth to enter all of their 4-H accomplishments in one place! This platform will make it easier to apply for awards, scholarships, trips, jobs, etc. You can earn seals and badges for graduation! They can also opt-in for an account by completing the following form:

<https://go.osu.edu/buckeyenextoptinpdf>

State and National Opportunities Continued:

Ohio 4-H SparkEXPO

This exciting new opportunity allows youth to explore a variety of career and educational opportunities in sessions at Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Attendees will get the chance to develop valuable skills, make new friends, and fuel individual growth! They'll even get to experience The Ohio State University Campus, too. Open to all Ohio youth.

WHEN: June 12-15, 2024

WHERE: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210 on the OSU Columbus campus

COST: Thanks to generous financial support from the Ohio 4-H Foundation and others, the registration fee is \$75.

Learn more: <http://go.osu.edu/4Hsparkexpo>.

YOUScience

YouScience helps our students chart their path from 'I don't know' to post-secondary pursuits and career confidence and success. By completing a series of fun and engaging 'brain-games,' students learn where their natural strengths are and how they can leverage their strengths in post-secondary pursuits and beyond. YouScience combines decades of rigorous scientific research and cutting-edge matching algorithms to uniquely identify the intersection of your students' strengths, passions, and future opportunities. Learn more:

<https://go.osu.edu/4hyouscience>

Youth can request access at

<https://go.osu.edu/youscienceoptin>.

4-H Night with the Columbus Blue Jackets

Join the Ohio 4-H Foundation at Nationwide Arena on **Friday, Feb. 23** to watch the Columbus Blue Jackets take on the Buffalo Sabres! A block of seats has been reserved for Ohio 4-H supporters in section 204 of the upper bowl, and with each ticket purchase \$10 will come back to support Ohio 4-H Youth Development programming.

Tickets are available for purchase on the [Blue Jackets website](#). After purchasing your ticket, keep an eye out for an email from the Ohio 4-H Foundation with additional opportunities to connect with fellow 4-H supporters before and after the game. We can't wait to cheer on the Blue Jackets with you!

State and National Opportunities Continued:

4-H and FFA Nights with the Toledo Walleye

Feb. 25, 4-H and FFA Night with the Toledo Walleye (Toledo)—5:15 p.m.

The kids are taking over for a night in Toledo! 4-H and FFA families are invited to join the Toledo Walleye for a kids-focused night that will be fun for the whole family. Tickets are \$17 each and can be purchased [online](#).

March 1, 4-H and FFA Night with the Toledo Walleye (Toledo)—6 p.m.

The Toledo Walleye and Penta Career Center invite 4-H and FFA families to attend STEAM Night. The fun will begin when the doors open at 6 p.m. and the game will begin at 7:15 p.m. All attendees are also invited to a postgame party with the players in the club level of Huntington Stadium after the conclusion of the game. Tickets are \$17 each and can be purchased [online](#).

Backyard Poultry Certification Course

This certification course contains 6 modules as a self-paced course to learn about husbandry, nutrition, biosecurity, egg production, and disease prevention in backyard poultry. The flyer has a QR code to access the course which costs \$25. It can also be accessed at www.go.osu.edu/chicken



Exciting News!

As you may have heard/read the Seneca County Commissioners are planning on renovating the old Advertiser Tribune Building and making it a new AG Campus for the county. All the offices currently housed at 3140 S. State Route 100, will be moving once renovations have been completed. As of right now, we are unsure when this will take place and when we will be headed to the new location. But know that once we know further information, we will share!

Jr. Fair News From Emily

It seems surreal to be typing 2024.....How can that be? As strange as that may seem, 2024 is here and have great expectations!

The Seneca County Jr Fair Board has been busy! In 2024 we look forward to welcoming several new members but we are sadly saying goodbye to many great members. Thank you to those kids who have dedicated so much time and effort to the Jr Fair Board!

This coming weekend (Jan. 5-6) we will be participating at the Ohio Fair Managers Convention. Along with our Senior Fair Board Members.

We will soon be electing our new officers and choosing a theme for the 2024 Fair.

We are still putting away Christmas Lights from the incredible Holiday Season and the Seneca County Fair Lights. We had over 100 displays! We are planning for an even bigger display in 2024!!

Lastly, we are looking forward to working with all of YOU to have an outstanding 2024 Fair!

Happy New Year.....Let's GO!!!!

Emily

2024



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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Seneca County 4-H Open House

When: Sunday, February 11 from 4-5 p.m.

Where: Sentinel Career and Technology Center
793 E. Twp. Rd. 201
Tiffin, OH 44883

Who: Any youth age 5-18 and their families who are interested in joining 4-H or want to learn more. Also, for current 4-H members to look at different opportunities available and new projects ideas.

What: Provide you with more information on the Seneca County 4-H Program and all that it has to offer. Meet with 4-H advisors and find out more about our local 4-H clubs. Take a look at 4-H project books and sample projects that other 4-H members have taken.
Win Door Prizes!

OHIO 4-H GROWS HERE

TRUE LEADERS AREN'T BORN ... THEY'RE GROWN



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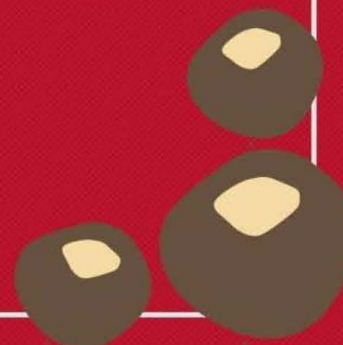


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HAPPY OHIO 4-H WEEK!



Ohio State University
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County



4-H Now App-
Seneca County 4-H

Ohio 4-H Week March 3-9, 2024

Let's celebrate Ohio 4-H week! Members and/or advisors can submit a photo that captures what they are doing to celebrate and promote Ohio 4-H.

Photos should be e-mailed to Katie (cole.537@osu.edu) anytime between March 3-9. Submitted photos will be posted on the Ohio State University Extension – Seneca County Facebook page. All individuals who submit pictures will represent their 4-H Club in a drawing. Clubs will only be entered one time into the drawing. Multiple pictures does not warrant multiple entries. The winning club from the drawing will be awarded a treat for everyone in their 4-H Club!

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4-H Officer Training

Sponsored by the Seneca County Junior Leadership and the 4-H Advisory Council

Monday, March 11th

from 7-8:30 pm at Sentinel Career and Technology Center



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

Come and learn about your officer position and receive resources and information needed for your role and responsibility as a 4-H Club Officer!

Open to any newly elected officers or anyone who wants to learn more about being an officer.
Includes President, V.P, Secretary, News Reporter, Treasurer, Health and Safety Officer, and Recreation Leader.



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Graduate Scholarships

- THREE \$5,000 Ohio Soybean Council Foundation Scholarships

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ERIC ROBINSON
AT EROBINSON@SOYOHIO.ORG

Casino Night

Saturday, February 17th from
7-10:00 pm at the Seneca
County Fairgrounds
Youth Center

Come have a
fun night full
of card
games, food,
prizes, and
more! All are
welcome!

Age 14 and Up
No Cost to Attend!



Sponsored by Seneca County 4-H
Junior Leadership



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FRI | FEB 23 | 7:00PM

Come join Ohio 4-H Youth Development for a fun family night with the Columbus Blue Jackets!

As a collaboration between the Ohio 4-H Foundation and the Blue Jackets, a portion of each ticket will go back to Ohio 4-H to support youth in building lifelong skills.

Please visit the website below for more information.



TICKETS STARTING AT \$44.65

CONTACT AJ GARERI AT 614.246.3105 OR AGARERI@BLUEJACKETS.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR SPECIAL REQUESTS.

BLUEJACKETS.COM/4-H

Backyard Poultry Certification Course

Interest in keeping backyard poultry has been increasing steadily as more and more people want to provide for their family and personal food security. We have also seen an increase in youth keeping backyard chickens or turkeys for 4H livestock projects.

Whatever your reason for raising poultry, this course is designed to provide you with the knowledge and resources you will need to get your backyard flock off to a great start.



This self-paced course is expected to take **2-3 hours** to complete and includes these **6 modules**:

- Getting Started
- Brooding, Basic Husbandry & Nutrition
- Housing
- Egg Production
- Maximizing Health
- Biosecurity

Course cost = \$25



**Click on the QR code
or head to:
go.osu.edu/chicken**

After completing this course, learners will be able to:

- Identify** rules and regulations relevant to raising backyard poultry.
- Source** healthy birds to raise in their backyard
- Apply** concepts of basic husbandry, nutrition, and housing of poultry.
- Explain** how eggs are produced
- Practice** safe handling of birds and eggs
- Recognize** common health-related abnormalities of poultry
- Describe** the roles of veterinary care and biosecurity in poultry health

There are NO refunds issued for this course.

If you have questions about the course, contact

Tim McDermott at mcdermott.15@osu.edu for assistance. .



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