

# Seneca County Family Newsletter

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Happy Fall! Seneca County 4-H had an outstanding year! Our talented youth did great with their projects and showed leadership and sportsmanship throughout. We are also grateful for the adult volunteers, parents, and guardians who help build these 'True Leaders.' We have so much to celebrate and many congratulations in order. To conclude our program year, we have many opportunities and workshops for you to attend and many contests and applications that are due, so keep that '4-H Spark' rolling and lit as we close 2023. We at the OSU Extension office wish you a Happy Holiday season and all the best for the remainder of 2023!!

This is our last newsletter of the year, so please be sure to read this newsletter in its entirety as we will share a lot of important dates, reminders, events, and programs happening from now through December, including all things you need to know to wrap up the 2023 year!

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.

**Notice:** Due to conferences, in-services, and personal leave, the OSU Extension office will be closed on the following days: Friday, October 13 and Friday, November 17.

The office will be closed on the following days due to the observance of holidays: November 10 (observance of Veteran's Day); November 23-24 (Thanksgiving Day and observance of Columbus Day); December 25 & 26 (Christmas Day and observance of President's Day); and January 1 (New Year's Day).



### Seneca County 4-H App

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.

### 2024 Volunteer Fingerprints

If you need to get your fingerprints re-done, you will receive a notification from the Extension office via a 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.

### 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 11, 2024 from 7-8:30 p.m. Look for more detailed information coming soon and in our next newsletter!



### 4-H Family Handbook

In addition to the Seneca County 4-H Family Handbook being offered and downloadable on our website, [www.seneca.osu.edu](http://www.seneca.osu.edu) ---→ 4-H Youth Development ---→ Seneca County Family Handbook, and a hard copy being provided to all advisors, we are offering pre-orders for any members and their families that might want to purchase a hard copy of the Family Handbook. Handbooks are \$6.00/piece and cash or checks made payable to 4-H Advisory Council will be accepted. Orders will be due by Wednesday, November 29. Order forms can be found at the Extension Office or on our website at: <https://seneca.osu.edu/news/2024-4-h-family-handbook-order-form>

### 4-H Club Meeting Visits

We will be cycling back through our clubs for club visits. 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.

### 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 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.

### 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 **digital/electronic only**. Therefore, you can view our newsletters on our website at: [www.seneca.osu.edu](http://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.



### **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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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>.

### **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.

Training locations are TBD, so stay tuned:

- 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

### **Teen Opportunities**

If you are a teen, now is the time to be thinking about additional opportunities and getting more involved in 4-H! A Teen Opportunities video is available for all teens and older youth who are interested and want to know more about how to get involved and what opportunities are available to them in the 4-H program. The video covers county, state, and national clubs, award trips, and scholarships. The video can be found on our website here:

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

### **Award Trip Scholarship Applications**

There are scholarships available to help with the cost of some of the National and state award trips and camps offered through 4-H. The scholarship application will be open year-around, but please turn in your application as soon as you can to ensure enough time for review and next steps. Award trip scholarship applications are available in the Extension office and on our website at: <https://seneca.osu.edu/sites/seneca/files/imce/Award%20Trip%20Scholarship%20App%202023%200.pdf>



### **Fall Coloring Contest**

The fall Coloring Contest is for anyone age 5-12 years old. Entries can be found on our website at:

<https://seneca.osu.edu/news/fall-coloring-contest-0>.

Entries can be picked up and dropped off and will be displayed at the following locations through the deadline:

- Seneca County OSU Extension Office- 3140 S. St. Rt. 100, Suite E, Tiffin, Oh 44883
- Tiffin Tractor Supply Company, 2501 W. Market St., Tiffin, Oh 44883
- Tiffin Rural King, 2300 S.R. 18, Tiffin, Oh 44883
- AG Credit, Tiffin Branch, 2500 W. Market St, Tiffin, Oh 44883

There will be two age divisions, 5-8 years old and 9-12 years old. All entries from both age divisions will be entered for a drawing of a 4-H goodie bag. Contestants do not need to be in 4-H to participate. If you would like your color page to be returned after the contest, please make sure to indicate that on the entry form. All entries must be turned in no later than **Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.**



## 2024 Important Camp Information and Camp Counselor Information

2024 camp dates will be announced soon. Stay tuned! 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.

Teens age 14-18 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 can apply to be a camp counselor. Camp counselor applications will be due to the Extension office by December 4, 2023. Interviews for counselors will take place on Thursday, December 21 and Friday, December 22, 2023 from 9 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. at the Extension office. First year counselors will be considered counselors in training (CIT's) and will be required to help with Cloverbud Camp. Camp Counselor applications can be found in the Extension office and on our website here:

<https://seneca.osu.edu/sites/seneca/files/imce/Camp%20Counselor%20Application%202023.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! Thank you for your consideration in helping to ensure that our service continues!

## 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. If you are interested in joining the Food and Fashion Board, please call the Extension Office, or contact Katie at [cole.537@osu.edu](mailto:cole.537@osu.edu).

## 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](http://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](http://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.



## Seneca County 4-H Endowment

Endowments are a means of providing long-term support for the 4-H program in Seneca County. Contributions to the Endowment are invested, producing annual distributions from the interest earnings in perpetuity – which essentially means forever. Endowment funds are managed by the Office of the Treasurer of Ohio State University, which in turn gives us approximately a 4.5% interest rate. For County 4-H Endowments, each county has full control over the interest income generated by their endowment. Donations can be made online by visiting: <http://go.osu.edu/seneca4hendowment> We hope to reach our goal of \$1,000 in donations and in return the Ohio 4-H Foundation will match that by giving our Endowment another \$1,000. Double the gift! Thank you for your contributions to the Seneca County 4-H Program!

## Important Quality Assurance Information

### Quality Assurance Training for Adults/Volunteers

There is an opportunity for you to get certified to be an Assistant Quality Assurance Instructor. The certification to be an Assistant Instructor for Quality Assurance is good for three years.

The following trainings will be held at the Extension Office to receive certification or re-certification to be an Assistant Quality Assurance Instructor. Please let the Extension office know by Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> which training you plan to attend.

- Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

The cost of these trainings will be \$10/person. Checks should be made payable to OSU Extension.

### 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 with some locations to be determined. 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.**

- Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024 6:00 pm, test out starting at 5:00 pm, location TBD
- Monday, March 25, 2024 6:00 pm, test out starting at 5:00 pm at Mohawk Schools
- Sunday, April 28, 2024 1:00 pm, test out starting at 12:00 pm, location TBD

## Quality Assurance for Livestock Exhibitors

### Continued:

- 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.\*\***

- 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.

### Seneca County 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 1<sup>st</sup>. We meet the third Monday of February, April, June, August, October, and December at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. We 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 few programs: October 16<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>.



## 2023 National 4-H Week

National 4-H week will be held October 1-7. On Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, wear your green in support of the Seneca County 4-H Program. Be sure to spread the word about Ohio 4-H! Here are some other ways to celebrate during the week:



## 2023 Fall Paper Clover Campaign

In conjunction to National 4-H week, TSC stores will be holding their annual fall Paper Clover Campaign, which will run October 4-15, 2023. Visit our local Tiffin Tractor Supply Company store and purchase a clover or donate or round up your purchase total at check-out using the pin pad. The profits from the Paper Clover Campaign go back directly to the 4-H Program. Thank you for your support!

Our Tiffin Tractor Supply Co. would love to have clubs come and set up a table or display during this time. If your club is interested in promoting 4-H and would like to set up a table or display, please contact the Tiffin TSC store at 419-447-4109.



## News from the Junior Leadership Club

### Interested in Joining Junior Leadership?

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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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, helps host Officer Training, 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. Junior Leadership meets every second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Save the dates for our next few meetings: October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and December 11<sup>th</sup> (Christmas party). Come and check us out!





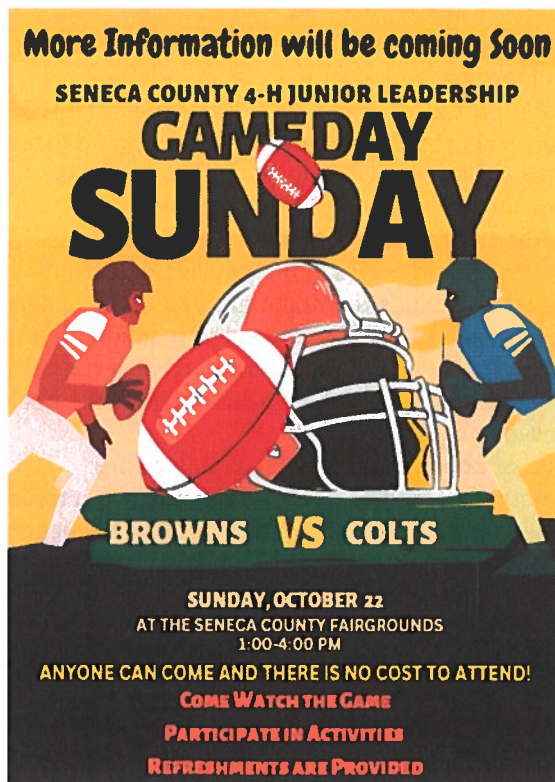
## News from Junior Leadership Club Continued:

### Christmas Party

Junior Leadership invites all youth 14+ to join them for their annual Christmas party on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. There will be snacks and refreshments, a Christmas movie and games. We also ask that you bring a \$5 white elephant gift for a gift exchange. We hope to see you there!

### Game Day Sunday

Mark your calendars! Junior Leadership will be hosting a Gameday Sunday on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-4 p.m. at the fairgrounds. We will be watching the Browns vs. Colts game with fun activities and games to play and tailgate related snacks and drinks. This event is for family and friends of all ages and there is no cost to attend!



### Santa's Workshop

Junior Leadership will be holding Santa's Workshop again this year on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. at the Extension office. This workshop is open to kids in K-4<sup>th</sup> grades. Kids will be making a variety of gifts to give to their family for the holidays. Interested kids do not have to be a member of 4-H to join in the fun! The cost is just \$10.00 per child. Registration is due by Friday, December 1, 2023 and checks should be made payable to Seneca County Jr. Leadership. Registrations will be located in the Extension Office and on our website: <https://seneca.osu.edu/news/santas-workshop-5>. Registrations and payment can be dropped off or mailed to the Extension Office.



### State Opportunities

#### Carving New Ideas (CNI)

It's almost time to register for this exciting opportunity! This is held on a weekend in late November. Further information has not been released at this time. Check for information and registration information, when it's available at: <https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/carving-new-ideas-workshop-0>

Seneca County Scholarship for this opportunity!!  
<https://seneca.osu.edu/sites/seneca/files/imce/Award%20Trip%20Scholarship%20App%202023.pdf>

## State Opportunities Continued:

### Ohio Military Kids Winter Wonderland

Ohio Military, Veterans, and Gold Star Families may join the Ohio Military Kids program for a FREE Winter Wonderland as we offer crafts, hot chocolate, cookie decorating, and photos with Santa! It is Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 1:00pm to 4:00pm in Central Ohio (specific location will be shared once registered). See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Please register by November 26<sup>th</sup> for the event at <https://go.osu.edu/OMKEvents>

### HealthU

Are you a 4-H'er interested in health? Do you see yourself potentially working in health one day? Nutritionist? Therapist? Nurse? Athletic Trainer? Geneticist?

**What:** Health University (HealthU) is a weekend camp in October focused on Healthy Living for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders in Ohio 4-H. Join us at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp for a weekend as we explore four of the 10 Dimensions of Wellness and explore health-related careers. We will be exploring the following four tracks of wellness:

- **Physical wellness** allows a person to engage in activities of daily living without experiencing undue fatigue or exhaustion. The physical dimension of wellness is supported through health behaviors, which include exercise, eating a healthy diet, limiting alcohol intake, not smoking, and getting adequate sleep each night.
- **Emotional wellness** involves recognizing, accepting, and expressing feelings. Adequate rest is required for wellness in this dimension. If an individual's mental function is hindered by stress and lack of sleep, they may struggle with accurately assessing a situation which then triggers negative emotional responses and disrupts emotional wellness.
- **Social wellness** requires the ability to trust and respect other people and leads to the creation of supportive partnerships and friendships. Being socially well allows one to develop and maintain intimacy, and to have empathy and respect for others.
- **Creative wellness** allows a person to appreciate and/or participate in a diverse range of arts or cultural experiences, and to value and cherish the surrounding world. Freely expressing thoughts and emotions through dance, song, drawing, painting, or writing are some of the ways to engage in creative wellness.

**Who:** Any current 4-H'ers in grades 7 thru 12.

**When:** Friday, October 27 to Sunday, October 29, 2023

**Where:** Canter's Cave 4-H Camp, 1362 Caves Rd, Jackson, OH 45640

**Cost:** \$50 per youth (check or card)

**Deadline:** Register by 11:59pm on Sunday, October 8, 2023

**Registration:** <https://go.osu.edu/4HHealthEvents>

**Contact:** Justin Bower, [bower.183@osu.edu](mailto:bower.183@osu.edu), with questions.

Seneca County Scholarship for this opportunity!!

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



### Health Heroes

Application for 2023-2024 Ohio 4-H Health HEROES are open. This statewide teen healthy living advocacy group are called HEROES because they serve as Health Education Resources for Outreach, Engagement, and Service. Youth will learn about current issues and topics in healthy living, learn lessons and activities to implement in their local 4-H community, will be tasked to create an action plan to create change in their local community, and will be a part of a statewide cohort who cares about the health and well-being of Ohio youth.

Benefits of becoming a 4-H Health Hero are:

- Learning about a variety of healthy living topics
- Gaining valuable leadership and communication skills
- Meeting other 4-H youth from across Ohio who are invested in healthy living
- Leaving a positive impact on your family, friends, and community
- Promoting the 4th H!

In previous years we have had youth focus on making change in health topics such as; mental health, vaping, opioids, and more.



## Health Heroes Continued:

Youth who are passionate about health and in **grades 9 through 12 may apply!** For more information, important dates, and expectations, you may check out <https://go.osu.edu/HealthHEROES>. Application is due **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by 11:59 pm.**

Any questions, you may contact Justin Bower, State 4-H Healthy Living and Ohio Military Kids Educator at [bower.183@osu.edu](mailto:bower.183@osu.edu) or at 614-247-1979.



## **Ohio 4-H Health HEROES**

A Teen Healthy Living Advocacy Group

Are you a 4-H teen interested in learning about healthy living?

Consider becoming a part of 4-H Health HEROES! HEROES stands for Health Education Resources for Outreach, Engagement, and Service.

Teens who participate will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about a variety of healthy living topics
- Gain valuable leadership and communication skills
- Meet other 4-H youth from across Ohio who are invested in healthy living
- Leave a positive impact on your family, friends, and community
- Promote the 4th H!

Applications are due **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> by 11:59 pm.** Any questions contact Justin Bower at [bower.183@osu.edu](mailto:bower.183@osu.edu) or 614-247-1979.



For more information, expectations, and application, visit [go.osu.edu/HealthHeroes](https://go.osu.edu/HealthHeroes) or scan this.



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## Ohio 4-H Global Immersion Project

**When:** March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Who:** Ohio 4-H Teens 15-18 (*Teens must be nominated by Ohio 4-H Professionals*)

**Where:** American Farm School  
(<https://www.afs.edu.gr/>) - Thessaloniki, Greece

**What:** Cross-Cultural and Agricultural Career field exploration program designed to help youth learn about Ag careers, cross-cultural interactions, workforce preparation and leadership skills. Teens will be part of a "Work Internship" with AFS Greek high school students and work in cohorts to focus on different Agricultural program units that include: Animal and Plant Production, Food Science & Technology, and more.

**Cost:** To be determined – *final cost based on Grants received* (Estimate- \$2,400 – includes airfare, most meals, lodging, ground transportation, park entrance and program fees.)

## Ohio 4-H Global Immersion Project Continued:

**Participant Selection:** Ohio 4-H Professionals have the opportunity to nominate youth. Final selection will be based on geographic and demographic characteristics and the below criteria:

- Have an interest in agriculture or are unsure what career path they'd like to pursue.
- Can embrace unique and different cultures beyond their local communities.
- Willing to share their experiences through presentations, blogs, photos, etc. at the local and state level.
- A good representation of the local 4-H program.
- Teen who has not expressed interest in pursuing statewide 4-H opportunities before.

## Additional Trip Components Include:

**Student Workshops:** Tasting and Sensory analysis of Olive Oil, Cheese, and other local foods. Mediterranean diet: science and culture.

**Recreation:** Sports, teambuilding and Leadership activities with AFS students, hiking Mount Olympus (highest peak in Greece – 9,573 ft.), trekking in Enipea Canyon, waterfalls, and more

**Tours:** Meteora (11<sup>th</sup> Century Monasteries built on gigantic rocks), Farmers Market of Voulgari, Aristotle's Park, Anel Honey Park, Marianna's Vine leaves (pit stop featured on Amazing Race – Season #35) and more...

**Please let Katie know of any interest by October 11<sup>th</sup>, so she can fill out the nomination.**

More trip information:

<https://warren.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/urban-immersion-project/ohio-4-h-global-immersion-project-greece>

More information about the history of the American Farm School: <https://www.greece-is.com/the-american-farm-school-21st-century-farming/>



## **Congratulations: Scholarship and Award Winners and State Fair Participants, State Groups, and Volunteer Anniversaries**

The following members were awarded scholarships or awards during the fair and the Grade A Celebration.

Home Economics Award: David Greene, Country Clovers

4-H Advisory Council Scholarship: Elyse Pope, Bloomville Beef and Feeders

4-H Advisory Council Scholarship: Zachary Wertz, Fightin' 4-H'ers and New Riegel Rawhide and Woolies

4-H Program Memorial Scholarship: Lauren Gabel, Blue Ribbon Buckeyes

I Dare You Award: Lauren Gabel, Blue Ribbon Buckeyes

I Dare You Award: David Greene, Country Clovers

CARTEENS: Lauren Gabel, Blue Ribbon Buckeyes

Golden Award: Wyatt Brickner, Hopewell Hog and Dairy

Golden Award: Samuel Brown, Blue Ribbon Buckeyes



### **Friend of 4-H**

Congratulations to our Friends of 4-H recipients that were recognized during the 4-H Awards Monday night of the fair.

**Tractor Supply Company** is committed to supporting our farm and food community and all of the youth in the 4-H and FFA programs nationwide. In Seneca County, TSC helps to provide sawdust shavings annually for the ChickQuest school enrichment program that hatches chicks in classrooms throughout the county in the spring. In addition, they donate a pallet of shavings to make the show ring in the livestock pavilion. They are a participating location for our Fall Coloring Contest where they serve as a pickup and drop off location and display all the entries they receive. They also support the Jr. Fair Board with allowing them to host their annual car wash at their facility. They encourage and support many 4-H clubs to allow them to set up for a bake sale to have their fundraiser. Not to mention all 4-H clubs are welcome to set up a table and promote 4-H anytime of the year, but especially during their clover campaign that they do twice annually to help raise funds for the 4-H program in each county. You can purchase a clover for \$1 and at least 80% of all proceeds come directly back to the county to use for camp and leadership programming.

Tractor Supply Company has really "opened their doors" and been very hospitable to our 4-H Program. The next time you or your club are looking for somewhere to set up a table to promote 4-H, recruit new members, do a fundraiser, etc. look no further than our own local Tractor Supply Company.

**Ian Heitkamp** is an alumni of the H-L Hog and Dairy 4-H Club, where he took market hogs and ducks. He has worked at Blanchard Valley Hospital in the ER for 8 years. He is currently a Cloverbud advisor for Cloverleaf Kings and Queens 4-H Club. He has been volunteering with Seneca County 4-H Camp for 8 years now, specifically serving as one of our nurses. He enjoys watching the kids build new friendships at camp and grow into counselors and eventually graduate. He enjoys giving back to a program that he grew up in and influenced all aspects of his life today. In his free time, he enjoys his side job of making and selling donuts.

## **Friend of 4-H Continued:**

**Debbie Schultz** is a lifelong resident of Seneca County, married to Kevin and has 3 children and 3 grandchildren. She was a 10-year member of the Sew Sharp 4-H Club growing up. She served as a camp counselor for several years. She and her team members represented Seneca County in 1979 at the Ohio State Fair Health Quiz Bowl where they placed first, crushing it with having answered all of her questions correctly, which was certainly a good thing as she did go on to be an RN! She has been a nurse for the past 38 years with her specialty areas being Pediatrics, OB with Neonatal Infant Nursery care and Hospice care.

Debbie loves working with children of all ages and volunteers at Grief Camps for children/teens, has served frequently as a Seneca County 4-H project judge and has served as our Seneca County 4-H Camp and Cloverbud Camp nurse for the past 8 years. She enjoys teaching and mentoring and working with our other camp nurse while he was in nursing school during the time he was serving as Adult Staff at camp and training him as a camp nurse, making it an easy transition when he did graduate.

## **State Fair**

We would like to congratulate the following 4-H members for receiving an award for the following projects:

### **Creative Arts Day**

Hannah Wood, *Fightin' 4-H'ers* - Seeing Through Graphic Design – Outstanding of the Day

Moriah Wood, *Fightin' 4-H'ers* - Scrapbooking Jr – Outstanding of the Day

### **Companion Animal Day**

Moriah Wood, *Fightin' 4-H'ers* - Cat 2 – Outstanding of the Day

### **Family Life Day**

Isabelle Wood, *Fightin' 4-H'ers* – Family History Treasure Hunt (1<sup>st</sup> year) – Trophy

### **Clothing Days**

Lauren Gabel, *Blue Ribbon Buckeyes* – Dress Up Formalwear – Outstanding of the Day

### **Shooting Sports Day**

Hazel Baranowski, *4-H Homeschoolers* – Shotgun Jr. – Outstanding of the Day

Bradyn Kummerer, *Spirit of '76* – Safe Use of Guns Jr. – Outstanding of the Day

### **Stem Day**

Victoria Cummings, *Eden Dairy* – Magic Of Electricity – Outstanding of the Day

Henry Lucius, *Fightin' 4-H'ers* – Self Determined 3-D Printing – Outstanding of the Day

### **Natural Resources Day**

Lauren Petronella, *4-H Homeschoolers* – Beekeeping Sr – Trophy

### **Self-Determined Day**

Isaiah Wood, *Fightin' 4-H'ers* – Self-Determined Sr. – Outstanding of the Day

### **Vet Science**

Lindsey Nye, *Fightin' 4-H'ers* – All Systems Go! – Outstanding of the Day



### Woodworking Day

Kyle Kreh, *Victory 4-H*– Measuring Up Jr. – Outstanding of the Day

Henry Lucius, *Fightin' 4-H'ers* – Making the Cut Jr. – Outstanding of the Day

Molly Daniel, *Seneca Pens and Friends* – Nailing it Together Jr. – Outstanding of the Day

Kenneth Arter, *Blue Ribbon Buckeyes* – Finishing Up – Outstanding of the Day

### Welding Day

Timothy Kirian, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Welding (Bigger Weldment) – Outstanding of the Day

### Animals/Livestock

#### Skill-a-thons

##### Beef

Russell Fox, *Seneca County Jr. Beef* – Age 13– 7<sup>th</sup> Place

##### Dairy

Bentley Cole, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Age 8/9 – 9<sup>th</sup> Place

Brady Cole, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Age 11 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

##### Dogs

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Age 13– 8<sup>th</sup> Place

Alexandria Elchert- *Doggon'its* – Age 15 – 7<sup>th</sup> Place

Kaylor Reynolds, *Doggon'its* – Age 17 – 8<sup>th</sup> Place

##### Goats

Isabella Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Breeding Goats Age 13 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Hannah Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Breeding Goats Age 17 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Hannah Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Age 17 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

##### Horses

Isabella Garland, *Seneca Rough Riders* – Small Equine Pleasure Driving – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Lauren Steinmetz, *Seneca Saddle Straddlers* – Age 15-16 Western Pleasure – 9<sup>th</sup> Place

##### Poultry

Riley McCullough, *Bloomville Good Luck Sheep*– Age 16 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

##### Sheep

Ella Kistler, *Swine Stockade* – Breeding Sheep Age 10 – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Carter Heibertshausen, *Bloomville Beef and Feeders* – Breeding Sheep Age 11 – 6<sup>th</sup> Place

##### Swine

Tristan Flory, *Hopewell Hog and Dairy* – Age 14 – 5<sup>th</sup> Place

### Show Results

#### Beef

##### Junior Chianina:

Chloe King, *Swine Stockade* – Chianina Junior Yearling Female– 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

##### Junior Limousin:

Saige Miller, *Eastern County Livestock* – Limousin Junior Yearling Female– 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



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### Beef

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#### Junior Limousin:

Sayge Miller, *Eastern County Livestock* – Limousin Junior Yearling Female– 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### Junior Maine Anjou

Chloe King, *Swine Stockade* – Maine Anjou Maintainer- Spring Yearling Female– 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### Junior Market Beef:

Russell Fox, *Seneca County Jr. Beef* – Simmental– 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

### Dogs

#### Junior Dogs:

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Rally Intermediate– 5th Place

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Rally Advanced– 5th Place

Kaylor Reynolds, *Doggon'its* – Freestyle Pairs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its* – Freestyle Pairs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Aubrey Carper, *Doggon'its* – Showmanship Jr. A – 5<sup>th</sup> Place

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Showmanship Intermediate B– 3rd Place

Grace Carper, *Doggon'its*– Showmanship Intermediate B– 10th Place

Aubrey Carper, *Doggon'its*– Rally Novice– 12th Place

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Rally Intermediate B– 14th Place

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Rally Advanced– 6th Place

Aubrey Carper, *Doggon'its* – Jr. You & Your Dog – 3rd Place

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Intermediate You & Your Dog – 10th Place

Grace Carper, *Doggon'its* – Intermediate You & Your Dog – 12th Place

Alexandria Elchert- *Doggon'its* – Senior You & Your Dog – 13th Place

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Preferred Novice– 2nd Place

Kaylor Reynolds, *Doggon'its* – Rally Novice – 12th Place

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Rally Advanced–8th Place

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Agility Trial Results Standard On-Lead–Go

Kaylor Reynolds, *Doggon'its*– Agility Trial Results Standard On-Lead–Gold

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Agility Trial Results Standard Level 2–Bror

Kaylor Reynolds, *Doggon'its*– Agility Trial Results Jumpers On-Lead–Gold

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Agility Trial Results Jumpers On-Lead–Gold

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Agility Trial Results Jumpers Level 2–Silver

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Agility Trial Results Mad Shape Dash–Gold

Katelynn Schneiderman, *Doggon'its*– Versatility Award Winner



### Dairy

#### Junior Holstein:

Brady Cole, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Junior Two Year Old – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Bentley Cole, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Winter Heifer Calf – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Bentley Cole, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Winter Heifer Calf – Reserve Junior Champion

#### Junior Red and White:

Brady Cole, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Winter Yearling Heifer – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Bentley Cole, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Fall Heifer Calf – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Bentley Cole, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Fall Heifer Calf – Reserve Junior Champion

## Goats

### Buckeye Classic:

Isabella Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Fullblood- Yr. doe 12-16 months – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Hannah Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Fullblood two yr. old 24-36 months – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Hannah Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Fullblood two yr. old 24-36 months – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Isabella Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Fullblood Yr. buck 12-16 months – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Hannah Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Fullblood Yr. buck 16-20 months – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### Junior Boer Goats Breeding:

Isabella Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Doe Kid Fullblood 3-6 months – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Isabella Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Yearling Doe Fullblood 12-16 months – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Hannah Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Two Year Old Does 24 months – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Hannah Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Two Year Old Does 24 months – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Hannah Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Two Year Old Does 24 months – Reserve Senior Fullblood Boer Doe  
Isabella Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Yearling Buck Fullblood 12-16 months – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Hannah Chaffee, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – Fullblood Yr. Buck 16-20 months – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

## Poultry

### Junior Poultry:

Riley McCullough, *Bloomville Good Luck Sheep* – Cochin (1 cock) – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Riley McCullough, *Bloomville Good Luck Sheep* – Cochin (1 hen) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Riley McCullough, *Bloomville Good Luck Sheep* – Cochin (1 pullet) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Riley McCullough, *Bloomville Good Luck Sheep* – Bantam-Black Cochin (1 hen) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Riley McCullough, *Bloomville Good Luck Sheep* – Bantam-Black Cochin (1 pullet) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Riley McCullough, *Bloomville Good Luck Sheep* – Bantam-Black Old English (1 cock) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Riley McCullough, *Bloomville Good Luck Sheep* – Bantam-Black Old English (1 hen) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Riley McCullough, *Bloomville Good Luck Sheep* – Bantam-Black Old English (1 pullet) – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Riley McCullough, *Bloomville Good Luck Sheep* – White Call Duck (1 young drake) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Riley McCullough, *Bloomville Good Luck Sheep* – White Call Duck (1 young duck) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Riley McCullough, *Bloomville Good Luck Sheep* – Grey Call Duck (1 young duck) – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Riley McCullough, *Bloomville Good Luck Sheep* – AOV Bantam Duck (1 old duck) – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

## Sheep

### Junior Corriedale:

Carter Heibertshausen, *Bloomville Beef and Feeders* – Spring Ram Lamb – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Carter Heibertshausen, *Bloomville Beef and Feeders* – Winter Ewe Lamb – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Carter Heibertshausen, *Bloomville Beef and Feeders* – Spring Ewe Lamb – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Carter Heibertshausen, *Bloomville Beef and Feeders* – YRP Reserve Champion Lamb  
Carter Heibertshausen, *Bloomville Beef and Feeders* – Flock – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Carter Heibertshausen, *Bloomville Beef and Feeders* – Fleece – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

### Junior Border Cheviot:

Ella Kistler, *Swine Stockade* – Yearling Ram – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Ella Kistler, *Swine Stockade* – Fall Ewe Lamb – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### Junior Market Lambs:

Mya Carrick, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – All Other Breeds Purebred Wether – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Mya Carrick, *Republic Rowdy Rednecks* – All Other Breeds Purebred Wether – Reserve Champion AOB

## Swine

### Junior Barrows:

Chloe King, *Swine Stockade* – Hereford Barrow – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Chloe King, *Swine Stockade* – Champion/Reserve Hereford Barrow – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



### **Teen Leadership Council**

Congratulations to Odin Knight of the 4-H Homeschoolers 4-H Club for being selected on the Teen Leadership Council. The Teen Leadership Council is a group of outstanding 4-H teens from across Ohio. The purpose of TLC is to be advocates of the 4-H program while strengthening leadership, communication, and service skills. TLC members are in charge of helping at the Ohio 4-H Conference and the Ohio State Fair. They also assist with planning and implementing many other state-wide workshops and events.

Odin Knight- Teen Leadership Council Member

### **State 4-H Fashion Board**

Congratulations to Lillian Watson of the Country Clovers 4-H Club for earning a spot on the 2024 State 4-H Fashion Board. She will be a great advocate for clothing and textiles at the state level and our county. The State 4-H Fashion Board is a group of outstanding 4-H teens from across the state interested in clothing and textiles. The Board's purpose is to assist in conducting the State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue, 4-H clothing workshop sessions at the Ohio 4-H Conference and promote Ohio 4-H clothing projects and programs.

### **Volunteer Anniversaries**

Thank you to each and every advisor and volunteer that help in any way with the 4-H program.

The following list of volunteers are celebrating a milestone year! Volunteers listed will receive a gift in appreciation for your time and service. If you didn't receive your gift at the Grade A Celebration or with your club packet, stop in the Extension office to pick it up. Thank you for all that you do to 'Make the Best Better!'

#### **First Year:**

Sarah Blubaugh-Biller, Seneca Rough Riders  
Cara Brown, Blue Ribbon Buckeyes  
Terri Cummings, Eden Dairy  
Hannah Fought, Circle E Beef  
Jenna Gabel, Blue Ribbon Buckeyes  
Theresa Greene, Doggon'it's  
Monica Hay, Republic Rowdy Rednecks  
Brian Heibertshausen, Bloomville Beef and Feeders  
Sarah Hess, 4-H Home Schoolers  
Amy Kearns, Kids. Pigs, and Udders  
Mikki King, Seneca Helping Hands  
Isabelle Milton, Seneca Helping Hands  
Jessica Nye, Fightin' 4-Her's  
Gabrielle Oliver, Roots and Wings  
Kassidy Reynolds, Doggon'it's  
Erika Shock, Clinton Farmers  
Julia Zimmerman, Clinton Farmers  
Olivia Zimmerman, Clinton Farmers

#### **Five Years**

Patricia Enders, Republic Rowdy Rednecks  
Suzanne Kirian, Mccutchenville Wide Awake  
Brandy Miller, Swine Stockade  
Patricia Nye, Seneca Saddle Straddlers  
Michelle Perkins, Attica Dairy



## **Volunteer Anniversaries Continued:**

### **Ten Years**

Pam Greene, Country Clovers  
Brenda Lucius, 4-H Home Schoolers  
Amanda Norman, Bloomville Beef and Feeders  
Trisha Schreiner, Backroad Barnyards  
Erica Snyder, Sew Sharp

### **Fifteen Years**

Peg Martin, Victory 4-H  
Gerald Smith, Backroad Barnyards  
Ron Wise, Circle E Beef

### **Twenty Years**

Kenneth Arbogast, New Riegel Rawhide and Woolies  
Jenny Oney, Thompson Toilers  
Tami Staib, Hopewell Hog and Dairy  
Michelle Zimmerman, Clinton Farmers

### **Twenty-Five Years**

Duane Derr, Circle E Beef

### **Thirty Years**

Dan Riegel, Spirit of '76  
Denise Riegel, Spirit of '76

### **Forty Years**

Linda Piper, Fightin' 4-Her's

## **Jr. Fair News From Emily**

We are looking for a few good members!! Applications for the 2024 Seneca County Jr. Fair Board are being accepted until October 31, 2023. Interviews for those who applied will be held in early December.

We are once again doing the Family Fair Lights at the fairgrounds! If your club, other groups, or businesses are interested in participating, please contact Emily Gilliland at [ekgilliland4@gmail.com](mailto:ekgilliland4@gmail.com) or 419-618-8193. It is free to put in your display, we just ask that you work a shift during the season. All displays must be in place by November 14, 2023 and removed by January 5, 2024, weather permitting. Fair lights will run Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings from Nov. 17-Dec. 17 and then Dec. 22-23,

Congratulations on an awesome fair! We have a great team. Only 10 months until July 2024! Here we come!





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