

V.I.P. NEWS

Dear Volunteers:

Happy 2022!! As we start the new year, let us remember that we are here to provide learning and leadership opportunities to young people. Our purpose is for children to learn, feel good about themselves and others and have fun. I'd like to update you on a few items. If you have any questions or concerns, give me a call or email.

Sincerely,

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Membership Requirements

Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child's age AND grade as of January 1 of the current calendar year. Eligibility for Cloverbud participation begins when a child is age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten. Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and in third grade. Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. Membership requires enrollment in an authorized 4-H club or group under the direction of an OSU Extension professional or an approved adult volunteer. A youth's 4-H eligibility ends December 31 the year the member turns 19.

Annual Financial Reports & Club Charters

A reminder that your club's financial summary and equipment inventory are due by January 31. We will not process your members' enrollment without these forms. Club charter checklists are due by April 15.

Advisor Child Protection Training

All returning volunteers need to complete the Policy 1.50 Child Protection training by April 15, 2022. Instructions will be sent separately when the updated training is available from state.

Additional Training Requirements

Please carefully review the additional information included with this letter regarding new statewide training requirements,

Advisor Rescreens

If this is your year to be rescreened, remember you need to be re-enrolled on the database and have your fingerprints taken by March 15, 2022 to remain an advisor. You should have received a letter if you are scheduled for rescreening this year.

Advisor Re-enrollment

Every advisor must re-enroll through 4-H Online, 2.0 including acceptance of all documents to be reviewed by April 15, 2022 to be an approved volunteer. Please note that the Volunteer Standards of Behavior has been revised, please read it carefully. ***We cannot make you active on the database until we have your online re-enrollment and required trainings complete.***

Organizational Volunteer Training

There will be a meeting for organizational advisors (or their representative) on February 15, 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Please watch for future details.

Ohio 4-H Grab & Go Club Meeting Toolkit provides 4-H volunteers and teen leaders with seven (7) club meeting agendas to help plan for the 4-H year.

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



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4-H Committee Candidates

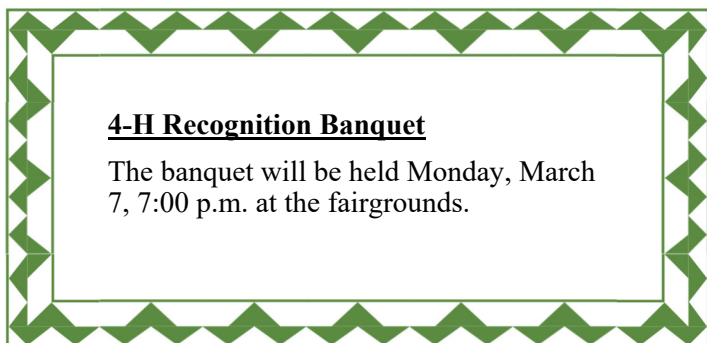
The 4-H Advisory Committee is looking for candidates to run for the committee. There is one parent representative per district. Parent representatives may not be advisors, and must have children enrolled in the program. They are elected by ballot at the banquet like all other committee reps. Parents must be nominated by an advisor of the club in which their child is enrolled. ***If you are in District III and have a parent who you feel would be a good representative, please contact them and ask to have their name placed on the ballot.*** You have some great parents out there, ask them to become involved! We need advisor representation for all districts, please let us know if you would be interested in running for the committee serving. We also need nominees for a youth representative (14 and older), please nominate your teen leaders. All names should be submitted to me by February 10th.

New Advisors

If you have new advisors, they must complete an application, BCI screening, schedule an interview and complete child protection, new volunteer orientation trainings. This process must be complete by April 15 for them to appear on your club roster for 2022. This is at least a 6-8 week process to complete so please submit applications soon! It would be ideal to have everyone in process by March 1!

New Member Recruitment

We will be contacting all 3rd and 4th graders about joining 4-H through informational flyers distributed through the schools. We will have potential new members contact you as they come to us. It helps us to know how many new members you are willing to accept. Organizational advisors, please be sure to return the club survey.



Cross County Membership Applications

All cross county membership requests need to be submitted AND approved before a member enrolls in 4-H Online. I suggest that these forms be submitted no later than March 15 so that families can make alternate plans if their request is not approved. Please review the acceptable reasons listed on the application when requesting cross county membership.

Calendars, Family Guides and Project Requirements

The 4-H calendar is posted on our website. We will not print copies for distribution. Each family will receive a Family Guide through the mail. Officer books can be picked up at the office or printed from the state 4-H website. There are some excellent officer resources on the state 4-H website! There is information for members who think they might want to run for an office. Each family will receive the project requirements by email.

Food Safety Program

If your club does fund raising with food products, advisors must be certified in Food Safety. Certification is required every 5 years. The course is online, contact the office for information. A reminder that bake sale items must list the ingredients on every package. You don't have to share great aunt Suzie's secret recipe, BUT you must list all ingredients for potential food allergy concerns. Also each package must be labeled "Made in a home kitchen" in a minimum of a 10 point font.



Ohio 4-H Project Central!

Members and project helpers can preview project books AND share feedback about their project experiences on a new website called Ohio 4-H Project Central. Check out the website now at www.ohio4h.org/projectcentral for easy instructions and a direct link.

Horse Safety Program

The horse safety program is required for all new horse members. Clubs will be conducting these sessions. If you are not a “horse” club but have horse members, you will either need to offer the program or arrange for your members to go to another club’s training. Beginning in 2023, all horse project members will be required to complete the online EquiSTEP training. More details to come!

Weather Note

On case of bad weather, meetings may be changed to a virtual format. We will post information of our 4-H Facebook page. If it is a committee meeting, we will send an email out to the group. I will not hesitate to cancel meetings or go virtual when the road conditions are questionable, especially meetings that involve youth. Please listen to WCSM or call the office before 4:30 p.m. for actual cancellations. Cancellations will also be posted on our website during the week. For weekend events, we will notify the radio station and *try* to get it posted on our website and WLIO, Lima.

Have you returned your Advisor Interest Sheet? If not, please do!! Don't keep us guessing regarding your plans for 2021.

Cloverbud Clubs

A few reminders about cloverbud club guidelines:

1. Cloverbud clubs are to teach lessons from the new revised Cloverbud curriculum, which can be purchased from our office. There is also a cloverbud horse curriculum.
2. Cloverbud lessons are designed to be active and group oriented. “Group” implies that more than one child is to be enrolled in your cloverbud club.
3. Any club having cloverbuds must designate a minimum of one volunteer that specifically works with the cloverbuds. That is not to say other advisors don’t jump in occasionally but you must have an approved cloverbud leader. It is suggested you have 1 volunteer for every 6-7 youth but parents can help fill this role.

We will be offering a club activity on family traditions for 2022. We encourage you to use the lesson with your cloverbuds. There are no participation awards from the county, but we will ask your club to share some information from the activity. We are planning to have an optional fair activity this year. More details to follow on both options.

Auglaize Co. Fair - August July 31– August 6

2022 Fair Changes

Check your fair book for complete details. See March Gazette for any additions or changes to this information.

REMINDER FOR LIVESTOCK: Exhibitors must care for their animals until they are loaded off the fairgrounds. For market animals, if it is determined at load out that the animal has lacked food and/or water, a penalty will be deducted from the value of the animal: \$25.00 for steers, lambs, goats and hogs, \$10.00 for rabbits and poultry. This decision will be made by the packer and representatives from the Sale Committee. For breeding animals, if it is determined that the animal has lacked food and/or water, the exhibitor will not receive a fair pass the following year. This will be the decision of the Junior and Senior Fair Board superintendents of the department. Please stress to your members - care of their animals is never optional!!

Late arrival/early dismissal violations: livestock arriving late or leaving early without prior permission will be fined \$50.00 per exhibitor, payable in cash by December 1 of the year of the rule violation. If the fine is not paid by that date, the exhibitor will be ineligible for placings the following year.

Quality Assurance

*First year QA members ages 8 to 11 as of January 1, must have **a parent** attend a quality assurance program. First year QA members 12 and over are not required to have a parent attend and may choose the test out option or program attendance.*

*If a parent is required to attend a quality assurance with their first year member and they attend an out of county program - **written** proof from the sponsor must be submitted by the parent as proof of attendance.

REMINDER: All QA must be completed by June 10, 2022 to meet our county and state fair dates. There can be no exceptions. The state will not be extending the completion deadline of 45 days prior to a county's fair this year.

Test Out Option: Members, ages 12-14, can test out of Quality Assurance for up to three years. This means a child who passes the QA test would not have to take the test again until they reach the 15-18 age division. Members, ages 15-18, can test out of QA permanently. A member must take the test at the scheduled time and achieve a score of 70% or higher to test out of the program. Members failing to test out of QA participation will be required to attend a QA program for that year. They may attempt to test out of the program again the following year. There is no testing option for members ages 8 to 11.

YQCA Online: we will offer the national online QA program this year. There is a cost for this program, per child. Many national livestock shows require this certification. Families who are interested in this option should contact the office for more information.

There are several dates on the calendar for Quality Assurance programs and testing. We plan to hold these opportunities in person. I do not plan to add additional dates.

At this point, preregistration is not required for QA programs or tests, if that changes families will be notified.

ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES INCLUDING SHOWMANSHIP:

All livestock entries, including showmanship sign up, will be done as part of Fairentry online. Entries will be due July 1. **Entries after July 1 will be handled as follows:**

If entries are submitted between July 2 and July 8, there will be a \$10.00 cash late fee per entry, regardless of reasons or lateness. If entries are submitted between July 9 and July 16, the late fee is \$25.00 cash per entry, regardless of reason or lateness. **NO entries will be accepted after July 16 for any reason.** This rule applies to showmanship entries. Late entries will not be official until the fine is paid in full in cash. Late entry fee information will be submitted to the Junior Fair Board along with the cash fee.

Showmanship reminder: Entries can be scratched after July 1 (as with any entry) but will face a late entry penalty if added after July 1. Best advice - tell all of your members to sign up for showmanship by July 1!

Entry corrections: all entry corrections must be done by noon Saturday before the opening day of the fair. This rule *does not allow for adding additional late entries*, but correction of an entry if for example a wrong breed was entered accidentally, or perhaps a pen of pullets was entered as bantam, but are really production standard. All entries are final in all departments as of this deadline.

Leasing of breeding animals: The state now allows breeding animals to be leased. Market animals (including feeder calves) **CANNOT** be leased, they must be owned. Lease agreements and other paperwork must be turned in by the May 1 possession date for livestock. The paperwork must include the cover sheet, pictures **and an actual lease** agreement written and signed by both the owner and the exhibitor/parent. Horse leases will use the same forms as in the past. Dairy lease information has been updated. Lease information is available at:

<https://auglaize.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/junior-fair-information>

Department Changes: No rule changes for the following departments: Dairy, Sheep, Showmanship Sweepstakes, Special Interest, Swine.

Beef: Breed champion plaques will not be breed specific. Add Simmental as separate breed for breeding show. Wednesday show will start at 1:00 p.m.

Clothing: Only 1 achievement award will be given, silver trays will be replaced with plaques. First place project winners will be notified after judging and prior to the style review to allow us to register them for state judging participation. Other award winners will be revealed at style review as in the past. All style review rules still apply, meaning a member would still need to participate in style review or forfeit their awards. In explanation, we are asked to submit all state fair delegates by the Monday prior to the state fair (therefore prior to our fair). State has asked that we meet this deadline. If we enter the member into the database as a state fair delegate, the member receives a notification. Because of holding all awards until the completion of the style review, we have had to enter these members after the state deadline. We do not want our members to miss their state fair opportunity!

Goats: Champion and Reserve Champion Market Goats, both Boer and dairy, will be viewed as part of the carcass review on Wednesday after the fair. Exhibitor of these goats are responsible for making arrangements for the processing and purchase of the meat. If an exhibitor does not make arrangements for the disposal of the meat: first offense – exhibitor may not place the following year. Second or more offense – exhibitor will be banned from showing for 3 years.

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Horses: add Ranch Showmanship and Ranch Horsemanship classes - both junior (8-13) and senior (14-18) divisions. Additional trophy sponsors will be needed.

King and Queen: setting a dress code for court members. King's court members will receive sashes not medallions.

Nutrition: two achievement awards will be given, silver trays will be replaced with plaques.

Poultry: Ducks will be judged at their pens like turkeys and geese. Broiler hatch papers must be presented at weigh in. If the broilers are hatched prior to June 1, they will not be eligible for placings but could still sell.

Rabbit: discontinue the Grand Champion Buck and Doe awards. Instead of these awards, all Best of Breed rabbits will compete for Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show. These awards will be given at the end of the breeding show, prior to the judging of the market classes.

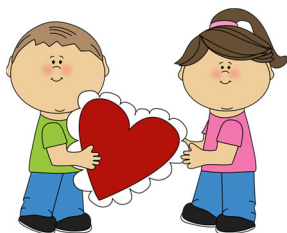
Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

- 3 - Junior Fair Board - 7:30 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 5 - QA Testing - 8:30 a.m., Fairgrounds
- 7 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 15 - Organizational Advisor Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 16 - Sale Committee - 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 22 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 24 - Quality Assurance - 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 28 - Volunteer Training - 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds

MARCH

- 3 - Junior Fair Board - 7:30 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 7 - 4-H Banquet - 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 8 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 10 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 17 - Volunteer Training - 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 22 - Quality Assurance - 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 24 - Volunteer Training - 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 29 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



COMING FOR THE 2023 FAIR!

The following rule applies to market steer, market lamb and market goat exhibitors only.

A minimum of one project animal must be registered in the individual exhibitor's name at winter/spring weigh-in to be eligible to enter and show that specie at the fair. This animal may only be entered, shown and sold in that individual's name. This animal could only be transferred to another exhibitor's name using the livestock substitution rule and would not be eligible for placings.

The remaining animals registered at winter/spring weigh-in may be listed in the family's name. These "family" animals must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family member as defined by Ohio Administrative Code: Rule 901-19-01 | Definitions.

For winter/spring weigh-in: each family may register the maximum number of animals per department rules. For example, for steers – 3 youth in a family could register a maximum of 9 steers (3 youth x 3 steers per child), sheep and goat - 3 youth in a family could register a maximum of 15 lambs or goats (3 youth x 5 lambs/goats per child).

Fair weigh-in: the designated exhibitor of the family shared animal must be stated when the animal is weighed at the fair. After fair weigh-in, this animal could only be transferred to another exhibitor's name using the livestock substitution rule and would not be eligible for placings.

No animal can be exhibited under more than one exhibitor's name. Leasing is not permitted for market animals.

This rule will begin at the December 2022 winter steer weigh-in as families register their steers for the 2023 fair.

This rule will begin at the May 2023 spring lamb and goat weigh-in as families register their lambs and goats for the 2023 fair.