



October 2017

Notes From the Office

Dear 4-H Family:

As another 4-H year comes to an end, I hope that your family has shown your appreciation to the people who contribute their time and talents to our program. Some final notes for 2017.

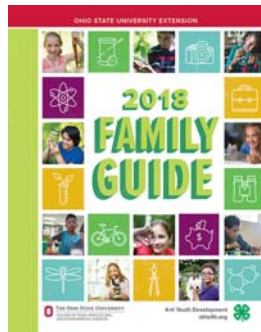
NEW: 4-H Age Policy

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 Ohio 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 he or she turns 19. Joining Ohio 4 H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University.

Family Guide to 4-H

The Family Guide to 4-H is now online <http://www.ohio4h.org/families/family-guide>

You can look at project information there or check out Project Central at <http://www.ohio4h.org/books-and-resources/project-central> to get a closer look at project materials.



2018 Pre Fair Judging Dates



Tuesday, July 17 -
Foods & Small Animal
Judging

Thursday, July 19 - Clothing &
Livestock Interviews

Friday, July 20 - 4-H Special Inter-
est Judging

Fair Dates for 2018

Auglaize Co. Fair - July 29 - August 4

Ohio State Fair - July 25 - August 5

Save the dates!

Project Changes for 2018

New

- 359 Your Thoughts Matter
- 384R Parliamentary Procedure Pocket Guide
- 481 Everyday Food and Fitness
- 644R Insect Collection Guide

Revised

- 179R Uniform Rules for Horse Shows
- 410 Designed By Me
- 442 Family History Treasure Hunt
- 463 Sports Nutrition: Ready, Set, Go
- 491 It's My Home
- 623 Outdoor Adventurer: Beginner Fishing
- 630 Safe Use of Guns
- 644 Insect Adventures 1
- 645 Insect Adventures 2
- 646 Insect Adventures 3

Discontinued

- 125R Learning About Dairy
- 434 Growing On My Own
- 435 Growing With Others
- 436 Growing in Communities
- 483 Sports Nutrition 1
- 548 Lawn Care
- 597 Become a Puppeteer

Moving to Online

- 495 Your First Home Away from Home
- 177 Horse Training: How to Talk to Your Horse - book printed, no CD - videos now online

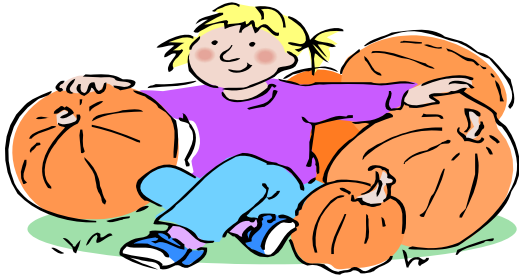
Moving to Print

- 550 Young Engineers in Solar Energy

Campers' Corner

2018 4-H Camp

Dates for next year's camp are June 19-23. No cost is available yet, but why not give a Christmas gift certificate for a trip to camp?



Teen Opportunities

Schaub Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Luke Steinke, Madi Okuley, Kelly Wilker, Kyle Prenger, Adam Vogel, Alyssa Ruppert, Stephen Hayes, Brianna Jurosic and Quincy Rable for winning the Niki Schaub 4-H Scholarships!

Teen Opportunities Letter

All 4-H members, who will be 13 and over as of January 1, 2018 will soon be receiving a letter about teen leadership opportunities. Be sure to read the guidelines for each activity.

Ohio 4-H Scholarships

There are college scholarships available through the Ohio 4-H program. Applications will be available in December. These forms are due by January 5, 2018.



Camp Counselors

Teens, 15 and older as of January 1, 2018, who are interested in being a camp counselor or counselor in training need to apply by **January 1, 2018**. *Please note that this is a new application deadline.* Counselor applicants will be interviewed in January. Counselors 18 and over will be required to have a BCI background check. More details will be in the teen newsletter. later this fall.



4-H Committee News

Outstanding 4-H'er Award

The outstanding 4-H'er youth will be recognized by the 4-H Committee. Applicants must complete the outstanding 4-H'er application which includes an advisor recommendation. Applications are due by January 5, 2018.

Honor Clubs

The 4-H Committee has awarded honor club status to the following clubs:

Auglaize Co. Show Stoppers

Minster Livestock

N.K. Cheery Sunbeams

Noble Harvesters

Noble Sodbusters

Prospects

Star Spangled Clovers

Waynesfield All Around Livestock

Program Evaluation

If you would like to share ideas regarding the 4-H program, please return the form by November 10. Fair comments should be made on the fair comment form. Please return these forms by December 10.

Fair Updates

Judging Date Change

Please note that Small Animal and Nutrition judging will be held on Tuesday, **July 17, 2018**. That is a *week earlier* than in the past. The move was made to allow us more time to contact state fair representatives.

Winter Steer Weigh-in

2018 junior fair beef, carcass and dairy steers must be identified at the Winter Steer Weigh-in. The weigh-in will be December 16, 2017 at the fairgrounds (snow date - Jan. 13, 2018). Registration materials will be sent to 4-H members with a steer project this year. Information will be sent to all ag teachers for distribution to FFA members. If you or someone you know is taking a steer project for the first time, contact the office for materials. It is especially important to help us reach any first year members. Steers not pre-registered will be placed at the bottom of the sale order.

If you are planning to show a steer at state fair next year and need information on the registration process, contact the office.



Eric Vogel Memorial Award

This honor recognizes two Junior Fair Board members for their outstanding contributions and leadership to the junior fair. This year's winners are Kelly Wilker and Kyle Prenger. A sincere congratulations and thank you!

READ THIS

Included with this letter is very important information regarding changes for Quality Assurance in 2018. PLEASE READ IT COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY! Please understand that this is becoming state law and we have no ability to make changes or exemptions. Plan accordingly.



Clean Exhibit Awards

The following clubs are being recognized as having the cleanest/best kept exhibits in their department at the 2017 fair. Their names will be added to plaques which are displayed in the barns each year.

Beef - Buckeye Hustlers

Dairy - Noble Harvesters

Goat - Moulton Lucky Livestock Raisers

Horse - Fryburg Happy Farmers

Poultry - Moulton Lucky Livestock Raisers

Rabbit - Auglaize Co. Show Stoppers

Sheep - Auglaize Co. Show Stoppers

Swine - New Knoxville Livestock Boosters



Congratulations on a job well done and keep showing your pride!

Thank You Notes

It is **NOT** too late to send thank you notes to your award sponsors or sale buyers. If you have not written a thank you, please do so. We have the names and addresses of all trophy donors and sale buyers are included with checks. Contact the office if you need this information. Be sure you use the correct name of the donor, spelled properly. If you won an award at the Ohio State Fair - don't forget those notes as well. Parents, please stress the importance of these notes of appreciation. No project is complete until the thank yous are written!

As Winter Approaches...

When we cancel meetings due to weather, we will announce cancellations by 4:30 p.m. on WCSM and WLIO or you can call the office before 4:30 p.m. We also post meeting cancellations on our website and our Auglaize Co. 4-H Facebook.



From all of our staff - thanks for all that you contribute as members, parents, volunteers, committee members, counselors, junior and senior fair board members.

I hope that you are enjoying this autumn weather and are looking forward to the holidays. This will be the last Gazette for 2017. Until next year....

Sincerely,

Beth Miller

Elizabeth M. Miller

Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

County Extension Director

Auglaize County, Top of Ohio EERA

cc 4-H Committee, Ag Teachers



Calendar of Events

November

- 9 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 10 - Veterans Day - Office Closed
- 14 - Junior Fair Board Orientation - 7:00 p. m.
- 15 - Sale Committee - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 20 - Extension Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 23 - Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
- 24 - Columbus Day Observed - Office Closed

December

- 16 - Steer Weigh-in - 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.- Fairgrounds
- 25 - Christmas Day - Office Closed
- 26 - Presidents' Day Observed - Office Closed
- 28 - Junior Fair Board - 9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Building

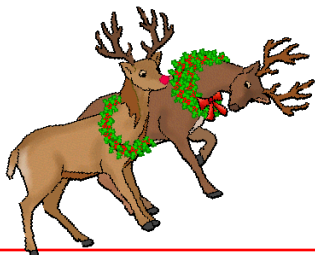
January

- 1 - New Year's Day - Office Closed
- 11 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 - Steer Weigh-in Snow date
- 15 - Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed
- 18 - Horse Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.

February

- 1 - Junior Fair Board - 7:30 p.m. - Jr. Fair Building

Happy Holidays



QUALITY ASSURANCE - 2018

There is a major change for Quality Assurance in 2018. A new law will state that "junior fair exhibitors shall successfully complete the educational program not less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition in which they will participate." *What this means:*

*This rule will become part of the Ohio Revised Code. Therefore, it's the law, we have no ability to grant exceptions.

*All required members MUST be certified for QA 45 days prior to the opening day of the county fair. There will still be the test out option for members 12 and over as of January 1 (45 days prior still applies).

*This rule also applies to members exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, they must be compliant by the opening day of state fair. Since there is only a 4 day gap in the opening day of Ohio State Fair and our fair, it seems to make sense to meet the state fair date. By using that date as our deadline, we can cover both state fair and county fair exhibitors. So tentatively we are saying that all QA will need to be done by June 10, 2018. That date will be confirmed soon. **MARK YOUR 2018 CALENDARS!!**

*In the past we have sometimes conducted a late QA program for a fee, *that will no longer be an option.* **NO MORE LATE QA** because there can be no exceptions past when the law says QA must be completed for our county. There is no "grace period" so to speak. In addition, the week that the QA deadline falls is our camp preparation/day camp week, so there is no staff time to offer any extra sessions.

*We will still hold 3 testing dates and 3 program dates as in the past – dates will be released in a few weeks. All testing and program dates will be prior to June 10 (so no more late June program). When these dates are released, make a family plan to guarantee your children can get certified.

*Please remember - no QA = no entry = no fair exhibition.

A few other notes regarding QA:

+Members going to state events such as Beef Expo, Junior Swine Day, Dairy Palooza, etc. may complete their QA certification at these events. I will receive notification that they have completed. (Please see next note.)

+First year QA project members between the ages of 8 and 11 are required to have a parent attend QA. If a member is going to a state event (or another county), the parent requirement still stands – parent must show written proof of attendance of the QA portion of the program from the event sponsor.

+Members are required to receive prior permission to attend a program in another county.

+Full time participation is required for QA programs – arriving 20 minutes late or leaving 10 minutes early is not permissible and can result in the child having to attend another program or not being certified. This has become a frequent problem and will not be ignored in the future. Members should be in line no later than 6:45 for registration for programs.

+Quality Assurance is required for members exhibiting: market steers, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, market rabbits, market turkeys, broilers, lactating goats and lactating dairy cattle.

+Quality Assurance rules are part of the Ohio Revised Code - it's the law – not a fair rule.