

Notes From the Office

Dear 4-H Family:

I hope you enjoying this fall weather. As another 4-H year comes to an end, here are some final notes for 2023.

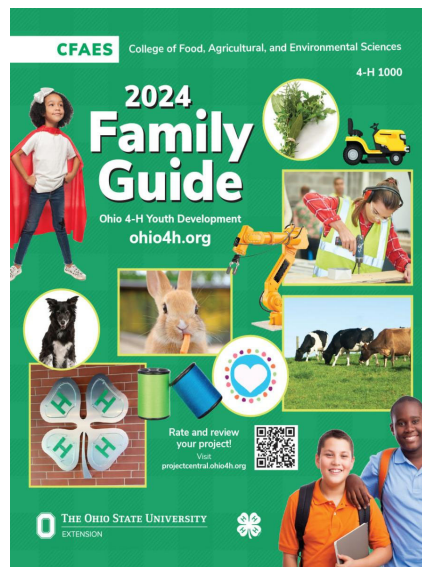
4-H Age Policy

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:
<https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>

You can look at project information there or check out Project Central at:
<https://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/>



Project Changes for 2024

New

186 Gymkhana
187 Roping
210 Assistance Animals in Action
356 Relationships 101

Revised

179R Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows
201R Dog Resource Handbook
228R Rabbit Resource Handbook

Discontinued

185 Equine Reproduction & Genetics
352 Keeping Fit
486 Dashboard Dining
529 Wired for Power
530 Entering Electronics

Program Evaluation

If you would like to share ideas regarding the 4-H program, please return the evaluation form by November 5. Fair comments should be made on the fair comment form. Please return these forms by December 10.

As Winter Approaches...

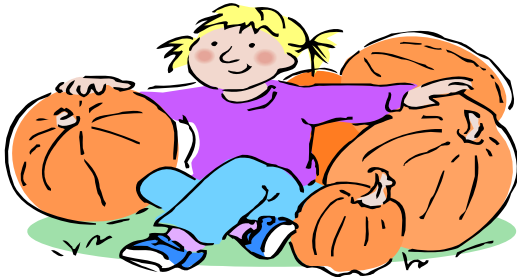
When we cancel meetings due to weather, we will announce cancellations by 4:30 p.m. on WCSM and WLIO or you can call the office before 4:30 p.m. We post meeting cancellations on our website and Auglaize Co. 4-H Facebook. Some meetings may be switched to a virtual format.



Campers' Corner

2024 4-H Camp

Dates for next year's 4-H camp are June 11 - 15. No cost is available yet, but why not give a Christmas gift certificate for a trip to camp?



Teen Opportunities

Schaub 4-H Scholarship Winners for 2023.
Congratulations!

Ella Aufderhaar, Dylan Bambauer, Elizabeth Brown, Jayden Felver, Morgan Hesse, Katelyn Kinsella, Braiden Lee, Taylor Ott, Cora Rable, Morgan Rempfer, Megan Ritter, Charley Spencer, Noah Walter and Alyssa Zwiebel.

Teen Opportunities Letter

All 4-H members, who will be 13 and over as of January 1, 2024 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 are due by February 15. Application information can be found at: <https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/awards-scholarships/ohio-4-h-scholarships>

Camp Counselors

Teens, 15 and older as of January 1, 2024, who are interested in being a camp counselor or counselor in training need to apply by **January 1, 2024**. 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 to be sent later this fall.



4-H Committee News

Outstanding 4-H'er Award

Outstanding 4-H youth will be recognized by the 4-H Committee. Applicants should complete the outstanding 4-H'er application which includes an advisor recommendation. You must be at least 16 years old (4-H age) and have been a 4-H member for at least 6 years to apply. Applications are due by January 5, 2024.

Honor Clubs

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

Auglaize Co. Show Stoppers
Auglaize Leaders of Tomorrow
Fryburg Happy Farmers
Junior Climbers
Maids & Gents of Kossuth
Minster Livestock
Moulton Lucky Livestock Raisers
New Knoxville Cheery Sunbeams
Noble Harvesters
Prospects
Waynesfield All Around Livestock



Fair Updates

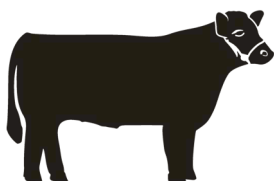
Fair Dates for 2024

Auglaize Co. Fair - July 28 - August 3

Ohio State Fair - July 24 - August 4

Thank You Notes

It is **NOT** too late to send thank you notes to your award sponsors or sale donors. If you have not written a thank you, please do so. We have the names and addresses of all trophy donors. A list of sale donors is 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. No project is complete until the thank yous are written!



Winter Steer Weigh-in

2024 junior fair beef, carcass and dairy steers must be identified at the Winter Steer Weigh-in. The weigh-in will be **December 16, 2023** at the fairgrounds. Registration materials will be sent to 4-H members with a steer or feeder calf 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. If you are planning to show a steer at state fair next year and need information on the registration process, contact the office.

Important reminders: Steers must be dehorned and castrated at the time of the winter weigh-in. A veterinarian's certificate must accompany any steers which may be considered "questionable". Steers must be halter broken for winter weigh-in.

The Junior Fair Board and Sale Committee reserves the right to refuse to register, identify and weigh any steer considered to be unruly or uncontrollable at the winter weigh-in. Steers that are refused at the winter weigh-in will be ineligible for the fair.

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 Ella Aufderhaar and Braiden Lee. A sincere congratulations and thank you!

State Fair Awards

We will be picking up state fair awards in November. Members who won awards will be notified when these awards are available at the Extension office for pickup.

Clean Exhibit Awards

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

Beef - Fryburg Happy Farmers

Dairy - New Bremen FFA

Goat - Prospects

Horse - Buckeye Beavers

Poultry - Prospects

Rabbit - Hare Raisers

Sheep - Buckeye Hustlers

Swine - Buckeye Hustlers

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



Please cash your livestock sale checks. All sale checks are **VOID AFTER 90 DAYS**. If the sale committee treasurer has to re-print a check, there will be a \$35.00 reissue fee. If a check is lost, the exhibitor will be charged \$45.00 for stop payment. All checks not cashed after 90 days will become a donation to the Auglaize Co. Junior Fair.

Family Animal Rule Reminder

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

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 if substituted.

The remaining animals registered at winter/spring weigh-ins may be listed in the family's name. These "family" animals must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family member (as defined by the Ohio Administrative Code for livestock exhibition (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 (entered or shown) under more than one exhibitor's name.

Remember: you can register your project animals per exhibitor as you have in the past. Use of "family animal" option is not required!

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 looking forward to the holidays. This will be the last Gazette for 2023. Until next year....

Sincerely,

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Auglaize County



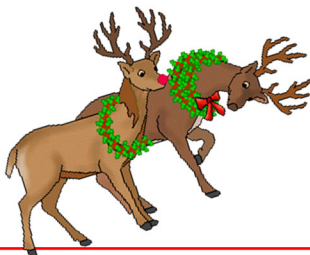
Calendar of Events

November

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

December

- 16 - Steer Weigh-in - 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 25 - Christmas Day - Office Closed
- 26 - Presidents' Day Observed - Office Closed
- 28 - Junior Fair Board - 9:00 a.m. - Exhibit Building



Happy Holidays

