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4-H Family Focus



March 2018

Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,

We are on the horizon of another 4-H year! This year, the theme for Kick-Off was, "4-H Volunteers Thirst for Knowledge!" Each year, volunteers step into various roles to inspire, mentor, and empower youth through the 4-H program. As parents and volunteers, we set the standard for acceptable behavior, and young eyes are always watching and learning. Continue serving as excellent role models for the Holmes County youth! Thank you for all that you do to provide a positive experience.

Let's have a great year!



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Project Evaluation

Please plan your schedules with these dates in mind. Youth must attend the scheduled evaluations in order to qualify for county and state awards. Please note the date changes!

- Life Skills Evaluation (including Food & Nutrition Projects): **Thursday, July 12, 4 - 8pm** at West Holmes High School (by appointment only using Signup.com website. More information to come).
- Livestock Evaluation & Skillathon: **Tuesday, July 17, 4 - 8pm** at West Holmes High School

Cant make Evaluations?

Again this year, we will be offering 2 pre-judging events staffed by 4-H Volunteers prior to the scheduled County Project Evaluation events.

- Pre-judging Day 1, all projects – June 28, 4:00-7:00 p.m. @ Harvest Ridge Baker Building
- Pre-judging Day 2, all projects – July 11, 4:00-7:00 p.m. @ Harvest Ridge Baker Building

Members who are unable to attend the County Project Evaluation events, will need to book an appointment online. Members who come to pre-judging without an appointment may be required to wait for an open appointment. Projects that are pre-judged will not be eligible for County Awards and State Fair participation.

Pre-judging participants who are taking an animal project will be expected to complete at least one component of Skillathon (i.e. body parts, DUNF form, etc.).

LifeSkill Projects— New Judging Format!

Once again, LifeSkill projects will be asked to schedule an appointment for project evaluation using the program signup.com. More information will be distributed to youth taking these projects in the coming months.

The objectives of this new design:

- Minimize wait time of exhibitors for project evaluation.
- Provide a higher quality interaction between judge and youth.
- Improve communication of projects which are dropped prior to evaluation.

**Holmes County Fair
August 6-11, 2018**

**Until further notice
please DO NOT park on
the Chip and Seal
parking lot or the grass
at Harvest Ridge!**



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4-H Guidelines

The 4-H age guidelines are as follows: Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child's age AND grade as of January 1 of the current project year. Eligibility for Cloverbud participation begins when a child is enrolled in Kindergarten and is five years old. Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and in the 3rd 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.

4-H Membership Across County Lines

Reminder: If your club has members that do not live in Holmes County (permanent/primary address), they must complete a Request for 4-H Membership Across County Lines form. This form can be found on our website (holmes.osu.edu) or picked up at the OSU Extension Office. Youth may only participate/exhibit as a 4-H member in one county. 4-H participation in two counties is prohibited.

The form only needs to be submitted once. Approval must be given by the Extension Educators in both the county of residence and county of request. After approval, the Across County Lines membership may continue until the youth ages out of 4-H. However, if there is no support for OSU Extension/4-H in the county of residence, then the Across County Lines Membership will terminate at the end of the current 4-H year.

Enrollment Forms PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU CAN AND WRITE CLEARLY!

Enrollment forms are the one time each year that we collect information about members and advisors. Everyone will start from a blank form. There is an enrollment form for 4-H Members/ Cloverbuds and a separate enrollment form for Volunteers. Please print clearly and complete as much of the information as possible - especially telephone numbers and email addresses!

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO ONE WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY RE-ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OR RENEWED AS A VOLUNTEER THIS YEAR. EVERYONE MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AN ENROLLMENT FORM!

Please pay special attention to these areas:

- New member or re-enrolling member
- T-shirt size
- Hispanic or non-Hispanic
- Race
- Residence (almost all should answer Farm or Town less than 10,000
- Photo Release

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Permission to Photograph

Almost hidden on the back side of 4-H Member/Cloverbud and Volunteer enrollment forms is a little section asking about permission to photograph or video record your image. If this section is not completed, publicity about this child's participation can not be used by Ohio State University Extension.

Ohio State University Extension would like to share the positive results of youth participation in Extension and 4-H Youth Development events. However, in some cases, parents or guardians may prefer not to permit such publicity.

(Please select one) ☐ I GIVE ☐ I DO NOT GIVE the Ohio State University permission to publish in print, electronic, or video formats the likeness or image of my child. I release all claims against the University with respect to copyright ownership and publication including any claim for compensation related to use of the materials.

Make sure you have answered this question on your enrollment form.

Dress Code for Project Evaluations

It's never too early to start thinking about project evaluations. Please pay close attention to the dress code below. This has been in effect since 2010. Members not meeting these guidelines at any project evaluation event (Pre-Judging, Life Skills Evaluations and Livestock Project Evaluations), WILL lose points or be marked down at least one level.

- * Clean pants, skirts or dresses that fit properly. Shorts and capri pants are not allowed. Skirts and dresses must be fingertip length or longer.
- * Clean shirt or top that fits properly. Writing or images on shirts that may be considered offensive or inappropriate are not allowed. Tops, sundresses, etc. must have shoulder straps of 1-inch or wider.
- * No hats worn during judging. Hats that are part of an ensemble or costume should be removed when speaking with judges.
- * No flip-flops.



Camping Spots for Fair 2018

Individuals who had a camping spot at the 2017 Holmes County Fair at Harvest Ridge have been emailed contracts for 2018. Contracts and payments are due by April 30. Any contracts and payments not returned by this date may be subject to forfeiture of camping space.

Any available or additional camping sites will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. If you or someone you know is interested in a space, please email holmescountyfair@gmail.com or call 330-674-0869 to be added to the list.

Available spots are not anticipated to last long.

OHIO 4-H PROJECT CENTRAL

Check Out the Ohio 4-H Project Central Website

Have you or any of the youth in your club ever wanted to preview a project book before deciding if it would be a good project to take. Well now you can do just that!

Anyone can preview the 4-H project books offered by Ohio 4-H. You can also rate projects you've taken in the past to let other youth and advisors know how well you liked the project and to provide feedback to Ohio State University Extension professionals who will consider your feedback in future revisions and updates to project books.

Project Central allows users to browse projects by skill level, topic area, and to search by keyword.

To access Ohio 4-H Project Central go to projectcentral.ohio4h.org.

Project Central also allows you to share your project ratings and comments with your friends on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest!

Teen Opportunities

Do you have an older youth in your club that has shown leadership potential? We are now accepting applications for CWF, LWF, and Leadership Camp! Applications are available online and at the extension office. They are due to the OSU Extension Office by March 15th.

Consider encouraging teens to apply:

- Leadership Camp June 2-6
- Citizenship Washington Focus June 24-30
- Leadership Washington Focus July 16-20



Club Officer Books

The State 4-H office no longer offers hard copy officer books. Club officer books are available for download from the holmes.osu.edu website. The online books are also available through the Ohio 4-H website www.ohio4h.org under "4-H for Youth," then "Members," "Officer Resources," and then the particular officer book. 4-H Officers training will NOT be offered in Holmes County this year. Please try to attend,

Knox County Officers Training 3/12 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wayne County Officers Training 4/3 @ 6:00 p.m.

New Project Books



Honor Club 2018



Are parents/adults invited to club meetings? Do the advisors provide a calendar/schedule for your club which is given to members? Do a majority of your club members give a demonstration or speech?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, your club is on its way to achieving Honor Club status.

To be named to Honor Club, clubs must obtain 95 of a possible 115 points. All clubs who reach this accomplishment will receive a \$25.00 premium, be honored and recognized at the fair, and will be designated in the next year's club brochure.

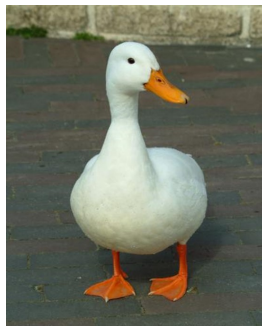
The 2018 Holmes County Honor Club Award Sheet can be found at: <http://holmes.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/club-information/club-forms> and are due by September 1st, 2018.

Poultry Projects - Updates/Reminders

Poultry Resource Book

The Poultry Resource Handbook will again not be available this year.

Resources are available online at <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/poultry>



Poultry Clinic has been scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 10:00 a.m. at the Baker Building with QA to follow from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Reminders

- All exhibitors will be required to purchase their own birds
- Birds will be banded at fair weigh-in
- All require pullorum free certificate NPIP from hatchery or blood test prior to fair
- Exhibitors without a valid certificate/test will be turned away at fair weigh-in

Poultry Updates & Changes for 2018:

- All ducks must be hatched between June 18—June 27
- There will be a penalty for not providing feed and water sufficient to last until birds are sent to processor on Sunday afternoon.
- **New Turkey, Exhibition (Fancy)**- Heritage turkey (any sex). Market turkeys not accepted in this class. Turkeys judged on their appearance, fitness, and overall representation of breed standard.

Poultry Projects will be taken at your own risk. There is no guarantee that a ban will not be reinstated prior to Fair 2018.




Penning Forms & Livestock Pictures

Fair Pen Forms:

- Can be completed at <http://holmes.osu.edu/penforms>
- Forms will open 12:01 am June 1 & close 11:59 pm July 1
- A paper form **will not** be available
- Please fill out a digital form for every species you plan to bring to the fair
- Can be completed on smart phone, tablet, or computer

Market Livestock Photos:

- **ALL** photos must be submitted by the exhibitor or advisor
- Accepted June 15 through July 30 at midnight.
- This year the penalty for not having the correct picture in by due date will be to have it printed in sale book and announced that the buyer of your animal will not receive a picture or plaque
- Email to HCLivestockphotos@gmail.com
- Save photo as FullName.Animal Example: JohnSmith.Steer
- If unable to save under new name, include information in message.
- Image should be landscape. Example: 

Not:



Rabbit Projects - Updates

Bunny Day Camp

Saturday May 19, Noon to 3:00pm, Baker Building
(Does **NOT** include Quality Assurance)

Topics include:

- Housing
- Nutrition
- Selection
- Showmanship

Rabbit Tattooing and tag-in will be July 14, meat pens from 8-10 a.m. and all others 10-11 a.m.

2018 Market Lamb Giveaway

The Holmes County Sheep Committee is excited to announce a market lamb give-away for the 2018 4-H year. The lamb will be a donation through the Sheep Committee in an effort to promote sheep projects for the Holmes County Fair. The give-away is open to all 1st year sheep project participants (not just 1st year 4-Hers). To enter, applicants will submit a short essay describing themselves, how they plan to care for the project animal (including housing, feeding, showing and selling). All essays must be submitted to the OSU Extension office by Tuesday, March 2 at 5:00 pm. One winner will be selected and notified by the Sheep Committee. For any information related to the essay or other questions with 4-H sheep projects, please contact the following Sheep Committee member Nate Klink 330-231-6457.

Dairy Feeders—Reminder

Continuing - Mandatory Dairy Feeder Vaccination Program. At Tag-In, all dairy feeders will be given an injection of Bovi-Shield Gold One Shot™ (covers 4 major viruses & Pasteurella) administered by East Holmes Veterinary Clinic staff member. Cost for the vaccine is covered by the Holmes County Sale Committee. Animals not vaccinated will NOT be able to exhibit at the Holmes Co. Fair. PLEASE COME TO DAIRY FEEDER TAG-IN FOR THIS VACCINATION!

DairyPalooza 2018

April 21—Wayne County

Visit <http://www.ohiodairypalooza.com/> for more info.

Registration form is currently available. Schedule details will be coming soon!

Dairy Updates 2018

- No dry cow class
- Updated new 2 year old classes
- New Dairy steer can be Dairy X Dairy cross but must be from the 6 recognized dairy breeds in the US.
- Supreme Showmanship will include Jr. Int. Sr. from current year and supreme past winners.
- Dairy feeder rate of gain winners must weigh between 428-735 pounds.
- Dairy Committee members will be making home visits to view each Dairy project prior to fair.



Goat Information



Goat Tag-In will be May 19, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at the Baker Building.

Goat Committee will be hosting a Showmanship Clinic July 10th from 7:00—8:00 p.m. at Harvest Ridge.

Big Goat News— Dairy goat showmanship and judging and supreme dairy goat showmanship are moving to Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Pygmy and pack goat show will be moving to Thursday at noon.

The Ohio Pygmy Goat Association will be hosting an NPGA show May 19-20, 2017. They will be hosting a Showmanship Clinic at 9am on Saturday, May 20th.

Dairy Auction & Check Distributions— Updates!

The Dairy Auction will be held at 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 11. Forty items will be sold.

Auction proceed distribution will be based on a points system based on :

- Showmanship
- Skillathon/Book judging
- Taking multiple animals
- Handing in two buyer thank you cards
- Attending the Holmes County Dairy Clinic

Please refer to the 2018 Fair Book for additional point updates!

Quality Assurance

There will be 4 QA opportunities in 2018 in Holmes County. Many other opportunities exist including special clinics and events.

- ⇒ Baker Building (March 20) at 6:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Baker Building (April 28) at Noon– 1:00p.m. (Poultry Clinic)
- ⇒ Winesburg Fire Station (May 3) at 6:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Baker Building (June 19) at 6:00 p.m.

The Test Out option will also be offered this year. Cost remains at \$5. Members ages 12-18 (not applicable to first year members) may take a QA test. If they pass (70% or better), they will be exempt from QA until they reach the next division level (Intermediates 12-14, Seniors 15-18). Tests will be given by appointment only. Tests are available March 1 thru May 31, at the OSU Extension Office.

2018 Dog Program

Melissa Boughman will be coordinating, planning, and implementing all Holmes County Dog Program activities. She can be reached by phone at (330) 763-4900 or by email at nashville616b@yahoo.com. Melissa recently attended the Ohio 4-H Dog Judges Seminar and is now trained to instruct and judge obedience, showmanship, and rally at 4-H and junior fair dog shows throughout Ohio. This program is open to all Holmes County youth enrolled in a Dog project, regardless of their home club!

- Workshops every Monday evening from May 7—July 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Livestock Building
- Dog Clinic April 14 from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at Livestock Building
- Holmes County Dog Show, August 11 1-3 p.m. Large Arena



Thank you to all of the volunteers who attended Kick-Off, 80 volunteers to be exact! Attending Kick-Off assists our office in providing the most up to date information available while also allowing us to connect with you to determine advisor needs. We enjoy being able to spend that time with you.



- Complete Annual Policy 1.50 Child Abuse Prevention Training (in-person or online completion accepted).
- Complete and submit 2018 4-H Volunteer Enrollment
- Complete Fingerprinting (if due for 2018).

- Submit a completed new volunteer application (2 references must be received).
- Attend New Volunteer Orientation & Group Interview call the extension office to set up. with Janessa.

Tax Update

Some clubs/affiliates may also be asked to apply for a new EIN number, which we will be happy to assist.

We must have a financial summary from your club and or committee before we can file.

Cloverbud Connections Newsletter New Blog Format!

For all Cloverbud volunteers (and parents of Cloverbuds), check out the latest issue of the Cloverbud Connections Newsletter at www.go.osu.edu/cbc.

Subscribe to the new blog format that will allow readers to receive an email notification when new posts are added.

The site is searchable by key words and topic to help readers find content. New posts will be added monthly rather than quarterly in the previous format. The new format will continue to provide a unique blend of education, activities, and fun to build and challenge 4-H Cloverbud Volunteers teaching kindergarten through second grade youth.



Community Service Grants from CSB

Clubs that are interested in getting a mini grant to fund a community service project they are planning to do must submit their application by June 1 to the Extension office. Applications are available on our website. A report of the service project & receipts of the costs are to be submitted to CSB by September 1.



Food Safety Policy

Is your 4-H club involved in a food event? Do club advisors/parents/members ever prepare and/or serve food to others for sale or donation? According to the OSU Extension Food Preparation/Service, if you answered yes, you need to attend the Food Safety Training. This training is available as an on-line course or in-person for groups of 5 or more. Please call the OSU Extension Office for more information.

Exceptions to this policy are carry-in, covered dish, or pot-luck dinners. If your club is involved in these types of food events, it is suggested that you distribute the USDA Cooking for Groups fact sheet to encourage safe food handling. You can contact the OSU Extension office for this fact sheet or download it from <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/a424bdb3-e128-4135-afcc->

Reminder - 4-H Project Book Order Process

In an effort to keep costs down, we have reduced the book inventory we keep on hand. What does this mean to you? We will place book orders on Mondays. Typically, it will take 1-2 weeks to receive the books, if they are in stock. When your club's book order is ready to be picked up, we will contact the Organizational Advisor. Project books will NOT be given out to individual families/members.

Knolmes Co. 4-H Camp

Save the date! Our Knolmes (Knox/Holmes) Co. 4-H camp will be June 6-10 at 4-H Camp Ohio. Details will be sent out in April.



Other Camping Opportunities

Does your 4-H'er love to do go to camp? There are LOTS of cool camping opportunities through 4-H! Call the OSU Extension Office for more details.

Sea Camp

July 7-11 @ Kelly's Island

"Get your feet wet" as you learn about one of Ohio's most important resources: Lake Erie! You'll be in, on, and around the water as you explore the science of the lake, learn marine-related skills, and discover the history and recreational uses of our great lake.

Space Camp

Details and dates coming soon

Build and fly a hot air balloon; Test some laws of physics; Try your skills at landing on the moon; Experiment with the principles of flight. Check out <http://spaceadventurecamp.cfaes.ohio-state.edu>

Shooting Sports Camps

Jr. Shooting Sports camp

Ages 9-12 Hosted by: Canter's Cave 4-H Camp

June 29-July 1 2018

Sr. Shooting Sports Camp

Ages 12-18 Hosted By: Canter's Cave 4-H Camp

July 8-13 2018



Janessa Hill, Educator, Holmes County



I have grown up as an active Wayne County 4-H and FFA member. My 4-H experiences include beef breeding, shooting sports, horses, and sewing. My passion for the outdoors aided me in higher education in Wildlife Sciences, Ag. Communications, and Environmental Studies.

When away from the office I am in the barn or in the field hunting. I live on a small farm with 4 horses and 2 dogs. I enjoy hunting with my 88 year old Grandfather and my Springer Spaniel Annie.

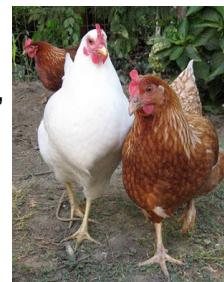
My horses KC and Toby and my Mini Aussie Zoey travel with me to CMSA (Cowboy Mounted Shooting) events across the country!

2018 Youth Poultry Clinic

Saturday, March 24, Fisher Auditorium, OARDC Campus, Wooster.

Event is open to anyone interested in small flocks and 4-H. Program schedule was not yet available when this was written.

Registration due by March 9. Cost \$20, includes lunch. Go to <http://ohio4h.org/events/2018-youth-poultry-clinic> for more info.



OSU Junior Swine Day

Saturday, March 24, ATI, Wooster

Topics to be covered include:

- Youth PQA Plus

Certification

- Live Animal Evaluation
- Carcass Evaluation
- Swine Health & Biosecurity
- Swine Health & Biosecurity
- Nutrition & Weight Management

for Show Pigs

- Preparing for Show Day & Swine Showmanship



Registration due by March 16. Cost is \$10.

Go to holmes.osu.edu to download a brochure.

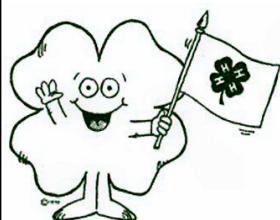
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**Dates to Remember!
March**

3/1-5/31 — Quality Assurance Test Out Dates

3/2 — Lamb Give-away essays due

3/4—3/10 — Ohio 4-H Week

3/5 — Policy 1.50 Training 6:00 p.m. @ Baker Building

3/15 — Applications for CWF, LWF, & Leadership Camp due

3/20 — Quality Assurance, 6:00 p.m. @ Baker Building

3/24 — OSU Junior Swine Day @ ATI, Wooster

3/24 — Bi-State Youth Poultry Clinic @ OARDC, Wooster

April

4/1 — 4-H Enrollment Due for Honor Club Points

4/3 — 4-H officers training in Wayne County 6:00 p.m. @ Fisher Auditorium OARDC

4/14 — Dog Clinic, 10:00 a.m. @ Livestock Building

4/15 — 4-H ENROLLMENT DUE TODAY (For Fair Participation)

4/21— DairyPalooza, Wayne County

4/22 — Horse Clinic— Rail Classes 2:00 p.m. @ Harvest Ridge

4/28 — Poultry Clinic w/ Quality Assurance 10-1 p.m. @ Baker Building (QA Noon to 1p.m.)

May

May 3 Quality Assurance, 6:00 p.m. @ Winesburg Fire Station 6:00 p.m. grateful

August 6 -11, 2018 — Holmes County Fair at Harvest Ridge

