

4-H Newsletter Email

1.22.2024

Hey Ya'll! Happy 2024!

Please ensure that you are reading through the ENTIRE Newsletter, as there is lots of information to be seen!

(The expectation from Jesseca is that the information in Newsletters is being shared and discussed at EVERY 4-H Club Meeting. So, no one misses a thing!)

VOLUNTEER SPECIFIC INFORMATION is located at the **BOTTOM** of this newsletter!!

Portage County 4-H Calendar – [Click Here!](#)

The most updated version of this calendar can always be found at our website:

<https://portage.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development>

(not all dates for 2024 have been entered, but here is the first draft!)

Keep the Enrollments Going! Due April 1st!

Only 217/830 have Completed!

Changes in 2024:

- **Cloverbuds are to enroll in project “710 Cloverbud Activities”**. DO NOT enroll in ANY OTHER PROJECT. Projects listed under cloverbud profiles that differ from 710 Cloverbud Activities will be REMOVED after enrollment.
- New Projects in 2024: (210) Animals in Action, (356) Relationships 101, (186) Gymkhana, (187) Roping
- If you are a “Project Volunteer” you now have your own project! It is called “**COP-Adult**” project. IT IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST! You do not need to list each project you cover, please only select this new project.
- Volunteers who serve on a Committee ONLY, your club will be your committee, and you are considered a club volunteer: “Resource Volunteer”.

Other Reminders:

- Carcass projects for swine, lamb, beef are listed as COP projects, and are found AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PROJECT LIST!
- Enrollments are DUE April 1st, 2024 at 11:59pm. If you do not submit a profile by this date, you are ineligible to participate in Portage County 4-H for the 2023-2024 season.
- Volunteers who receive letters in the mail indicating that you need a new background check, please enroll before you get screened, so we have a profile to link your BCI to. Background checks must be completed by **February 15th, 2024**.
- To Access your EXISTING family profile OR to create a NEW family profile, click on this link: <https://v2.4honline.com/>

New Family/Profile STEP BY STEP GUIDE

RETURNING Member: How to Re-Enroll Instructions

****If you have difficulty logging in, either due to a forgotten password or email, DO NOT CREATE A NEW FAMILY PROFILE**** We can help you find the right information, just give us a call or send me an email! Please know that we are down staff members, so please be patient. We will get back to you as soon as we can!

Call: 330-296-6432, leave a message for Jesseca Housel

Email: housel.15@osu.edu

DUE February 2nd: Portage County 4-H Achievement Record for Trips and Opportunities

Check out more information here: <https://u.osu.edu/portage4h/2023/12/27/2024-ohio-4-h-achievement-records-due-february-2nd-2024/>

DUE February 7th: Ohio 4-H Conference (March 9, 2024) Registration

Session information and registration form can be found here: <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>

If interested in attending, please submit your registration form to the Portage County Extension Office no later than February 7th!! We are working for costs to be covered based on how many people would like to attend!

DUE February 7th: Valentine's for Portage County Seniors

Please drop off your Valentine's to the OSU Extension Office by Wednesday February 7th! View more information here: <https://u.osu.edu/portage4h/2024/01/22/2024-valentines-collection-for-seniors/>

DUE February 10th: Market Poultry Ordering

Orders accepted through February 10th! All kinds wanting to participate with market poultry MUST place an order, there is no family ordering. Here is the link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/sbGnaec6sa>

Market Chickens - \$2.25 each

Market Ducks - \$5.25 each

Market Geese - \$12.50 each

Market Turkeys - \$5.25 each

2024 Market Poultry Ordering



Deer Field Ag Services' Fair Funding Starter Scholarship Program

This scholarship supports 4-H and FFA youth who would like assistance with the costs of getting started in a new livestock project. View more information here:

<https://deerfieldagservices.com/story-2024-fair-funding-starter-scholarship-664-240301>

Camp Whitewood – Registration OPEN for 2024!

Portage and Stark Counties will be at 4-H Camp Whitewood **July 6th-11th, 2024!**

Register TODAY for Camp THIS SUMMER! <https://www.4hcampwhitewood.com/>

Portage County 4-H Camperships to Attend Whitewood

Members of Portage County 4-H can submit the following application to be considered to receive a limited amount of money off the price of registration to Camp Whitewood!

[PDF Form Here!](#) Due June 7th, 2024

2024 Ohio 4-H Forestry Wildlife Conservation Camp

Open to campers' grades 7-11. April 19-21, 2024, at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp located in Jackson County, Ohio. Scholarships available January 2024 for campers interested in attending.

More information can be found here: <https://u.osu.edu/portage4h/2023/12/29/2024-ohio-4-h-forestry-wildlife-conservation-camp/>

Clothing and Sewing Project Youth – Save the date for 2024!

4-H members taking Clothing and Textile projects, mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27, 2024, for the 4-H Sew Ohio event at the 4-H Center. 4-H Master Clothing Educator Volunteers will be offering sessions for beginner, intermediate, and advanced level projects. More information to come early 2024.

Fun, Family Night for 4-H with Columbus Blue Jackets

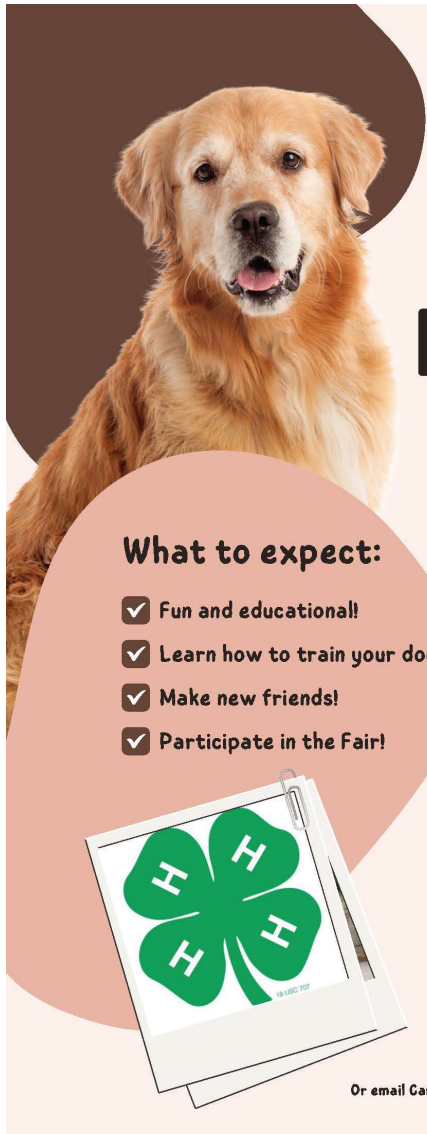
Join the Ohio 4-H Foundation at Nationwide Arena on Friday, Feb. 23 to watch the Columbus Blue Jackets take on the Buffalo Sabres! A block of seats has been reserved for Ohio 4-H supporters in section 204 of the upper bowl, and with each ticket purchase \$10 will come back to support Ohio 4-H Youth Development programming.

Tickets are available for purchase on the [Blue Jackets website](#). After purchasing your ticket, keep an eye out for an email from the Ohio 4-H Foundation with additional opportunities to connect with fellow 4-H supporters before and after the game. We can't wait to cheer on the Blue Jackets with you!

Hens Looking for New Home

6 hens free to a good home! Looking for 4-H members of interest. They have 3 Buckeyes, 2 Speckled Sussex, and 1 Plymouth Rock. All but the Plymouth Rock are laying age – the Plymouth Rock is retired. You can contact Sandy Denman at sandradenman@earthlink.net.

Join Dog 4-H!



JOIN DOG 4-H!

Do you have a dog or an interest in dogs?
If so, Portage County Dog 4-H invites you
to come check out our program! Learn
how to make Fido a better behaved
member of your family and have FUN!

What to expect:

- ✓ Fun and educational!
- ✓ Learn how to train your dog!
- ✓ Make new friends!
- ✓ Participate in the Fair!



4-H is open to any child in Portage County
ages 5-18. Contact us to learn more about
how your family can get involved!

GET IN TOUCH

- ☎ 330-296-6432
- 🌐 <https://portage.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development>
- 📍 705 Oakwood St., Suite 103
Ravenna, OH 44266

Or email Carrie - firthcarrie4@gmail.com

Northwestern FFA Hammer Time Livestock Clinic

March 16th, Wayne County Fairgrounds: Hammer Time Livestock Clinic. The biggest names in the livestock industry will be in attendance to present to youth. Quality Assurance credit can be earned by attending this event. Sign Up Here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_yITKTO8LVTkxfmnJTjkKaYcTvEJNf3Allqi9jf98jZ6IXg/viewform

NORTHWESTERN FFA PRESENTS THE 2ND ANNUAL
HAMMER TIME
LIVESTOCK CLINIC

MARCH 16TH
START TIME: 10 AM
\$10 ENTRY FEE
WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - COLISEUM
WOOSTER OHIO

QUALITY ASSURANCE CREDIT INCLUDED



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SIGN UP & MORE INFO

WHERE WINNERS ARE MADE

2024 Ohio 4-H Family Guide Available

I hope those of you who were enrolled in 2023 received your 2024 copy of the Ohio 4-H Family Guide in the mail this past month, sponsored by Kroger! The Online version is available at: <https://ohio4h.org/books-and-resources/family-guide>

Please note the changes/corrections to the 2024 Family Guide:

- Pages 13, 14, and 34: Change "TBD" to actual prices for three books. The *Dog Resource Handbook* is \$19.50, the *Rabbit Resource Handbook* is \$17.25, and the *National Farm and Ranch Safety Leader's Guide* is \$79.
- Page 16: Under 182 *Small Equine*, delete the requirement for youth to complete 191R *Horses, Safety, and You*. This is the new sentence: Youth must complete 174 *Beginning Horse Management* before taking this project.
- Page 17: Under 191R *Horses, Safety, and You*, change "This is required reading for all 4-H members" to "This is optional reading for all 4-H members."

- Page 33: Cross out the Tractor Series paragraph and the project book 551 *Starting Up: Getting to Know Your Tractor, Level A*, which is no longer available. The other three tractor books are now available only from shop4h.org for \$9.95 each, plus shipping.

Backyard Poultry and HPAI Update

The Poultry Team website has an HPAI page that is up to date with the current information from both the USDA and ODA. There are a ton of fact sheets, the trifold, recorded webinars, and short videos for social media. You can find the page [HERE](#).

Backyard Poultry Certification Course: for those interested in keeping backyard poultry for whatever reason, this course is designed to provide you with knowledge and resources you will need to get your backyard flock off to a great start. Cost = \$25, go.osu.edu/chicken

OSU Livestock Evaluation: Monthly Judging Webinars

The Animal Science Design Team Livestock Evaluation committee has been working with OSU livestock judging coaches, Matthew Chaney and Seth Ebert to have these judging webinars. Each month we will focusing on a new topic/species in helping youth across the state prepare for various contests available to them.

Available to all parents, coaches, and youth interested in livestock evaluation.

DATE: Monthly TBD

TIME: 7:00–8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: ZOOM - go.osu.edu/livestockevaluation

January 24 – Let’s Start a Team

February – Beef 101

March – Swine 101

April – Sheep 101

May – Goats 101

June – EPDs & Scenarios

July – Reasons, Part 1

July – Reasons, Part 2

Volunteer Reminders for Clubs & Committees:

Reservations for Room 101 at the Extension Office

Here are the steps:

- Follow this link: <http://fcsserves.org/helpdesk/index.php> Then “Open a new Ticket”

- Type in your personal contact information in case Maghan (FCS/building receptionist) has questions or needs to call you. Also, add 4-H into the title so they know you belong to us in case they need anything from us as well.
- Add multiple dates, say for all of 2024, into the comment section at the very bottom and she can add them all in for you in 1 ticket.
- For questions, contact Maghan: mauber@fcsserves.org or 330-297-7027 ext: 300

Tickets for room 101 reservations for 2024: Please still fill out a ticket, but it may take some time to get confirmation and an update with FCS as their system is currently down and may be down for a few weeks.

Volunteer Training Make-Up

Annual training is required for 4-H Volunteers. If you missed this year's training, Jesseca began 1st contact with volunteers through email on January 19th, 2024. Emails were sent to the email listed under the Volunteers 4-H Online account. Email is titled "2024 Portage County Volunteer Training Make-up Information".

If you cannot find this email, have lost it, or need access to the online training links, please contact Jesseca Housel at housel.15@osu.edu.

Trainings must be completed no later than April 1st, 2024.

Club Paperwork Due January 31st, 2024

Find Forms Here: *Scroll down to 4-H Club Forms* <https://portage.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-club-resources-and-information>

Submit Club Forms Online Here: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0wggUPMok6q5sxg

Or submit in person at our office, or through email to housel.15@osu.edu.

*Club Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian/Scrapbooks are due January 31st to the office to be eligible for grading for honor club. Grade forms can also be found in the link above.

Committee Paperwork Due January 31st, 2024

Yearly Financials, Proposed Rules, Committee Officers, Committee Members, and Meetings dates/times/locations are required each year (Yearly financials form is found in link below).

Find Forms Here: <https://portage.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-club-resources-and-information>

Submit Committee Forms Here: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7222j6fx2TA9fka

New Volunteers

If interested in becoming a NEW Portage County 4-H Volunteer please contact your 4-H Professional, Jesseca Housel, at housel.15@osu.edu or contact the Extension office at 330-296-6432. New Volunteers will need to have their requirements done by April 1st! Find the application here at our website: <https://portage.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-club-resources-and-information>

Book Announcement *Please Read

A request has been submitted to Portage County Youth Benefit Committee to ask for aid once again in reducing the price of books for our 4-H Clubs and Families. This request has not yet been answered, but I know many of you are looking to get books. If we do receive the money again to give \$2 off each book purchased through our office, and you purchase before we do, we can discuss options of reimbursement, or credit towards a future purchase.

Payments Accepted: Check or EXACT change in Cash. An invoice will be given upon submission of order form.

2024 Order Form: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:3a3adf9f-fe9c-310a-ad71-14f1cc826377>

Visit our blog for the latest information:

<https://u.osu.edu/portage4h/>

Have a great week!

Portage County OSU Extension Office