

Ashtabula County 4-H

Winter 2023 Newsletter
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Please forward this newsletter to anyone that may be interested.

Happy New Year from all of us at OSU Extension! We're excited to kick off 2023 with you and are looking forward to another great year. Now is a great time to take a look at the 4-H projects that may interest you. Check out the newsletter for important updates and new information. Please contact us with any questions via phone at 440-576-9008 or Jenna Hoyt – 4-H Youth Development hoyt.88@osu.edu and Abbey Averill – 4-H Camp & School Enrichment– averill.10@osu.edu.

Thank you.

Jenna C Hoyt, Extension Educator, **4-H Youth Development**

**2023 OHIO 4-H TEEN & VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE**

The *2023 Ohio 4-H Teen & Volunteer Conference* will be in-person Saturday, March 11 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. All teens and volunteers are encouraged to join in on the workshops and opportunities offered! This is a great opportunity to learn from and with others! Transportation will be arranged based on interest. The registration fee is \$40.00 and is due to the Extension Office before Friday, February 10th. Registration information can be found [online](#).



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4-H Program Updates

4-H Enrollment Reminders

ALL FAMILIES MUST SELF-ENROLL BY MARCH 15.

Enrollment is NOW OPEN via the 4-HOnline system.

Learn how to enroll or re-enroll by [clicking here](#).

The current County 4-H Activity fee is \$25 per member (\$50 maximum per family with 1st year members and Cloverbuds free) to enroll in Ashtabula County 4-H. This fee is to be collected by the Club and turned in to the Extension Office by the Organizational Volunteer by April 1 with a final roster. This fee is used to off-set programming costs as well as support the hiring of a Summer Student Assistant and support volunteer and youth training programs and requirements.

- Anyone wishing to join after March 15 may take a project but will not be allowed to compete in county or state shows, contests, or events or participate in Junior Fair. Members may participate in club meetings and activities, community service events, and county clinics.
 - Projects may not be changed or added after April 1.
- Those wishing to enroll in a county 4-H program outside of their County of Residence must have cross-county approval no later than March 1.
- Members may only enroll in dual clubs when taking different projects in both clubs. FFA youth may also enroll in 4-H taking different projects. 4-H activity fees are only paid once in the primary club.



**4-H Enrollment Deadline:
March 15!**

Resources for 4-H Youth & Families:

Check out our website at www.ashtabula.osu.edu !

Find enrollment forms, newsletters, project and fair information, and so much more on your phone, tablet or computer!

Check your email for updated species and project information and virtual educational clinics

Ohio 4-H	https://ohio4h.org/
Ohio 4-H Volunteer Resources	https://ohio4h.org/volunteers
Officer Resources	https://ohio4h.org/officerresources
Cloverbud Resources	https://ohio4h.org/cloverbudresources
Ohio 4-H Animal Sciences	https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/
Ohio 4-H Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/ohio4h/
Ashtabula Co. 4-H Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/AshtabulaCounty4H/

** Websites may not display properly on mobile devices.**

Can't find what you're looking for? Email hoyt.88@osu.edu or howard.577@osu.edu

4-H Program & Project Updates

Ohio 4-H Membership Eligibility and Enrollment

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.

Members can join 4-H anytime, but must join by the county's enrollment deadline to be eligible for the full range of 4-H opportunities, including participation in county and state fairs. Accommodations can be made for youth with disabilities through our Winning 4-H Plan. Visit ohio4h.org/about/join-4-h to make an accommodation request.

2023 PROJECT CHANGES



New

Digital Media (idea starter)
360 Your Feelings Matter
386 You're Hired!
509 Robotics Essentials
544 Ready, Set, . . . Mow!

Discontinued

PhysBot—Your 4-H Fitness Tracker
(idea starter)
762 Horse Nutrition
507 Robotics 1 with EV3
508 Robotics 2: EV3N More

Revised or Replaced

228 Rabbit Project and Record Book
(combines 225 Breeding Rabbit
Project and Record Book, 226 Market
Rabbit Project and Record Book, and
227 Pet Rabbit Project and Record
Book)
467 Cooking on My Own (You're the
Chef)

Youth interested in the discontinued titles above are encouraged to take them as self-determined projects. Horse Nutrition is no longer available. Robotics 1 with EV3 and Robotics 2: EV3N More are available as free downloads at ohio4h.org/robotics.

What projects can you take in 4-H? We're glad you asked!

Whether you are new to 4-H or just want to try something new, check out the [Ohio 4-H Family Guide](#) and the [flip-book version](#) or visit projectcentral.ohio4h.org to browse the over 200 topics and projects. It's an easy way to take a closer look at a book, find out what others have to say and share your experience.

As a result of increased costs associated with their production and distribution, particularly for printing, the base price of project books has been raised to \$8. Just like before, some multi-year project books cost more. The prices of other materials, such as resource handbooks, have increased slightly too.

Club Volunteers are encouraged to order member Project Books in a group order prior to collecting money from families by emailing the [volunteer Order](#) form to howard.577@osu.edu.

4-H Project News

Discover more about 4-H

February 21 6-8 p.m. at the Ashtabula Co.
Fairgrounds 4-H Expo Building!

Not sure where to start with your project??

[Click here](#) to view important deadlines, reminders, 4-H Project Guidelines & Expectations.
Updated Project Guidelines will be available by February 1.

Project Assistance funding Requests – due February 15

Apply for up to \$500.00 to assist with the cost of 4-H Project work.
Open to any youth in good-standing with Ashtabula County 4-H.
Funds will be reimbursed upon completion of the project.
Funds may be used for feed, fabric, project supplies, project books or animals.
[Click here to view the request form.](#)

So you have chosen to take a General Project.... Now what?

All General/Miscellaneous, Sewing and Nutrition Projects will be evaluated on Saturday, July 15 at the Fairgrounds 8:30 a.m.-Noon.

- The Style Revue will be held the same evening in the Expo Building at 7:00 p.m.
- General Projects will be left for display from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Expo Building and may be picked up July 15 from 8:00-9:00 p.m. or July 18 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Interested in being a 4-H Camp Counselor?

Youth ages 15-18 are invited to join us June 18-24 at Camp Whitewood. Training will begin in February. Contact Abbey at averill.10@osu.edu for information and [click here to apply online](#) by **January 24.**



4-H Animal Project Reminders

Quality Assurance Programs

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 901-19-36 of Ohio's Livestock Tampering and Exhibition Rules, all junior fair exhibitors enrolled in a food animal project (*steer, feeder, market rabbit, market poultry, egg production, lamb, market or dairy goat, cheese, dairy cow*) are required to complete mandatory quality assurance training in order to participate with their food animal project at the county's junior fair. This program teaches youth how to use best practices that support the production of quality and safe animal products.

Quality Assurance will be held at the Fairgrounds. This training must be complete by June 1 for all youth with a Market or Lactating Dairy Animal entering the food chain. Those who have passed their 12th birthday by January 1, may test out of the annual requirement for up to 3 years. Those who have passed their 15th birthday by January 1, may test out of QA for the remaining years of participation.

[Click here](#) for more information about testing out, online opportunities and in-person sessions.

Quality Assurance will take place for Ashtabula County Youth in-person at the Fairgrounds in Jefferson May 17 7:00 p.m. and April 22 at the morning County 4-H Conference at Jefferson United Methodist Church (time TBD).

Check out the [2023 Project Guidelines](#) for more information about project expectations and guidelines for obtaining your project animal.



Ohio 4-H EQUISTEP Horse Safety & Ethics Training

All horse members must complete the Ohio 4-H EQUISTEP Horse Safety & Ethics Training annually by May 1.

Completion of this program is required for all equine youth before participating in 4-H Horse Activities (i.e. – riding).

Self-enroll via ScarletCANVAS by [clicking here](#). Each participant must have a unique email address to enroll. Be sure to complete the survey at the conclusion of the course to ensure a copy of the completion certificate is sent to the County 4-H Office.

If you have questions about meeting the requirement of this course, please email hoyt.88@osu.edu. If you have specific content questions about the course, contact Kimberly Cole at cole.436@osu.edu. For technical assistance with the ScarletCanvas platform, including logging in and password concerns, please contact CFAES Online Outreach team at faes-onlineoutreach@osu.edu.

Upcoming 4-H Events & Activities

Visit go.osu.edu/ashco4-hinfo

2023 Annual 4-H Volunteer Update

Saturday, January 28 at 9:30 a.m. & Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m.

@ OSU Extension and via Zoom

ALL CLUBS MUST HAVE at least one volunteer in attendance.

Please call the Office at 440-576-9008 to RSVP to attend in person.

Important program updates will be shared including revisiting the Standards of Behavior, Club meeting outlines, financial guidance, new Volunteer training requirements and the Required Child Abuse Reporter training.

[Click here](#) to register to attend via Zoom 1/28. [Click here](#) to register to attend via Zoom 2/1.

SAVE THE DATE

Ashtabula Co. 4-H Camp:

June 18-24, 2023

www.4hcampwhitewood.com

4-H Cloverbud Camp:

June 23, 2023 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. @ Camp Whitewood

Cloverbud Adventure Day:

July 19, 2023 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. @ Ashtabula Co. Fairgrounds

Super Saturday :: Animal Skillathons, General Projects, Sewing & Nutrition
Project Evaluation & Style Revue:

July 15, 2023 @ Ashtabula Co. Fairgrounds

Ashtabula County Fair:

August 8-13, 2023

Stay up to date with County and State 4-H events and programs by visiting the 4-H Calendar online. Events and programs, along with details and other supporting materials are frequently posted and updated. Calendars may also be printed, and events exported to your personal calendar.

[Click here and bookmark the page!](#)

Market Animal Committee Reverse Raffle

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Please contact Kelly Kanicki at kcc5244@gmail.com for information.

Saddle Horse Boosters Reverse Raffle

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Please contact any Equine Committee member for tickets

Proceeds from these events are used for educational events and capital improvements.

4-H Club Paperwork

Ohio 4-H Annual Club & Committee Financial Summary Reports due by January 31

- The Financial Summary form is available at <http://go.osu.edu/FinancialSummary>.
- More information and instructions can be found at <https://ohio4h.org/volunteers/volunteers/club-leaders/finances/clubaffiliate-yearly-financial-summary>
- Clubs that have inventory valued at \$50 or more must also submit the [inventory form](#). Shooting sports clubs need to include serial numbers of firearms.
- Volunteers completing the form can group income and expenses together in like line items. Examples would be: dues, book fees, bake sale, etc. but each fund raiser should be listed separately so that those funds can be tracked if needed.
- Additionally, clubs can carry over funds and ideally would carry over enough funds to operate for the coming year should a fund raiser fail. However, clubs/affiliates should not carry over large amounts of funds (more than they would budget for a year's expenses) unless they are working on a multi-year purchase that they have identified. Examples would be: club shirts or educational trip every other year, saving to sponsor a junior fair improvement project, saving for a large purchase such as agility equipment, etc.
- This information must be submitted by **January 31** in order to remain a club for 2023.

UPDATED Ohio 4-H Club Charter Check-list, Constitution & By-laws due by March 1.

All Ashtabula County 4-H Clubs must be chartered annually in order to remain a club for the upcoming year and be permitted to use the 4-H Name and Emblem according to the 4-H National Headquarter guidelines.

Charter criteria includes:

- a. ALL adult volunteers are approved through the Ohio 4-H NEW Volunteer Selection Process prior to MARCH 1.
 - All approved volunteers must enroll online via <https://v2.4honline.com> by March 1.
 - In accordance with Ohio State University's Activities & Programs with Minor Participants Policy, all OSU Extension Volunteers must complete training ANNUALLY in order to remain an active volunteer. ALL Ashtabula County 4-H Volunteers must complete this training by MARCH 1 in-person or online.
 - b. At least 5 youth members from 3 different families are enrolled (by MARCH 15) via 4-Honline.
 - c. A current constitution approved by Ohio 4-H is on file. All CLUBS MUST submit updated Constitution and By-laws for 2023 by March 1.
 - d. Elected youth club officers under the guidance of volunteers.
 - e. A club name approved by the Ashtabula County Extension Office.
 - f. Maintaining the club EIN number and remaining in good standing with the IRS. **THE OFFICE WILL BE FILING AGAIN ON BEHALF OF CLUBS AND AFFILIATES** with approved Tax Exemption Authorization.
- All forms can be found at: <http://go.osu.edu/AshCo4-HInfo> under Volunteer & Club Forms.
 - Please be sure to have an updated copy of the Charter Checklist, Constitution and By-laws signed and turned in to the office by **March 1**.
Please email your documents to howard.577@osu.edu or drop them at the Office.

B I N G O

Interested in health	Likes/ has a dog	Plays an Instrument	Enjoys acting/ theater	Likes to learn about goats
Likes to be part of a team	Interested in veterinary science	Likes to design clothes, jewelry	Likes to Sew/ be crafty	Likes to garden
Likes to learn about cows	Likes to Dance	Free!	Likes Robotics	Eats food
Enjoys technology	Likes to Sing	Likes to learn about pigs	Likes to speak before groups	Enjoys learning about horses
Enjoys cooking	Likes to do archery	Likes outdoor activities	Likes to shop	Enjoys Science



Here's a great way to kick off your next meeting! Have each youth find someone different in the room who matches a trait in each box.