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Hello 4-H Families,

Here are a couple of reminders about upcoming due dates and deadlines that are important to pay attention to! Please read this newsletter in its entirety.

Color Codes: Yellow – ALL MEMBERS, Green – LIVESTOCK, Blue – SPECIAL INTEREST GREY – ADULTS/PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Training – February 1st

This year's mandatory training will be held on **Thursday, February 1 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM** at the Florence Township Fire Station in Edon. The address to the location is 326 South Michigan Street, Edon, Ohio 43518 (the fire station south of the family dollar). Please bring a writing utensil and a personal beverage as snacks will be provided.

If you are unable to attend this training, the second option will be an online training on **Saturday, February 3 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM**. If you choose the Zoom option, you will be able to pick up your materials starting next week on Monday, which you will need for the training, and the connection information will be sent to you via email prior to the online training.

Livestock Quality Assurance – February 5th

Livestock Quality Assurance trainings have begun! It is mandatory for all youth completing a livestock project to attend a Livestock Quality Assurance session! Williams County will be hosting the next session via Zoom on February 5 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. In order to attend the trainings, you must register. If you need assistance in registering, please call our office! Register for any of our quality assurance trainings here: go.osu.edu/nwoqa2024

Join us on February 5! It will be fun! For the full list of dates, see our website: https://williams.osu.edu/projects

Ohio 4-H Conference Registration – Due February 9th

The 2024 Ohio 4-H Conference will take place on Saturday, March 9th in Columbus. This event will bring together 4-H **volunteers and teens** (age 13 and older) from



across Ohio. You can participate in a variety of educational sessions that offer something for everyone! Join us as we learn from one another to make the best better for Ohio 4-H programs. Sessions will start at 9:00 am on March 9, 2024. Registration is due February 9th to the Extension Office.

4-H Council Meeting - Tuesday, February 13th

The February meeting will be held at the Extension Office at 7:00 PM. Please join the meeting if you are considering serving on the Williams County 4-H Advisory Council for the 2024 year!

Donations for 2024 Fair Foundation & Endowment 4-H Banquet – due February 15th

If you would like to donate items for the banquet auction this year, please submit them to the Extension Office prior to February 15th. We can provide pick up of items if needed. All items are appreciated!

4-H Council Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser has been cancelled for this year due to similar events taking place in the community on the same dates. We look forward to the BBQ Fundraiser later in the year.

Fair Foundation 4-H Banquet & Auction – March 2nd

The biannual Fair Foundation 4-H Banquet and Auction, benefitting the Williams County 4-H Endowment, will be held on March 2, 2024. There will be family fun, games, silent & live auctions, and dinner. Social hour will take place at 5 PM and dinner will be at 6 PM. The event will take place at the Williams County Fairgrounds in the Gillette Building. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children. Tickets can be purchased at the Extension Office or from Endowment Committee members.

Wishing you the best,

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