



March 2024

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, **Green** – LIVESTOCK, **Blue** – SPECIAL INTEREST
GREY – ADULTS/PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS

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.

Ohio 4-H Week – March 3-9

We will be celebrating 4-H Week on Sunday, March 3 – Saturday, March 9. Pay attention to our Williams County 4-H Facebook page for some special opportunities and prizes!

Livestock Quality Assurance

Livestock Quality Assurance trainings have begun! It is mandatory for all youth completing a livestock project to attend a Livestock Quality Assurance session! 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

Save the date for the in-person, Williams County QA on April 22, 2024 at 7:00 PM. If you do not attend a training prior to July 6, 2024, you will NOT be able to exhibit an animal at the Williams County Fair. No exceptions will be made.

For the full list of dates, see our website: <https://williams.osu.edu/projects>

4-H Council Meeting – Tuesday, March 12th

The March 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!



Williams County Maple Syrup Festival – Saturday, March 23rd

Williams County Maple Syrup Festival at the fairgrounds from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Breakfast starts at 7:30 AM. Cost is \$8 per person. Children 5 and under eat free. In addition to a tasty breakfast, there will also be a variety of activities and exhibits to explore. See our Facebook page for the flyer full of good information!

Endowment Committee Meeting – March 25th

There will be an Endowment Committee meeting on March 25th at 6:30 PM in the Extension Office.

March 4-H Camp Counselor Meeting – March 28th

There will be a 4-H Camp Counselor meeting on March 28th from 6-8 PM in the Extension Office. Please bring a writing utensil.

4-H Enrollment Due

4-H Enrollments in 4-H Online are due on April 1st for returning members and April 15th for new members. Please enroll in your projects as soon as possible! Call the Extension Office if you have any questions. You will find enrollment instructions on our website here:

<https://williams.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-enrollment-information>

Turkey Order Forms Due – April 5th

Cooper Farms of Oakwood, OH, is offering 5 free turkeys to each 4-H/FFA member wishing to exhibit market or breeding turkeys at the Williams County Fair. Turkeys must be picked up on Friday, May 10, between 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM at the Extension Office. Bring your own container to transport the poult to your home. Cooper Farms has also provided for your benefit the Turkey Brooding Guidelines to help you have the most successful chance of raising the newly hatched poults.

If ordering more than the 5 free turkeys, use the order form for quantity and payments must be made when picking up your order by cash or checks that are payable to OSU Extension-Williams County.

Food & Clothing Workshop – April 6th

Save the date! More information will be available on Facebook and the website soon!

Wishing you the best,

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