



November 10, 2023

Dear 4-H Exhibitors & Families,

This is a brief newsletter packed with some updates regarding various areas of 4-H so please read this newsletter in its entirety.

Color Codes: **Yellow** – ALL MEMBERS, **Green** – LIVESTOCK, **Blue** – SPECIAL INTEREST
Due dates are UNDERLINED.

4-H Achievement Award Workshop

Jessica will be facilitating a 4-H Achievement Award Workshop on **November 22, 2024**, from 10:45 AM – 4:00 PM with lunch provided. The workshop has long hours set to provide flexible scheduling for families. Presentation will begin at 11:00 AM but youth may come and go as needed during these hours.

Where: Williams County OSU Extension Office

Who: Youth 12-18

Teen opportunities are for youth 14-18 but if you would like to get a head start, please come join us.

Parents are welcome!

RSVP by November 20, 2023 to runkel.8@osu.edu

What To Bring: Be sure to bring a list of your past 4-H projects, awards, officer positions, community service dates, all 4-H books and a laptop.

There will be a presentation and time to work. We will have volunteers there to help build your 4-H achievement forms or add to them.

Why fill out an Achievement form? This form is used for awards, scholarships, camps, trips, and conferences- it is your 4-H resume.

Here is a link to the applications and trips and opportunities are listed:

<https://williams.osu.edu/teen-opportunities>

4-H Camp Counselor Applications

4-H Camp Counselor Applications are due December 18, 2023. Applications can be found on our website. The application has been revised for the 2024 year so please be sure you are filling out the updated version!

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Quality Assurance Requirement



Livestock Quality Assurance training is *required for all members who are taking livestock* projects and exhibiting at the fair. *Williams County Quality Assurance Requirement MUST be completed by July 16, 2024*, in order to be eligible to exhibit at the fair. If you plan on attending the state fair, Quality Assurance must be completed prior to June 1, 2024. There are many opportunities for youth to complete this requirement. Williams, Paulding, Fulton, Henry, and Defiance counties have teamed up again to offer 11 different dates that youth can attend ranging from January to May. Some dates are in person, and others are offered via Zoom online. These dates and flyer will be shared with you very soon and will be posted on our website. Please keep in mind your various schedules and please do not wait until the last minute. For example, if you play a spring sport, and know you will be busy March-May, attend one of the early dates! Our office will also accept BQA and PQA with proof of completion. The online YQCA platform is also an option but will cost roughly \$12 to complete. The youth may also attempt to test out (see information below).

Quality Assurance Test Outs & Appointments

Quality Assurance Test Outs are for the youth members that would like to attempt to test out of their annual quality assurance requirement for a period of time if the youth receive a passing grade. Quality Assurance Test Outs can be taken by youth ages 12-18. Tests will be administered to 12–14-year-olds and are valid until they are the age of 15 years old. Tests will be administered to 15–18-year-olds and lasts the duration of their 4-H career. Please contact the Extension Office and schedule an appointment to take your test if desired. The deadline for test out examinations are December 31, 2023. Winter break from school is a good time to complete these!

State Fair Beef DNA Kits

Beef DNA Kits are available in our office. These must be received by January 15, 2024. You will need one kit for each steer/market heifer you plan to nominate for the 2024 Ohio State Fair. **BEST Show Note:** If you plan on attending a BEST Show, you will need to have your animal tagged with an EID tag PRIOR to attending your first BEST sanctioned show.

Williams County 4-H Program Evaluation Survey

I will be sending a Williams County 4-H Program Evaluation survey soon for all members/parents/advisors/volunteers to complete. This will help me learn as an office, what we are doing well, and what needs to be better. I am looking for all the suggestions to take into consideration. Be on the lookout for this survey soon. *If anyone has any specific questions that they would like me to include, please let me know ASAP!*