

## 4-H Family Newsletter – Jan./Feb. 2020

Happy Holidays 4-H Families!

Last year, I challenged each of you (along with myself) to consider your “why” for being involved in the 4-H program. My “why” was because I believe that this program is preparing today’s youth to become tomorrow’s leaders. As such, our program is aiming to reach more youth through a more robust school recruitment schedule.

We are going to be adding Kindergarten and Junior High to our recruitment efforts while visiting the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms. We are also going to provide Cloverbud training for advisors who wish either to have their club start a Cloverbud program or to make improvements to their existing one. This training will be led by one of our current Cloverbud advisors and will be an opportunity to share ideas and network with others.

Thanks to several supporting groups, our 4-H program has received enough donations to purchase 7 Robotics Kits! It is no surprise that STEM is a fast growing career path for youth to pursue, so these kits will allow us the opportunity to expose youth to robotics programming while also promoting our Robotics 4-H project in schools. If you see someone from the Williams County Fair Foundation, Pork Producers, 4-H Advisory Council, or Bryan Kiwanis Club, be sure to thank them for investing in our youth!

Lastly, the 2020 calendar is finished. This will be posted on the website, but please be sure that you continue reading these newsletters and emails throughout the year, as some of the dates and times may be subject to change.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year!



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## Office Hours

Monday-Friday  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

## Office Holidays

January 1: Closed  
January 20: Closed



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# County Updates

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## Achievement Record Form Available

The 2020 Achievement Record Application is now available on the Williams County 4-H website. The deadline to have this completed is **Friday, January 3** to the Extension Office. Follow this link to begin working on your application. <https://williams.osu.edu/teen-opportunities>

## Save the Date: Spring 4-H Open House

**Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the Extension Office, we will have our 2020 Open House event. This is for the community and 4-H families looking to join 4-H, and also explore the variety of 4-H projects available. If you know of a friend or relative between the ages of 5-18 who would benefit from our 4-H program, invite them to explore the projects and opportunities available!

## Williams County 4-H Endowment Scholarships

The Endowment scholarship application is available on the Williams County 4-H website. **Friday, January 10, 2020** is the deadline to have the application submitted to the Extension office. Please note, that the *Ohio Achievement Record* needs to be completed and *signed* as part of the application. <https://williams.osu.edu/teen-opportunities>

## Williams County 4-H Endowment Fundraiser

The biennial 4-H Endowment Fundraiser is **Saturday, March 7, 2020** at the Gillette Building. We are currently accepting donated items for the live and silent auction. 4-H clubs (along with individuals and community businesses and organizations) are encouraged to donate auction items. Please contact the Extension Office to notify us of what item(s) your club plans to donate.

## Project Specifics

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### Upcoming Steer Tagging Date

If you are enrolling in a Beef project for 2020, make plans to have your steer tagged on **Saturday, December 28, 2019** at the Williams County fairgrounds between **8am-11am**. While we recognize that the possession date for steers is not until January, you can always give us a call at 419-636-5608 if you don't have your steer yet and a Senior Fairboard member will make a farm visit.

Follow us on Facebook for up-to-the minute updates!

[www.facebook.com/will4h](https://www.facebook.com/will4h)

# Adviser & Club Updates

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## New Volunteer Applications

Do you enjoy working with youth? Do you desire to make an impact in youth lives? Are you good with organizational/administrative tasks? Would you like to join forces with 4-H as we seek to positively develop youth? If so, we are looking for more volunteers who are willing to invest in our youth! To become an official volunteer with the Williams County 4-H program, contact the Extension Office for an application. The on-boarding process includes completing a volunteer application (along with three references), an interview, and a background check. The deadline to become a **volunteer for 2020 is January 15.**

## Finger Prints

As a reminder, all volunteers that are required to complete their fingerprint for the 2020 4-H year have been notified via the postal service. If you were one of these volunteers, please be sure to complete the process by **December 31, 2019. Please try to get this done prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> if possible, as it can take some time for us to receive the results.**

## Club Yearly Financial Summary: Due Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>

Enclosed in this packet is the Annual Yearly Financial Club Summary that needs to be completed and submitted by **January 15, 2020.** You can either complete this form and return it to the Extension Office, or you can email the digital copy to [Williams4h@osu.edu](mailto:Williams4h@osu.edu). Please follow the instructions on the form for proper completion. Please note that because of the confidential nature of this form, if you choose it upload it digitally, then you must send it to the email address listed above and NOT to the extension educator's email. 😊

## 2020 Club Registrations

Club advisers need to submit the club registration forms by January 31<sup>st</sup> to the Extension office.

## Cloverbud Recruitment/Training in 2020

This coming winter/spring, we are going to be recruiting for our Cloverbud program! If your club is interested in either improving your Cloverbud program or starting a Cloverbud program, please reach out to the Extension Office, so that we know which clubs are willing to take new Cloverbuds. We are also going to host a separate Cloverbud Training for Advisors and would like to hear from you on whether a Saturday morning or an evening works best for this training. We recognize that this is not only an important part of our program, but one that can also be a bit more challenging, so we want to offer some additional support.

## 2020 4-H Online Enrollment

Volunteers, please re-enroll for 2019-2020 in the Ohio 4-H online database at <https://oh4honline.com>. When you login, you'll need to under Family, click "Edit" and then click to re-enroll. Be sure that your contact information is correct and that you sign the Standards of Behavior. We'll then have to approve you in the system before you can access your Club information. Please get this done ASAP possible so that you can help your club members get re-enrolled. Call the office with any questions you may have.

# Animal Science Projects

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## 2020 Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA)

All youth planning to exhibit market animals or animals that produce marketable byproducts (eggs, milk, etc.) are required to attend annual LQA training or pass an LQA test (if applicable) each year. This includes beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat, and rabbit projects. Youth not completing the LQA requirement in 2020 will not be able to exhibit at the 2020 Ohio State fair or 2020 Williams County Fair with livestock. The deadline to complete a Livestock Quality Assurance is June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

**2020 Williams County dates are:**

Saturday, February 15, 9 am, Montpelier Schools Auditorium

Thursday, March 12, 7:00pm, Edon Fire Hall

Monday, April 27, 7:00pm, West Unity Schools

## Testing Out of Livestock Quality Assurance

Youth may test out of the Quality Assurance Training by completing a 50 question test. Those with 70% or higher will not need to attend annual training. Tests are available for youth ages 12-14 and 15-18 as of January 1. **February 11 at 6pm** and **March 10 at 6pm** are the two test-out dates. RSVP to [ford.806@osu.edu](mailto:ford.806@osu.edu) by Monday, February 10 for the 2/11 date and RSVP by March 9 for the 3/10 date. Youth who do not pass the test will then still have ample time to attend a 2020 LQA date.

# State News/Events

## Ohio Military Kids

Ohio Military Kids is a partnership with Ohio State University Extension 4-H Youth Development and Family Readiness with Ohio National Guard. ~~With this amazing~~ partnership, Ohio Military Kids puts on several events throughout the state of Ohio. These events range from one day events, to overnights, to weekend camps, and even weeklong residential camps. These events are open to youth of military families, and they do not have to be a member of 4-H to participate. 4-H members and adults have the opportunity to volunteer for OMK events, including as camp counselors in the summer!

The mission of Ohio Military Kids is to support the youth of military families throughout the deployment cycle. Ohio 4-H is an essential supporter of the Ohio Military Kids Program and its mission. Ohio 4-H works hand-in-hand with Ohio National Guard to deliver fun and supportive programs to military families. With military youth in every county in Ohio, the partnership of 4-H to promote OMK opportunities to your military friends and neighbors in all 88 counties is appreciated! Please check out the website at [go.osu.edu/OMK](http://go.osu.edu/OMK) for more information!

## Ohio Sea Camp Returns in 2020!

The mission of Ohio 4-H Sea Camp is to offer teenage youth an introduction to the Great Lakes through hands-on experiences in a variety of aquatic-based programs. Sea Camp will enable participants to experience Lake Erie-based activities and culture such as aquatic science, water recreation, and fishing. The program is a supervised, educational environment fostered by Ohio 4-H and The Ohio State University.

Sea Camp is offered to young people between 15-17 years of age (at the start of camp) and will be held at Kelleys Island 4-H Camp from July 11-15, 2020.

Visit <https://ohio4h.org/camp/sea-camp> for periodic updates and follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Ohio4HSeaCamp/>

## Ohio 4-H Club/Affiliate Yearly Financial Summary

Due January 15

Program Year \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Affiliate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_ EIN \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Address \_\_\_\_\_

Bank City/ST/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Account (select one):  Checking  Savings  Other (please list) - \_\_\_\_\_

Who is authorized to sign your checks? (must have at least one name, preferably two names)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Beginning Account Balance as of Jan. 1** (should match bank statement) \_\_\_\_\_

### Club/Affiliate Income (please list)

Description (fundraiser, dues, etc.)	Amount		Description (fundraiser, dues, etc.)	Amount
<b>Total Income</b>				

### Club/Affiliate Expenses

Description (books, program fees, etc.)	Amount		Description (books, program fees, etc.)	Amount
<b>Total Expenses</b>				

**Ending Account Balance as of Dec. 31** (should match bank statement) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person completing form \_\_\_\_\_





## 2020 WILLIAMS CO. 4-H CALENDAR

Dates/Times are subject to change. Check the web site for updates

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**\*\*All meetings will be held at the OSU Extension Office unless stated differently\*\***

### January 2020

- 1 New Year's Day: Office Closed
- 3 4-H Achievement Record Due
- 10 County 4-H Scholarship Apps Due
- 14 4-H Advisory Council, 7pm
- 15 Club reg. & Treasury Report Due
- 20 Office Closed – Holiday
- Youth Sewing Class, 9am-12pm Bryan First Church of Christ
- 27 4-H Endowment Committee, 6:30 pm
- 30 Volunteer Training, Putnam Co, 6:30 pm

### February 2020

- 6 Williams Co. Advisor Training, 6pm (Edon Fire Hall)
- 8 Williams Co. Advisor Training, 9am
- 11 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm
- 15 Livestock Quality Assurance, 9am (Mont. HS)
- 24 4-H Open House 5-8pm-Invite non4-H friends
- 25 Volunteer Training St. John's Lutheran Church (6:30pm)

### March 2020

- 7 4-H Endowment Fundraiser, Gillette Building, Fairgrounds
- 8-14 Ohio 4-H Week
- 10 4-H Advisory Council, 7pm
- 12 Livestock Quality Assurance 7pm Edon Fire Hall
- 14 Ohio 4-H Conference, Columbus
- 15 Camp Palmer Maple Syrup Bruch, Camp Palmer
- 23 Endowment Committee, 6:30 pm
- 28 Maple Syrup Fest, Fairgrounds

### April 2020

- 1 4-H Enrollment Due
- 2 Officers' & Advisors' Training, 6:30 pm, Montpelier School
- 3 Turkey Order Forms Due (Cooper Farms)
- 4 STEM DAY
- 14 4-H Advisory Council, 7pm
- 15 Final 4-H Enrollment Due
- 15 Ohio State Fair Scholarships Due
- 18 Food & Clothing Workshop: Center Township Building
- 23 Dog Kick-Off Fulton County, 6:30pm
- 24 4-H Camperships Due
- 27 Livestock Quality Assurance, Millcreek-West Unity Schools, 7:00pm

### May 2020

- 1 Dog ID Forms Due, Perm to Part., Vaccine Forms Due
- 8 Cooper Turkey Pick-up 1:30-4:30pm
- 8 Booth Poster Contest Due by 4:30 pm
- 8 Early Bird Jr. Camp Registration due – **Save \$10**
- 12 4-H Advisory Council, 7pm
- 18 Endowment Committee, 6:30 pm
- 22 Final Jr & Cloverbud Camp Reg. Due
- 23 Scramble Pig Pick-Up; Fairgrounds, 9:30am
- 25 Office Closed, Holiday

### June 2020

- 1-5 State Leadership Camp
- 2 Forms Due: Swine ID, Dairy ID, equine paperwork, lease forms
- 6 Sheep, Goat, Calf Tagging, Fairgrounds, 8-11am
- 6-9 4-H Jr. Camp, 4-H Camp Palmer
- 7 4-H Cloverbud Camp, 4-H Camp Palmer
- 11 Horse/Measuring, Fairgrounds, 6:30-7:30 pm
- 13 PAS Shows @Fulton County
- 14-20 Citizenship Wash. Focus, D.C.
- 14-19 Camp Canopy (Formerly Ohio Forestry Camp)
- 16 Clothing Workshop, Center Township Building 9am-4pm
- 16 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm
- 20 OSF entries must be postmarked
- 20 PAS Show @ Fulton County
- 29 Early Misc. Judging, 9am-4pm; call to RSVP

### July 2020

- 1 Creative Writing Project Due
- 1 Swine Purebred/Born & Raised Forms Due
- 1 Ohio State Fair Dog Poster Entries postmarked
- 3 OSF Horse Show entry deadline (1:00 pm)
- 7 Miscellaneous Project Judging, Veterans Blg.
- 9 Food & Clothing Project Judging, Veterans Blg.
- 15 Advisory Council, Veterans Blg
- 16 4-H Chicken BBQ, Veterans Building
- 21 Early Livestock Interviews, by appointment
- 27 Endowment Committee, 6:30 pm
- 27-31 Leadership Washington Focus, D.C.
- 29-Aug 9 Ohio State Fair, Columbus



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**August 2020**

- 5 Livestock Interviews, Fair Entries Due, Gillette Building
- 11 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm (Gillette Building)
- 15 Rabbit & Poultry Clinic fairgrounds
- 18 Animal & Me, Mentor Training 6:30 pm
- 22 Animal & Me Practice, Fairgrounds 4pm

**September 2020**

- 7 Holiday, Office Closed
- 7-11 4-H Booth Set-up, Fairgrounds
- 11 Weigh-In Day, Fairgrounds
- 12-19 Williams County Fair, Fairgrounds
- 15 Animal & Me Event, Fairgrounds
- 22 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm
- 28 Endowment Committee, 6:30 pm

**October 2020**

- 1 Honor Club, Outstanding Teen & 1<sup>st</sup> year forms due
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 4 Celebrate 4-H Camp Palmer
- 13 4-H Advisory Council, 7pm
- 25 Fall Recognition Banquet, Veterans Bldg.

**November 2020**

- 10 4-H Advisory Council, 7pm
- 11 Office Closed, Holiday
- 16 Endowment 6:30pm
- 26-27 Office Close: Thanksgiving
- 27-Dec 1 National 4-H Youth Congress, Atlanta, GA

**December 2020**

- 1 4-H Council Budget Comm., 6:30 pm
- 4 Camp Counselor Apps Due
- 8 4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Achievement Record Workshop 10am
- 24-25 Office Closed, Holiday



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