Dear 4-H Families,

2020 is off to a busy start! Already, we’ve held local advisor training, Cloverbud advisor training and began Camp Counselor trainings. We’ve offered one Livestock Quality Assurance meeting, a youth sewing clinic, and recruited throughout Williams County to our 3rd grade and Kindergarten classrooms!

We are preparing for our Spring Open House event, the bi-annual fundraising banquet to support 4-H Endowment, Ohio 4-H week, and STEM Saturday!

We are excited about creating a buzz in our county regarding the impactful experiences 4-H offers! You’re invited to celebrate Ohio 4-H Week with us March 8-14 by participating in our daily challenges. Follow us on Facebook, as we’ll be doing live giveaways each day for those who win our challenges!

Recruitment cards are continuing to come in and we are actively placing more new members each week. As a reminder, youth and volunteers should be getting enrolled! Give us a call if you have questions!

Sincerely,

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Volunteer Updates

Volunteer Enrollment
Every volunteer needs to be enrolled in the 4-H Online Database. Go to oh.4honline.com and login using your email and password. If you forgot your password, select the “I forgot my password” and then go to your email account to retrieve the temporary password to login back into 4-H online and then change your password. If you have questions about this process, feel free to give us a call. We’d be glad to help.

Annual 1.5 Training
All volunteers must have attended a 1.5 training this year. If you did not attend this training, then you will not be able to serve as a volunteer. Give the office a call if you are unsure if you’ve met this requirement.

Club Updates

Open House
This coming Monday, February 24 from 5-8pm at the Extension Office!

1. Invite your non-4-H friends to check out all the projects available!
2. 4-H’ers-this is also a great chance to branch out and see if there is another project, you’d be interested in taking.

Viewing Project Books Online!
Visit Project Central at https://projectcentral.ohio4h.org

2020 Enrollment Deadline
4-H Enrollment deadline is April 1 for returning members. First time 4-H members need to be enrolled by April 15. Enroll at https://oh.4honline.com. Returning members should NOT create a new profile—this is only for first time 4-H members. If you have trouble logging in, select the “I forgot my password” and retrieve a temporary password through your email address. Then enter that password into your 4-H online profile. You can always contact the Extension Office for help.

Campership Sponsors
If your club would like to sponsor a campership to help a 4-H member attend Jr. Camp, please make a check out to Williams County 4-H. Camperships are $80.

Officers’ Training
Thursday, April 2, 2020, 6:30pm—7:45pm
Montpelier High School Auditoria

Sessions will be offered for all 4-H club officers to get them equipped to lead their club meetings, keep accurate records along with fun ways to engage club members in recreational activities.

For parents and advisors, we will also have county fair updates.
Cake Decorating Workshop—Beginner

Saturday, April 18 Stryker United Methodist Church
Beginner Class 9:00am-Noon
RSVP by: April 16 if you are planning to attend

Marilyn Weigel, long time cake decorator and 4-H advisor will be hosting this hands-on workshop. Participants will learn and practice cake decorating techniques. Experienced members are welcome to attend and help as needed. Parents are also welcome to attend and practice their skills, just bring your own supplies.

Those wanting to participate should bring:
• 1 recipe of Butter Cream Frosting, from the Resource Book, no coloring please
• Decorating bag with Coupler (coupler allows the changing of tips
• Flat cake pan or cookie sheet to practice on
• No Cake Please
• Tips: (as listed to the right & in project book)

We will use the easiest tips mentioned below but bring what you have and don’t worry if you do not have all the tips listed.

Beginner Tips to be used:
• One plain round or writing tip: 3 or 4
• One Leaf Tip: 67 or 352
• Three Star Tips: 16, 18, 22 or 27
AND
31 or 35
• Two drop flower tips, one large and one small: 224 or 107 and 131 or 193
• The easiest one to start with are: 4, 352 or 18

Fashion Workshop
Saturday, April 18, 9:30am—11:30
Center Township Building

All members enrolled in clothing projects (sewing and consumer projects) are encouraged to attend the Fashion workshop led by the Food & Fashion Board. Attendees will learn tips to utilize when completing their 4-H projects as well as how to prepare for their county judging.

Food & Nutrition Workshop
Saturday, April 18, 12:30-2:30pm
Center Township Building

All members enrolled in food & nutrition projects are encouraged to attend the Food & Nutrition Workshop led by the Food & Fashion Board. Attendees will learn tips to utilize when completing their 4-H projects as well as how to prepare for their county judging.

Food & Nutrition Projects
4-H Food and nutrition projects rely on a member’s level of experience, not age, when selecting a project. Regardless of what the age requirements state in the book, selection should be based on member’s level of cooking experience.

Beginner Level--for youth of any age with little to no experience in food preparation and nutrition
Intermediate Level--for youth of any age with some food preparation and nutrition experience
Advanced Level--for youth of any age with substantial experience with food preparation and nutrition.

Members enrolling in food and nutrition projects are encouraged to progress through each level, spending preferably 3 years at each level before advancing. Please remember that once you move up a level, you cannot move back and forth between levels. For example, once you have reached the intermediate level, you must stay at that level or move-up. You cannot return to a beginner level project.
Livestock Quality Assurance Trainings
All youth planning to exhibit market animals or animals that produce marketable byproducts (eggs, milk, etc.) are required by Ohio law to attend an annual LQA training or pass an LQA test (if applicable) each year. This includes beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, and goat projects. Youth not completing this training by June 1 will not be able to exhibit at the 2020 Ohio State Fair or Williams County Fair with livestock.

LQA Test-Out Option
4-H & FFA youth ages 12 and older as of Jan. 1, 2020 are able to “test-out” of LQA by completing a 50 question, multiple choice test. Youth must receive a 70% or higher on the test to pass. Youth ages 12-14 who pass may test out of the annual LQA program for up to three years. Youth ages 15-18 who pass, can test out of the annual LQA program permanently. Youth that take the test this year, but do not pass, must then attend an LQA session to complete the requirement. They may re-test in 2021. These ages are as of January 1, 2020—a youth’s 4-H age.

2020 Williams Co. LQA Dates
Thursday, March 12 @ 7pm
Edon Fire Hall

Monday, April 27 @ 7pm
Millcreek-West Unity Schools

LQA Test-Out Dates
March 10 @ 6:00pm
RSVP by March 9th

April 14 @6:00pm
RSVP by April 13

Must RSVP to ford.806@osu.edu

Horse Quality Assurance
Exhibitors taking an equine project need to attend an HQA training at the Extension Office on one of the following dates. Youth not completing the HQA requirement will not be able to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair or Williams County Fair with equine projects. Youth enrolling in equine projects for the first time are required to watch two safety videos. Both will be available for viewing following HQA sessions.

Monday, March 9 6:00pm OR
Monday, April 6th at 6:00pm
Horse Royalty Applications
Horse Royalty Applications are due to the Extension Office by April 1. Applications may be found online at Williams.osu.edu. The Horse Royalty Contest will be held on April 18 at 9:00am at the Edon Farmers Co-Op.

Free Turkeys from Cooper Farms—Due April 3
Once again, 4-H/FFA members interested in exhibiting turkeys at the 2020 Williams County Fair are eligible to receive 5 free turkeys from Cooper Farms in Oakwood, Ohio. Additional hens can be ordered at a rate of $3.50 each, straight run (not sexed) turkeys for $3.88 each, or tom turkeys for $4.25 each. Interested youth should submit an order form and completed biosecurity form no later than April 3, 2020 to the OSU Extension-Williams Co. office. If additional turkeys are purchased, payment is due at the time of ordering and checks should be made payable to OSU Extension Williams County. Order forms can be found online at https://williams.osu.edu/projects or picked up from the office. Pick-up date is Friday, May 8 from 1:30-4:30pm at Extension Office.

Dog Projects
If you would like to take a dog project, plan to attend a Dog Kick-Off meeting on Thursday, April 9 at 6:30pm. This meeting will be at the Extension Office and you’ll get to meet our key leaders for this project area! They’ll introduce some of the general guidelines that you’ll need to know as well as talk about the dog training classes so you’ll be prepared for project judging and/or exhibiting your dog at the fair. This will be a required meeting for all dog project exhibitors.

June Tagging
Required animal tagging is Saturday, June 6 8:00am-11:00am at the Williams County Fairgrounds for the following animals: market lambs, market goats, beef feeders, and dairy feeders.
Celebrating Ohio 4-H Week: March 8-14
Members and volunteers are encouraged to participate in our Facebook social media campaign with the following themes. Be sure to tag Williams County 4-H or post directly on our page.

**Sunday:** Share your Story Sunday
How has 4-H impacted you?

**Monday:** Make It Green Monday
Wear Green to promote 4-H week

**Tuesday:** Tell us Tuesday
Tell us your favorite 4-H memory

**Wednesday:** Winning Wednesday
Post a photo of you achieving a 4-H goal.

**Thursday:** Thriving Thursday
How have you benefited from being in 4-H?

**Friday:** Favorite Project Friday
What was your favorite 4-H project?

**Saturday:** Shout-Out Saturday
Give a shout-out to advisors, mentors, parents, etc. who supported your 4-H involvement.

*Daily drawings will occur on our Facebook page for those who participate. Stay tuned!

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4-H Booth Theme Poster
All 4-H youth members are encouraged to submit a booth theme poster to the Extension Office by May 8th. Posters are reviewed by the 4-H Advisory Council to determine a booth theme for the current year. The first place theme will be used by each 4-H club to design and decorate the 4-H Club Booth at the Williams County Fair. Prizes include: 1st--$45; 2nd--$30; 3rd--$15.

**Booth Poster Guidelines**
- Standard 22” X 18” poster board
- Poster should be in color, not just black & white
- Must display an original 4-H poster booth theme
- Theme should include the official organization “4-H”.
- Use of copyrighted slogan and characters is prohibited but use of the official 4-H clover is allowed.

**Williams County 4-H Camp—June 6-9, 2020**
Cloverbud Day Camp, Sunday, June 7
Registration and additional information will be coming soon! We will send out more information as details become available. Camperships will once again be available.

**Camp Related Dates**
Camperships Apps Due: April 24
Early Bird Registration Due: May 8
Final Jr. Camp & Cloverbud Registration Due: May 22
STEM DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 4
9 AM – 12 PM

Enjoy a fun-filled morning of STEM activities – including robotics and drones!
Open to all 6th-9th grade students

Cost: $10
Location: Northwest State Community College, 22600 State Route 34, Archbold, OH

Register at go.osu.edu/WmsCoSTEM or submit registration form by March 26

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PANCAKES & SAUSAGE BRUNCH IN CAMP DINING HALL
$6.00 for Pancakes/Sausage/Drink
*ages 3 and under eat free
12:00pm and 1:00pm - Maple Syrup history lesson in the Sauder Recreation Hall
Ongoing Maple Syrup making in main camp!

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Maple Syrup Festival
Pancakes and Sausage with “Pure” Maple Syrup

Saturday, March 28
8 a.m.—12 Noon
Breakfast Starts at 7:30 a.m.
2 Serving Lines

Williams County Fairgrounds
619 East Main Street
Montpelier, Ohio

Breakfast Prepared by the Williams County Fair Foundation & Williams County Pork Producers
Cost: $6.00
Children 6 & Under: Free

For More Information
Contact the Williams SWCD at 419-686-9595 Ext 3
or visit northwestohiomaplesyrupproducers.com

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4-H Cloverbud Egg Hunt
Saturday April 4, 2020 at 10AM
Meet at the rabbit/poultry barn at the Williams Co Fairgrounds (in rabbit barn if raining)

Cloverbuds (age 5-9) and their families/siblings are invited to join us for:

- Egg Hunt
- Learn more about the 4-H Cloverbud rabbit and poultry projects
- Hands on experience with rabbits and birds
- Learn general care for rabbits and poultry
- Learn about recommended equipment for your project
- Talk to fellow 4-Hers about the projects
- Advice on where to find animals and possession dates

There’s still time to sign up for 4-H for 2020!!!
Williams Co 4-H New Member Registration deadline April 15, 2020
Dr. Kirk Bloir became Ohio’s state 4-H leader last fall. He’s traveling throughout the state to get to know 4-H families and volunteers and beginning his visits in Williams County, where he grew up as a 4-H member. Stop in to say hello, ask questions and hear his vision for the Ohio 4-H program.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1:00 - 3:30 P.M.**

**Location:** Williams County Extension Office  
1425 East High Street, Bryan, OH 43506

**Details:** Open house – light refreshments will be provided.

**Contact information:** Crystal Ott, ott.109@osu.edu, 614-688-1454
2020 WILLIAMS CO. 4-H CALENDAR

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
20 Youth Sewing Class, 9am-12pm Bryan First Church of Christ
27 4-H Endowment Committee, 6:30pm
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
15 Livestock Quality Assurance, 9am (Mont. HS)
24 4-H Open House 5-8pm – Invite non 4-H friends
25 Volunteer Training St. John’s Lutheran Church, 6:30pm

March 2020

7 4-H Endowment Fundraiser, Gillette Building, Fairgrounds
9 Horse Quality Assurance, 6pm
8-14 Ohio 4-H Week Add your story in Facebook!
10 LQA Test-out 6pm
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 Brunch - all day
23 Endowment Committee, 6:30pm
28 Maple Syrup Fest, Fairgrounds 8am-12pm

April 2020

1 4-H Enrollment Due-returning members
1 Horse Royalty Applications Due
2 Officers & Advisors Training, 6:30-7:45pm, Montpelier School
3 Turkey Order Forms Due (Cooper Farms)
4 STEM DAY 9am-12pm NW State College
4 Cloverbud Egg Hunt, 10am, Fairgrounds
6 Horse Quality Assurance, 6pm
9 Wms. Co. Dog Kick-off, 6:30pm
14 LQA Test-out 6pm
14 4-H Advisory Council, 7pm
15 Final 4-H Enrollment Due-new members Ohio
15 State Fair Scholarships Due
18 Workshops: Food 12:30pm-2:30pm, Clothing 9:30am-11:30am, Center Township Building
18 Cake Decorating 9am-12pm Stryker Church

April 2020 Cont.

18 Horse Royalty Contest, 9am, Edon Farmer’s Co-op
23 Dog Kick-Off Fulton County, 6:30pm
24 4-H Campership forms/posters due
27 Livestock Quality Assurance, Millcreek- West Unity Schools, 7:00pm

May 2020

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

June 2020

1-5 State Leadership Camp
2 Forms Due: Swine ID, Dairy ID, Equine, 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, 6:30-7:30pm
13 PAS Shows @Fulton County
14-19 Camp Canopy (formery Ohio Forestry Camp)
14-20 Citizenship Washington Focus, D.C.
16 Clothing Workshop, 9am-4pm, Center Township Blg.
16 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm
22 Final Jr Camp Registration Forms Due – Save $10
23 Scramble Pig Pick-up, 9:30am, Fairgrounds Office
25 Office Closed, Memorial Day Holiday

July 2020

1 Creative Writing Project Due
1 Swine Purebred/Born & Raised Forms Due
1 Ohio State Fair Dog Poster Entries postmarked
3 OFS 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 Washinton Focus, D.C.
29 Ohio State Fair
2020 WILLIAMS CO. 4-H CALENDAR

Dates/Times are subject to change. Check williams.osu.edu for updates.

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

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 & 1st 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