

4-H Family Newsletter – January 2019

I've been reading a book entitled "Start With Why" by Simon Sinek and it has prompted me to think about where we need to go as a 4-H program. I want to ask you, (what I believe to be) a foundational question, "What's your why?"

As a youth, why are you involved in 4-H? As an adult, why do you volunteer as part of the 4-H program or county fair? I'm asking myself this same question. Why did I accept the Educator position?

My "why" is because I believe whole-heartedly in the mission of 4-H! Every day, I wake up excited to come to work because I believe that now, more than ever, youth need to learn by doing. They need a supportive environment to learn, grow and at times, fail. Sure, I love competition as much as the next person, but winning is not my end goal. In fact, 4-H is so much more than that. Youth need to have experiences that push them outside of their comfort zone, and challenge their work ethic. They will do this through taking projects where they can explore their interests, and build their confidence.

The heartbeat of this program is youth development and its success hinges upon youth involvement coupled with parental, club and community support. Parents should not be the ones doing the projects for them, but instead, should be there to advise, encourage and cheer for them along the way. 4-H is about learning responsibility, and pressing-on when the going gets tough. Together, this program is building tomorrow's workforce and community leaders.

I believe so strongly in what 4-H is doing for tomorrow's leaders that my goal in 2019 is to be mission-driven in every facet of this program. Together, we need to be committed to strengthening and enhancing this formative youth development program. In doing so, we will be preparing Williams County youth for life beyond the classroom.

May we grow our why!



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Modified Office Hours

Friday, Jan. 18-Closed
Jan. 21—MLK Day, closed
1/22-1/24—9:30am-4:30pm
Friday, Jan 25, Closed
1/28-1/31—9:30am-4:30pm
Friday, Feb. 1, Closed

Beginning Monday, Feb. 4th
Normal Office Hours resume
Monday-Friday
8:00 am – 4:30 pm



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New Program Assistant

I'm pleased to announce that we have hired Jessica Runkel as the new 4-H/ANR Program Assistant! Jessica is no stranger to 4-H, as an alumna of the program and current 4-H adviser/parent, Jessica has a passion for youth and the opportunities that 4-H provides. We are looking forward to the enthusiasm and energy that she'll bring to the office as well as to our program! As one person, described her, "she bleeds green!" Welcome, Jessica!

County Updates

Spring Kick-Off

Sunday, February 17th will be our 4-H Kick-Off event held in Montpelier at the Veterans Building. From 3:00pm-4:30pm will be an Open House where the public is invited to bring their youth to check-out the many projects that 4-H has to offer! Project Ambassadors will be there highlighting their areas and talking with youth about the benefits of 4-H. At 5:00pm there will be a 4-H Recognition Dinner to acknowledge youth and volunteers achievements. Be sure to save the date and to invite your non-4-H friends to the Open House! 4-H Families need to RSVP to the dinner by Friday, February 8th to ford.806@osu.edu so that enough food will be prepared.

Ohio 4-H Conference

If youth or official 4-H volunteers are interested in attending the Ohio 4-H Conference in Columbus on Saturday, **March 9th**, you'll need to register ASAP. Registration forms are due to the Extension office by Thursday, January 31st. Cost is \$10 to go and payable to Williams County 4-H. You'll need to indicate on the form which workshops/sessions you want to attend. Here is the link to the form:

https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/about_us/reg%20form_1.pdf

Modified Office Hours

The Williams County OSU Extension Office, located at 1425 East High Street in Bryan, will have modified office hours beginning this Friday, January 18 through Friday, February 1st. For the next three Fridays (January 18, 25, February 1), the office will be closed to the public. Please note Monday, January 21 the Extension office will also be closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Additionally, beginning Tuesday, January 22 the office hours will be 9:30am-4:30pm from January 22 until Thursday, January 31st. On Monday, February 4th, the Extension office will resume normal business hours and will be open 8:00am-4:30pm; Monday-Friday. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Program Fee Update

For 2019, there will no program fee for youth to participate in 4-H. At this time, with the support of the levy, we believe that we are financially sound without this fee being incurred. However, this is a trial year and this decision will be re-assessed for the 2020 year. Please note, that your 4-H club may still have club dues, but that will be communicated from your club advisor.

Project Ambassador Application

If you have taken a particular project for at least 5 years and are in the advanced level, you should consider applying to be a Project Ambassador! Project Ambassadors will serve a resource to first-year project members and

their families. You will need to be willing to answer their questions, help them prepare for interviews/judging and also prepare for the fair! You may be called upon to even help give a demonstration or assist with a clinic or workshop. Project Ambassadors' first event will be to showcase their 4-H project(s) at the Spring Kick-Off event on Sunday, February 17th! Applications can be found online at <https://williams.osu.edu/teen-opportunities>

Volunteer Updates

New Volunteer Applications

Adults interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer must complete an application, interview process, a BCI background check and attend a volunteer training in 2019. To be accepted as a 4-H volunteer for 2019, all required pieces must be complete by March 1, 2019. Volunteers can still apply after this date, but the application process will not be completed until the fall of 2019. Applications can be found on the web site at <http://williams.osu.edu> (under 4-H Youth Development, Advisor Info) or picked up at the office.

Volunteer Trainings Scheduled

Williams County 4-H requires that each volunteer must attend at least one annual training to maintain an active volunteer status. With the adoption of OSU Policy 1.50, this annual training requirement has become mandatory for the entire state.

Please plan to attend at least one of the following trainings.

Thursday, January 31, 6:30 pm-8:30pm, Putnam County Educational Service Center
Please RSVP to Williams County Extension by 1/25/19 by emailing perry.1735@osu.edu

Thursday, February 7, 6-8:30pm—Local training at Williams County OSU office

Saturday, February 9, 9am-11:30am--Local training at Williams County OSU office

Thursday, February 21, 6:30pm-8:30pm, St. John's Lutheran Church
Please RSVP to Williams County Extension by 2/15/19 by emailing ford.806@osu.edu

Thursday, April 4, 6:30pm—Club Officers' Conference, Montpelier Schools

Club Updates

2019 Club Registration Forms

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

2019 4-H Online Enrollment

Volunteers, please re-enroll for 2018-2019 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

2019 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,

2019 Williams County dates are:
Saturday, February 23, 9 am, Montpelier Schools Auditorium
Thursday, March 7, 7:00pm, Edon Fire Hall
Monday, April 29, 7:00pm, Bryan First Church of Christ

swine, poultry, goat, and rabbit projects. Youth not completing the LQA requirement in 2019 will not be able to exhibit at the 2019 Ohio State fair or 2019 Williams County Fair with livestock. The deadline to complete a Livestock Quality Assurance is June 1st 2019.

Poultry Quality Assurance

Williams County is partnering with Henry and Fulton Counties where Dr. Tim McDermott is going to be presenting a Poultry Quality Assurance/Clinic **April 11th 6-8pm** (location to be announced soon). This will be quality assurance specific to the poultry members so please plan to attend this session to complete Quality Assurance 2019. *If you also enroll in and exhibit other animals, this QA will count as completion. Here are two fact sheets that Dr. McDermott along with Sabrina Schirtzinger created that you might want to check out.

<https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/anr-66> and <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/vme-22>

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 12 at 6pm and **March 12 at 6pm** are the two test-out dates. RSVP to ford.806@osu.edu by Monday, February 11 for the 2/12 date and RSVP by March 11 for the 3/12 date. Youth who do not pass the test will then still have ample time to attend a 2019 LQA date.

Horse Quality Assurance

If you are taking a horse project, make plans to attend Horse Quality Assurance on **Saturday, March 16** from 9am-11am. Location is will be announced and soon as it's finalized. At this training, first year project members will also be able to watch the required Horse Safety Video.

Horse Royalty Applications

Tuesday, April 11th, Horse Royalty Applications are due to the Extension office. Applications may be found online at <https://williams.osu.edu/horse>. Horse Royalty Interviews are Saturday, April 20th at 9:00am the Williams County Fairgrounds, Horse Arena.

2019 4-H CALENDAR

Dates/Times are subject to change. Check the web site for updates <http://williams.osu.edu>
****All meetings will be held at the OSU Extension Office unless stated differently****

January 2019

- 4 4-H Achievement & Camp Counselor Apps Due
- 8 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm
- 11 County 4-H Scholarship Apps Due
- 21 Office Closed – Holiday
Youth Sewing Class, 9 am – 12 pm
- 15 Club reg. & Treasury Report Due
- 28 4-H Endowment Committee, 6:30 pm
- 31 Volunteer Training, Putnam Co, 6:30 pm

February 2019

- 7 Williams Co. Advisor Training, 6:30pm
- 9 Williams Co. Advisor Training, 9am
- 12 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm
- 17 Spring Kick-Off Event, Veteran's Building
- 21 Volunteer Training, Archbold, 6:30 pm
- 23 Livestock Quality Assurance, Mont. Schools, Auditorium, 9am

March 2019

- 3-9 Ohio 4-H Week
- 7 Livestock Quality Assurance 7pm Edon Fire Hall
- 9 Ohio 4-H Conference, Columbus
- 12 4-H Advisory Council, 7pm
- 16 Horse Quality Assurance, Location TBD 9am-11am
- 17 Camp Palmer Maple Syrup Bruch, Camp Palmer
- 23 Maple Syrup Fest, Fairgrounds
- 25 Endowment Committee, 6:30 pm

April 2019

- 1 4-H Enrollment Due, Dog Perm. to Part. Due
- 4 Officers' & Advisors' Training, 6:30 pm, Montpelier School
- 6 Food & Clothing Workshop
- 9 4-H Advisory Council, 7pm
- 11 Horse Royalty Applications Due
- 11 Poultry Workshop 6-8pm: Location TBD
- 15 Final 4-H Enrollment Due
- 20 Horse Royalty Interviews, 9am Horse Arena
- 29 Livestock Quality Assurance, Bryan First Church of Christ, 7pm

May 2019

- 1 Dog ID Forms Due, 4-H Camperships Due
- 10 Booth Poster Contest Due by 4:30 pm
- 10 Early Bird Jr. Camp Registration due – Save \$10
- 11 Cake Decorating Workshop, 9 am, Stryker United Methodist Church
- 14 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm
- 20 Endowment Committee, 6:30 pm
- 24 Final Jr & Cloverbud Camp Reg. Due
- 27 Office Closed, Holiday

June 2019

- 1 Sheep, Goat, Calf Tagging, Fairgrounds, 8-11 am
- 1-5 State Leadership Camp
- 3 Forms Due: Swine ID, Dairy ID, equine paperwork, lease forms
- 3 FFA Still Projects Due
- 3-6 Science Camp, Camp Palmer
- 6-9 4-H Jr. Camp, 4-H Camp Palmer
- 6 Horse/Measuring, Fairgrounds, 6:30-7:30 pm
- 8 4-H Cloverbud Camp, 4-H Camp Palmer
- 9-13 Ohio Forestry Camp
- 11 Food & Clothing Workshop 9am-4pm
- 11 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm
- 13 Endowment Scholarship Banquet, 7pm
- 20 OSF entries must be postmarked
- 23-29 Citizenship Wash. Focus, D.C.

July 2019

- 1 Creative Writing Project Due
- 15-19 Leadership Washington Focus, D.C.
- 9 Miscellaneous Project Judging
- 11 Food & Clothing Project Judging
- 18 4-H Chicken BBQ, Veterans Building
- 20 Horse Clinic (Showmanship, saddle fitting, etc.) Fairgrounds, 9am
- 22 Early Livestock Interviews, by appointment
- 22 Endowment Committee, 6:30 pm
- 24-Aug 4 Ohio State Fair, Columbus

August 2019

- 6 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm (Gillette Building)
- 7 Livestock Interviews, Fair Entries Due, Gillette Building
- 24 Animal & Me Practice, Fairgrounds

September 2019

- 2-6 4-H Booth Set-up, Fairgrounds
- 6 Weigh-In Day, Fairgrounds
- 7-14 Williams County Fair, Fairgrounds
- 17 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm
- 23 Endowment Committee, 6:30 pm

October 2019

- 1 Honor Club, Outstanding Teen & 1st year forms due
- 6 Celebrate 4-H Camp Palmer
- 8 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm
- 6-12 National 4-H Week

November 2019

- 11 Office Closed, Holiday
- 12 4-H Advisory Council, 7pm
- 18 Endowment Committee, 6:30 pm
- 28-29 Office Closed, Holiday

December 2019

- 2 4-H Council Budget Comm., 6:30 pm
- 10 4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 7pm



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