

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

APRIL 14, 2022

Good afternoon 4-H Families,

April is already halfway over. Where has the time gone?!? Just a quick reminder the office closes at 3pm tomorrow, April 15. Those with any 4-H Scholarship Applications or 4-H Camp Scholarship Applications, please get them in by 3pm. The forms say 4:30pm but we didn't realize how things lined up when everything was printed. Remember, these are applications and need to be dropped off, not emailed or faxed.

We are getting closer to completing enrollment in Hancock County. Remember, if you forgot a project or want to update your profile, please email me and I can send your enrollment back to you for editing or send you forms to complete your enrollment.

I apologize for not sending the 4-H Focus last week but took of an unscheduled vacation day. Former Hancock County 4-H member and current State 4-H Healthy Living Extension Educator, Justin Bower, sent the following last Wednesday morning after I made the decision and I completely agree with him. "Mental health is important and a priority of Ohio 4-H, OSU, and National 4-H. We know that if you aren't in a healthy space mentally and emotionally it is harder for you be there for your friends, families, and 4-H community. It's ok to take the time you need for processing the sense of compassion fatigue, post-shutdown anxiety and overstimulation, and an increase amount of stress. Sometimes, you may find that processing with others who can relate is an effective strategy." If you find yourself in this position, talk with someone whether it be at school or at a 4-H meeting or even at home with your parents. It's ok and we benefit from the time spent together.

Thank you for your patience as we've been moving forward gearing up for a new 4-H year. You all know I've "missed the mark" in getting a 4-H Focus to you weekly. GOOD NEWS..... as soon as Ohio State announces Hancock County's new 4-H Educator, we will share that news with you and we will be off and running with the remainder of the 4-H year. We are excited to be completing our local team with the addition of this person.

Do you want the latest 4-H Calendar? Go to go.osu.edu/hancock_4hcalendar for the latest date on everything. Anything updated will be in green to easily see the changes.

If you are looking for a downloadable version of the 4-H Focus, please go to <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/clover-connections-newsletter> where you can print the pdf version of this message.

If you have questions, please call the office at (419)422-3851 and we will do our best to answer your questions or point you toward a good and valuable resource.

Just a reminder for all... If you are not feeling well or have symptoms of an illness, please stay home from meetings or activities. We want to be sure that you can rest and recuperate, as well as make sure we are providing a safe and welcoming experience to those in the Hancock County 4-H Program.

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Dates to remember:

April 15 – Camp Scholarship Applications due
April 15 – Ohio State Fair Scholarship due
April 15 – Hancock County Academic and
Denise Tebbe Scholarships due
April 15 – Hancock County Office closes at
3pm
April 20 – 4-H Advisory Council Awards
Committee Meeting

April 20 – Junior Leadership Club, 7pm
April 22-23 Camp Counselor Workshop
April 27 – Camp Counselor Meeting
May 2-6 – Pizza Pick Up (exact date
May 3 – Sewing Clinic – Sewing Machine
License, 6-8pm
May 10 – Camp Counselor Meeting
Mar 11 – Horse Council, 7pm

PROJECT WORK:

Enroll now for 2022! You can now enroll for this year at oh.4honline.com. Enrollment deadline is April 1, 2022. If you have any questions, please let us know! More information can also be found at <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-enrollment-and-completion-requirements>. If you forgot a project or want to update your profile, please email me and I can send your enrollment back to you for editing or send you an Add/Drop form and Consent form to complete.

Now that you have projects, what do I do? Pick up your project book either through your club or stop in the office. Most books are \$6 each. We accept check or cash only. Work on your project. If you have questions or get stuck, ask! Ask your advisor, a friend who already took the project, or the Extension Office Staff. Check your project judging date on page 6-7 of the 2022 Hancock County 4-H Family Handbook. We will send out a judging schedule booklet late May or early June. Make sure you have completed all your Project Completion Requirements and the County Requirements listed in that same book and under your project. Again, if you have questions, please ask.

Sewing Clinics – Joyce Schroeder, Master Clothing Educator, is offering sewing clinics this year. All clinics are from 6-8pm and are being held at the OSU Extension Office at 7868 County Road 140, Findlay. Be sure bring your sewing machine and adult sewing partner. RSVP to 419-422-3851.

May 3 – Sewing Machine License
May 17 – Pattern Layout & Cut | Seam Finish

June 6 – Buttons | Closures | Zippers |
Questions
June 21 – Sewing Help Night, Bring judging
questions, Narration Sheets

OTHER NOTES:

Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser – As soon as we have the exact pick up date, we will let you know. It will be the first week of May.

Camp Scholarship Applications are due Friday, April 15. Because the office closes at 3pm, drop your applications off early.

Academic Scholarships are due April 15. Office closes at 3pm, so drop your applications off early.

Junior Leadership Meeting – April 20 at 7pm. Communicate! We will meet at the extension office and learn how to promote yourself. Be a better interviewer. Lead by Hancock County Alumna, Megan (May) James. All members 7th grade and up are invited. RSVP to 419-422-3851.

4-H Camp Counselors have decided on a theme. *“Gettin’ Wild Western Style”*. They are excited and planning and getting ready for you. Camp will be June 25-29 this summer. Get your scholarship application completed and turned in. Registration will begin in May. Camp will be \$200 for 4-H members and \$250 for non-4-H member if registered by May 27. After May 27, all camp registration will be \$250.

4-H Camp Ohio is building a new high ropes course for 2022 and camp needs your help (or anyone who may LOVE 4-H Camp!) Every donation will help youth build confidence, communication, and teamwork as they complete 12 obstacles 30 feet above the ground. For more information and to donate, visit <http://go.osu.edu/campohioropes>. Updates regarding the status for the \$120,000 goal will be posted periodically on 4-H Camp Ohio’s Facebook page.

Celebrating 4-H on Earth Day! ODNR is looking to partner with 4-H youth and clubs the weekend of April 22-24 at selected Ohio state parks.

We are encouraging Ohio 4-H’ers to submit proposals to share demonstrations, project work and programs focused on Earth Day appropriate activities. This is a great opportunity to showcase what 4-H is all about!

Clubs and members can find participating parks and apply to present [here](#). Selected projects will be recognized at ODNR’s Natural Resources Park at this year’s Ohio State Fair.

Read more about it [here](#).

JOANN Promotion - Believe it is or not, it is time for another JOANN promotion. If you are new and not familiar with this, National 4-H has developed a partnership with the company JOANN and we do a campaign each spring to help raise money for 4-H. This year the campaign has already started and will run February 1 – April 30.

Key Info:

- Ohio will receive back 70% of the **in-store** campaign dollars raised.
- Online purchases go back to National 4-H because their system can’t track by state.

Ohio 4-H Night and the Dayton Dragons is back. Families can purchase tickets directly at <http://www.go.osu.edu/ohio4hdaytondragons>. Tickets are \$10. The game is at the Day Air Ballpark in downtown Dayton. The game will be on Saturday, May 7 starting at 7:05pm with gates opening at 6pm. Please be sure to line up behind the outfield lawn area (Lawn D) by 6:15pm to participate in a pre-game parade of all the 4-H counties in attendance that evening. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact your Dragon representative: Carl Hertzberg – carl.hertzberg@daytondragons.com.

Van Buren State Park Birding Opportunities for 4-H Clubs – Message from Becky Curtis. Please contact Becky for more information at 419-957-1096 or Becky.Curtis@dnr.ohio.gov

We are trying to contact those we think may benefit most from a new program we are starting. We have a volunteer who is state certified in birding. With the upcoming migration he is wanting to lead several hikes to point out birds. He also will touch on tree identification and animal identification found on the hike. Pending weather, there are several dates available. Hopefully, one will work for you. This is a great opportunity for 4-H clubs to learn more about wildlife in our own county. We can also provide community service opportunities for your club.

Morning hikes: start as early as 8am. Hikes take approximately one hour (give or take questions). We can also schedule activities with our naturalist in a shelter house if you would like to add that as well. Feel free to pack lunches and continue to hike and picnic after your morning hike. Pick a time that works for you. Typically, birds are more active in the morning. -- Friday May 13th, Friday May 20th
Evening Hikes: Hikes will take approx. an hour. -- Monday May 17th at 7:00pm

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me. If those dates do not work and you have another day that works better please let me know and we can see what we can do.

LIVESTOCK:

Dairy Beef Feeder Boosters: May 1, 2022 will be the next Dairy Beef Booster Meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm at the Hancock County Agriculture Service Center, 7868 County Road 140, Findlay. We will prepare for skillathon by practicing what you know, get help on filling out project books and practicing interviews. Join us in our first fundraising project so we can enhance the project experience for our showman this 2022 fair year.

Cross Bred Dairy Feeder Show: Hancock County Fair 2022 will have a new cross bred (dairy & beef) show. The sign up will be the same as it would be for the dairy feeder show. The show will be on the same day as the dairy feeders. Contact Josh Boes for any questions at 419-721-8550.

Members with Horse Projects: It's 2022 and you will not need to complete Quality Assurance for Horses. You will need to attend a clinic this year. More information to follow.

New Horse Member Orientation – MANDATORY – April 13 at 6pm. Did you miss it? Contact your advisor or the office and we'll get you what you need.

Quality Assurance – All members with livestock projects are required to complete Quality Assurance. You must be on time and stay for the entire meeting. Our final session will be June 4 with the time TBA after our new 4-H Educator is here. If June 4 doesn't work in your schedule, please feel free to contact one of the surrounding counties and check when their QA meetings are. Remember YQCA is also an option for anyone 12 and older as of January 1 of the current year.

YQCA: ONLY members 12 years old or older as of January 1 may complete YQCA. In the past, this has been a \$12 course. Go to <https://yqcaprogram.org> and find more information under MORE INFO >> YOUTH & PARENTS. Remember, we do not accept the "Test-out" version of YQCA and only members 12 years old and older as of January 1 may complete YQCA. Once you have completed your YQCA, email your certificate to me at biery.12@osu.edu to fulfill your QA requirement.

Have a great rest of your week and stay safe.