

February 3, 2022

Good afternoon 4-H Families,

In an effort to keep things moving forward as 4-H gears up for the year, I will try to send a 4-H Focus weekly. Along with that though, I apologize upfront for missing the mark at times and thank you for your patience as we work through limited staffing together.

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.

Our office is closed for the remainder of the day and until the Level 3 Road Emergency has been lifted. Office staff will answer your email or calls when they return to the office or are able to get to the internet.

CLOVERBUD meeting for this evening is cancelled due to inclement weather. Learning about planets sounded like a fun time to be had by all. Hopefully we can get the Hancock County Park District to come another time with all their fun and interesting facts about our planet system.

We had 48 volunteers attend in person and 14 virtually on January 29 for the 4-H Volunteer Kickoff. If you are a volunteer and you couldn't make that date, there will be a second option in the near future. To save you trips to the office, I am working with educators from surrounding counties to find a date to both recertify you in Policy 1.50 (the required child abuse and neglect training) and update you on all things 4-H. As soon as we have a (different than February 8) date, I will let you know. If it all possible, please have at least one volunteer present per club to pick up club materials.

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.

**Dates to remember:**

Feb 3 – Cloverbud meeting **\*\* CANCELLED \*\***

Feb 4 – Ohio 4-H Conference Registration Due to Extension Office

Feb 6 – Junior Fair Board – 2pm

Feb 6 – Dairy Boosters Meeting – 6:30pm – Hancock County Ag Service Center – see below

Feb 7 – Endowment Committee – 6:30pm

Feb 7 – Shooting Sports Information Night – 7pm

Feb 8 – 4-H Volunteer Kick-off – **\*\* POSTPONED \*\***

Feb 9 – Horse Council – 7pm

Feb 11 – New Volunteer Applications Due

Feb 15 – New Volunteer Orientation – postponed

Feb 15 – Sewing Baby Burp Rags (for adults only) – 6pm

Feb 16 – Jr Leadership – 7pm

Feb 17 – Shooting Sports Information Night – 7pm

Feb 20 – Mandatory Camp Counselor Meeting – see document on Remind for details

## PROJECT WORK:

**Enroll now for 2022!** You can now enroll for this year at [oh.4honline.com](http://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>.

Do you want to know more about a project? The county handbook will be uploaded later this week to [go.osu.edu/hancock\\_handbook](http://go.osu.edu/hancock_handbook). You can also go to Project Central located at [go.osu.edu/4hprojectcentral](http://go.osu.edu/4hprojectcentral) and look up project by subject. Project have the first 10-12 pages of books there where you can get an idea what the project will be like to complete. Members across the state can leave reviews on the projects and you can decide for yourself if you think it's a project you'd like to take.

**Shooting Sports** information meetings begin next week. If you are considering a shooting sports project, please plan to attend one of the two options: February 7 or February 17. Both will be at 7pm at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. Current Shooting Sports projects available in Hancock County are: Archery, Crossbow, Living History, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun.

## OTHER NOTES:

**Looking for the 2022 Hancock County 4-H Calendar?** Check out the [hancock.osu.edu](http://hancock.osu.edu) website or go to [go.osu.edu/hancock\\_4hcalendar](http://go.osu.edu/hancock_4hcalendar).

**Ohio 4-H Conference Registrations** are due to the Extension Office by February 4 with \$10 payment. Hancock County 4-H Council will cover the remaining costs. Ohio 4-H Conference will be held Saturday, March 12 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. For more information, please visit <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>.

**Club Financial Statements were due** on January 31. Forms and instructions can be found at [https://ohio4h.org/volunteers/volunteers/club-leaders/finances/clubaffiliate-yearly-financial-summary?\\_gl=1%2A1rniurf%2A\\_ga%2AMTIwNjk5NjIwMi4xNjExMjM4ODU5%2A\\_ga\\_4P9WPSHVFC%2AMTY0MTk5ODAzOS40NC4xLjE2NDE5OTgwNTUuMA](https://ohio4h.org/volunteers/volunteers/club-leaders/finances/clubaffiliate-yearly-financial-summary?_gl=1%2A1rniurf%2A_ga%2AMTIwNjk5NjIwMi4xNjExMjM4ODU5%2A_ga_4P9WPSHVFC%2AMTY0MTk5ODAzOS40NC4xLjE2NDE5OTgwNTUuMA)

**Volunteer Rescreening** information has been sent out to those who need to complete their background check. If you didn't receive a letter and think you may need rescreened, call into the office, and we can check to see if you are on the list. Please be sure to complete your 4-H Online enrollment ([oh.4honline.com](http://oh.4honline.com)) prior to getting fingerprints taken. Receipts should be turned into the Extension Office for reimbursement and state paper trail. Rescreening must be completed by March 15, 2022. If you do not plan on returning as a volunteer, please let us know.

**New Volunteer Applications** are available now at <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/volunteers-and-club-advisors>. At this link, you can also find how you can be involved with Hancock County 4-H. New Volunteer Applications are due to the Extension Office by February 11, 2022.

**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.

**Baby Burp Rag Sewing Night** will be held February 15 from 6-8pm. This activity is for adults to bring their sewing machine and have an evening of fun and fellowship. The baby burp rags are given out during 4-H week in March at Blanchard Valley Hospital to all the babies born that week.

#### **JUNIOR FAIR UPDATE:**

**From the Dairy Feeder Boosters Team:** Future, present and inquisitive Dairy Feeder participants and families are cordially invited to join us Feb 6, 2022 for an informational meeting. The Hancock County Dairy Beef Youth Boosters is proud to host the gathering at the Hancock County extension office starting at 6:30 PM. 4-H advisors and FFA teachers are also encouraged to attend (knowledge is power).

Come to ask questions, meet other participants, and meet our new superintendent, obtain important dates, win prizes and most importantly learn new information from our speaker.

We are excited to have Levi Richards from Kalmbach Feeds present to us his recipe for bottle-to-ring feed program. He will also touch on how to pick out calves early on and answer any questions you may have. Levi is the regional sales manager and formula of champions program director at Kalmbach Feeds and is also an accredited judge. He wants to help our youth know what judges are looking for in the ring.

We look forward to seeing everyone! If you have questions, please contact Becky Curtis, HC Dairy Beef Youth Boosters VP at (419)957-1096.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.