

February 9, 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.

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 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 – 4-9pm - see document on Remind for details

Feb 22 – Safe Use of Guns – 6:30pm

Feb 23 – Buckeye Leadership Workshop Registration Due

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>.

Do you want to know more about a project? The county handbook will be uploaded later this week to go.osu.edu/hancock_handbook. You can also go to Project Central located at 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 have begun. If you are considering a shooting sports project, please plan to attend 7pm on February 17 at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. Current Shooting Sports projects available in Hancock County are: Archery, Crossbow, Living History, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun. Come learn the who, the what, the where, and the when.

Safe Use of Guns meeting is a requirement of all new Shooting Sports members. All members taking archery, pistol, rifle, or shotgun for first time are required to attend a Safe Use of Guns meeting. While it is not a requirement of second year members, it is highly encouraged. The meeting will be held at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center on February 22 at 6:30pm. Remember, if you have already taken this class, you are more than welcome to join in again.

OTHER NOTES:

Looking for the 2022 Hancock County 4-H Calendar? Check out the hancock.osu.edu website or go to go.osu.edu/hancock_4hcalendar.

LAST CALL Ohio 4-H Conference Registrations** were 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>. If you are interested in attending, please have your form and money to the Extension Office by 4pm on Thursday, February 10.

Club Financial Statements were due on January 31. We are still missing a few clubs. Forms and instructions can be found at https://ohio4h.org/volunteers/volunteers/club-leaders/finances/clubaffiliate-yearly-financial-summary?_gl=1%2A1rniurf%2A_ga%2AMTlwNjk5NjIwMi4xNjExMjM4ODU5%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) 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. The New Volunteer Orientation slated for February 15 is being postponed until we can secure a 4-H Educator who can train the required child abuse and neglect training (or Policy 1.50).

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.

4-H Kick-off has been a fun evening during Ohio 4-H Week where members can check out opportunities in different project areas, find out the new projects, learn about upcoming programs and celebrate Hancock County 4-H. If your club or group is interested in having a "booth", please let me know at biery.12@osu.edu by February 15. We will determine at that time if there is enough interest across the county for a 4-H Kick-off night.

Junior Leadership meeting, February 16 at 7pm. **JAMIE IS BACK!!!! Hip Hip HOORAY!!!** All 4-H members who are at least 14 years old are invited to attend. In the past, JL has covered topics like, cooking class, dressing for success, interview skills, learning to save the world, proper table setting, teambuilding, and wilderness survival. Come on the 16th and see what is in store as JL gets started again.

Save the Date on April 2 for the Hancock County 4-H Benefit Dinner. 4-H Benefit Committee has been planning and are excited to share information with you soon. Watch your 4-H Focus for ticket information.

4-H Camp Counselors have decided on a theme. They are excited and planning and getting ready for you. Keep an eye out for updates. Camp will be June 25-29 this summer.

Scholarship Application will be available sometime in March. Camp scholarships and academic scholarships will be due April 15.

JUNIOR FAIR UPDATE:

****NOTE UPDATED DATE** From the Dairy Feeder Boosters Team:** Future, present and inquisitive Dairy Feeder participants and families are cordially invited to join us Feb 27, 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.

4-H EDUCATOR UPDATE:

The Hancock County 4-H and Youth Development Extension Educator position will be posted from **February 12-26**. If you or someone you know is interested, applicants can apply at <https://hr.osu.edu/careers/>. You will need to search for number **R39403**.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.

Kathy