

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

March 23, 2022

Good afternoon 4-H Families,

We are getting closer to completing enrollment in Hancock County. Thank you to the 685 who have completed your enrollment. 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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:

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| March 23 – Camp Counselor Meeting – 6-8pm | April 12 – Sewing Clinic – Tips on How to Decorate a T-Shirt – 6-8pm |
| March 24 – Shooting Sports Blue Ribbon Meeting – 6:30pm | April 13 – New Horse Member Orientation – 6pm |
| March 29 – Quality Assurance – Cory Rawson School – 7pm | April 13 – Horse Council – 7pm |
| March 30 – Safe Use of Guns Workshop – 6:30pm | April 15 – Camp Scholarship Applications due |
| April 1 – 4-H Enrollment Due, Winning 4-H Plan Due | April 15 – Ohio State Fair Scholarship due |
| April 2 – Winter Workshop at Camp Ohio for counselors (Optional) | April 15 – Hancock County Academic and Denise Tebbe Scholarships due |
| April 2 – Hancock County Endowment Banquet & Auction | April 15 – Hancock County Office closes at 3pm |
| April 6 – Camp Counselor meeting w/ Seneca County – 6-8pm | April 20 – 4-H Advisory Council Awards Committee Meeting |
| April 7 – County Cloverbud meeting at the Hancock County Historical Museum – 6:15pm | April 20 – Junior Leadership Club – 7pm |
| April 7 – Senior Goat Council – 7pm | April 22-23 Camp Counselor Workshop |
| April 11 – Pizza Sales due – noon | April 27 – Camp Counselor Meeting |

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.

Do you want to know more about a project? The county handbook is available at go.osu.edu/hancock_handbook. You can also go to Project Central located at go.osu.edu/4hprojectcentral and look up project by subject. Most 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 and missed the meetings, please contact us at 419-422-3851 for assistance. Current Shooting Sports projects available in Hancock County are: Archery, Crossbow, Living History, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun.

Dates for each discipline are (subject to change at a moments notice):

Archery – March 27 @ 2pm, April 8 @ 7pm, April 9 @ 10am, April 22 @ 7pm, April 29 @ 7pm, April 30 @ 10am, May 13 @ 7pm, and June 11 @ 10am.

Pistol – April 1 @ 6pm, April 15 @ 6pm, May 6 @ 6pm, May 20 @ 6pm, June 3 @ 6pm, June 17 @ 6pm, June 24 @ 6pm, July 1 @ 6pm. Also June 18 @ 10am.

Rifle – Sunday afternoons 5-7pm – April 10 & 24, May 1, 15 & 22, June 5, 12 & 26.

Shotgun – Sunday evenings 7-9pm – April 10 & 24, May 1, 15 & 22, June 5, 12 & 26.

Shooting Sports Blue Ribbon Meetings – Something new for all Shooting Sports Projects. March 24, 6:30pm, topics will include great posters and auxiliary displays that pop, range etiquette and commands, how to work in shooter/coach pairs, and what to wear on the range. Meeting will take place at the Extension Office.

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 adult sewing partner. RSVP to 419-422-3851.

April 12 - Tips on How to Decorate a T-Shirt
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:

Club Financial Statements were due on January 31. We are still missing a few clubs. If your Club Financial Statement is not turned in, you are NOT a club in good standing. Please complete and turn them in ASAP. Nicole has emailed each of you who need to complete this. 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

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.

Save the Date on April 2 for the Hancock County 4-H Benefit Dinner. Thank you for purchasing your tickets. There are so many great items ready for the auction. The Endowment Committee selected items for the live auction last evening. Placemats are ready to be printed. Bid sheets are close behind. We are rapidly gearing up for a fun night.

4-H Camp Counselors have decided on a theme. *"Gettin' Wild Western Style"*. They are excited and planning and getting ready for you. Keep an eye out for updates. Camp will be June 25-29 this summer. Get your scholarship application completed and turned in. Camp registration will begin in May.

Camp Scholarship Applications are available. Camp scholarships are due April 15. Scholarships are available at <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/applications-and-forms>. Scroll down to April.

Academic Scholarships are available. The Academic Scholarship Application is made possible through the Hancock County 4-H Endowment Fund and the Hancock County Memorial Scholarship Fund AND the Denise Tebbe Memorial Scholarship Application made possible through the Denise Tebbe Memorial Scholarship Fund. They can be found at <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/applications-and-forms>. Scroll down to April. All scholarships are due April 15.

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.

Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser – We are excited to announce we are offering the Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser once again!! Club advisors can pick up packets for your clubs at the extension office. Pizza sales end April 11 so remember to ask your family and friends to help support Hancock County 4-H. Checks are to be made out to your club.

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.

LIVESTOCK:

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. Come to the Extension Office and complete your required orientation. Horse Council will follow at 7pm.

Quality Assurance will be held March 29 at Cory Rawson School and will begin at 7:00pm. All members with livestock projects are required to complete Quality Assurance. Get this date on your calendar. We are offering 2 sessions this year, March 29 at 7pm and June 4 time TBA.

YQCA: For those of you who have completed their Quality Assurance through the online platform and wish to continue to do so, it will be transitioning to a new platform. ONLY members age 12 as of January 1 and older may complete YQCA. In the past, this has been a \$12 course Please see the note below from Lizz Share with regards to the updates of YQCA.

Hello,

If you or family members have elected to use YQCA's online platform to complete your QA this year, we have some important updates:

- YQCA will be transitioning to a new platform. They are preparing for the move to the new platform which will launch on March 23, 2022!

What this means for youth that use YQCA to complete their 2022 QA requirement:

- Each youth that has a current and valid certification (taken from October 1, 2021 to now) will need to download their certificate **before March 23, 2022**.
- Instructions to download your certificate are attached.
- *If you plan to use YQCA but haven't purchased the course, please wait until March 23 when the new platform is launched.* A tour of the new and improved online experience can be found here: <https://yqcaprogram.org/#web>. More information can also be found at their new site: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

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Lamb and Wool Queen Application is available at <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/junior-fair> for those who are interested. Please read the application for requirements. Applications are due Monday, March 28 by 4pm to the Extension Office or the Senior Fair Office. Interviews will be held Sunday, April 3, before the banquet.

Have a great rest of your week and stay safe.