

4-H Focus Newsletter

Hancock County 4-H

April 2023



Hello 4-H Families!

4-H season is back and starting strong for 2023!
Welcome to all the NEW members and families!

As the weather will soon be full of sunshine,
something to keep in mind is using your hands to
larger service for project and planning.

“Spring is the time of plans and projects” – Leo Tolstoy

Our office wishes you the best! 😊



4-H Online Enrollment!

Hats off to all our 4-H families as our enrollment has ended and the numbers are in!... (drum roll) We have a total of 754 members and 144 volunteers enrolled in the 4-H program this year!



Rabbit Exhibitors

All rabbits going to the fair must be tattooed. We will be tattooing rabbits at the fair grounds on August 8 from 6-8 pm.

Remember that everyone must have a rabbit in their possession by June 1.

If you are taking a meat pen of three, these will not be born yet. Therefore, you will need another rabbit (project rabbit) in your possession on June 1.

Send a picture of that rabbit to Bev Welty (bcwelty@msn.com) by June 1, along with the tattoo number. You will also enter that rabbit and show it at the fair in order to complete your project.

Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser!

Shout out to all our clubs and members who sold pizza and cookie dough! We were able to sell 1215 kits resulting in total dollar amount sold of \$28,300.00. Which breaks down to clubs earning \$7,290.00. Advisors, watch your email for your invoice that will be due April 26.



Pick up will be May 2 from 4-6pm at the Legacy Building on the Fairgrounds. No early pick up.

Endowment/Benefit Dinner

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend the Endowment/ Benefit dinner! It was a wonderful evening for our 4-H community to come together and support our 4-H program. In total this year we were able to raise \$ 27,253.15!!

Thank you to each of our clubs for donating items for the silent and live auction.



EquiSTEP

Requirement for ALL Horse Exhibitors

EquiSTEP is an annual statewide requirement for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H/FFA Horse Program activities. EquiSTEP replaces the statewide requirement of reading the Horse, Safety, and You (191R) resource and viewing Every Time, Every Ride and Horses, Kids, and Ethics videos for youth and their families who are new to the 4-H horse program.

The EquiSTEP curriculum focuses on helmet safety, equine safety & handling, equine health & nutrition, and sportsmanship and is designed to rotate topic every year. EquiSTEP is designed to be completed online by each participant individually through Scarlet Canvas.

The link to enroll in/access EquiSTEP:
go.osu.edu/equistep/2023

Deadline and a copy of your certificate of completion is due to the extension office on June 1.

EquiSTEP must be completed before members start riding!



Transition into a new role

It is with great sadness to share the news that our office associate Nicole Hoffman will be transiting into a new office role working at the OSU Putnam County Extension Office starting May 1st. She will continue to work in our office one day a week until we are able to find a replacement.

In the meantime, please be patient with our office as we make this transition. We will soon be posting the job openings for program assistant and office associate.

We wish Nicole the absolute best in serving in her new role!

2023 Hancock County Camps!



OSU Extension Hancock County is excited to announce information about summer camps that will be open for youth enrolled in 4-H and for those looking for fun this summer!

4-H Camp Ohio:

4-H Camp Ohio in Louisville, Ohio

June 25-29, 2023

- Open to any child in 3rd-8th grade
- Early Bird Price \$200 for 4-H member
- Non- 4-H member is \$250
- After May 26, the price will be \$250.

Cloverbud Day Camp:

Hancock County Fairgrounds

June 8, 2023

- Open to any child K-2nd grade
- 9am-2pm with registration starting at 8:30am
- Price is \$25. After May 19, it is \$30 with no t-shirt guarantee

All camp information and registration will be available starting May 1

Red, White and Boom 5K!

The Hancock County Jr. Fairboard is having a 5K run, held July 3 at the fairgrounds.

The race will start at 10:00am. Use the link below to register.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?racelid=145536&eventId=712977>

More information or have questions be sure to contact Britta Fenstermaker.

Shining in the Show Ring!

This year at the fair we will be having a Shining in the Show ring event for kids with Developmental disabilities. This show will take place on Saturday, September 2, in the Recker Arena. Start time is 1pm.

Kids will be allowed to show Dairy Feeders, Rabbits, Chickens, or Goats.

If you are interested in being a mentor for the program, click on the link below for application or contact Britta. Mentors must be at least in the 5th grade and have taken the specific animal project for at least 2 years.

Important dates are also included in the form! Forms are due back by May 15. We will need to make sure we have enough mentors before we start accepting applications for the Showman/Exhibitor part.

Link: <https://form.jotform.com/230804996252158>

Important Dates:

April 23: Camp Counselor Meeting, 2-5pm

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April 30: Shooting Sports Meeting

May 2: Pizza Pick Up at the Fairgrounds

May 4: Sr. and Jr. Goat Council Meeting, 7pm

May 7: Shooting Sports Meeting

May 7: Dairy Beef Youth Boosters Meeting, 7pm

May 9: Sewing Clinic, 6-8pm

May 10: Horse Council Meeting, 7pm

May 19: Cloverbud Camp Applications Due

May 26: Early Bird Camp Registration Due



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Our office is always available to help answer any questions that you may have.

Please feel free to contact our office at (419) 422-3851. Our scheduled office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.