

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

January 25, 2023

Hello 4-H Families!

Happy Wednesday! Hopefully everyone is enjoying the snow fall that we have been experiencing today, and for all our 4-H members hopefully are also enjoying a day off from school!

Here are some fun facts about snow and snowflakes.. Did you know??

- Snowflakes have approximately 200 snow crystals
- Snowflakes also have six sides
- Snow falls at the speed of 3-4 miles an hour.
- Snow is not actually the color White

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January 25 State Achievement Forms Due

January 25 New Volunteer Applications due

January 28 Volunteer/Advisor Kickoff,
9:00am-12:00pm

January 31 Club Financial Forms Due

January 31 Safe Use of Guns for Women
MeetingFebruary 1 Volunteer/Advisor Kickoff,
6:00pm-8:00pm

February 2 Cloverbud Meeting, 6:15pm

February 5 Dairy Beef Youth Boosters
Meeting, 6:30pm

February 6 Club Audit Statements Due

PROJECT WORK:

4-H Calendar: The calendar is completed and ready for you! This can be found on our website under the Calendar tab.

4-H Online: It is time to start re-enrolling or enrolling for the new 4-H year!! Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. If you have any questions at all, please contact the office and we will be happy to assist you.

4-H Project Books: Effective immediately, all project books will now be \$8. Any other books, sold for more than the previous \$6, may or may not have changed in price. If you have questions, contact the office prior to purchasing, we accept cash or check.

OTHER NOTES:

Volunteer/Advisor Kickoff: Mark your calendars!! Dates are set for: Saturday, January 28 from 9-12 OR Wednesday, February 1 from 6-8. Both events will be held here at the extension office. Moving forward into 2023 it is now a mandatory state requirement for all volunteers and/or advisors to remain active and in good standing and MUST attend an annual training. The annual training must be a minimum of 2- hours, along with completing Policy 1.50 Youth Protection Training.

Cloverbud Training: Cloverbud training will be held at L.E.A.D. Conference. We ask that all new and returning Cloverbud volunteers attend. We want to make sure everyone is on the same page, share ideas, and be able to Cloverbud network to each of you.

Club Audit Statements: Organizational advisors please be sure to submit the needed information by February 6 at 4:00pm.

Volunteer Rescreening: Information has been sent out to those advisors that are needing to have an update completed. Be sure to submit your receipt for reimbursement to our office.

JUNIOR FAIR:

Horse Projects: DATE CHANGE!! The February Horse Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 22 at the Hancock County Senior Fair Office starting at 7:00pm.

EquiSTEPS: NEW for 2023!! Is a mandatory requirement for all horse club project members participating in the Hancock County Horse Program. The EquiSTEP certificate of completion is due to the Extension Office on June 1 at 4:00pm. The online training can be found at <http://go.osu.edu/equistep2023>.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Safe Use of Guns for Women: Safe Use of Guns for Women is an opportunity for you, our female community members, to find out about guns and explore how to safely use and store them. This program will be taught with the same safety information our 4-H members receive during their Safe Use of Guns training that is required before they can step on the range. This free program will explore the history and technology of guns in common use. You will also explore the proper

storage and transportation of guns and how to safely use them. If you are wondering if shooting sports might fit in your life, come, explore, and learn on January 31 at 7:00pm at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center.

Beekeeping Class: The Northwest Ohio Beekeeping Association will be hosting a 1-day class for those that are interested in getting started in beekeeping. This will take place Saturday, February 11 starting at 9:00am till 4:00pm at the Putnam County extension office. The cost is \$40.00. To learn more, contact our office.

4-H Endowment Auction: Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 1 (this is not an April fool's joke) as this will be an evening that we can all come together and celebrate the 4-H Community! Tickets will be \$25.00 a person and can be purchased at the extension office. Doors will open at 5:00pm with dinner to start at 6:00pm. Silent Auction tables will close at 6:30pm and the live auction will follow.

We are asking for help from each of our clubs in contributing the following items: 1 case of water, 3 silent auction items, and 1 coffee mug with NO lid. Items can be dropped off to the extension office by March 10.

Hockey Game: The Toledo Walleye will host the FIRST EVER 4H and FFA Nights this season! We are excited to have these organizations join us in the arena and would love your support in getting the word out to different clubs and chapters. These specialty nights will be held on Saturday, March 25th and Sunday, March 26th. A \$19 ticket allows groups to join in on an exclusive pregame open skate and group seating for the Walleye game. We also will be offering hotdog or pizza vouchers as well for an additional cost. To make your reservation, please email an estimated number of seats you would like us to hold for your group! A final number and payment will not be due until 2 weeks before your selected game. For clubs or chapters that do not want to book as a whole group I have created a link where families can purchase the discounted ticket separately. (<https://fevo.me/4h-ffa>) My name is Maddie Recker, and my number is (419) 725-9271. We hope to fill the arena with these wonderful youth organizations!

Saturday March 25th- \$19 ticket includes open Skate and Walleye Game

- Pregame open skate between 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Gates open at 6:00 pm
- Game starts at 7:15 pm

Sunday March 26th- \$19 ticket includes open Skate and Walleye Game

- Pregame open skate between 12:00 pm - 3:15 pm
- Gates open at 4:00 pm
- Game starts at 5:15 pm

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.

Have a great rest of your week! 😊