

Champaign County 4-H

Clover Communique

4-H News for Advisors, Members and Families



We sustain life.

Head Advisors: 2025 Club Paperwork is due no later than January 15th. If not received by deadline, the club is not permitted to continue club functions until in compliance. If you need the forms, [click here](#).

These are the forms you will need to complete and submit. Club Annual Report, Attendance Sheet, Financial Summary Report and ALL bank statements January 2025-December 2025.



Show clothes can be expensive. The **Clover Closet** is a program that will help provide show clothing to Junior Fair Exhibitors to use while showing at the fair.

How You Can Help

Donate gently used show clothing including, shirts, jeans, boots, shoes, belts, and other showing accessories. Washed items can be dropped in a dedicated bin at the Champaign County Extension Office. The Clover Closet will be open during skillathons and in the 4H activities building during the fair.

How It Works

Items in the Closet will be available for you to try on and used to show at the fair. Take what you need. When done, you can wash and donate back for someone else to use or keep. No questions asked. Let's all help one another out and participate in the Clover Closet program.

Program Coordinators: Myah Bandy and Eve Lamb



CLOVERBUD ADVISOR TRAINING

If plan to be a 4-H Cloverbud Advisor in 2026, you will need to attend one of the regular advisor trainings in addition to a CLOVERBUD Advisor training if you have not already done so in the past. Anyone working with Cloverbuds must go through the training at least one time. Cloverbud advisors are welcome to attend a session if you need a refresher course. Cloverbud advisors should be using the curriculum for Cloverbuds for their meetings or getting lessons approved from one of the county 4-H professionals.

A reminder that Cloverbud age is 5 and in Kindergarten to 8 years old and in the 2nd grade as of January 1st.

Become an Official 4-H Club Advisor in 2026

If you or someone you know would like to become a 4-H club advisor for 2026, the applications are available on the website, 4-H phone app, or you can pick up in the office. New advisors need to fill out an application, pass a BCI background check, attend 1 volunteer training, complete new volunteer training and Youth Activities and Program Policy online and have an interview with county 4-H Educator, Melinda Ryan. New volunteer applications are due no later than February 15th. If you have questions, please call feel free to email me at ryan.1608@osu.edu or call 937-772-6018. Additional details are in the application packet.

2026 VOLUNTEER TRAININGS

All Volunteers are required each year to attend one face-to-face volunteer development session, complete Youth Activities and Program Policy (aka 1.50): <https://go.osu.edu/YAP> Some of you will be notified that you will need fingerprints this year. Those emails will be going as soon as we receive the list. It should be before the end of the year. Please register for one of the sessions you will be attending no later than January 5,2026

January 15th

6pm

Extension Office

Dinner served

January 17th

9am

Extension Office

Breakfast served

January 26th

6pm

Extension Office

Snacks Available

February 24th

10am or 6pm

Extension Office

Snacks Available

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR TRAINING SESSION](#)

FINGERPRINTING AVAILABLE AT 5:15pm prior to January 15th training. Returning and new advisors needing fingerprints may get them done that evening.

Thanks to Champaign County Sheriff's Office for making this possible.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM POLICY.](#)

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New Volunteers will be sent online training link and contacted to schedule interview once we review application and proof of BCI background check (fingerprint) is done.

4-H ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

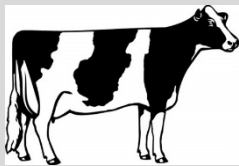
If you were a member last year and plan to enroll this year, you can do so by signing up at v2.4honline.com

If you forgot your password or email, contact the Extension office. PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT if someone in your family has been a member in the past.

New members can sign up by visiting the same website and creating a profile. If a new member has older siblings, DO NOT create new profile, you will just add them to your family.

If you are brand new to 4-H, attend your first meeting with your club and they will help you get enrolled.

If you have any questions, contact your 4-H Club advisor. If they are unable to assist, contact the Extension Office.



4-H PROJECT INFORMATION



DAIRY

DAIRY FEEDER CLINIC



Saturday, January 11, 2026

10:30am - 12:30pm

Rabbit Building

Champaign Co. Fairgrounds

OPEN TO ALL COUNTIES

Main Topics: Raising Healthy Dairy Feeders
Breed Characteristics
Feeds
Vaccination Schedule for County Calves
County Rule Updates
Quality Assurance 2026 Certification

Food Provided

Door Prizes

Two available door prizes for 1st year Champaign County Members Only.
\$300 worth of feed paid to feed supplier of choice.
Calf Hutch



Let's TACOabout 4-H FUN NIGHT

Sunday, January 25, 4pm

Come on out to the fairgrounds for friends, family and fun for 4-H families and potential new families.

4pm Doors Open

4:30pm 4-H Award Presentations: 1st, 5th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th year members recognized.

Honor Clubs Recognized

Honor Award Members Recognized

4-H Boy and Girl of the Year

5:15pm-8pm – **BRING YOUR FRIENDS TO TACOabout 4-H.**

Door Prizes

FUN

Dancing

FREE FAMILY FUN

Taco Bar

Friends

Photo Booth

DJ

Explore Projects and Clubs

Relay Fun

STEM Bus



Hands on Activities

If your club or council would like to set up a booth during the fun night, Please email ryan.1608@osu.edu



Upcoming 4-H Events



January 2026

2	Sr. Fairboard Meeting	7pm	Fairgrounds
3	Champaign Co Flea Market & Antique	8am-4pm public hours	Fairgrounds
4	Champaign Co Flea Market & Antique	9am-3pm public hours	Fairgrounds
(Assignments both days : Horses– gates : Counselors – 4-H Café : 4-H Youth Board – General Management)			
4	Jr. FB Meeting	6pm	Fairgrounds
5	4-H Committee Meeting	5:30pm	Ext. Office
5	Jr. Rabbit/Cavy Council Meeting	6pm	Ext. Office
5	Sr. Rabbit/Cavy Council Meeting	7pm	Ext. Office
6	Sheep Council Meeting	6pm	Ext. Office
9	Jr. Dairy Council Clinic Set-up	6pm	Fairgrounds
10	Dairy Feeder Clinic (see flyer for details)	11am	Fairgrounds
11	Goat Council Meeting (All)	6pm	Ext. Office
12	Jr. Poultry Council Meeting	6:30pm	Ext. Office
13	Poultry Council Meeting	7pm	Ext. Office
14	Horse Advisor Meeting	6pm	Ext. Office
14	Jr. Dairy Council	6pm	Ext. Office
14	Jr. Horse Council	7pm	Ext. Office
January 15 – ALL CLUB PAPERWORK DUE FROM 2022			
15	Fingerprint Session (volunteers)	5:15pm	Ext. Office
15	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Training RSVP	6pm	Ext. Office
17	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast & Training RSVP	6pm	Ext. Office
18-19	Counselor Overnighter	3pm – 9am	Ext. Office
19 Extension Office Closed – Holiday			
23	Volunteer dinner and training	6:00pm	Ext. Office
25	Let's Taco bout 4-H Fun Night (RSVP)	4pm-8pm	Fairgrounds
26	Annual Volunteer Training – RSVP	6:00pm	Ext. Office
29	Camp Board Meeting	6:30pm	Camp Clifton



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February 2026

Date			
2	Jr. Rabbit/Cavy Council Meeting	6pm	Ext. Office
2	Sr. Rabbit/Cavy Council Meeting	7pm	Ext. Office
3	Sheepman's Meeting	6pm	Ext Office
5	Sr. Fairboard Meeting	7pm	Fairgrounds
6	Champaign Co Flea Market & Antique	8am-4pm public hours	Fairgrounds
7	Champaign Co Flea Market & Antique	9am-3pm public hours	Fairgrounds
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9	Dairy Council Meeting	7:00pm	Ext. Office
11	Horse Advisor Meeting	6pm	Ext. Office
11	Jr. Dairy Council	6pm	Ext. Office
11	Jr. Horse Council	7pm	Ext. Office
12	Mechanicsburg Carnival Health Fair	5-7pm	Mechanicsburg
February 15 – NEW ADVISOR APPLICATIONS DUE			
16	Discover 4-H Day	10am-3pm	Ext Office
21	OH-QA Train the Trainer (for club advisors – see flyer)	9am	Licking Co
21	Road Sign Auction (Jr. Fair Board)	TBA	Fairgrounds
22	Camp Counselor Training	1p-3p	Ext. Office
22	Sheep Clinic & Quality Assurance Training	4:30pm	Fairgrounds
24	Cloverbud Volunteer Training	9am or 5pm	Ext. Office
24	Volunteer Training	10am or 6pm	Ext. Office





Upcoming 4-H Events

March 2026

1	Camp Counselor Training (By Committees)	1pm-6pm	Ext. Office
1	Jr. FB Meeting	6pm	Fairgrounds
1	4-H MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER DEADLINE (4honline.com)		
2	4-H Committee Meeting	5:30pm	Ext. Office
2	Jr. Rabbit/Cavy Council Meeting	6pm	Ext. Office
2	Sr. Rabbit/Cavy Council Meeting	7pm	Ext. Office
3	Sheep Council Meeting	6pm	Ext. Office
5	Sr. Fairboard Meeting	7pm	Fairgrounds
7	Champaign Co Flea Market & Antique	8am-4pm public hours	Fairgrounds
8	Champaign Co Flea Market & Antique	9am-3pm public hours	Fairgrounds
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9	Goat Committee Chairs Only	5:30am	Ext. Office
10	Jr. Poultry Council Meeting	6:30pm	Ext. Office
10	Poultry Council Meeting	7pm	Ext. Office
11	Horse Advisor Meeting	6pm	Ext. Office
11	Jr. Dairy Council	6pm	Ext. Office
11	Jr. Horse Council	7pm	Ext. Office
14	Goat Clinic & Quality Assurance	10am	Fairgrounds
15	Lamb Banquet	5pm	Ext. Office
16	Pork Banquet	6:30pm	Ext. Office
21	Ohio 4-H Conference	8a-5pm	Columbus Convention Center
28	Horse Tack Sale	9a-3p	Fairgrounds





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APRIL 2026

1	Goat Council Meeting	7pm	Ext. Office
1	4-H Enrollment Fees Due		
2	Sr. Fairboard Meeting	7pm	Fairgrounds
4	Easter Egg Hunt	12pm	Fairgrounds (horse area)
6	Jr. Rabbit/Cavy Council Meeting	6pm	Ext. Office
6	Sr. Rabbit/Cavy Council Meeting	7pm	Ext. Office
8	Horse Advisor Meeting	6pm	Ext. Office
8	Jr. Dairy Council	6pm	Ext. Office
8	Jr. Horse Council	7pm	Ext. Office
11	Scramble Pig Pick-up	8 am	Fairgrounds
11	Performance Pig Weigh-ins	8:30am-11am	Fairgrounds
12	Rabbit/Cavy Clinic	4pm	Ext. Office
13	Dairy Council Meeting	7pm	Ext. Office
18	Tack Sale – Jr. Horse Council	TBA	Fairgrounds
21	Quality Assurance Training	6pm	Ext. Office
23	Quality Assurance Training	6pm	Ext. Office
25	Poultry Clinic	9am	Ext. Office
26	Camp Counselor Training	1p-3p	Ext. Office





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