



**4-H UPDATE**

**Monday  
October 12, 2020**



*Happy Monday,*

*I hope that everyone enjoyed the beautiful weekend weather and took time to notice the array of colors outdoors. As you know the Extension Office is open 8-4:30 M-F now with limited staffing in the office, but we are all still working from home offices and available via phone. We are putting together a yearly calendar for each family again this year. Hope to have those ready to distribute in December. If you have pictures to share for the calendar, please send those to [knowles.104@osu.edu](mailto:knowles.104@osu.edu).*

*Thought for the week: Be Kind, Work Hard, Stay Humble,*

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**A HUGE, HUGE THANK YOU TO:**

LANDREE BACHER, MALYNN BACHER, KENNEDY MOORE, CAMERON MOORE, DAVID MOORE, EMMA MOORE, JASALYN SARTIN, TYLER BARTHAUER, OWEN MCGUIRE, JEFF KIZER, ANDY DETWILER, DENNIS KAUFFMAN for taking time to help tear down all the goat pens in the goat barn. A desperate call for help went out and these amazing volunteers stepped up!! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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**ATTENTION CLUB ADVISORS**

As we work to start 2021, we need to know if you will be having a club in 2021 and if you are accepting new members. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you are staying on as an advisor and that your club will take new members. We do compile a list of clubs, head advisors, phone numbers and types of projects in your club to distribute to new potential members.

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## NEW THIS YEAR

This year we will not be able to get in the schools to recruit as normal so we need current members to encourage your friends to join 4-H in 2021. If a member recruits a 1<sup>st</sup> time ever 4-H member and the new member completes their project and the 4-H year, the recruiting member will receive \$5 back for each new recruit with a maximum refund of \$25 (same as membership for year). Membership recruitment incentives will be sent out the end of August. New members must specify on their enrollment form who recruited them in order for current member to get credit and their incentive.

Membership fees will stay at \$25 for 2021, however each member will receive 1 project book included in their membership. Additional project books may still be purchased. Livestock projects will require packets this year and need to be turned in no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> for credit in completing project and eligible to take project next year. Packets will be available December 1, 2020.

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## MOVING FORWARD

As we move into fall 4-H club meetings and activities, the [Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-Person Meetings & Events](#) has been updated to reflect current guidance from Ohio State University and health officials. Please remember:

- **Hosting virtual meetings and events is preferred- Champaign County Adult Specie Committee Meetings will remain virtual till at least January 1.**
- If activities are critical/essential and are in-person, they must be education-focused
- Group cannot be larger than 50 people, including adults, youth, presenters, etc.
- Face masks are required inside and outside at all times
- Potlucks and buffets are not permitted

Find details and updated guidelines at

[Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-Person Meetings & Events](#)  
effective September 1, 2020

### **4-H Club Fund Raising and Community Service Guidance**

Please review the document below for guidance when planning 4-H club fund raisers or service project. The Ohio 4-H Planning Guide listed above is still in effect.

[4-H Club Fund Raising and Community Service Guidance - effective October 8, 2020](#)

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EASY WAY TO GET DIRECTLY TO 4-H ON WEBSITE

**GO.OSU.EDU/CHAMP4H**

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**JUNIOR FAIR BOARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

If you are a 4-H or FFA member in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade you are eligible to apply. Deadline to have applications to Amy Metz, Junior Fair Board Advisor is October 20<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out.

[Click here for JFB application](#)

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**CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

Interested in growing your leadership skills? Like working with younger youth as a mentor and role model? Want to gain working skills to benefit you in future jobs? Then camp counseling may be for you. Even if you have never been to camp, you can still apply. There are positions for Cloverbud Day Camp, Overnight 4-H Camp Counselor and Counselor in Training (CIT) positions.

[Click here for counselor application](#)

Those applying to be counselors, please read all information carefully and submit required information to be eligible for one of the counselor positions.

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**GOOD NEWS FOR NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS**

Many of you were disappointed that we were unable to judge projects this year. The quick change in judging made it difficult to find judges. Many felt that they could not fairly judge projects without seeing projects in person, especially the clothing and quilting projects. It was not an easy decision nor desired to do how we had to do things, but under the circumstances, everyone did a great job!!

The good news. The State is allowing anyone who did a non-livestock project in 2020 can carry that project forward to 2021. All of your hard work will be judged and have an opportunity to go to State Fair in 2021.

When you sign up for projects for 2021 in 4-H on-line, be sure to leave 2020 project listed and simply add your new projects for 2021. This will allow you to have both year's projects eligible for judging next summer.

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## SENIOR SPECIE ORGANIZATIONS

The following links are for the meetings. You can use the same link each month. The meetings are open to Champaign County 4-H Advisors and parents of 4-H members interested in being involved in a particular specie group to assist in running events, working to make the program better and focusing on what is best for youth and their projects. The specie groups are part of the OSU Extension 4-H Program and **WE ALWAYS WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS**. It has been a common discussion amongst committees that the current volunteers are not getting any younger and the encourage and want new, younger volunteers to step in and be involved to take over so others can retire.

4-H Committee – Next Meeting December 14, 2020 5:00pm. If you wish or know of someone who would like to be part of the 4-H Committee, contact Melinda Ryan with your nomination for 2021.

[4-H Committee Members Click Here for Meetings](#)

Dairy Council – Next Meeting October 12, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Dairy Meetings](#)

Rabbit and Cavy Council – Next Meeting November 2, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Rabbit and Cavy Meetings](#)

Poultry Council – Next Meeting October 13, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Poultry Meetings](#)

Goat Council – Next Meeting October 14, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Goat Council Meetings](#)

Horse Council – Next Meeting January 6, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Horse Advisor Meetings](#)

Pork Council and Cattlemen's are separate entities not under the OSU 4-H Umbrella. We will announce their meetings when we receive information.

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**DON'T FORGET - Thank You Notes**

If you haven't already, be sure to send thank you notes to trophy and award sponsors, sale buyers and supporters, and anyone else who you feel helped you with your projects this year. Could be your parents or an advisor. It gets harder and harder each year to get people to donate and sponsor awards and the sale because they get frustrated in not receiving a simple Thank you note. Handwritten are the best. Our community helped support your project, now let's support them in our community. If you need help, have questions, need an address, or not sure who you need to send to, feel free to contact the Extension Office. We are here to help!!

Your 4-H County Extension team,

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