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## HOT TOPICS!

2023 Poultry Order  
Forms are due  
February 3, 2023!



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# FYF: For Your Fridge

February 2023 - Mercer County 4-H Newsletter

Dear 4-H Families -

Many times I will hear- "The winter is probably pretty quiet for you". WRONG! It's the time to plan, brainstorm, and organize all the big events for summer. So many details and projects come together this time of year.

Advisors are also busy and clubs are in full swing. Be sure stay in tune and up to date by reading all the information that comes for our office and from your club.

If you are feeling lost or disconnected, with a new project or any part of 4-H, be sure to reach out to your club advisor or to our office! Maybe your family just needs to communicate with a veteran family to hear some helpful advice. We are here to help and if we can't – we will connect you with someone who can.

Beth



## 2023 4-H Enrollment – Now Open!

4-H online enrollment for members is open! **The direct link for enrollment is:**

<http://v2.4honline.com>

Information on how to enroll, helpful tips, videos and a step-by-step guide are available on our website:

<https://go.osu.edu/enrollmentinformation>.

**Enrollment deadline is March 1, 2023.** *Your club advisor may set an earlier date for your enrollment to be entered based on your club requirements.*

Once your enrollment has been approved, you will not be able to make any changes to your account – all project changes will need to be made by contacting Erica ([bowers.360@osu.edu](mailto:bowers.360@osu.edu)) by April 1, 2023 (Drop/Add Deadline)





## Project Central

Ohio State University Extension

### 4-H Project Central & New Project Books

Have you selected your 4-H project for 2023 yet? Struggling for ideas? Check out Project Central for previews on all Ohio 4-H project books. It's a great tool - and you can also read what others have to say about projects too. <https://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/>

#### 476 Cooking on My Own

- Full-color, completely revised version of *You're the Chef*.
- Members become confident and independent in the kitchen by expanding their cooking skills.
- Youth step up and prepare meals for themselves and maybe even for their families!
- Advanced level. State fair eligible.

#### 360 Your Feelings Matter

- Members explore what emotions are, how to express them, and how to react to them in a positive way.
- Hands-on activities are fun and demonstrate how manage emotional situations.
- Beginning level. State fair eligible.

#### 509 Robotics Essentials

- Replaces *Robotics with EV3*.
- Members learn what a robot is, how to build one, and how to program it.
- Includes option for two recommended platforms: LEGO® Spike Prime or VEX®
- A computer for running the programming software and internet access for watching videos are required.
- Intermediate level. State fair eligible.

#### 544 Ready, Set, . . . Mow!

- Members learn the ins and outs of operating a lawn mower, whether it's push, riding, or zero-turn.
- Safety is first. Included is everything from knowing a mower's parts to dressing for success.
- Also included are tips for mowing and maintenance.
- Advanced level. State fair eligible.

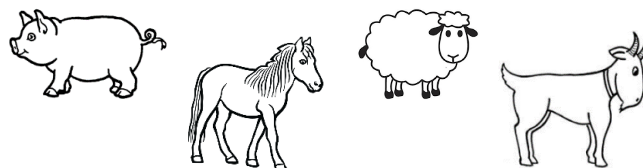
### Livestock Identification Dates – Mark your Calendars!

Sheep and Goats – April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

Hogs – due May 31<sup>st</sup>

Horse – due May 1<sup>st</sup>

These exhibitors will receive information via mail and email after the March 1 enrollment deadline.



### Quality Assurance Requirement

**What is QA?** The QA program is intended to provide information and knowledge surrounding the quality and care of livestock for 4-H and FFA members. It is mandated by OSU and ODA is a Jr. Fair requirement.

**Who needs to attend?** All livestock members exhibiting a market animal (large and small) must attend a training or test out option if age eligible.

#### Quality Assurance Test Out Options:

Monday, March 20 - 6:00 PM

Tuesday, March 21 - 6:00 PM

#### Quality Assurance Training Options:

Monday, March 20 - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 21 - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 19 – 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 20 – 7:00 PM

**More information regarding QA will be mailed and emailed to members after the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Please be sure to mark these dates on your calendar in the meantime.**

### Horse Exhibitors



Did you get the email from our office with important horse updates? If not – be sure to let us know so we can get that information to you!

## Outstanding Senior 4-H Member Scholarship

The Outstanding Senior 4-H Member Scholarship, sponsored by the Mercer County 4-H Committee, is now available. Applications are due **March 1, 2023.**

Visit our website for more details and to access the application -  
<https://go.osu.edu/teengroups>



## 2023 Harbor Point 4-H Camp

Camp counselors and staff have already begun training and planning for the 2023 Harbor Point 4-H camps! Do you have it marked on your calendar?



**Cloverbud Day Camp** – Wednesday, May 31

**Week One Overnight Camp** – Tuesday, June 6 to Friday, June 9

**Week Two Overnight Camp** – Monday, June 12 to Thursday, June 15

Registration information will be released in the spring.

**CFAES**

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### 2023 Ohio 4-H Club Officer Training

**Date:**  
Feb 27, 2023

**4-H Club Officers**



**4-H Officer Sessions**  
**4-H Club Volunteer Leaders**  
**President/Vice President**  
**Treasurer**  
**Secretary**  
**Health & Safety**  
**Recreation**  
**Community Service**  
**\*Public Relations**

\* Social media, communications, news reporter

#### DATE:

Feb 27, 2023  
Monday

#### TIME:

7:00 – 8:30 pm

**Deadline to Register:**  
Feb 24, 2023



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
EXTENSION

Ohio 4-H presents

## 4-H Club Officer Training - Virtual

4-H youth and adult volunteers are invited to participate in a virtual 4-H Club Officer training.

Register at: <https://go.osu.edu/officer>

- This link will take you to the Ohio 4-H Officers resource page. Find the officer position you are interested in and click on that specific link to register.
- An email confirmation with zoom link will be sent at completion of registration.
- Save the email with zoom link
- Registration Deadline: February 24, 2023
- All sessions start at 7:00 pm. The zoom link will open at 6:45 pm.



#### Proof of Attendance:

- At the end of officer session, participants will be given a link to complete a brief evaluation. Once completed, an email stating proof of completion will be sent.

#### Recording of Training Sessions:

- Session leaders have been asked to record their training sessions. Recordings will be posted at: <https://go.osu.edu/officer>

**Questions:** Teresa Johnson, 4-H Educator: email: [johnson.1389@osu.edu](mailto:johnson.1389@osu.edu)



CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis. For more information: [go.osu.edu/cfaesdiversity](http://go.osu.edu/cfaesdiversity).

*If you are a Jr. Fair Award sponsor – you should have received your 2023 Award & Sponsorship letter in the mail this week. Reach out to our office if you didn't receive yours or if you have questions.*



## FAST FACTS... MERCER COUNTY 4-H



Have you read over our FAST FACTS flyer?



There is a lot of helpful information for new and returning families in it!

<https://go.osu.edu/howtojoin4h>

Check it out today!

