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**Online 4-H
Enrollment
deadline is
March 1, 2021 –
enroll today!**

**Be sure to follow us
on Facebook for
enrollment contests
and giveaways!**

FYF: For Your Fridge

January 2021 - Mercer County 4-H Newsletter

Dear 4-H Families,

As we move forward with the 2021 4-H program year, we still need to remember the guidelines set forth by The Ohio State University for the health and safety of our 4-H families, members and advisors. We know that everyone is ready to get back to some “normalcy”, but we are going to continue to be grateful for the things we can control. We have seen lots of great Facebook challenges, zoom meetings, and other creative ways that clubs are staying connected. This newsletter also releases some dates and information about 2021 county wide activities. More information and details will be released closer to events and once decisions have been finalized.

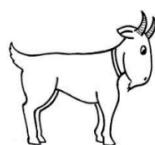
As always, thanks to our volunteers, parents, and members that have continued to stay with us under these unique circumstances.

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In-person Meetings and Events Guidance and Requirements as of 01/16/2021

- Hosting virtual meetings and events is preferred
- 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.
- This directive is dependent on local health department guidelines.
- The group size may need to be reduced to 10 (or other amount), based on directives from your local health department.
- 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](#)

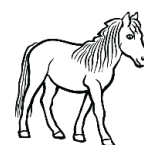
Livestock Identification Dates



Sheep and Goats – April 30th and May 1st

Hogs – due May 28th

Horse – due April 30th



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

2021 4-H Enrollment – Now Open!

4-H online enrollment for members is open! You may notice the change in the layout from previous years as we have migrated to an updated and more user/mobile friendly enrollment database, but the content and log-in process have remained the same.

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, 2021. *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) by April 1, 2021 (Drop/Add Deadline)



Project Central

Ohio State University Extension

4-H Project Central & New Project Books

Have you selected your 4-H project for 2021 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/>

New Ohio 4-H Projects in 2021

Check out these new projects for 2021!

- Medicine Science and Safety
- Tracking Your Health and Fitness
- Amateur Radio Idea Starter
- Get Started with Composting Idea Starter
- Paddle Water Sports Idea Starter
- Here, There, Ag Careers Everywhere
- Explore Polar Science
- Edible Landscapes



2021 Livestock Quality Assurance

The 2021 Livestock Quality Assurance Dates have been set!

This year, there will be in-person Quality Assurance training and Zoom options. First year members must attend an in-person session.

Test Out options will only be in-person for those age eligible.

An official letter will be sent via mail to the exhibitors who will need to fulfill this requirement after the March 1st enrollment deadline.

QA Training Zoom Options	Tuesday, February 16 7pm Monday, February 22 7pm
Test Out Option Junior Fair Building Age 12-18	Monday, March 15 6pm and 7pm Tuesday, March 16 6pm and 7pm
QA Training – In Person Options Junior Fair Building	Monday, March 22 7pm Tuesday, March 23 7pm Wednesday, April 21 7pm Thursday, April 22 7pm

Auction Update - Partial Non-Terminal Auction

Starting in 2021, The Mercer County Jr. Fair Livestock Auction will be a partial non-terminal auction - except for Grand and Reserve Champions of each species. This change was voted on by the Mercer County Senior Fair Board. The auction and loading out process is the same as previous years – unless you want a different option for your own processing choice. Please see those details below.

As in years past - exhibitors will have the option to send their animals to market on the packers trailer or Winners/Greens trailers (if a harvest date is scheduled with them for that day). If you have a later harvest date, a different processor or plan to butcher at home you will be responsible for the transportation of the animal(s) off the fairgrounds.

There will be time frames set up for each load out option during the fair. The logistics of timing and informing the auction committee of your decision will be announced closer to the fair.



2021 Harbor Point 4-H Camp



Week One - June 8 – June 11

Week Two - June 14 - June 17

The vision of how camp will look in 2021 has not been determined by OSU yet. Counselors are starting training sessions and we hope to have more direction from the state office around April 1. We miss our campers and hope to see them in some capacity this summer!

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, 2021**.

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



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Kids-4-Cooking Take Home Edition!



Be on the lookout for the next edition of Kids-4-Cooking Take Home Edition in **February!**

Poultry Orders – Due February 12th

2021 Poultry Exhibitors - check your email for an important update regarding ordering chicks for your 4-H poultry project. If you are a first year member - reach out to your advisor or the Extension Office for more details if you didn't receive the email.

