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HOT TOPICS!

4-H Coloring Contests!

Entries are due by March 1. Contests for Cloverbuds and members 3rd grade and up!



Visit our website for more details!

FYF: For Your Fridge

November 2018 Mercer County 4-H Newsletter

Dear Members and Advisors:

Welcome to another year with the Mercer County 4-H program! Thank you for choosing 4-H for your family. I cannot count the number of ways 4-H has had a positive impact on my life and other youth involved in 4-H. In the three years being the 4-H Educator at Mercer County, it has been amazing to watch our youth grow and the influence they make on our community. I have watched timid teens turn into confident leaders on the Junior Fairboard and Camp Counselor staff. Our 4-H clubs continue to find new leadership, community service, and volunteer opportunities. Our 4-H program is making huge strides and I cannot wait to see what 2019 will bring!

I challenge you to make the most of this 4-H year. Encourage your children to try a new project, participate in the Demonstration Contest or Model Review, or volunteer for a committee at their club meetings. Parents, we need you too! Volunteer for a shift at skillathon, offer your talents at camp, or take a small role at your child's 4-H meetings.

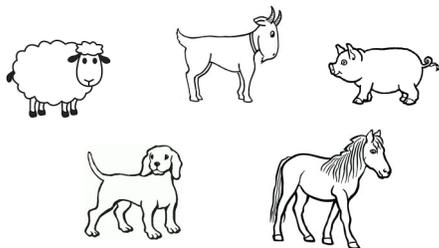
Remember the Extension Office is always here for you and happy to answer any questions you might have.

Best of luck this 4-H year!

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Livestock ID/ Permission Information

All Market Goat, Sheep and Swine, Horse and Dog members will be mailed information regarding 2019 Identification procedures in March. Be sure to keep an eye on your mail when those dates get closer!

Our goal is to keep our website full of information and updated with paperwork. If you lose something or want additional copies, try looking on our website to see if you can find it there:

<http://mercercounty.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development>

Also, have you seen our weekly #tuesdaytidbits on Facebook? We pass along friendly reminders and information each week to our 4-H families and community followers:

<https://www.facebook.com/mcoho4h/>

Email Communication

We utilize email in our office for communication to our 4-H families because it's fast and cost efficient for our program.

When working on your online enrollment, be sure to provide an email that is frequently checked. We will not send unnecessary emails or share your email with other agencies.

What type of things are sent? Our "For Your Fridge" newsletter, updated rules and deadlines, registration and contest papers, and individual family questions. If you are not receiving emails from our office, please check your spam folder and contact our office. Do not be left out of the loop!

Enrollment

This year, we are moving to online enrollment for 4-H members. We have provided step-by-step directions for this process. Please review that document because they are few steps you will not want to miss.

Please note that our county deadline is March 1. *Some clubs may chose an earlier deadline for paperwork purposes.*

If you have, questions or difficulties with the process do not be afraid to reach out to our office.



Kids-4-Cooking

New this year, Beth and other teen leaders will be leading a fun, interactive cooking class for 3rd-5th graders.



Classes start in January - registration and more details will be released on our website and Facebook soon.

The following 4-H project books are being revised:

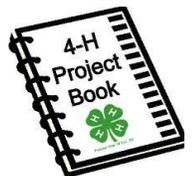
- Ready, Set, Sew Active! (formerly Active Sportswear)
- Terrific Tops (formerly Tops for Tweens)
- Take a Break for Breakfast (formerly Fast Break for Breakfast)
- Outdoor Adventure: Intermediate Fishing (formerly Fishing for the Intermediate)
- Growing with the Seasons

New in 2019:

- 182 Small Equine
- 365.15 Music Idea Starter
- 365.31 Crop Production Idea Starter
- 593 Seeing Through Graphic Design
- 612 Geology: Can You Dig It?
- 757 Crossbow Member Record Book

Discontinued:

- Writing and Reporting for Teens
- Play the Role
- Set the Stage



Looking for a holiday stocking stuffer? Need a last minute Christmas idea?

2019 4-H Camp Gift certificates are available!
Visit the Extension Office to purchase yours today!

Mark Your Calendars!

The calendar is included in your family packets. Please make note on your families schedules the dates for Quality Assurance, project judging and livestock skillathons. We understand that calendars fill quickly - family vacations, work, and other commitments needs to fit schedules also.

This year all livestock exhibitors will attend the same trainings. There is no separate Quality Assurance for rabbits and poultry. Additional information for those projects will be given at their workshops or clinics. More information about Quality Assurance will be sent via mail to those who need to attend.

A huge part of the learning experience of 4-H is attending regular judging sessions. Our members learn great life skills from completing an interview and gain confidence in their public speaking skills. Although members do complete their project at early and final judging - the experience is not the same and they are also not state fair eligible.