



# FYF: For Your Fridge

November 2019 - Mercer County 4-H Newsletter

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Dear Members and Advisors:

It's the start of the 2020 4-H season and my fourth year with the Mercer County 4-H Program! It does not seem like 4 years ago, I was introducing myself and learning the ropes of our program. That is because I love my job and the youth and families I work with every day!

Please take time to review all the materials in the newsletter. We have updates and changes for the "old traditional" events and announcement for new things for 2020. Some dates may seem a little different, because I will be on maternity leave with Baby Guggenbiller #3 starting in February. Erica Bowers will be available during that time to answer questions regarding enrollment, camp, and other 4-H questions. Erica Stammen, our student employee, will carry on with after school camps and planning new things for the summer.

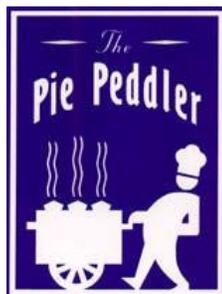
Please feel free to reach out via email, phone, or stop by to share ideas, concerns, or suggestions for the 2020 4-H program year.

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## HOT TOPICS!

Does your club participate in the county wide pie fundraiser? See your advisor for more information!



### 4-H Member Enrollment

4-H enrollment will be done through 4HOnline by each family. We had great success last year with very few issues – we are confident this year will be the same!

By allowing you access, you can update your club, project and personal information. This will ensure that you are properly enrolled in the county program and receive important news and updates such as newsletters, deadlines information and other opportunities.

Information on how to enroll, helpful tips and step by step guides and videos are available on our website: <https://go.osu.edu/enrollmentinformation>. **Enrollment deadline is March 2, 2020!**

**4HOnline**<sup>SM</sup>  
4-H Enrollment and Event Registration



- **Cloverbud Camp**  
Thursday, May 28
- **Week One Harbor Point 4-H Camp**  
Tuesday, June 2 to Friday, June 5
- **Week Two Harbor Point 4-H Camp**  
Monday, June 8 – Thursday, June 11
- **Food & Nutrition Project Judging**  
Tuesday, July 7
- **Special Interest & Cloverbud Project Judging**  
Wednesday, July 8
- **Livestock Skillathon**  
Thursday, July 9
- **Shooting Sports Project Judging**  
Thursday, July 9

### Mark Your Calendars!

We understand that calendars fill quickly - family vacations, work, and other commitments need to fit schedules, but please make note on your families schedules the dates for Quality Assurance, project judging and livestock skillathons. ***For 2020, judging week falls right after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week – so be sure to take that into consideration as you work on schedules.***

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 final judging - the experience is not the same and they are also not state fair eligible.

**New in 2020** – If you are unable to make it to your regular scheduled judging day - there are two options for Final Judging, but ***no Early Judging option in 2020:***

#### Final Judging # 1:

Wednesday, July 15 9:00 – Noon

#### Final Judging # 2:

Wednesday, July 22 9:00 - 4:00



# 4-H CAMP SCOOP

Summer camp fun is currently being planned for our 4-H member's age 9-13 years old! Registration materials will be available from 4-H club advisors and at the Extension Office in early April. Registration forms will also be posted on the Extension Office website at [mercero.su.edu](http://mercero.su.edu) and Facebook page. Register early before camp is filled!

- Harbor Point 4-H Camp is located on Grand Lake just east of Celina.
- The camp is planned by a group of trained teen 4-H members who volunteer to serve as camp counselors. The 4-H Extension Staff, along with many adult 4-H volunteers, also provide assistance. Overnight security is provided by the Mercer County Sheriff's Department.
- Campers will receive a packet of information regarding camp activities, crafts, morning workshops, packing list, health form and other important things they need to know to prepare for their 4-H camping experience.

#### 2020 Camp Dates:

Cloverbud Camp –  
Thursday, May 28

Week One Camp –  
Tuesday, June 2 to  
Friday, June 5

Week Two Camp –  
Monday, June 8 to  
Thursday, June 11



Below are some important dates and events especially for our cloverbud members!

**Cloverbud Day Camp  
Thursday, May 28 10am-3pm**

This one day camp is held at our county 4-H camp, Harbor Point, located on the north side of Grand Lake, just east of Celina. Campers will partake in games, crafts, water activities, song, a picnic lunch and a snack.

**Cloverbud Show and Tell  
Wednesday, July 8**

All Cloverbuds are encouraged to take part in the Cloverbud Show and Tell at the Junior Fair Building at the Fairgrounds. At this activity, you will bring something that you have made and tell an adult all about this item. This is a stepping stone activity to help our members prepare for project judging in 4-H. For their efforts, he or she will receive a rosette ribbons to place on their item and display it at the fair.

**Mode Review - Sunday, August 16**

Cloverbuds are also encouraged to join in the fun at the Model Review that is held during the Fair. He or she may model anything – such as a stuffed animal, a photo, your favorite book, a fishing pole – anything you like!

**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!

**Livestock Quality Assurance**

Livestock Quality Assurance Training is mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and is requirement for all Jr. Fair livestock exhibitors.

Members exhibiting market steers, hogs, lambs, goats, rabbits, turkeys, broilers, lactating goats and dairy cattle must participate in a Quality Assurance program or test out of the program **prior to June 14, 2020.**

Members, ages 8 to 11 (as of January 1 of the current year), must attend a Quality Assurance program. There is not a test out option at this age. **Members enrolled for the first time in a Quality Assurance required project, must have a parent attend a Quality Assurance program with them.**

Members, ages 12-14, can test out of Quality Assurance for up to three years. This means a child who passes the Quality Assurance test would not have to take the test again until they reach the 15-18 age division. Members, ages 15-18, can test out of Quality Assurance permanently.

**Quality Assurance Testing and Training dates:**

**Tuesday, January 21**

- Testing 6:00 PM Kenn Feld Community Center, Fairgrounds
- Training 7:00 PM Junior Fair Building, Fairgrounds

**Thursday, January 23**

- Testing 6:00 PM Kenn Feld Community Center, Fairgrounds
- Training 7:00 PM Junior Fair Building, Fairgrounds

**Monday, May 4**

- Training ONLY 7:00 PM Junior Fair Building, Fairgrounds

**Wednesday, May 6**

- Training ONLY 7:00 PM Junior Fair Building, Fairgrounds

**If you are unable to attend the dates listed above – it is your responsibility to secure a date/time to attend Quality Assurance in another county.**

More information will be mailed directly to livestock exhibitors soon!



**92 Around the Globe** – 4-H members curious about other countries can learn more with close-ups of Ghana, Kosovo, Nicaragua and South Korea.

*Intermediate level, state fair eligible.*

## 2020 Ohio 4-H Publications: What's New?

**365.11 Camp Counseling**

**365.30 String Art**

Use with Self-Determined Project Guide. *All levels, state fair eligible.*



**750 Rifle Member Record Book, 753 Pistol Member Record Book, 751 Archer Member Record Book** – In addition to record keeping pages, these revised record books require a commitment to safety and completion of activities about goals, range rules and more. *State fair eligible. All levels, although participants must be 9 as of January 1 of current year.*

**758 4-H Western Heritage Project:** Youth Activity Guide Levels 1-3 4-H members learn about 19<sup>th</sup> century firearms, frontier clothing, and the true lifestyles of those who lived in the Old West.

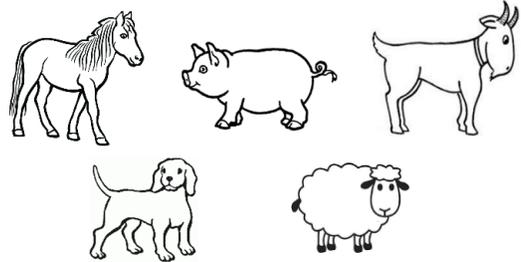
*Beginner level, state fair eligible.*



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

2020 4-H Camp Gift certificates are available!  
Visit the Extension Office to purchase yours today!

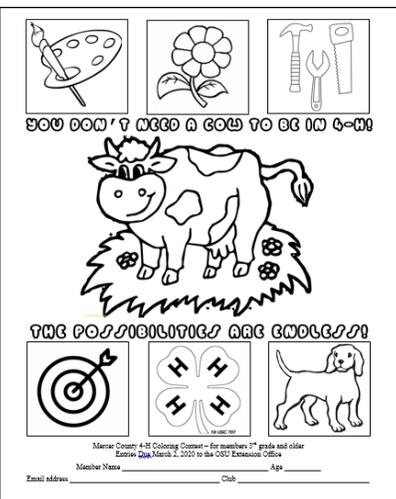
*Merry Christmas!*



### Livestock ID/ Permission Information

All Market Goat, Sheep and Swine, Horse and Dog members will be mailed information regarding 2020 Identification procedures in March. Be sure to keep an eye on your mail when those dates get closer!

For members – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older



## Coloring Contest!

Don't forget about our coloring contest! Prizes for our top winners!

Coloring sheets can be found on our website:

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



For cloverbud members – Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

