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2020 Mercer County
Fair Dates:
August 14-20

MERCER COUNTY
fair

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September 2019 - Mercer County 4-H Newsletter

Dear Members and Advisors:

Another successful year is coming to an end and it's time to start looking to 2020 4-H Year!

Another year of progress for our program:

- ✿ We had record number of campers attend Cloverbud Day Camp this year!
- ✿ A strong team of Camp Counselors and Junior Fair Board Members contributed to another great camping season and fair week!
- ✿ Our 110 4-H Advisors/Volunteers guided our clubs and held many successful events for community service and leadership development.
- ✿ With a few highs and lows, we implemented online enrollment with 4-H Online and livestock entries with Fair Entry!

Continue working hard at the club level to gain leadership skills and join in on service opportunities. The true difference in our youth happens at the club meetings and activities.

This newsletter is packed with reminders and upcoming events for the remainder of the year! Please share your excitement for 4-H with friends and family and invite them to join for 2020!

Beth



Do you have friends, neighbors, or family members interested in 4-H but may want a little more information? Have them come join us for the 4-H Informational Open House where there will be resources to view and volunteers to answer questions. The first 10 families to arrive will receive a 4-H go

- When: October 8, 2019 from 6:30-7:30PM
- Where: OSU Extension Office


JOIN THE CLUB

Check out more details about the open house on our Facebook Page. Everyone who attends will receive 4-H information and goodies!



Livestock auction exhibitor checks have been mailed!
Need to check out who your buyers were? Don't forget they are listed on our website:

<https://mercercounty4h.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2019-auction-information>

Did you win a trophy or award for your 4-H project? Did you sell your animal in the livestock auction? If so, please be sure to send them a thank you card to that sponsor to thank them for their generous support. Without their support, we could not continue to offer awards, special recognition or have the auction without them.

Thank You Contest

1. Send your Thank You Cards. Remember that includes: trophy, banner, plaque, and buyers in the auction.
2. Email Erica Bowers (bowers.360@osu.edu) and report that you completed step 1 by September 27, 2019.
3. Your name will be included in a drawing for some awesome door prizes.

Interested in becoming a part of the Junior Fair Board? Want to learn more about becoming a Camp Counselor in Training? Both groups are great for developing leadership skills, responsibility and a chance to meet and work with new people.

Applications deadline to apply for both groups is October 1st!

More information and applications can be found on our website:

<https://mercer.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development>



Are you a Camp Counselor, CIT, Junior Fair Board Member or Advisor? Don't forget to RSVP to the annual 4-H Recognition Banquet by October 8th!



We have many talented and skilled 4-H members in our county and that was evident our judging's held back in July. I am also very proud of how well decorated the booths were for fair and the projects displayed.

We had over 600 Special Interest, Food & Nutrition, Clothing and Cloverbud projects completed at judging!

Congrats to those members who took home an extra ribbon:



- 345 Outstanding of the Day Ribbons at County Level
- 118 State Fair Delegates
- 21 Outstanding of the Day Awards at State Fair
- 5 Clock Trophies at State Fair

This year around 300 members signed up for a single livestock project and approximately 50 members show in multiple livestock projects. Our numbers have grown in sheep, goat and dairy goat.

The local community businesses and families came to support our members at the auction giving over \$325,000 back to the youth. Thanks to all the volunteers that help set-up and clean buildings, work weigh-in and shows, and support our members at the show.

Congratulations to all of our members!



Love outdoor fun?
Check out our 4-H Club.

Archery, Crossbow, Rifle, Pistol, relive history, take nature pics, sew & more

We are inviting you to Harbor Point 4-H Camp to learn about what you can do in 4-H. We will have hands on stations, ran by certified instructors, for you to scope out.

Where: Harbor Point 4-H Camp, Harbor Point Drive, Celina, just west of the VFW

Time: 10AM to 1PM

LUNCH SERVED AT 11AM

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2019

RSVP not required, but please send specific questions to

mercerc04hss@gmail.com

Harbor Point Fall Family Festival will be held one week later, Sunday, October 20, 2019. Come to this event for general 4-H information and more FUN. Please RSVP on their Facebook page



Join us for the second annual MERCER COUNTY 4-H FALL family FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 20, 2019 FROM 3:00-5:30
@ HARBOR POINT 4-H CAMP



FALL CRAFTS OFFERED ALL AFTERNOON
AND FAMILY BINGO @ 4:30!

ENJOY A COOK-OUT PICNIC OF CHILI,
HOT DOGS AND OTHER FALL TREATS.

FOR OUR CURRENT OR INTERESTED
4-H FAMILIES.

COME FOR A LITTLE BIT OR STAY THE
WHOLE TIME!



PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 15TH TO BOWERS.360@OSU.EDU IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SO WE CAN
PLAN FOR ENOUGH FOOD. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!



- **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

KIDS-4-COOKING



Are you in the 3rd-5th grade and want to learn more about cooking? Do you like learning new recipes and cooking techniques? Join us for an afternoon of games, recipes, food sampling and fun!

Wednesday, October 30
Tuesday, November 12
Monday, December 16

All classes are from 4:00-5:30 @ the Extension Office. Sign up for one class or join us for all three!

More information and registration form found on our website – <https://mercer.osu.edu/>