

Wayne County 4-H

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

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4-H Meetings, Events, and Club Management

Has the “no 4-H gatherings” been extended from May 15th to July 6th?

- Yes it has been extended. 4-H Clubs, county, and state events are not allowed to meet in person until after July 6th. All 4-H meetings and events must be held virtually, postponed, or cancelled through July 6th. As a county Extension Office, we are not allowed to reschedule anything until after July 6th either. Our office will not be posting rescheduled dates until at least July 6th unless restrictions are lifted sooner.

Member Enrolment: when was/is enrollment due?

- April 1 was our original enrollment date for all members and volunteers. As a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic – we have extended our 4-H Enrollment Deadline to June 1st for this year only.

Activity Fee: How do I pay the activity fee since my club is not meeting in person and the office isn't open?

- You are welcome to mail your activity fee to the extension office (checks only, no cash) or wait to pay it until the office re-opens. To mail it send to: OSU Extension Wayne County 428 W. Liberty Street Wooster Ohio 44691. Activity fee due date is now June 1.

Do I have to pay or can I have a refund of the 4-H activity fee since the office is not open and we are not having in person meetings and events?

- The 4-H Advisory Committee discussed this question on April 16th and determined that we will not be issuing refunds for the activity fee at this time.

Are club documents still due April 1?

- No, we have extended the deadline for club documents such as club charter, constitution, by-laws, etc. due to June 1. These documents may also be mailed to the Extension Office or emailed to wayne4h@osu.edu.

What fundraisers can my club conduct?

- Clubs are not permitted to engage in any activities, projects, programs, events, meetings, etc. that would require face-to-face contact before July 6. This includes many traditional fundraisers, such as plant sales, frozen food, gift wrap, etc. This also includes online sales that would require volunteers to gather and package orders. This is not permitted at this time.
- Consider postponing fundraisers to the fall.
- If you already have orders out, have delivery made by the vendor directly to the purchaser or ask if a refund can be made. We must abide by current government orders related to staying at home.



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Can we do community service projects, such as picking up trash in the park?

- Nothing can be organized as a group to happen in-person through July 6th.

Are clubs required to meet a minimum of six times?

- Yes. Remember, the year runs through December 31, 2020. Virtual meetings count toward this meeting requirement, and meeting together as a group is a core part of the 4-H experience.

How can we get our 4-H project books?

- While county offices are closed and local distribution of project books is on hold, choose one of these methods:
- Download one for free. A special collection of project books is available for free on the [Perfect Stay-at-Home Projects](#) web page. Click on the book you want, and when the file opens on your screen, save or print it from there.
- Buy one online. If you would like to buy a print copy of a Perfect Stay-at-Home project or any other project book, you can order directly from extensionpubs.osu.edu with one of these special discounts for Ohio residents: FREE2020 (for free shipping) OR 20IN2020 (20% off the entire order). Use the coupon that works best for you. Orders can be shipped directly to a person's home as long as it is an Ohio address. Please review your order carefully. No returns are accepted. There is no restriction on the number of times a coupon can be used. See printable ordering instructions [HERE](#).
- Make your own. If you would rather not purchase a book in this way, self-determined projects are an excellent choice for self-motivated members eager to get started by creating their own projects. Although self-determined projects may be better suited for older 4-H members, they are available for any member and are often based on [idea starters already available online](#). Many of the idea starters are great stay-at-home projects too, for example, Music, Bats, String Art, Climate Change, American Sign Language, etc. Our extraordinary educators are even preparing one called My Stay-at-Home Summer! (For project judging, self-determined projects are judged in self-determined categories.)
- If none of these options work for you and your family because of affordability or internet access, contact Jane Wright, 4-H curriculum manager, who may be able to help (wright.646@osu.edu).

4-H Camps

Are we having 4-H Jr. Camp and Cloverbud Day Camp?

- Unfortunately, all Ohio 4-H Camps are cancelled through August 31st. We are actively working with our camp counselors to plan a virtual camp for the same dates that camp was scheduled for: June 29th – July 3rd. Stay tuned to your email updates and the Wayne County 4-H Facebook page for more details coming soon. We will not be having a separate virtual Cloverbud Day Camp. Many of the activities and videos that will be part of our virtual Camp June 29th – July 3rd will be appropriate to share with Cloverbuds – parents can view these materials ahead of time and make decisions as to if they would like to share them with their Cloverbuds.

Why was the decision made to cancel camps so far in advance?

- The Ohio State University made the decision to cancel or postpone in-person events through July 6. This includes all OSU Extension and 4-H events. The safety of campers, counselors, and staff is always our highest priority. We considered information from health experts who have discussed the pace of transmission of COVID-19 and the fact that individuals are infectious prior to showing symptoms. Additional considerations included the extent of recommended sanitization and cleaning protocols, along with the unknowns about how long COVID-19 remains viable on surfaces, and the time required between user groups to reduce the likelihood of transmission. We also considered the likelihood of reoccurrence, given the absence of a viable vaccine and the percent of the population that could still be vulnerable to infection. Sources include the American Camp Association, Centers for Disease, Control and Prevention (CDC), The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), The Lancet COVID-19 Resource Centre, The Ohio Department of Health, Stanford University Researchers COVID-19 Modeling, and World Health Organization.

Are State and National Trips/Camps such as Leadership Camp, Sea Camp, Citizenship Washington Focus, and Leadership Washington Focus cancelled?

- Yes, in-person camps are cancelled this summer (through August 31, 2020).

Animal ID and Animals

Should I invest in an animal project this year?

- That is a personal decision each family must make on their own. Extension and Senior Fair Board are continuing to plan for the 2020 Wayne County Fair and look forward to showcasing our 4-H'ers hard work this September.
- Families should also consider the following factors in their decision making process – the life skills youth learn from working with and completing an animal project are tremendous and much of that project work takes place at home prior to the fair.
- Risks and rewards must be taken into account. For example, we encourage families to consider their overall available budget, space to care for livestock, availability of alternative markets, availability of local processing, family freezer space, and needs of local food pantries.

Is animal ID still due June 1 for all Livestock, Horses, and Dogs (August 1 for Market Rabbits and Market Poultry)?

- Yes, animal ID aligns with the state animal possession date that is regulated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and must be entered in the animals section of 4-HOnline. At this time the ODA has not adjusted the possession date, the possession date is state law. If you communicate with your Wayne County 4-H professionals any circumstances that would prevent you from aligning with this due date, we will do our best to help you.

Tagging: How do we get swine and feeder tags and what about goat and sheep tag in?

- **Swine and feeder calf tags** can be picked up from the Centerra Wooster County Store Drive Thru during their regular business hours Monday through Friday 8 am – 5:30 pm and Saturday 8 am – 1 pm. All tags must be picked up on or before June 1st and all information entered in the animals section of 4-HOnline by 11:59 pm on June 1st.
- **Goat and Sheep exhibitors** – The Scrapie Tag number will be used as the county tag number for all sheep and goats this year. When entering your animals in 4-HOnline be sure to enter the scrapie tag number in the county tag field and again in the scrapie tag field. You must also provide a side profile and head shot (with the ear tag) of each animal. The Wayne County Bred, Born and Raised Forms must be uploaded online into your animal ID section by June 1.

Since we cannot hold a PAS Show – what is required for participation in the Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show?

- Qualifying requirements are waived for both PAS and Dressage this year. The State Fair Junior Horse Show will be limited to 850 exhibitors this year. More information is available in a [special update](#) issued by OSU Extension Equine Specialist Dr. Kim Cole.

How will we complete Quality Assurance?

- Each species will host a zoom for Quality Assurance. The QA will be 1 hour long, and each member must complete a virtual worksheet at the end of the session. If the activity is not completed the member does not get credit. The activity is only live during the QA session, so you must complete the activity during that time to receive credit. An email will be sent to you after we have approved your Quality Assurance. After the Quality Assurance is over there will be a few committee members available to take any questions you have pertaining to that project. The QA dates are posted on the 4-H webpage under project information.

Are we having a Skillathon?

- Skillathon will be virtual this year. Each member will be sent a link via their email to a virtual Skillathon on July 1st. Skillathon must be completed by July 17th. As in previous years Skillathon will be based on a

completion score, not a competitive score. There will be 5 stations total, the last station will be entering project book data. We will ask for information such as the starting weight of your animal or its average daily gain, etc. No outstanding score prizes will be awarded.

Are we having Project interview Judging?

- Yes, at this point the Extension Office has not determined if livestock project interview judging will be in person or virtual. That decision will be announced later this year.

Are we having an “Outstanding Skillathon Score” Banner?

- No, but we will have an “Outstanding Animal Science Project Interview” Banner for 2020 for those that complete project interview judging. Youth are welcome to do both Skillathon and Project Interview Judging if they would like.

What about judging livestock project books?

- For 2020 advisors will be grading project books. The Extension Office will supply advisors with rubrics to grade the books. For members who wish to participate in Outstanding Exhibitor they still need to bring their book to the August 29th testing date. The project book will still be part of our Outstanding Exhibitor score.

Outstanding Exhibitor, are we still having this competition?

- Yes, but it will be different than originally stated. We will have the exam, but it will be August 29th, members must bring their record books with them. The participation portion will be altered. Instead of attending events members can create a poster or make a digital demonstration. (more details to be announced)

How should we handle the swine ractopamine form?

- The swine ractopamine affidavit is a fillable PDF available on the Wayne County Extension Office website under project information. Swine exhibitors must upload the completed affidavit into their 4-H Online swine animal id record by June 1st. If an affidavit is not turned in, the youth will not be permitted to exhibit his/her animal at the Wayne County Fair. The affidavit is stating that you have not knowingly fed a diet containing ractopamine to your fair project hog. When the hog is checked in at the fair, you will be asked to sign a carbon copy paper form stating that you did not feed the animal any ractopamine.

County and State Fairs**Are we going to have a County Fair?**

- Yes, as of now the Extension Office and Fair Board have full intention of conducting a 2020 fair. Please see the message from the Wayne County Fair Board in the April 16th 4-H News and Notes Email Update for more details.

What about State Fair?

- Decisions regarding State Fair will be made by the Governor, Department of Agriculture, and Ohio Expositions Commission. As of April 21st plans are still being made to hold the State Fair. If anything changes we will let you know.