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Wayne County 4-H News

The Link



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Dear 4-H members, parents, and advisors / volunteers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a safe and joyous holiday season. As we begin to kick off the new 4-H year – I hope you are as excited as I am about the many opportunities to provide positive youth development experiences for the youth of Wayne County coming up in 2017. We are blessed in Wayne County to have a strong and thriving 4-H and Jr. Fair program and that is because so many wonderful people come together to make our program stronger each year.

This edition of *The Link* features information about our upcoming Required Advisor / Volunteer Training sessions that will be held at the beginning of February. Please take a moment to read about the breakout sessions, check your calendar, and then register online or by calling the Extension Office for one of the three dates these trainings will be offered.

Also included with this month's Link is a copy of our 2017 Wayne County 4-H Calendar of Events. You will notice a few new events and/or changes to the calendar. First, we plan to have a Discover Yourself in 4-H Day on February 27th. This event will be similar to the 4-H Project Fair and Open House we had two years ago. It will be an opportunity for prospective new members to come check out 4-H and get connected with a club and it will also be an opportunity for current members to come and explore new projects and other activities that 4-H has to offer.

Another new event on the 4-H calendar this year is the 4-H Legacy Dinner scheduled for April 20th. This will be an opportunity to honor our scholarship recipients and raise funds to support Wayne County 4-H. As such we have moved up the Wayne County 4-H Scholarship application deadline to February 15th to be able to select the recipients in time to honor them on April 20th.

Finally, you will notice some changes coming to Quality Assurance and Skillathon this year. Look on page 8 for more important dates and details. We will also be sending a letter to all 4-H families with the changes after enrollment.

More details about all of these changes will be discussed at the February Advisor Trainings.

Sincerely,

Douglas S. Foxx
Extension Educator,
4-H Youth Development

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GETTING READY FOR THE NEW YEAR

2017 Distribution of Club Packets

Organizational Advisors, please go to <http://go.osu.edu/WayneClub> by January 20, 2017 with the number of Family Guides, number of youth enrollment forms, and number of volunteer enrollment forms you will need. Your club's materials will be prepared for you to pick up during the Required Advisor Training Sessions.

4-H Enrollment Deadline

New this year! We are going back to the triplicate carbon copy enrollment forms for youth. These forms must be signed by the youth, a parent/guardian, AND a club advisor. Enrollment forms must be turned in to the Wayne County Extension Office no later than **April 1, 2017 at 4:30 pm**. At this time the 4-H Activity fee of \$10 for Cloverbuds, \$15 for 4-H members, and a maximum of \$50 per family must also be paid in full. Clubs will then turn in one check to the Extension Office for all of their members when the club submits enrollment forms at the Extension Office on April 1st. **Projects enrolled after this date will not be eligible for exhibition at the 2017 Wayne County Junior Fair!**

Online Enrollment

4-H Clubs are encouraged to input their own enrollment into the 4-H Online system. To learn how to input this information, please attend one of the 4-H Online sessions taught by Stephen Heppe at the volunteer trainings!

Project Guidelines and Updates

Reminder: The Extension Office will not be printing guideline sheets for FCS & Still projects. Instead, a sticker with the web link will be placed on each book. Please advise members of this change. We will continue to print livestock guidelines.

Check Out the Ohio 4-H Project Central Website

Trying to decide which project to take can be hard! [The Family Guide](#) talks about each project book, but now you can go one step further! At <http://ProjectCentral.Ohio4H.org> you can preview 4-H project books offered by Ohio 4-H. Project Central allows users to browse projects by skill level, topic area, and to search by keyword. We ask that you take a quick second and rate projects you've taken in the past to let other youth and advisors know how well you liked the project and to provide feedback! Project Central also allows you to share your project ratings and comments with your friends on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest!



Ohio 4-H Membership Requirements



ORGANIZATIONAL ADVISORS AND COMMITTEE TREASURERS INFORMATION

Annual Club Requirements

In an effort to make life a little simpler, we have a complete list of club-wide requirements. Now, these documents are required each year via the State 4-H Office. We will keep record of these documents and will review them annually.

- ☐ **Club Financial Summary** – Each club or committee must turn in a Yearly Financial Summary by **January 31**. The summary is required for us to complete the 990N. The Form can be found online at <http://go.osu.edu/4Hforms>. The 2017 club packet will not be distributed until this form is submitted!
- ☐ **Constitution** – Each year we must receive a new copy of your club's constitution by **April 1** (the enrollment deadline). The constitution must follow the university approved template which is found online at <http://go.osu.edu/Constitution>
- ☐ **By-laws** – Each year, if your club has by-laws, we must receive a new copy by **April 1** (the enrollment deadline). The by-laws do not have to follow the university approved template, but a template can be found online at <http://go.osu.edu/Bylaws>. This is the document that you **must** utilize to require attendance, community service, club rules, guidelines, expectations or policies not listed in the constitution like dues, committees, achievement requirements, record books, project exhibition, fund raising, club trip, etc. Items and rules included in your by-laws cannot conflict with the required club constitution.
- ☐ **Club Charter** – Each year, every club must submit a 4-H club charter check list by **April 1** (the enrollment deadline). 4-H National Headquarters and the Ohio 4-H Office requires that all clubs be chartered. The charter checklist must be reviewed annually to assure a club's continued compliance with the 4-H club criteria. Only chartered 4-H clubs are permitted to use the 4-H name and emblem according to 4-H National Headquarter guidelines. Clubs that meet these minimum requirements will be granted/continue a charter. The Ohio 4-H Club Charter can be found online at <http://go.osu.edu/ClubCharter>.

2016 Year End Financial Summary

EACH Club or Committee must turn in a Yearly Financial Summary by January, 31, 2017. The summary is required for us to complete the 990N. The Form can be found online at <http://go.osu.edu/4Hforms>.

NEW Procedures for IRS Filing

New this year: The Extension Office will file ALL 4-H Clubs and Committees 990N ePostcards. Do not file a 990N for your club! The State 4-H Office is requiring each office to follow strict guidelines and file for the 4-H clubs because of the many issues within the system. Just in our county, we have record of five 4-H Clubs that have had their Tax Exempt Status revoked. It is the hope that if we follow these strict guidelines that we can fix and alleviate these many issues.

If your club received a notice from the IRS that states your club's tax-exempt status has been revoked, scan and email Stephen Heppe (heppe.4@osu.edu) the form or drop it off at the Extension Office. The State 4-H office is working to fix these problems. It has happened all around the state and there is no rhyme or reason we have found at this point. So if you receive a letter, make sure the Extension Office has a record of it!

Auto Revoked EIN's – Some clubs are receiving messages, etc. from private businesses who guarantee to get the EIN reinstated for a fee. Please ignore these as the club will still have to pay a fine, file additional forms and pay the private business \$200-500 for their help. If the state cannot get the revocations fixed, clubs may have to re-file for a new EIN, but **DO NOT DO THIS UNTIL INSTRUCTED** by the State 4-H Office or The Wayne County Extension Office.

4-H Club Treasury Guidelines

- \$ The club treasury should be audited annually and prior to a new treasurer assuming office. The President should appoint a committee from the club, made up of persons not directly associated with the Treasurer. The OSU Extension office has the authority to ask for a club's financial statement that itemizes receipts and expenses and copy of the audit at any time of the year. Contact the Extension Office if you would like more information about proper auditing procedures.
- \$ 4-H club checking accounts should be established in the club name, not an individual's name nor in Ohio State University Extension's name.
- \$ A minimum of two signatures should be required to write a check. Under guidance from adult volunteers, a suggested practice for checks is to have the treasurer and secretary as signatories.
- \$ Bank statements should be sent to a 4-H club advisor, or someone who does not have authority to sign checks. After review (i.e. correct number of deposits, checks, & balance) statements should be given to treasurer and included in the official records. If possible, 4-H clubs should request actual cancelled checks from their bank.
- \$ Bills should be approved for payment by the 4-H club members before checks are written. When a check is written, it should be correctly recorded in the Treasurer's records and Secretary's minutes. The Treasurer should keep copies of documents supporting expenditures (cash register receipt, invoice, etc.).
- \$ The Treasurer must keep accurate records and report the status of the treasury at each meeting. The Secretary's minutes should reflect financial actions and/or account balances. This should be done for each business meeting. The Ohio 4-H Treasurer's Record Book, Circular 935, should be used to maintain accurate records.
- \$ Don't raise money just for the sake of raising money. Your club should have a purpose for raising money, such as a trip or a recognition dinner. All the money (receipts and expenses) should go through the treasurer. Try to establish a budget for the year.
- \$ Your treasury should have a minimum carry-over from year to year. Those who raised the money should spend it.
- \$ The treasurer should keep accurate records and a report should be given at each meeting.
- \$ If your 4-H club has money in its treasury, it should be stored in a safe place. It is a good idea to open a bank account for the club's treasury.
 - To open an account, your club will need an "Employee Identification Number" (EIN). Do not use a personal Social Security number on a 4-H club bank account. Your club must apply for an EIN with the Internal Revenue Service using IRS Form SS-4. These forms are available at local Social Security offices, banks, and IRS offices.
- \$ If your club disbands, the funds in its treasury should be given to a worthy cause—for example: 4-H Committee, 4-H Camp Scholarship Fund, County 4-H Endowment, or another charity. If your club divides, the treasury should be divided based on membership with equal shares per member going to the respective club treasury.

Having a bank account will be a learning experience for the members of your club. It will teach them to reconcile bank statements and how to handle money responsibly.

Is your club looking for a place to have a fundraiser?

PBS Animal Health is looking to host fundraisers!

If your club is looking for a venue to have a fundraiser, PBS would be happy to host it! Try a bake sale or selling other hand made items your members make. They love supporting 4-H and teaching kids life skills. Keep them in mind and call (330) 262-1596.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING INFORMATION

Register Online for 2017 Required 4-H Advisor / Volunteer Trainings

All 4-H advisors, volunteers, and committee members must attend one of three trainings offered in February to be eligible to continue as a 4-H advisor, volunteer, or committee member in 2017.

A requirement established by the university is that all OSU volunteers must attend annual training on Recognizing and Reporting the Signs of Child Abuse and Neglect. The Wayne County OSU Extension Office will offer this training and other important information for all 4-H Advisors / Volunteers on three different dates in February.)

All 4-H advisors, volunteers, and committee members must register online for one of the three Required Advisor/ Volunteer Trainings by going to <http://go.osu.edu/2017advtraining> or by calling the Wayne County Extension Office at 330-264-8722. Registrations will stay open until 2 days prior to each training date. (Ex. January 31st is last day to register for February 2nd training.)

All Training Sessions will be held at OARDC Fisher Auditorium
General Sessions will feature Child Abuse / Neglect Training and 2017 4-H & Jr. Fair Updates

| Date | Breakout Sessions Offered | Presenters |
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| Thursday February 2nd 7-8 pm General Session 8-9 pm Breakout Sessions | 4-H Online Training for Beginners Dialogue with Doug Preparing Members for an Outstanding Interview 4-H Club Risk Management | Stephen Heppe Doug Foxx Nicole Swavel Jackie Krieger |
| Saturday February 4th 9-10 am General Session 10-11 am Breakout Sessions | 4-H Online Tips, Tricks, & Reports Organizational Advisors Roundtable More than a Mundane Meeting State 4-H Animal Science Updates | Stephen Heppe Doug Foxx Nicole Swavel Dr. Lucinda Miller |
| Tuesday February 7th 7-8 pm General Session 8-9 pm Breakout Sessions | 4-H Online Tips, Tricks, & Reports Helping Dialogue with Doug More than a Mundane Meeting | Stephen Heppe Doug Foxx Nicole Swavel |

Required 4-H Advisor / Volunteer Training – Breakout Session Descriptions

4-H Online Training for Beginners – This session is for advisors/volunteers that are new to using the 4-H Online database to manage club data or those who have used the system and just need a refresher. Come learn the basics about how this system can help you keep track of your members, the projects they're signed up for, and how to send out text and e-mail alerts to your club. (Please bring a laptop or tablet)

Dialogue with Doug: This session will be an opportunity to ask questions and brainstorm about ideas for making Wayne County 4-H and your club even better in the future! We would love to hear your feedback and ideas for improving the program. We will also review the new Wayne County 4-H Honor Club program and discuss ways to use it within your club.

Preparing Members for an Outstanding Interview: Our members put blood, sweat, tears, and countless hours of work into completing and perfecting their projects at home, then have the chance to show off all their hard work at Project Judging. Although interviews can be a little intimidating, being confident and interviewing well is an invaluable skill to be learned in 4-H. This session aims to help you help your members prepare for a positive and successful interview experience.

4-H Club Risk Management: presented by Jackie Krieger, Extension Educator - Summit County. Manage your risk! It is sometimes scary to even think about 4-H in "this world"! But in this session, you will learn how to minimize your risk and how to make sure what you are doing is the right thing. And sometimes it is all about managing our risk in life, with people and with our club finances. And like the mouse... we need to find our happy medium we are comfortable with!



4-H Online Tips, Tricks, and Reports – This session is for experienced 4-H Online users hoping to use this member database to its full capabilities. Learn more about the different types of reports available to club advisors. (Please bring a laptop or tablet)

Organizational Advisor's Roundtable: This will be a discussion for organizational advisors to share ideas on what is working well within their clubs, tips and techniques for managing deadlines, turning in forms and applications, working with officers, involving parents, resources available from the Extension Office, preparing for the fair, and much more!

More than a Mundane Meeting: It's easy to get caught up in all the business items and announcements that need to be discussed at club meetings. That's (part of) why we have regular meetings, after all! But it is also essential to use these times to engage your members, enable them to build lasting friendships, step out of their comfort zones, and have a good time. Join Nicole for fun activities and games you can take home and use to enhance the fun-factor of your meetings, for both Cloverbuds and the "big kids"!

State 4-H Animal Science Updates – presented by Dr. Lucinda Miller, State 4-H Specialist. This session will offer updates and information about Ohio State Fair Skillathons, Judging Contests, and other Companion Animal and Livestock opportunities and events offered at the State level and the Ohio State Fair. Learn about the Bi-State Youth Poultry Clinic, Dog Expo, Dog Bowl, Avian Bowl, what's expected if participating in the OSF skillathons and more. Come prepared to ask questions and take information back to your 4-H members.

For All Potential New 4-H Advisors / Volunteers

All NEW 4-H advisors/volunteers will need to complete the volunteer screening process. A potential 2017 volunteer is defined as "new" if he or she was not enrolled as an advisor/volunteer in the 4-H program for 2016. **A checklist for completing this process is listed below:**

- Receive or pick up a application/position description packet from the Extension Office
- Complete the new volunteer application and return it to the Extension Office by April 1st.
- Agree to and sign the Volunteer Standards of Behavior form.
- Send and Successfully pass the criminal history fingerprint background check
- **Complete a new volunteer training session and interview with 4-H Educator Doug Foxx. These are scheduled for Feb. 2nd, Feb. 4th, Feb. 7th, May 15th and May 30th.**
- Receive a letter from 4-H Educator Doug Foxx indicating that they are approved to serve as an Ohio State University Extension 4-H volunteer.



Due to the need to complete the process (which takes approximately 6 weeks) before a volunteer begins working with the 4-H program, **new volunteer applications will only be accepted from November 1st through April 1st each year.**

If you have or are recruiting new volunteers for your club, please have them come to the Extension Office or go to go.osu.edu/NewVolunteer to pick up a packet which contains all of this information. **The application, standards of behavior and proof of a background check must be turned in by April 1st by any potential new volunteer.**

COUNTY AND STATE OPPORTUNITIES

2017 Ohio 4-H Conference

The 2017 Ohio 4-H Conference is designed to bring together 4-H **volunteers and teens** from across the State of Ohio. The objective of this event is to learn together and from each other in order to improve our abilities to deliver the Ohio 4-H Program to its members. With nearly 150 sessions offered, we truly believe that these educational selections offer something for everyone, and have the ability to satisfy every taste and need.

Who: All Ohio 4-H Teens & Volunteers are welcome to attend

When: Saturday, March 11, 2017 - registration at 8:00 am

Where: Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus

How do I sign-up? Complete the registration form and return it to the Extension Office.

When is the deadline to register? February 10, 2017

How much does it cost? \$35

View the registration booklet and form at <http://www.ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>

All registrations postmarked after February 10th will be charged \$45 and will not include the luncheon.



Ohio and Wayne County 4-H Week is March 5-11, 2017. Share posts on our facebook page that week to spread the news about the great things 4-H is doing!



Calling all 4-H Teens: Join Junior Leaders Today!

Gain leadership skills, meet other 4-H teens in the county, learn new games, take part in service projects, master the art of line dancing, take tours of area businesses, prepare for activities like Junior Fair Board and being a Camp Counselor... we could keep going but you probably get it by now. Junior Leaders is a ton of fun and a great opportunity for teens to stay involved with 4-H during the school year!



We meet the first Monday of the month from October-May from 7:00-9:00 pm. Each meeting holds a new activity, and therefore often a different location. Make sure your club's junior leaders (age 13-18) are on the list to receive meeting notices and updates. Contact Nicole (swavel.5@osu.edu) to get added to the list!



Our January Junior Leaders meeting will be **January 9 from 7:00-9:00 pm*** at the Certified Angus Beef Education & Culinary Center. Their staff have an exciting program planned for us with small group sessions, talking about different opportunities in agriculture and how to take advantage of what those opportunities have to offer. CAB has been a favorite Junior Leaders stop in the past, so we're excited to go back!

*This is the original date and time, but if/when ;) the Buckeyes go to the National Championship, we'll be changing the date.

The February Junior Leaders meeting is February 6 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the American Red Cross. We will have a special guest speaker this night to talk about "marketing your own brand" and how you present yourself to others. As always, games and snacks will be involved!



Wayne County 4-H Ohio - @WayneCty4H

We will be posting about this on the Facebook page on January 18th. Share your comments with us at this time on what you need or how to best prepare your kids for the changes.

We will be separating Quality Assurance from the Skillathon and conduct QA training in the spring. This will allow exhibitors to have the proper training during the beginning of their project, so that they have the knowledge and tools to do things right from the start. Read more about the changes in the article on page 6 of the LINK.

4-H Crew - what have you been up to?

CLOVERBUD CORNER

Cloverbud Resources Available

The State 4-H Office publishes a quarterly newsletter called *Cloverbud Connections* that is full of resources, ideas, and activities that 4-H advisors can do with cloverbud members in grades K-2. Cloverbud Connections is now available on-line at <http://go.osu.edu/CloverbudConnections>.

Try this at your next meeting

Learning how to measure-

Items you will need:

- * Different size measuring cups and spoons
- * 1qt freezer bag for each Cloverbud (they worked better with little hands)
- * 7 different types of snacks for example we used:
Cheerios, Gold fish crackers, Pretzels, Raisins, Coconut, M & M, Little marshmallow shapes



We talked about different things you use to measure objects. Showed them the difference between 1 cup and ½ cup and so on, going through all the different sizes. The difference between a mug or spoon you eat with and measuring items.

Place items in a bowl and assign each ingredient a measure spoon or cup, for example 1cup with Cheerios and 1 tablespoon with coconut.

They kids had fun measuring and got to take a treat home.

- Thanks to Jocelyn White for this great activity!!

Snack and Share Session - LOCATION CHANGE

In the last issue of the LINK we advertised a "Snack and Share Session" for Cloverbud resources on January 12. It was listed as being in the Armstrong Building at the Fairgrounds, however, it will now be held at the **American Redcross (244 W. South Street, Wooster)** at 7:00 pm.

County-wide 4-H Shooting Sports Club starting up!



It has been many years since our County has had a countywide shooting sports program. At this time we are looking for volunteers willing to complete a training to become a certified Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports instructor that will work with the club. We have a few 4-H certified volunteers that are willing to head up the group, but we need more! The size of the club will correspond with a number of certified volunteers.

At the December 4-H Advisory Committee meeting, they voted to pay for 50% of the training camp fee. So we ask that you share this info with anyone you think would be willing. The closest training will happen at 4-H Camp Ohio in Utica, Ohio on February 24-26, 2017 (starts Friday evening). To find more information please visit: <http://go.osu.edu/Ohio4HSS> The registration form is available at <http://go.osu.edu/2017SSCampOhio>.

We can either reimburse your \$42.50 after you submit the payment and registration to the State by January 18th or you can turn in the form to our office by January 11th with a check made out to the Wayne County 4-H Advisory Committee for \$42.50 and we will submit the registration and the rest of the fee! This is available to the first 9 volunteers that step forward. If you have questions, feel free to call Stephen Hepe at 330-264-8722 at the Extension Office.

Making eXtreme Counselors

The 2017 Making eXtreme Counselors (MXC) workshop will be held February 18-19th in Columbus at the 4-H Center. Registration will open January 1st. All registrations must be submitted via 4-HOnline. Please help us promote this wonderful counselor training opportunity to your 4-H camp counselors. A flyer is attached and more information is available below. Look for the final schedule to be posted to the website in early January.

In 2017, MXC participants can attend Life Skill sessions about the following topics:

- Camp Planning (Flags, Songs, Campfire, Dances)
- Cultural Awareness
- Personal Commitment
- Professionalism
- Supportive Relationships
- 2017 Keynote Presenter- Neva Baltzell – Florida 4-H Camping Specialist



More Information about MXC:

Older youth age 14 to 18 who plan to serve as camp counselors are invited to participate in Making eXtreme Counselors (MXC)--an interactive and quick-paced training that offers innovative camp ideas to new and veteran camp counselors. MXC participants will leave with skills that will enable them to assist in their county's camp program planning and delivery, and prepare them to deliver a great camp program to their campers.

MXC is a national award-winning workshop that will be useful for all potential camp counselors. Don't miss your chance to participate—the event will be offered once in 2017, during the weekend of February 18-19. MXC will be held at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on the campus of The Ohio State University. Counselors will earn camp counselor training hours while attending this event. All participants will receive a take-home kit of supplies. They also will be able to share and gain ideas with teens from other counties all across the state.

Square and Line Dance

Join the Wayne County Rural youth on Saturday, February 11, 2017, 8-11 p.m. at the Smithville United Methodist Church (243 N. Milton St., Smithville) for a square dance with the Stocksdale Band. Free lessons start at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$5.

More info can be found at waynecountyruralyouth.org or call 330-669-2786

Future dances in 2017 - April 8, June 10, September 10 (Wayne County Fair Dance), November 11
(*Locations to be announced. Check the website or our Facebook page.*)



Club Activity Ads

Does your 4-H club have an activity open to members outside your club OR have a fundraiser we could help promote? It's a free and easy way to advertise! Send us the information and we can add it into the next LINK Newsletter. We're all about 4-Her's supporting other 4-Her's, plus we like to know what you're up to as well!

Looking for something else fun to do this summer with your club or family? Erie County 4-H is having **4-H Days at Cedar Point**. More information can be found at go.osu.edu/Cedarpoint

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Beef Weigh-in

The 2017 market steers must be weighed and tagged in January 14th, 2017. It is not necessary for the member to attend, but make sure a family member, friend or advisor can bring your animals. This is the one and only opportunity to tag and weigh-in your market steer for the 2017 Wayne County Fair! Check out the website for more information: [2017 Market Steer Tag & Weigh-in Letter](#)



NEW to 2017: Wayne County Quality Assurance and Skillathon Update

Teaching our members to properly take care of their animals, produce a safe, high quality product for consumers, and convey a positive image of 4-H and agriculture is a top priority in our livestock program. After carefully evaluating our current Quality Assurance/Skillathon and consulting appropriate committees, we will be separating Quality Assurance from the Skillathon and conduct QA training in the spring. This will allow exhibitors to have the proper training during the beginning of their project, so that they have the knowledge and tools to do things right from the start. We plan to implement more hands-on activities and species-specific information this way as well. A letter with more information will be sent out to all 4-H families early spring.

The dates for spring QA training are: March 28, April 26, and May 25 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Training will still be offered at species Clinics and members can still attend a state-approved training (i.e. Ohio Beef Expo, Dairy Palooza, OSU Junior Swine Day) to get credit.

All livestock exhibitors must have their Skillathon AND Quality Assurance completed by August 1st in order to be eligible to show at the 2017 Wayne County Fair. There will be one final chance training on August 1st, however a fee will be associated with this training.

Please be sure to convey to your members that BOTH are required. If they have one, but not the other they WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR.



NEW! Livestock Project Judging

We've been looking at new ways to encourage exhibitors to learn about their projects while developing essential skills for success down the road. This year livestock exhibitors will have the option to participate in a trial project interview judging in place of Skillathon. Judging will take place during Still Project judging and will consist of a one-on-one interview with a knowledgeable judge and grading of the Project Record Book.

Those who wish to participate will need to preregister ahead of time. We will only be taking a certain number of exhibitors, on a first-come first-serve basis. More information will be sent out to members and advisors after enrollment.

Dairy Service Unit Scholarship & Outstanding Dairy Youth Award

The Wayne/Ashland Dairy Service Unit (DSU) offers a scholarship to provide financial assistance to students in Wayne County that intend to go on to post-high school education in the field of agriculture, with a special interest in the dairy industry. At least one scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to qualified applicants.

Applicants for the scholarship must be a resident of Wayne County at the time of application, have graduated from an accredited high school program or be in their senior year, and have an agricultural background with interest towards continuing in agriculture. Special consideration is given to those applicants with a dairy background, involvement in a 4-H or FFA dairy project or having employment in a dairy based business. Applications for the scholarship are due to the Wayne County Extension office by **February 15, 2017**.

Scholarship applications are available on the Wayne County Extension web site at: <http://go.osu.edu/DSUScholarship>. Outstanding Dairy Youth Award (\$250) nominations are also due February 15, 2017. The nomination forms and more information about this award are also available on the Wayne County Extension Office website at: <http://go.osu.edu/ODY2017>.

Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) Info

Beginning January 1, 2017 the FDA will be implementing the new VFD rule, which requires producers (i.e. 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors) to obtain a VFD from their veterinarian in order to purchase certain medicated feeds. A fact sheet containing more information can be found at go.osu.edu/VFDfacts

Horse Judging and Bowl Team

There will be an Organizational and Informational Meeting for the 2017 Equine Education Teams on January 25, 2017 at 7:00p.m. at the Armstrong Building at the Fairgrounds. The Armstrong Building is the brick building beside the Grandstand. Wayne County Teams have consistently placed in the top ten at the State Level in recent years. This is a great opportunity to make new friends in a friendly competitive setting. Both Junior and Senior members are needed. For more information please contact the Extension Office.

Wayne County 4-H

2017 Calendar of Events

(As of January 3, 2017)

Please Note: All dates are subject to change, please visit wayne.osu.edu for the latest updates as well as event / meeting times and locations. In the event of inclement weather listen to WQKT 104.5 FM, call the Extension Office at 330-264-8722 and/or check the wayne.osu.edu website for cancellation notices.

January

- 01-02 New Year's Day – Extension Office Closed
- 04 Dog Committee
- 06 Achievement Records Due
- 07 OFMA Jr. Fair Board Conference
- 09 Horse Committee
- 09 Junior Leaders
- 10 Beef Committee
- 10 Dairy Committee
- 10 Food and Fashion Board
- 12 Cloverbud Committee / Discussion
- 12 Sheep Committee
- 14 Market Steer / Heifer Weigh-In and Tagging
- 16 Martin Luther King Day – Extension Office Closed
- 17 Goat Committee
- 17 Swine Committee
- 18-19 Camp Counselor Interviews
- 19 Trip and Awards Selection Committee
- 19 Poultry & Rabbit Committee
- 21 Bad Weather Make-up Date for Market Steer / Heifer Weigh-In and Tagging (If needed)
- 21 Fair Schedule Forum Discussion
- 21 Senior Fair Board
- 25 4-H Awareness Team
- 30 CARTEENS
- 31 Club Financial Reports Due

February

- 01 4-H Awareness Team
- 02 Required Advisor / Volunteer Training
- 04 Required Advisor / Volunteer Training
- 06 Junior Leaders
- 07 Required Advisor / Volunteer Training
- 09 Bad Weather Make-up Date for Required Advisor / Volunteer Training (If needed)
- 09 Building 10 Committee
- 13 4-H Advisory Committee
- 14 Food and Fashion Board Fundraiser – Parent's Night Out
- 15 Ohio & Wayne Co. 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 16 Special Awards Committee

February (Continued)

- 18-19 MXC – Counselor Workshop
- 20 President's Day – Extension Office Closed
- 20 Senior Fair Board
- 21 CARTEENS Advisory Committee
- 23 Skillathon Committee
- 27 CARTEENS Class
- 27 Discover Yourself in 4-H Day
- 28 Bad Weather Make Up Day for Discover Yourself in 4-H Day (if needed)

March

- 05-11 Ohio 4-H Week
- 06 Junior Leaders
- 09 Junior Camp Counselor Training
- 11 Ohio 4-H Conference
- 13 Junior Fair Board
- 14 Cloverbud Counselor Training
- 14 Food and Fashion Board
- 15 4-H Activity Fee Scholarship Applications Due
- 17-19 Ohio Beef Expo
- 20 Senior Fair Board
- 23 Junior Camp Counselor Training
- 25 Ohio 4-H Youth Poultry Clinic
- 25 OSU Jr. Swine Day
- 27 CARTEENS
- 28 Quality Assurance
- 29-Apr 02 Buckeye Leadership Workshop

April

- 01 4-H Enrollment & Activity Fee Deadline
- 01 New Advisor / Volunteer Applications Due
- 03 Junior Leaders
- 04 Club Officer Training
- 04 Building 10 Committee
- 04 Food and Fashion Board
- 06 Cloverbud & Junior Camp Counselor Training
- 10 4-H Advisory Committee
- 17 Clothing Project Pattern Selections Night
- 17 Senior Fair Board
- 18 Cloverbud & Junior Camp Counselor Training
- 20 4-H Legacy Dinner Event
- 21-22 Camp Counselor Weekend

April (Continued)

- 22 DairyPalooza East
- 24 CARTEENS
- 24 Clothing Project Pattern Selections Night
- 26 Quality Assurance

May

- 01 Horse Special Request Forms Due to Extension Office
- 01 Hugh Kline Endowment Grant Applications Due
- 01 Horse Committee
- 01 Junior Leaders
- 02 Dairy Committee
- 03 Dog Committee
- 04 Jr. Camp Counselor Training
- 06 Cloverbud Fun Day
- 08 Sheep Committee
- 09 Cloverbud Counselor Training
- 09 Food and Fashion Board
- 11 Jr. Fair Board
- 11 Poultry / Rabbit Committee
- 11 Beef Committee
- 13 Poultry / Rabbit Clinic
- 15 Club IRS 990 e-postcard filings due
- 15 New Volunteer Training
- 15 Senior Fair Board
- 16 Dog Informational Meeting, Clinic, & Quality Assurance (Do Not Bring Your Dog)
- 16 Swine Committee
- 16 Goat Committee
- 18 Junior Camp Counselor Training
- 18 Skillathon Committee
- 20 Sheep Clinic
- 22 Horse Youth, Parents, & Advisors Informational Meeting
- 22 CARTEENS Class
- 23 Cloverbud Counselor Training
- 23 Building 10 Committee
- 23 CARTEENS Advisory Committee
- 25 Quality Assurance
- 29 Memorial Day –Office Closed
- 30 New Volunteer Training

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June

- 01 **Horse ID and Other Livestock Forms Due**
01 Junior Camp Counselor Training
03 **Market Lamb & Goat Tag-In**
05 Cloverbud Counselor Training
05-07 Org. Advisors Pick Up Jr. Fair Entry Forms and Premium Books
06-08 Cloverbud Day Camp
06 Pleasure Horse Fun Show
06 Dog Rally & Showmanship Clinic
07 Junior Fair Board
08-11 Food & Fashion Board NYC Trip
10 Poultry / Rabbit Clinic
12 4-H Advisory Committee
12-14 Beginner Sewing Camp
13 Contest Horse Fun Show
15 Junior Camp Counselor Training
17 Goat Clinic
17 4-H PAS State Fair Qualifying Horse Show
19 Senior Fair Board
19-21 Beginner Sewing Camp
20 **State Fair Livestock Entries Due**
20 Food and Fashion Board
20 Pleasure Horse Fun Show
20 Dog Obedience Clinic
24 Rain Make-up Date for PAS Horse Show (If needed)
24 Wayne County 4-H Fun Fair
26 CARTEENS Class
27 Junior Camp Counselor Training
27 Contest Horse Fun Show
29 - July 3 **Wayne County 4-H Junior Camp at Camp Ohio**

July

- 04 **Independence Day – Extension Office Closed**
05 Junior Fair Board
08-12 Ohio 4-H Sea Camp
09-13 Ohio 4-H Leadership Camp
09 Dairy Clinic
11 Pleasure Horse Fun Show
13 **FCS Project Judging**
14 **FCS Clothing Construction Judging**
17 Food and Fashion Board
17 **Early Still Project Judging**
17 Senior Fair Board
18 Contest Horse Fun Show
18 **Style Revue / State Fair Awards Program**
20 **Skillathon**
24 **Skillathon**
25 **Skillathon**
26-Aug. 6 Ohio State Fair
27, 31 Org. Advisors Turn-In Jr. Fair Entry Forms
31 CARTEENS Class

August

- 01 **Junior Fair Entries Due**
01 **Horse Youth of the Year Award Applications Due**
01 **Dog Health Forms Due**
01 Quality Assurance (last chance)
01 Horse Fun Show Rain Make-up Date (if needed)
07 Junior Fair Board
08 CARTEENS Advisory Committee
08 **FCS, Still Project, Small Animal, and Gardening Project Judging**
10 Beef Committee
10 Coronation Interviews
10 Turkey Blood Testing
12 Dog Fun Show
14 Horse Committee
14 Sheep Committee
15 Dairy Committee
16 Dog Committee
17 Poultry & Rabbit Committee
17 Swine Committee
21 Senior Fair Board
22 Goat Committee
24 Skillathon Committee
28 Horse Youth, Parents & Advisors Pre-Fair Informational Meeting
28 CARTEENS Class
28 Live Beef Carcass Show
29, 31 Org. Advisors Pick Up Fair Passes & Show Numbers
31 Beef Carcass Contest Results

September

- 01 **Excellence in 4-H Award Nominations Due**
04 **Labor Day – Extension Office Closed**
04 Junior Fair Board Work Day
04 Food & Fashion Board Work Day
06 Junior Fair Board Work Night
07 Junior Fair Board Work Night
08 Org. Advisors Pick Up Fair Passes & Show Numbers
09-14 **Wayne County Fair**
15 Tear Down Club Booths and remove items in 4-H Building 10 by noon
15 Org. Advisors Pick Up Premium Reports from Jr. Fair Office by noon
19 **TEAM FAIR Clean-Up Night**
25-26 Org. Advisors Pick Up Premium Checks from Jr. Fair Office
25 CARTEENS Class
30 Junior Fair Board Post-Fair Wrap Up Meeting and Party
30 Nominations for Action Committees and 4-H Advisory Committee Due
30 County Award Medal Applications Due
30 Excellence in 4-H Award Applications Due
30 Meritorious Service Award Nominations Due

October

- 02 Junior Leaders
02 Horse Committee
03 Dairy Committee
04 Dog Committee
05 Beef Committee
05 Excellence in 4-H Award Interviews
09 **Columbus Day – Extension Office Closed**
10 Food and Fashion Board
10 Goat Committee
10 Swine Committee
12 4-H Advisory Committee
16 Junior Fair Suggestions Meeting
16 Senior Fair Board
19 Poultry & Rabbit Committee
19 Sheep Committee
30 CARTEENS Class
31 4-H Advisory Committee and Action Committee Ballots Due

November

- 02 Building 10 Committee
06 Achievement Record Workshop
06 Junior Leaders
06 Horse Committee
09 4-H Recognition Banquet
10 **Veterans Day – Extension Office Closed**
16 Skillathon Committee
20 Senior Fair Board
21 CARTEENS Advisory Committee
23-24 **Thanksgiving Holiday – Extension Office Closed**
27 CARTEENS Class

December

- 01 **Achievement Records Due**
04 Junior Leaders
11 4-H Advisory Committee
16 Senior Fair Board
18 CARTEENS Class
25-26 **Christmas Holiday – Extension Office Closed**