



# Erie County 4-H Buzz

## Important Dates

### MARCH

- 7-13 Ohio 4-H Week
- 18 4-H Advisory Committee Mtg
- 21 QA via ZOOM (register by 3/19)
- 28 QA via ZOOM (register by 3/26)

### APRIL

#### **1 4-H Online Enrollment Due**

- 1 Erie County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 1 Jr. Fair Board Applications Due
- 1 Deadline to Submit New Volunteer Application
- 7 Huron Co. Rabbit Clinic, Norwalk
- 14 QA via ZOOM (register by 4/12)
- 15 Cloverbud Advisor Training
- 16 Advisor paperwork/payment due**
- 25 4-H Scholarship Interviews
- 28 Huron Co. Rabbit Clinic, Norwalk

### MAY

- 3 Final Date to Enroll w/Late fee**
- 3 Project Change Deadline**
- 5 Deadline to complete New Volunteer Process
- 8 Feeder Calf & Market Lamb Online Tagging & Hog ID Online forms Due
- 8 Market Goat Tagging @ Erie Co Fairgrounds
- 8 Breeding Rabbit Check-In followed by Erie Co. Rabbit Clinic
- 12 Huron Co. Rabbit Clinic, Norwalk
- 14 Self Determined Project Proposal Form Due
- 14 Horse/Small Equine Forms Due
- 20 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting
- 22 Jr. Fair Board Meeting
- 22 Huron Co Poultry
- 26 Huron Co. Rabbit Clinic, Norwalk

Members & Parents,

This past year of 4-H was undeniably different; however, we are so glad you were patient and stuck with your clubs, projects, and activities. We are excited to be preparing for a new year!

There are still many unknowns about the 2021 4-H year. Last year members were able to complete projects and had the opportunity to exhibit projects at the Erie County Fair and sell project through an on-line auction. We will work to make sure things happen again this year, if not in a 'business as normal' way, in an alternative way. OSU Extension staff and our partners are committed to ensuring the best possible experiences for our youth, given the current situation. Patience, flexibility, and adaptability will again be important this year.

As many of your clubs begin meeting, some may decide to do it in-person if they have an educational purpose and can follow the safety guidelines. Others may decide to meet virtually for now. Whatever the experience, we wish you an awesome year of learning and fun!

If we can be of any help to you as you move forward in 2021 with 4-H, please do not hesitate to reach out to any one of us. We look forward to serving you.

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**2021 Erie County Fair**  
**August 10-15**



## **MUST HAVE - 2021 Fact Sheets Now Posted**

**It is your responsibility to obtain the fact sheets needed for the projects you take. Go to:**  
<http://erie.osu.edu> click on 4-H Youth Development, then Project Info & Fact Sheets

Remember, these project fact sheets include: information for project completion, judging dates and times, exhibit requirements, project check-in times and project check-out times

### **4-H Online Enrollment Deadline is April 1, 2021**

**(After April 2<sup>nd</sup> but on or before May 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$25 late fee in addition to \$10 activity fee)**

## **Parents: Key Leader Positions Available**

Are you a parent who wants to be a bit more involved with 4-H? Consider becoming a Key Leader. A Key Leader is a person who is knowledgeable in a specific project area and answers questions (usually a phone call) 4-H members may have about that project. Key Leaders are also asked to help set up the 4-H Youth Building prior to fair and assist during judgings and project check-in. Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in volunteering with the 4-H program in the following areas: Welding, ATV, Horseless Horse, Vet Science, Robotics, Models & Rockets, Rope, Woodworking.

## **4-H Activity Fee Reminder**

4-H members (including Cloverbuds) are required to pay a \$10.00 activity fee. Some clubs may ask members to pay this fee "out of pocket" and simply add it to existing club dues while other clubs may vote to pay this fee for their members from the club treasury. Club members should not bring individual payment to the Extension Office, but instead should pay their club treasurer, who will write one check to the Extension Office. Funds generated from this will help our office cover costs associated with various 4-H activities, such as camp, volunteer training, 4-H marketing, membership insurance, etc.

## **2021 ENROLLMENT IS ONLINE!**

Each member's enrollment must be submitted by midnight on **Thursday, April, 1<sup>st</sup>**. After that, you will be unable to self-enroll. Returning members should NOT create a new profile but instead, select 'I have a profile' and login using the family email address used last year. For detailed instructions and 'how to' videos for returning and new members, go to: <https://erie.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4h-online-20>. If you have any issues enrolling online, please call the Extension Office at 419-627-7631.

Those interested in enrolling after the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline (and competing in judgings and the Erie County Fair) can register until May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Erie County Extension Office but must pay a \$25 late fee in addition to the \$10 activity fee. Keep in mind; youth can join 4-H at any point throughout the year. The enrollment deadline is for fair participation.

### **Reminder**

Please remember the family email address you use for enrolling online is used to send notices when newsletters are posted and can be used to notify you of certain events.



## **Don't forget to follow us on Facebook!**

Erie County 4-H has a Facebook page! We use our FB page to post information, announce event changes, and send messages or reminders. Find us on Facebook by searching 'Erie County, Ohio 4-H'.

## New & Discontinued Projects

Please see page 2 of your Family Guide for the 2021 project revisions. If you haven't gotten a copy of the Family Guide yet, it is accessible online at <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>.

## Downloadable Projects & Resources

The projects listed below are available to download online by visiting: <https://ohio4h.org/stayathomeprojects>.

- 710GPM The Big Book of Cloverbud Activities (select activities)
- 173 *Horseless Horse*
- 409 *Sew Fun*
- 592 *Get Started in Art*
- 459 *Let's Start Cooking*
- 462 *Yeast Breads on the Rise*
- 359 *Your Thoughts Matter*
- 405 *The Laundry Project*
- 375 *Leadership Road Trip: Where Are You Going?*
- 611 *Explore the Outdoors*
- 621 *Ohio Birds*
- 493 *Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry*
- 500 *Science Fun with Physics*

## DID YOU MISS THE NEW COUNTY PROJECT LAST YEAR?

### 2020 REFASHION

Take something "old" and make it new again. Members choose an article of clothing or even an old household item and turn it into something stylish and fun to wear. You can alter an existing garment or use the fabric to create at least 1 piece to wear. Let your imagination and creativity guide you.




**STAY CONNECTED**

Are you looking for information on meeting guidelines, Zoom tips, projects, or youth activities? Check out: <https://ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected>.

This site offers great links to activities for youth and resources for volunteers.

# What's New...



## LIVESTOCK INTERVIEW JUDGING-

- Interview judging is scheduled to be held at the Erie County Fairgrounds July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5-8 pm.
- If exhibitor cannot attend interview judging on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, he/she must complete the make-up option (TBA) PRIOR to the July 22<sup>nd</sup> interview judging.

## BEEF-

- Planning to use online registration in lieu of in person tagging in May for feeder calves.
- Families responsible for getting calves vaccinated and completing the 2021 Erie County Fair Vaccination Form.
- Elimination of lightweight and heavyweight divisions for feeder calves.

## SWINE-

- Hogs ID forms will be submitted online

## GOAT-

- Planning to do IN PERSON tagging in May for market goats.
- According to USDA, microchip implants in the shoulder area of the goat are no longer acceptable.
- Draft of show bill to be posted.....
- All goat exhibitors must clean out their pens and help with barn tear down, including disassembling of pens, and clean-up Sunday night. Exhibitors must have a goat committee member check and sign off that pens are clean and torn down before animals can leave the building.
- There will be a class/obstacle course for pack goats separate from the pack showmanship class.

## RABBITS-

- For breeding and market rabbits, if your rabbit already has a tattoo you do not have to attend in-person check-in/tattooing at the fairgrounds. You can register your rabbit online.

## HORSE-

Please see the factsheets for all revisions which appear in red and italics.

- Prior to moving into fair, all rider/horse teams must be evaluated by a club advisor through riding meets or horse shows in order assess safety and basic riding/handling/driving abilities.
- Tuesday of fair each rider/horse combination is required to participate in a showmanship and horsemanship class. This will no longer be for a grade that is averaged for championship eligibility but rather must be done to move on to championships. See Article IV – number 3 of the horse factsheet.
- The Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows has been revised. Be sure to get a new copy.
- All first-year members will be required to complete the EquiStep Safety program and read the Horses, Safety and You book #191R. We highly encourage all members to complete it as it has great information. We will share information about completing the course directly with horse members and horse volunteers.
- PAS shows for State Fair qualification are scheduled for June 12 in Lorain County and June 26 in Erie County. Details will follow.
- The Erie County Horse Advisors are planning a Pleasure Show for June 19 at the fairgrounds. This will be a good practice for the PAS show. The show will be dependent on the mass gather ban for Ohio being lifted.



## Sale Checks

Sale committee will continue to mail checks this year as they did in 2020. Deadline to cash checks will remain November 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Livestock Tagging & Breeding Rabbit Check In: May 8, 2021

*\*See below for specific details for each specie.*

- Market Goat Tagging 9am @ the Erie County Fairgrounds-** Goats will be tagged (tattoo LaMancha) in-person. Exhibitors may tag up to 2 Dairy Market Goats and 2 Boer & Boer Cross-Market Goats. They will be permitted to show 2 market goats at the fair (2 Dairy Market Goats or 2 Boer & Boer Cross Market Goats or 1 Dairy Market Goat and 1 Boer & Boer Cross-Market Goat)
- Market Lamb Tagging – Online Registration is Due by May 8<sup>th</sup>** – To register your lambs, go to: [go.osu.edu/erielamb](https://go.osu.edu/erielamb). Exhibitors may ‘tag’ up to 3 lambs and show 2 at fair.
- Feeder Calf Tagging – Online registration is Due by May 8<sup>th</sup>**- To register your calves, go to: [go.osu.edu/eriefeder](https://go.osu.edu/eriefeder). Exhibitors may ‘tag’ up to 3 dairy beef feeders and 3 beef feeders and show 2 of each at fair. You are responsible for getting your calf vaccinated and completing the 2021 Erie County Fair Vaccination Form. The form can be found on our website at: <https://erie.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-information-fact-sheets>
- Hog Identification Forms- Online Registration is Due by May 8<sup>th</sup>**- To register hogs, go to: [go.osu.edu/erieswine](https://go.osu.edu/erieswine). If your hog is not ear notched, you must contact a swine committee member to have your hog(s) tagged with Erie County Fair tags, PRIOR to the May 8<sup>th</sup> deadline. Hogs tagged with Erie County Fair tags must still submit online identification forms. Pictures of hogs that have been tagged must include the hog(s) WITH the tags. Exhibitors may ‘tag’ up to 4 hogs and bring a max of 3 to fair.
- Breeding Rabbit Check-In May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-10am - Rabbit Clinic to follow**  
 All breeding rabbits must be in the exhibitor’s possession by the date of check-in/tattooing. You may tattoo up to four breeding rabbits and show 2 (must be of different breeds) at fair. If your rabbit already has a tattoo, it is not necessary to bring the rabbit to the fairgrounds, you can complete the online registration, by May 8<sup>th</sup>, by going to: [go.osu.edu/erierabbit](https://go.osu.edu/erierabbit). Have additional questions about whether you need to attend the breeding rabbit check-in on May 8<sup>th</sup>? See the 2021 Rabbit Fact Sheet for more details.

## Rabbit Exhibitors Invited to Attend Huron County Clinics

In addition to the two rabbit clinics offered in Erie County, Erie County rabbit exhibitors are also welcome to attend Huron County Rabbit Clinics. Huron County offers the following:

- Wed, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm – Basement of Huron Co. Office Building – 180 Milan Ave. (St. Rt. 250)  
Breeds, Care & Housing (Rabbits are not needed)
- Wed, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm - Basement of Huron Co. Office Building – 180 Milan Ave. (St. Rt. 250)  
Rabbit Health (Rabbits are not needed)
- Wed, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm - Basement of Huron Co. Office Building – 180 Milan Ave. (St. Rt. 250)  
Body & Skeletal Parts and Conformation  
(May bring rabbits to this clinic to confirm sex & that they are not crossbred)
- Wed, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm – Huron County Fairgrounds – Beginners Clinic (bring rabbits)
- Wed, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm - Huron County Fairgrounds - Showmanship Clinic (bring rabbits)

## Quality Assurance Training

Every exhibitor of a market, dairy, or **breeding** animal MUST attend a Quality Assurance program with his/her parent or legal guardian to be eligible to bring the animal(s) to fair to exhibit, show, or sell. There are no exceptions.

**REMEMBER: Quality Assurance program must be completed after October 1, 2019 and before June 26, 2021 (45 days prior to the start of the Erie County Fair).** Therefore, youth will not have the option of traveling to another county's Quality Assurance program a few weeks before the Erie County Fair to meet their QA requirement.

Youth have the option to complete an on-line YQCA session. Youth must complete the correct module for their 4-H age. There is a \$12 cost for this option.

We will be offering 3 county-wide QA sessions via Zoom. These sessions will be capped at 40 participants each and youth will need to register in advance. There will also be an in-person session available. Dates for those are as follows:

- Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 3-4pm via Zoom  
Register by 3/19 at [go.osu.edu/march21qa](http://go.osu.edu/march21qa)
- Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm via Zoom  
Register by 3/26 at [go.osu.edu/march28qa](http://go.osu.edu/march28qa)
- Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm via Zoom  
Register by 4/12 at [go.osu.edu/april14qa](http://go.osu.edu/april14qa)
- Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm, In-Person Session

## Erie County Jr. Fair Board Applications **Due April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Hey 4-H'ers! Would you like to be a member of the 2021 Erie County Junior Fair Board? We are accepting applications for this year's Junior Fair Board. If you will be entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall and are interested in being on Jr. Fair Board, please complete and submit an online application found at <https://erie.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/jr-fair-board>, by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Please note:** even if you were on the Junior Fair Board in 2020, you still need to submit an application for this year. Junior Fair Board members are expected to attend regular meetings, put in 7 hours of pre-fair work and also work various activities/shows at the fair. For more information, contact Jessica - [george.979@osu.edu](mailto:george.979@osu.edu).

## Scholarships Available

There are several scholarships available to eligible 4-H members: 4-H CARTEENS Scholarship, Erie County Homemakers Scholarship, Erie County Master Gardener Scholarship, Erie County 4-H Scholarship and the Chris T. Norman Scholarship. Details about these scholarships can be found on our website at <http://erie.osu.edu>. Click on 4-H Youth Development, then Scholarship Information.

- The deadline to apply for the Erie County 4-H Scholarship (the Erie County Homemakers Scholarship) and the Erie County 4-H CARTEENS Scholarship is April 1st. Applications can be completed online. The link for the Erie County 4-H Scholarship is: [go.osu.edu/erie4hscholarship](http://go.osu.edu/erie4hscholarship). To apply for the CARTEENS Scholarship go to: [go.osu.edu/eriecarteensscholarship](http://go.osu.edu/eriecarteensscholarship). Interviews will be held April 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4pm.
- The deadline to apply for the Chris T. Norman Memorial Scholarship is April 13th. Chris T. Norman Scholarship application is to be mailed to the person listed on the application by the deadline.
- Farm Bureau Scholarships are due March 31<sup>st</sup>

## Cross County Lines Membership

While it is expected that youth join 4-H in the county they reside, there are circumstances that raise the question- can they join a club in another county? While these situations are not all that common, it does happen. In order to join 4-H in another county, a youth must fill out the 'Request for 4-H Membership Across County Lines' at least 30 days prior to the county of request's enrollment deadline. It must then be approved by both counties. Approval should not be assumed, as there are acceptable and non-acceptable reasons for transferring. Common acceptable situations include:

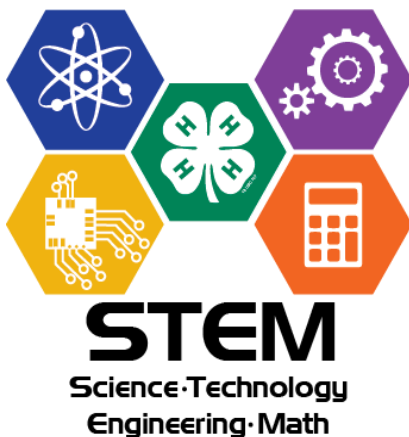
- The school district in which the child attends is located across two counties. The child's school friends may therefore be members in a county other than where the child resides.
- The county of residence does not offer the specific 4-H program being sought, such as shooting sports. In such cases, a youth can request membership across the county lines to participate in a program not available in the county of residence.
- The parents of a child are legally separated or no longer married to each other and live in two different counties. A request for membership in the county in which the 4-H project work will be completed is reasonable. Parents may be asked to provide court documentation which verifies custody agreements.

If request is approved, membership across county lines is granted for the duration of the youth's time in 4-H as long as membership is maintained in good standing.

For the most current information on this policy go to: <https://go.osu.edu/B5R5>

## 4-H Camp on Kelleys Island

Thirty+ youth have been invited to begin the camp counselor training process. In total transparency, we do not know what camp will look like in 2021. We may or may not have an overnight camp on the island. If we do have an overnight camp, I feel certain it will look much different than past camps. If overnight camps are not a possibility, we might be planning single-day or multi-day, day camps. We hope to have additional information about camp in April. Stay tuned.



## STEM Camp (5th, 6th, 7th grades)

STEM CAMP: June 22-24, 2021

Canter's Cave 4-H Camp, Jackson OH

Camp Fee: TBD- Registration forms Coming Soon!

Camp is open to children completing 5th, 6th, or 7th grades this spring.

### At STEM Camp, participants:

1. Engage in hands-on exploration of STEM.
2. Learn about related careers and educational requirements.
3. Grow both as individuals and as team members.
4. Develop and practice communications skills.
5. Have fun!

For more information go to: <https://4hcantercave.osu.edu/node/38>