

# Scioto County 4-H News

## OSU Extension

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## Welcome to 2024!

We are so excited to start another fun year of Scioto County 4-H! Our enrollments are open, and we are loving seeing everyone get a jump on signing up and selecting your projects!

In this newsletter you will find information on:

- **Enrollments**
- **Community Clubs**
- **Volunteers**
- **Project Participation**
- **Camp**
- **Scioto County Pre-Fair Schedule**

Scioto County 4-H offers youth members so many exciting opportunities to grow as leaders, learn new skills, and make life-long friendships! Your role is critical in making this happen and we thank you for the work that you do!

Please find some time to read all information provided so that you can have your most successful year.

You can find more details at the Scioto County 4-H website, [Scioto.osu.edu](http://Scioto.osu.edu) and the Scioto County 4-H Facebook Page.

Layton Mullins & Addison Mullins receiving State Achievement Awards.

Please also note that emails will be sent via our 4-H Online system to the email address on file.

Contact the Scioto County Extension office with any questions or concerns at 740-354-7879.

# Welcome

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## Enrollments

All 4-H members and volunteers must be enrolled in the 4-H Online system by **April 15, 2024**.

Projects will then be reviewed and change requests will be accepted until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Any enrollments after May 1<sup>st</sup> will not be eligible for fair competitions but are welcome to participate with clubs.

**HOW TO ENROLL AT  
[WWW.OH.4HOHIO.COM](http://WWW.OH.4HOHIO.COM)**

### RETURNING 4-H Members & Volunteers:

If you have been a 4-H member, or have had members from your family enrolled, please do not create a new account. If you cannot remember your family e-mail, please contact our office.

Instructional step-by-step video:

<https://youtu.be/Q6tEKXvnFRY>

\*Forgot your password? select reset password on login page to be emailed a new one (**do NOT create a new profile**)

### NEW 4-H Members:

Instructional step-by-step video:

<https://youtu.be/sTy20dkHpA0>



Scioto County Volunteer Conference 2023

### **ANNUAL MANDATORY VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

The Scioto County 4-H Volunteer Conference will be held at the Meadows at Wheelers Mill from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW VOLUNTEER TRAININGS**

One additional New Volunteer Training will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the Extension Learning Center, 502 Court St., Portsmouth (the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Court St., one block from the Court House). New volunteers

must call the office to pre-register by noon the day before the training.

All new volunteers must complete the online Volunteer Application prior to attending training and also complete an Ohio BCI background check. Full details about becoming a 4-H volunteer are available here: <https://scioto.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/become-a-volunteer>

## **Attention Scioto County 4-H Clubs!**

### **4-H CLUB GUIDELINES**

It is a state mandate that each 4-H club be chartered with a Club Constitution and By-Laws on file in the OSU Extension Office. Our clubs are required to hold a minimum of six meetings during a Project Year, and members must attend at least 5 meetings to be in good standing. Only members in good standing are eligible to participate in project judging and exhibition, which includes showing and selling at the Scioto County Fair and exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair. Reminder, club meetings must include a complete business meeting and minutes should be able to be produced from that meeting. Clubs need to elect youth officers and those officers run the meeting, with the assistance of the adult volunteers.

### **CLUB FINANCES AND FUNDRAISING**

The Scioto County 4-H Committee has set the policy of paying \$5 per youth member to the 4-H Committee. The money from this fee helps our 4-H program offer trips, scholarships, activities, awards, and more for our 4-H'ers and volunteers. Your club fees are due to 4-H Committee Treasurer Carolyn Garrett, 679 Eckhart Rd., Lucasville, 45648 by July 15.

### **CLUB AUDITS**

Once again, we will be auditing one-third of our county 4-H clubs in 2024. If you club was notified that they are being audited this year, please be sure to get that paperwork submitted to our office by **March 15**. The audit committee will be meeting to get those audits completed.

### CLUB VERIFICATION FORMS

Once again in 2024, we will be sending club verification forms to each Organizational Volunteer. Clubs should review form and make sure all their members are enrolled in the correct projects. Verifications will be sent after the April 15<sup>th</sup> enrollment deadline and must be signed and sent back to the office by May 1<sup>st</sup>. No changes will be made to enrollments after May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, or don't receive your club verification form within a couple of days of April 15, please contact the OSU Extension Office

## Non- Livestock Projects

Try something new!



2023 Non-Livestock Awards Ceremony, Hannah Deaver

## Project Judging



2023 Project Judging, Linkin Crabtree

### PROJECT JUDGING, DOG SHOW, ETC.

Project Judging will be held at the Scioto County Fairgrounds:

- July 16 Still Projects
- July 17 Clothing, Foods, Cake Decorating
- July 18 Style Review and Awards Ceremonies for all Still, Clothing and Food Projects

The Dog Show and Small Animal Project judging and awards will be held at the Wheelersburg Baptist Church at 6 p.m., July 9. This includes all Dog Projects, as well as Pet Rabbit, Cat, Cavy, Pocket Pets, etc. If you have questions about a small animal or dog project, please reach out to Jo.

### PROJECT CENTRAL

Not certain what projects to take? With over 200 choices, it can be a hard decision! Visit [projectcentral.ohio4h.org](http://projectcentral.ohio4h.org) to learn more details about all the projects you can try!

### PROJECT CLINIC FOR NON-LIVESTOCK

We will hold a project clinic for non-livestock projects at 6 p.m., June 13, at the Extension Learning Center at 502 Court Street, Portsmouth. We will have sessions related to Cake Decorating, Scrapbooking, Foods, Clothing, and other Still Projects. There will be volunteers and teens with experience there to give pointers, answer questions and help with some hands-on activities. This session fulfills one of the learning activity requirements in your project book! Please come and learn what you need to know for judging and get a jump-start on completing those projects.

### STATE FAIR PARTICIPATION

Non-livestock project winners may be eligible to compete at the Ohio State Fair. Learn more at

<https://ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook>



2023 State Project Judging Participant, Emily Scaff

# Participant Information

## Livestock, Equine, & General Projects



Scioto County Carcass Contest Participants 2023

### HORSE ID & REGISTRATION

All horse identification will be collected by paper form and is due to the Extension Office by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Youth will provide their Horse Identification info and sign off on their Helmet Safety Form. Please work with your club volunteers to complete. Horse ID forms can be found at <https://scioto.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-rules-and-guidelines/horse-project-requirements#overlay-context=>.

### LIVESTOCK

Youth should be enrolled in their corresponding livestock projects in order to exhibit project in the correct class and show. Additionally, all animals must be identified (or order form submitted) in order to be eligible for exhibition. See table for dates and locations of identification. More details will be emailed to exhibitors.

### SKILLATHON

Scioto County Livestock Skillathons will be held **July 11<sup>th</sup>**. A Skillathon Workshop will be open on June 6<sup>th</sup> to allow exhibitors to practice and receive study guides. See calendar for details. As a reminder, Skillathon participation is required for the Outstanding Exhibitor award, along with participating in Market/Breeding Class, and Showmanship.

### QUALITY ASSURANCE

All 4-H members enrolled in market beef, market sheep, market swine, market poultry (including turkey and waterfowl), market rabbits, market and dairy goat and dairy cattle projects (and wishing to exhibit and compete at the Scioto County Fair or Ohio State Fair) must complete a Quality Assurance (QA) Session **45 days prior to exhibition**. For youth participating in the county, all QA requirements must be met by June 15<sup>th</sup>. For those wishing to participate at the Ohio State Fair, all QA requirements must be met by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Project Books

Please remember to order your 4-H project books as soon as possible. 4-H members need their project books to complete **all projects** – including horses and livestock. The activities in these books are what makes it a 4-H project. Clubs may place book orders by completing and submitting the order form to OSU Extension. Book orders will be available within 2-3 business days unless out of stock. The book order form can be found on this page:

<https://scioto.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-applications>

2024 Livestock Identification		
Species	Where	When
Turkey	Order Form To MBA	March 1 <sup>st</sup>
Sheep	Scioto County Fairgrounds	April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 7-8am
Goat	Scioto County Fairgrounds	April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 8-10am
Chicken	Order Form To MBA	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Swine	Online	Midnight May 1st
Beef Breeding	Online	June 15th
Dairy Cattle	Form to OSU Extension	July 1st
Rabbit	Scioto County Fairgrounds	July 13 <sup>th</sup> , 8-10am

# Camp at Canter's Cave

We are excited for camp in 2024! Camp is a great way for 4-H members to learn valuable life skills, while having fun and making new friends. Campers participate in activities such as: fishing, hiking, archery, canoeing, and more! The Scioto County 4-H Committee has helped cover the cost of 4-H Camp for our 4-H members the last several years. Please consider sending your kids to camp. It is the best experience they can have!



## 2024 Camp Dates

Beginner Camp – Grades 3-5	June 17-20
Junior High Camp – Grades 6-8	June 25-28
Teen Camp – Grades 9-12	June 21-24
STEM Camp -Grades 5-7	June 10-12
Cloverbud Overnight	June 28-29
Special Needs Camp	June 14-16
Junior Shooting Sports	June 7-9
Senior Shooting Sports	July 14-19

### CAMP SPRING FLING IS APRIL 27-28

Spring Fling is an overnight camp for kids 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It is designed to give kids a taste of 4-H camp before attending the 3-night camp in the summer. While at Spring Fling, campers participate in traditional camp activities, hiking, games, crafts, nature, etc. (Parents – it is also a great way to get a night off for you!) Watch for registration information in the coming month!

### CAMP OPEN HOUSE IS MAY 5

Come join us on May 5 to see everything camp has to offer! Camp will be open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. There will be food, hikes, tours and much, much more! This is a perfect opportunity for your club to take a field trip to our beautiful 4-H Camp. If you have never been to Canter's Cave, it is very similar to the scenery in the Hocking Hills. Our hiking trails are amazing! Come check it out!



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