

Clover Connection

Scioto County 4-H Spring Newsletter 2015

Greetings! Welcome to the start of another new 4-H year! We are so thankful to have such a great group of volunteers helping us deliver the 4-H Program to the youth of Scioto County. As always, there is a lot of information packed into this newsletter. Please be sure to review it carefully and share it with your 4-H families. You are our link to those youth, so we need you to be sure to pass along information as we get it to you.

Clubs have begun meeting and picking up their enrollment packets. For those of you who have not done so, those are available in our office, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are many pieces to the enrollment packet, so please be sure to look through it and make sure you understand everything that is required so you can ask questions before you leave the office. If all of the pieces are not completed, your club will not be an official club in good standing and this could jeopardize your status as a volunteer and the kids' status as members.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions. We are always happy to help you make your club's experience the best it can be for you and the youth!

Jo and Josi

****NEW****

All 4-H Volunteers are Required to Attend Training

Starting in 2015, Ohio State University is requiring that all volunteers, both club advisors and resource volunteers, must attend training on recognizing signs of child abuse, and how to report any suspected abuse. This will be a mandatory training every year. We have set several dates for this training in Scioto County. All volunteers must attend one of the trainings in order to retain their status as a volunteer. We have to have all our volunteers trained by May 1 (the date of our final enrollment cutoff.) The trainings will be held:

March 28	10 a.m.	New Boston Community Center
April 7	6 p.m.	Friends Community Center (During the County Volunteer Conference)
April 23	6 p.m.	Scioto County Fairgrounds – School Building (This will be held at the same time as the Sheep and Goat Clinic)

Many of our Horse Advisors already received this training at the Scioto County Horse Advisor Update earlier in March. They do not need to attend another training.

****4-H Pre-fair Calendar Has Been Updated****

Please note that the 4-H Pre-Fair Calendar has been updated. If you printed off a copy of the calendar before March 10, please toss it and print out a new copy from our Web site. We found an incorrect date for the above-mentioned volunteer trainings on the old version and incorrect date for STEM Camp, so we want everyone to be sure they have the most current copy with the accurate dates. Thanks!

Club Packets are Available

If you haven't already picked up your club packet, they are ready and waiting at the office. This year the packets include re-enrollment forms for those youth who were in 4-H last year. Please be sure that as your 4-H members complete those forms, that they list the projects they plan to take for the current year. Just because the project is listed on the form from last year, does not mean they will be automatically enrolled in that project. They have to indicate that they wish to re-enroll in the project, or list a new project in the provided space.

Club Yearly Financial Reports Due

Please remember that your clubs' yearly financial report is due. If you have not completed the online report, you may complete and submit a paper copy with your club enrollment packet. Without a copy of this report, your club will not be recognized as a club in Scioto County 4-H, so please be sure to complete this report, so as not to jeopardize your members being enrolled in 4-H. There should have been a paper copy of the report form in your club folder, or you can access a copy of the report at <http://scioto.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-applications>

Volunteer Training Conference to be April 7

The Scioto County 4-H Volunteer Conference will be held at the Friends Community Center at 5:30 p.m., April 7, 2015. There will be a silent auction, meal, recognition, updates and training provided. At least one person from each club is required to attend this training (with the exception of horse clubs, who already had a mandatory training.) We will be providing the university's new mandatory "Recognizing Signs of Child Abuse" training at this event, so all who attend will be current on their training. Please call the office to pre-register for this event by 4:30 p.m., March 30th.

Officer Resources Can be Found on ohio4h.org

One of the most valuable experiences we can give our 4-H members is that of teaching them leadership skills. All clubs should be electing officers and then utilizing those officers to conduct the club's business meeting. There are some great officer books and videos located on the Ohio 4-H Web site under resources for youth. Please provide this information to your club officers so they can gain those valuable skills that will help them grow into confident leaders.

Community Service Awards to be Given Again

Once again, the Scioto County 4-H Committee will be recognizing all clubs who submit a Community Service Award form. Those clubs who share their experiences by submitting a form at the fair, will receive an award banner to hang in their club booth or stall area at the fair. Forms will be available in the 4-H Building, or can be found on our county Web site, go.osu.edu/scioto4h

Ohio 4-H Film Project Day Offered at Ohio 4-H Center

Do you have any 4-H'ers who are interested in making films? If so, please let them know about the Ohio 4-H Film Project Day where they can learn about making films as a 4-H Self-Determined Project. They will gain skills in screenwriting, low-cost equipment, lighting techniques, recording and using sound and editing. They will also find out how to enter your film and be part of the Ohio delegation to the national 4-H Film Fest in St. Louis this summer. The event will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 11 at the Ohio 4-H Center on the campus of Ohio State University. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Please contact Sally McClaskey, 614-247-8141 mcclaskey.12@osu.edu with questions or to register.

Silent Auction Items Needed

The 4-H Committee sponsors a Silent Auction each year at the 4-H Volunteer Conference. The committee is always looking for donations for the Silent auction from clubs, volunteers or the community. If you have a Silent Auction item, you can drop it off at the office, or simply bring it with you to the conference on April 7.

DairyPalooza offers workshops and QA

DairyPalooza is a great event that is open to our 4-H members. It is a dairy-oriented event offering QA training in the morning and then a series of workshops in the afternoon that are broken down for different levels of experience. There is also a separate Cloverbud program. There is a minimal fee with many "freebies" included. For the Northeast folks, there is an event May 2nd at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds. The western version will be held at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds on May 9th.

Ohio Corriedale Club Offers Ewes

The Ohio Corriedale Club is offering a pair of breeding ewes to a 4-H or FFA member who is interested in starting their own flock. The ewes should become a part of the member's project and exhibited at the county fair, and the Ohio State Fair Junior Corriedale Show. Applications are due April 1 and may be obtained by contacting the Extension office.

Food Service Training to be Offered

Any clubs who are planning to serve food or handle food as a part of their 4-H club experience are expected to complete food safety training. There will be a training held at 6 p.m., March 31, at the Lawrence County Extension Office. Pre-registration is required by calling our office. More information about this policy and training can be found at <http://fcs.osu.edu/sites/d6-fcs.web/files/oqc/Food%20Preparation%20Policy%20and%20Procedures.pdf>.

If you are interested in completing this training, but are unavailable for the training in Ironton on March 31, please contact the office.

Sheep and Goat Tagging to be Held May 2

Please remind all 4-H members taking sheep and goat projects that their animals need to be identified at the Spring tagging on May 2 at the Scioto County Fairgrounds. Sheep tagging will be held from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., and goats will be tagged from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Breeding, dairy, pack and commercial production goats have a separate identification form that can be completed ahead of time. The form can be found on our Web site, www.go.osu.edu/scioto4h

Market Hogs to be Tagged at Home in 2015

As was done last year, each hog exhibitor will tag their own animals and submit the proper paperwork and photos to the Extension office no later than 4:30 pm on Monday, May 4th.

- The system requires you to take four pictures of each hog, showing a front view, back view and both side views.
- It is extremely important that we are able to see the ear notches of each pig on these photos, along with the tag in the ear. Many of the best photos (depending on the ears/breed) were of the back of the pig's head, where you could see the ear notches and tag.
- **All market swine must have an ID form turned in by May 4th** which includes the photos, names of exhibitor on the back of each photo, with clearly identifiable ear notches and tag number.
- Each exhibitor may tag up to two hogs, however only one may come to the fair.
- Failure to submit an ID form will result in not showing at the fair.

- Late forms will not be accepted. If you have questions please contact the Extension office.
- You may sign out one tag per hog anytime after April 7th, 2015. We will have tags available at the Scioto County Volunteer Conference, which is April 7th at the SOMC Life Center beginning at 5:30 pm or at the OSU Extension Office.

Scioto County 4-H Gilt Show is Back

The Market and Breeding Animal Committee has decided to offer the Breeding Swine Gilt Show again in 2015. The Gilt Show will be Saturday, July 18th at the Scioto County Fairgrounds beginning at 9:00 am. Please refer to the Livestock policies located on the county Web site for information and rules about the Gilt Show. Remember, all Gilts must be tagged and have forms turned in at the same time as the market hog identification forms. Forms and tags will be available at the Extension Office after April 7.

Carcass Contest is a Great Learning Opportunity for 4-H'ers

The carcass activity is a great hands on experience and an opportunity for everyone to learn more about the meat industry. Other club members, parents, advisors and family members are welcome to attend the evaluations designed for carcass participants. Specific times, dates and locations of live and carcass evaluations are listed in the pre-fair schedule

If youth plan to take a carcass animal, they need to sign up for the carcass activity by listing it on their enrollment form as the following:

CARCASS STEER	CARCASS GOAT
CARCASS HOG	CARCASS LAMB

Each participant must complete a Purchase Process Agreement to help facilitate the identification, processing and destination of the animal carcasses. Agreements must be completed and turned in by the live weigh-in prior to slaughter. Please refer to the Carcass Contest Rules listed on the county 4-H Web page, <http://scioto.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-rules-and-guidelines/livestock-project-requirements>

Fundraising

Each club is required to participate in a county-wide 4-H Fundraiser to help support the 4-H Program. Clubs may choose either the candy or snack sticks option, or may do their own club fundraiser and contribute 10 percent of the profit. Payment for both candy and meat sticks will be due to 4-H Committee Treasurer Carolyn Garrett, 679 Eckhart Rd., Lucasville, OH, 45648, on May 1, 2015.

If a club chooses not to do fundraising, they can opt out by paying \$5 per member. Clubs MUST do a fundraiser or pay the opt-out fee in order to be considered in good standing. Any club sponsored fundraisers (Car wash, etc.) or opt out fees must be paid to the 4-H Committee Treasurer Carolyn Garrett by June 15. Only members in good standing are eligible to exhibit projects.

We have included a copy of the order form for candy and meat sticks with this newsletter. Please feel free to fax, e-mail, drop off or call your order in to the office by March 31.

Candy bars will be available for pick-up from 4:30 to 7:30 pm, Thursday, April 9, at the Scioto County Fairgrounds, in the 4-H Building. The Country Meats snack sticks will be available for pick up during the Volunteer Conference on April 7th at the SOMC Friends Center. Candy bars sell for \$1 and the club gets 25 cents and the 4-H Committee gets 25 cents from the sale of each bar.

QA Opportunities

All 4-H'ers enrolled in market beef, market sheep, market swine, market poultry (including turkey and waterfowl), market rabbit and breeding rabbits, goat projects and dairy cattle projects (and wishing to exhibit and compete at the Scioto County Fair or Ohio State Fair) must be verified as attending a Scioto County Quality Assurance (Q.A.) Session (or other approved session) for the current year.

Youth who do not attend QA are not eligible to exhibit or sell at the Scioto County Fair, or the Ohio State Fair. It is the 4-H'er (and their parent or guardian's) responsibility to see that they attend a session. No make-up sessions will be offered in Scioto County. Members may attend other certified county and/or state Quality Assurance events (such as the Beef Expo) only if such events are approved by the county

Extension Educator.

April 9	Swine Clinic/QA w/Dale Ricker	Scioto Fairgrounds	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
April 16	Rabbit & Poultry Clinic/QA	Pike Fairgrounds	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
April 23	Sheep & Goat Clinic/QA	Scioto Fairgrounds	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
May 18	General QA	Scioto Fairgrounds	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
July 06	Skillathon/QA	Scioto Fairgrounds	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

All of the sessions begin promptly at 6 p.m., but registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. Participants must sign in and sign out at the completion of the event. QA cards will be issued to those who attend the whole event. Full participation is required in order to receive credit and certification. Skillathon is a skills station event and participants rotate through the stations.

Check out our Facebook Page

To keep up-to-date on all the most current county, area and state 4-H information and events, "LIKE" the Scioto County 4-H Facebook Page. We try to load and link all new events on the page as soon as we see them. Also, if we don't have your e-mail and you want to be sure to get e-mail updates, please call the office and let us know. In order to save money on postage, we try to e-mail as much information as possible, rather than using regular mail. If, at any time during the year, your e-mail (or address, phone number, etc.) change, please be sure to contact the office and let us know, so we can keep you in the loop!

IRS Reporting for Your Club

As has been mentioned the last couple of years, all of our clubs have an EIN from the IRS. If your club does any sort of fundraising – and they should be, whether it be candy bar sales or individual club fundraisers – then your club needs to have a checking account, with that EIN number.

For yearly reporting, with that EIN number, as long as your club makes less than \$50,000/year all you have to do is log into the IRS Website and complete the E-postcard. It only takes about 5 minutes to complete. If you have an EIN, but have not completed the e-990 form, then you need to do so before May 15. If you do not do so, you will run the risk of losing your tax exempt status and will not be permitted to be a 4-H Club. Please be sure to obtain your EIN from the IRS and then let us know that you have it, so we can keep it for our records.

Project Judging dates

Project Judging dates have been set for 2015, PLEASE ADVISE THE ORDER AND DATES ARE DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. Clothing and Quilting Projects will be judged at 10 am, Wednesday, July 22, at the Friends Community Center. All Still Projects will be also be judged on Wednesday, July 22nd beginning at 3 p.m. at the Friends Community Center. Food and Nutrition and Cake Decorating Projects will be judged at noon, Thursday, July 23rd, at the Friends Community Center. Small Animals will be judged with Dog Projects at the Fairgrounds on June 30 beginning at 10:00 am.

NEW for 2015 – Pre-Fair Judging Awards Ceremony

All 4-H members who participate in pre-fair project judging will be recognized at the County 4-H Awards ceremony for Clothing and Quilting, Food, Cake Decorating, Nutrition, and Still Projects at SOMC Life Center at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 23rd. Participants in the Style Review will need to arrive at 5:30 to line up. The Style Review will begin at 6 p.m., with all other awards to follow.

Qualifying for the 2015 State Fair Horse Show

PAS. Horse project members may choose to participate in Performance Against Standards (PAS) Show(s) to qualify to participate in the State Fair Horse Show. A member may show in a maximum of four classes and must qualify in two classes to show at the State Fair. Members that qualify in more than two classes must select the two classes they intend to show in at the State Fair. A member may only attempt to qualify under two judges. If a member plans to attend an out-of-county PAS Show, they must complete PAS Out of County form and have it signed by either Jo or Josi to be sent with registration by the county deadline. For more info on the class requirements and rules you can go to the link below or contact Josi at the Extension office. <http://4hansci.osu.edu/horse/index.php>

Multi-County Horse Clinic Planned at Ohio Horse Park

Scioto and Lawrence counties' 4-H Programs will be sponsoring a Horse Clinic at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 28, at the Ohio Horse Park in Franklin Furnace. Kay Tracey, a judge of 35+ years, will be conducting the clinic for 4-H Youth. This clinic will focus on show terminology and what classes your horse fits into best. Feel free to bring your horses but it is not mandatory. The clinic will be just as beneficial without your horse as it is with. If you are bringing your horse it must have a current and up to date Coggins with you. If we borrow horses from the Horse Park, you must have a signed permission form from your parent/guardian. These forms will be available from Josi in the OSU Extension office or your club advisor.

Camp Dates for Scioto County

Scioto County 4-H members are very lucky to have a variety of 4-H camping experiences available to them. This year, there will be the traditional summer camps, as well as a STEM Camp for 5th – 8th graders, a Cloverbud Overnight Camp, and a Spring Fling weekend camp for 3rd – 6th graders. Please encourage your members to attend 4-H Camp. It is one of the best programs 4-H has to offer its youth! Camp dates are as follows:

Spring Fling (3 rd -6 th graders)	May 8-9	\$30
Cloverbud Overnigh (K-2 nd)	May 30-31	\$50 (includes child and parent/adult)
STEM Camp (5 th -7 th graders)	June 2-4	\$65
Junior High Camp (6-8 grade)	June 8-11	\$136
Teen Camp (grades 9-12)	June 19-22	\$140
Beginner Camp (3-5 grade)	June 22-25	\$136

Camp Open House a Great Club Meeting Location

Canter's Cave 4-H Camp is hosting a Camp Open House from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 17. This is a great opportunity for clubs and families to come and see what 4-H Camp has to offer. The open house will include camp tours, hikes, activities, the Flying Squirrel (sort of a reverse zip-line), a silent auction and live auction, and much, much more. The event is free and open to all. Last year we had a few Scioto County 4-H Clubs use this event as an opportunity to promote camp to their members. What a great idea! Please plan to have your clubs come to the camp open house on May 17!

New Web Site is Up and Running

Please take time to look over our new Web site, <http://www.go.osu.edu/scioto4h>, as it has changed a great deal from last year. All club advisors and 4-H members should go to this site to find copies of project requirements and rules related to their projects. There is information about what is required for judging at both the county and state level. If you have any questions or cannot find information you are looking for, please contact us so we can point you in the right direction!

Project Books Ready for Club Orders

Please be sure to get your club's Project Book Order form turned in as soon as possible. The longer you wait to order books, the longer it takes to get the orders filled. Most of the time we have books in stock, but often when we run out, it may take a week or longer to get them restocked. Last year during the busy months of May and June, some books were on backorder for several weeks. So, please order early. Also, try to send your order to us a few days in advance, so Lacie has time to get the order together for you. If you pay by club check, and have a tax-exempt form on file, you will not be charged tax for your order.

And remember – 4-H members need a project book to complete a project. The only projects that do not require project books are self-determined projects. When an advisor completes a premium form for exhibition at the Scioto County Fair, they are verifying that the member completed the project and all the requirements to be a member in good standing. Please help your 4-H'ers complete their projects and the records that go with those projects.

Junior Fair Queen's Contest Application Changes

The Junior Fair Queen's Committee has let us know that they are working on making some changes to the application the girls must submit. Please share with any girls you know who are interested that the application that was on our Web site is currently being updated. A new queen's application will be on the Scioto County 4-H Web site in the next month or so.

USDA Beef Traceability Rules Changed

In 2013, USDA made some minor changes to traceability rules that could affect our 4-H members due to our close proximity to West Virginia and Kentucky. All dairy cattle moving interstate (except to slaughter) need official ID. All beef cattle over 18 months of age moving interstate (except for slaughter) and all beef cattle moving interstate for rodeos, shows, or exhibitions need official ID. Official ID tags (the small silver tags) can be obtained free by producers from the state departments of agriculture. All questions should be directed to Steven R. Wilden, DVM, Vet Medical Officer, USDA APHIS Veterinary Services, 614-314-0614.

Ohio 4-H Dog Expo to be held April 10

The Ohio 4-H Dog Expo will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at the Stark County Fairgrounds. The registration deadline is April 10, and the fee is \$20 for a full day or \$10 for a half day. Ohio 4-H Dog Expo is for 4-H members enrolled in dog projects, as well as 4-H volunteer leaders and parents. For more information, <http://4hansci.osu.edu/companion/documents/2015DogExpoEventRegInfo.pdf>.



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The Ohio 4-H publications listed below are being revised, replaced, or discontinued effective October 1, 2014.

To Be Revised or Replaced

- 151 *Poultry Production: Raising Pullets*
- 152 *Poultry Production: Raising Broilers*
- 153 *Raising Fancy Poultry*
- 166 *Raising Turkeys*
- 168 *Duck or Goose*
- 179 *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows*
- 459 *I Spy in the Kitchen*
- 461 *Let's Bake Quick Breads*
- 611 *Let's Explore the Outdoors*
- 751 *Archery Member Record Book*

To Be Discontinued

- 124R *Techniques for Judging Dairy Cattle*
- 481 *Food and Fitness for Fun*
- 482 *Food and Fitness Choices for You*
- 488GPM *Team Up for Good Nutrition*
- 554GPM *ATV Safety Leader's Guide (will be online only)*
- 613 *Exploring Our Forests*
- 617 *Exploring Ohio Ponds*
- 625GPM *Fishy Science*
- 645 *Exploring Our Insect World 2*



Thinking about what to do for your 4-H project?

Ohio 4-H Project Central is an easy way for members to preview Ohio 4-H project books and resources. Take a closer look at a book, find out what others have to say, and share your experiences! Check it out at . . .

www.ohio4h.org/projectcentral

