

# Clover Connection

Scioto 4-H Newsletter

February 2020

Greetings! It is hard to believe the 2020 4-H Program year is already upon us!

There are several new changes that are covered in this newsletter, as well as many reminders of events and opportunities. Please take the time to look through this newsletter closely and be sure to share the information with your club members and their families. We want to make sure that our 4-H'ers are getting the best quality 4-H experience through their involvement in one of our great clubs, so we need your help in making sure they know and understand all of the rules and policies that go along with their projects.

Ohio 4-H week is March 8th thru 14th, 2020. This is a great opportunity for all of us to promote the Scioto County 4-H program, be on the lookout for ways you can help within your community. There are plenty of 4-H Family Guides and promotional flyers available in the office, feel free to stop in and distribute them throughout your community. The 4honline system is currently open, so feel free to log in and enroll early!

Thanks so much for all you do to make 4-H a great program in Scioto County. We are looking forward to this being the best 4-H year yet!

Sincerely,

Jo Williams  
Extension Educator

and

Josi Brodt-Evans  
Extension Educator

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## 2020 County Fair Dates

The Scioto County Fair will be August 10 through 15. The official dates were announced in January.

## Club Packets are available

Club packets with financial forms and all the forms needed to turn in for 2020 are currently available for pickup in the OSU Scioto County Extension office. We also have plenty of Family Guides, feel free to distribute them throughout the community. Remember Annual Financial Reports are due ASAP.

## Fundraising Info

Please see the enclosed, countywide fundraising opportunities for 2020. Candy bar and meat stick order forms are due to the Scioto County Extension office by 4:30 pm on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW for 2020** – If clubs choose not to participate in the county fundraiser, they must pay \$5 per member. That \$5 may come from club dues or any other approved club fundraiser. Clubs may still do other fundraisers with approval from Jo or Josi. Clubs no longer have to give 10 percent of other fundraisers – just pay \$5/per member to opt out of the countywide fundraiser. That fee must be paid by July 1.



### Quality Assurance Deadline

All 4-H'ers 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 be verified as attending a Scioto County Quality Assurance (QA) Session 45 days prior to exhibition. Session information is available at the Extension Office or from club advisors. Youth who do not attend a Scioto County QA session by June 15th for the current year will be ineligible to exhibit and compete at the Scioto County Fair and/or the Ohio State Fair during that year. It is the 4-H'ers' (and their parent or guardians) responsibility to see that they attend a session. No makeup sessions will be offered in Scioto County.

### NEW ONLINE Quality Assurance Opportunity

Youth who intend to show their project animal(s) at exhibition (e.g., county or state fair) have the option to complete an on-line YQCA session. For the training to meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA requirement for the project year:

- Youth MUST be 12 years or older as of January 1st of the current year (4-H age).
- The on-line session must be completed at least 45 days prior to the start of exhibition.
- Youth can go to the following website to take the age-appropriate on-line module for \$12:  
**<https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>**
- Youth will need their 4HOnline login and password or they can create their own login and password. Youth MUST register using 4HOnline for their results to automatically show up.

### Volunteer Conference

The Scioto County 4-H Volunteer Conference will be held at the SOMC Friends Community Center at 5:30 p.m., March 19, 2020. There will be a meal, recognition, updates and training provided. **At least one person from each club is required to attend this training.** We will be providing the university's mandatory "Child Protection Training" at this Please call the office to register by 4:30 p.m., March 6th.

### 4-H KICK OFF!

The Scioto County 4-H Kick Off event will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., March 3 at the SOMC Friends Community Center. This program is to allow community members to stop in and discover what 4-H is all about. Hopefully this will encourage new members to join, adults to become new volunteers and our program will acquire some new clubs! It also allows your club members to show off and share what they have done with the public.

- If your club is interested in setting up a table display to provide information about your club please contact our office so we can add you to our list.

### Child Protection Training

Please refer to the enclosed calendar for dates to attend the mandatory Policy 1.50 Child Protection Training. All volunteers must attend every year. One

### Camp Open House and Spring Fling

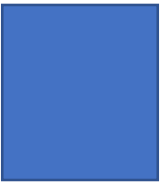
Please consider hosting a club meeting/field trip to our beautiful 4-H Camp at Canter's Cave on May 3, from noon to 4 p.m. Families can come hike, tour, eat and enjoy a silent and live auction – and see our beautiful new building! Additionally, Spring Fling is an overnight camp for third through sixth graders to get a taste of camp. It will be May 8-9, and is \$35. Forms will be on our website.





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