

March Update

Scioto County

March / 2021

Good Morning!

I hope you and you families are doing well. Normally we tell you to set your calendars right now. With the past year, set your calendars with just a little caution and a lot of hope as we head into 2021! Here's a list of things to start tackling to lay the foundation for a great year.

Setting your entire calendar of club meetings and sharing it with your members

Working on getting your financial paperwork accurately completed and submitted

Deciding on a couple community service projects

Electing officers and encouraging youth to attend Officer Training – more info coming soon and the date below

Remind livestock exhibitors to register for a Quality Assurance training

There are many virtual statewide programs, encourage 4-H'ers to take part in these new opportunities

Recruit New Volunteers

Existing Volunteers, register online to complete your Annual Mandatory Child Protection training

Now is the time to start enrolling! Recruiting! Dreaming of what could be this summer! We're hoping for more normal and more fun!

We're doing our very best to offer as much as we can with the limitations we are currently experiencing. We are required to follow OSU and Scioto County Health Department guidelines and therefore we shift programming as they recommend/require. Please dig deep and remember why we love 4-H so that some day when we are back to normal we can learn to thrive together again. If you have specific concerns or suggestions we are glad to hear them! **Be sure to read the information below, there are A LOT of important dates, registration links and virtual programs.** PLEASE, share the information below with those families that are in your club.

Scioto County 4-H Program Survey

- Since we are starting a new year, we wanted to get some input from our 4-H families about 2020. We know it wasn't always the best, but we tried lots of new things and learned a lot as we went along. Please click on the link and complete the brief survey (takes less than 5 minutes!). You can do it on your computer, tablet or smartphone. We appreciate your input, as it will help us improve the 4-H Program in Scioto County. https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0vU2DPIxAte3B3g



New Volunteers

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a new volunteer in 2021, there is now an online application available. This application makes it easy to complete from your phone or laptop and then submit directly to us without having to print anything out. We also still have paper applications available at the office, or you can print one out from our website, complete it and mail or drop it off. So many options!! We have included new volunteer training dates in the calendar included with this e-mail.

Online Volunteer Application, New Volunteers will need to have three references to complete the application process <https://go.osu.edu/sciotovolapp>

New Volunteer Training Dates and zoom link registrations can be found at <https://go.osu.edu/voltraining2021>

Returning Volunteers

- The MANDATORY Volunteer Training on Keeping Youth Safe, is required for Every Advisor to complete on an annual basis. This training reviews the route of reporting for Child Abuse & Neglect at the county level as well as Ohio State University.
- PRE-REGISTRATION: <https://go.osu.edu/voltraining2021>

SCIOTO 4-H VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

The Scioto 4-H Volunteer Conference will be offered in a virtual format on March 23rd beginning at 6:30 pm. Volunteers will have the ability to choose a breakout room session that fits their interest, taught by 4-H Professionals or Extension Staff. Below is a Qualtrics Survey for participants to complete that will allow them to select the session of their interest for the evening. The registration survey must be complete by March 19th.

- PRE-REGISTRATION: <https://go.osu.edu/scvolconreg>

Club Meetings

- Please remember that while clubs are allowed to meet in person, there has to be an educational component to the meeting, you must be able to social distance, and everyone must wear masks at all times, even outside. Frequently asked questions and links to guidelines are available here: <https://ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected>. Virtual meetings are still preferred at this time if you are able to conduct your club business that way. Hopefully as we move into Spring, it will allow for more of our clubs to be able to conduct outside meetings and educational activities. Bring on the sunshine and warm weather!

END OF YEAR TREASURY REQUIREMENTS

Please remember that we need your club to complete a Yearly Club Financial Report. Your club must file the report either online or by paper copy to our office. If we do not have a report on file by the April enrollment deadline, your club will not be permitted to continue to operate. Additionally, if your club is handling any money – dues, fundraisers, or project book money – you must have a club checking account.

- Forms can be found at <https://go.osu.edu/4hfinancialsummary>

Countywide Meetings

- Virtual countywide meetings! **Totally optional to join as an individual's/families or as an entire club to hear from a guest speaker, receive updates ask questions or receive assistance while navigating the 4honline 2.0 site.** We are also offering breakout sessions for club advisors to be able meet and host a club meeting immediately following without the hassle of setting up a meeting themselves (or the free zoom time limit). Advisors need to let us know via phone or email if they want a breakout room. We hope you choose to join some of these great opportunities!
- **Please click on the link below to register**
 - March 14th @ 3 pm group session topic 4honline
 - <https://osu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrdumhpi8iHtSkWaCJDrKk2BvBFelnyMmz>
 - April 11th @ 3 pm group session topic Albright Farm Tour
 - https://osu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlqc-2sqT8pH9K7Cj_Nypgdbq40KSqold64
 - May 2nd @ 3 pm group session topic Explore Canters Cave
 - <https://osu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvcO2vqjMuEtde5SGalK0IDuiXEKeKNzsk>

LIVESTOCK

Horses

EquiSTEP

<https://go.osu.edu/equistep21>

Must be completed by June 1st

Online Registration

Must be completed by May 1st

Quality Assurance

- Unlike in 2020, QA must be completed 45 days prior to the start of exhibition
 - The deadline for Scioto County youth is June 15th
 - Any youth exhibitor (8-18) may take the online YQCA certification with county permission.
 - Additional QA info and links to register online can be found at <https://go.osu.edu/sciotoqa>
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- **Goats, Pigs, Lambs and Beef Breeding Projects**

Goats, Pigs, Lambs and Beef Breeding Projects will once again utilize the online Qualtrics system to upload their animal identification information.

 - Online Identification deadline May 3rd
 - **New for 2021** – Tags will be distributed at the Fairgrounds on March 25th from 4:30 to 7:30 pm and April 13th from 4:30 to 7:30 pm
 - One person will be responsible for picking up tags for the whole club.

Scioto County Extension Office Hours

The Ohio State University Extension Office in Scioto County will be operating on limited hours of **9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, by appointment.** When not staffing the office, we are teleworking and available by phone and e-mail. We will be able to accept paperwork, sell project books, and all the usual stuff we normally do, just call ahead and let us know what you need so we can be prepared to get you in and out safely. Please remember that masks and social distancing are required when at the office.

Calendar

Please find below a calendar of upcoming dates for 2021. While this is not a complete calendar, it is a start. The 2021 Scioto County Fair dates are August 9 through 14. We will add additional dates, times and locations in the next month or so. So, please continue to check your e-mail and follow us on Facebook.

Important Dates

Additional links will be shared closer to the event

MARCH

- March 11th from 1 to 3:30 pm New Volunteer Training
 - Child Protection Training from 1 to 1:30 pm
- March 14th Countywide Club Meeting via Zoom
- March 16th Virtual Quality Assurance from 6 to 8 pm
- March 18th from 5:30 to 8 pm New Volunteer Training
 - Child Protection Training 5:30 to 6 pm
- Virtual 4-H Volunteer Conference and Program Update – March 23rd at 6:30 pm
 - Pre-Registration required by 3/19
 - Child Protection Training to follow

APRIL

- April 3rd from 9:30 am to Noon, New Volunteer Training
 - Child Protection Training 9:30 to 10 am
- April 8th Virtual Quality Assurance from 6 to 8 pm
- April 11th Countywide Club Meeting via Zoom
- April 20th Virtual Officer Training from 6:30 – 7:30 pm

MAY

May 2nd Countywide Club Meeting via Zoom
May 3rd Livestock Online Registration Deadline for Pig, Sheep & Goat
May 3rd Online Horse ID & Registration Deadline
May 4th Virtual Horse Show Scribe Clinic beginning at 6:30 PM
May 5th Virtual Quality Assurance from 6 to 7 pm

Additional dates to hold

- June 15th – QA deadline
- July 13th – Skillathon (will not count for QA)