



Dear 4-H Volunteers,

It's hard to believe that the 2022 4-H year is starting up! Seems like just yesterday we were wrapping up fair and enjoying those last few days of summer. Enclosed in this letter you will find several updates and some resources to get your club year started off right. If you have any other questions, call or email anytime!

### **2022 Volunteer Trainings**

As a reminder, all 4-H Volunteers are required to attend one mandatory training each year. Training dates for 2022 4-H year are listed below. If you have any new advisors to your club, they will set up their training alongside their volunteer interview when they turn in their new volunteer application.

#### **Virtual Options (held via Zoom)**

- Sunday, February 6th at 7 p.m.
- Thursday, February 24th at 8 p.m.

<https://osu.zoom.us/j/98865367317?pwd=cDVoSU1mdzkvUkpaYnhnMFZjZk51dz09>

Meeting ID: 988 6536 7317/ Password: 180262

#### **In-Person Options**

- Tuesday, February 1st at 6 p.m. – C.C. Engineers Office Conference Room
- Monday, February 14th at 7 p.m. – C.C. Engineers Office Conference Room
- Thursday, February 24th at 11:30 a.m. – Courthouse, Lower-Level Conference Room

### **Club Attendance Policy Changes**

Each club may have additional or stricter member in good standing policies but as a county, we will be following state guidelines and implementing a new attendance policy starting in 2023. *Each club can choose to implement this policy in 2022 but it won't be required until 2023.* The new county policy:

- **All clubs will have a minimum of 6 pre-fair meetings. Members will be required to attend at least 4 pre-fair club meetings.**
- Other member in good standings requirements: Enrollment by deadline/ Participate in project interview (skillathon, judging, or with advisor)/ No outstanding fee's/ Participate in club activities & fulfill all club responsibilities
  - If members do not meet these requirements by fair, the extension office should be notified, and members will not be eligible for awards, premiums, and county contests. It will be the decision of each club if the member will be invited back to the club the following year.

## **Financial Summary Form**

Starting in 2022- the extension office will only be requiring financial documentation annually through the Financial Summary form (see enclosed or available at [crawford.osu.edu](http://crawford.osu.edu)). *Each club will still be asked to turn in their club treasurer book/ records by September 1.* The deadline for Financial Summary forms THIS YEAR has been extended to **February 15, 2022.**

## **4-H Online Enrollment**

Again this year, members and advisors will be completing their club enrollment using 4-H Online: [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) Enclosed in this letter you will find the guidelines for new & returning members to complete their enrollment. PLEASE INSURE returning members use their past account and DO NOT create a new account- If members have problems they can call/ email anytime or attend one of our evening hour zooms:

<https://osu.zoom.us/j/99100400391?pwd=UzVLenF3aW9iZkxBZm8xck11WmFyUT09> or call Skype #419-561-6017

- March 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00- 6:30p, March 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00- 6:30p, March 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30- 8:00p

## **4-H Club Office Resources**

If your club has extra officer books, please discard them and use the new state officer books. Books are now available in the OSU Extension office or can be printed/ downloaded online. There are now online video resources that we ENCOURAGE ALL officers to view before they start the year: <https://ohio4h.org/officerresources>

## **Club Resources**

Don't forget we have lots of resources that can be checked out for your club meetings. All resources are first come, first serve so call or email anytime to reserve.

- Book Boxes- A copy of all project books to view before enrollment
- Livestock Skillathon Kits- Skillathon testing will again be optional this year with the interview being required for all exhibitors
- Cloverbud Curriculum- Lesson kits and resource books available
- Other requests? Let Allison know of any club resources that would be helpful or if you would like an education club training (depending on schedule availability).

## **Ohio 4-H Week March 6-12, 2022**

- Club Window Decorating Contest: Email/ Call the Extension Office by March 1st to be entered into the club window decorating contest! Displays must be in place by 12:00 p.m. Monday- March 7<sup>th</sup> and will be judged through March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Ohio 4-H Conference: Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Columbus Convention Center. At this event, teens & adults learn together and from each other to improve our 4-H programs and events.

- Conference registration fee is \$35.00 and are due by February 11<sup>th</sup>. The 4-H Advisory Committee has graciously paid for the first 10 adult or teens who register through the OSU Extension office. Look online for the complete conference handbook or stop by the office to view the handbook.
- For more information email/ call our office or go online:  
<http://www.ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>

### **Crawford County 4-H Advisory Committee**

Did you know the Crawford County 4-H Advisory Committee is active throughout the year to prepare, plan, and promote 4-H programs year-round? As a member of this committee, both youth and adults, can assist 4-H Educator with programs, give advice, comments, and suggestions from the community, and overall work together to bring new ideas to our 4-H program. Without this committee a lot of programs in our county 4-H couldn't be possible!

I would like to thank all of our current members and encourage each club to have a representative on the committee. If you are interested in joining us to help grow the 4-H program, we invite you to attend our first meeting of 2022 on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **New Fairgrounds Building**

If you haven't already heard, the Jr. Fair Board Office & 4-H Lunchstand are officially gone. Although it will be a big change and will present some challenges in 2022, we are excited to have a new facility for the 2023 4-H year & fair! In the meantime while the building is under construction, there will be some temporary changes. The Jr. Fair Board office will be housed in the 4-H Booth building at the far northwest end. We hope to have a walk-up window on the outside for members & parents to stop at for vouchers, awards, and other Jr. fair needs. As for the 4-H Lunchstand, the 2022 plan is still up in the air. We will be making official plans closer to fair but we do plan to have some type of concession. Please let your clubs know that shifts will likely look different in 2022 but we still hope to provide opportunities for members to help.

### **Reminders regarding Quality Assurance**

We will be asking again this year that all youth pre-register for in-county Quality Assurance programs. Any youth that attend a program not offered below will need to provide documentation of attendance to the Extension office by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. ***ALL QA trainings must be completed by June 3<sup>rd</sup> to be eligible for BOTH County & State Fair.***

ALL livestock exhibitors (including pet rabbit) who have not previously tested out will need to complete ONE of the following options:

#### **In-Person Quality Assurance Programs**

- Thursday, March 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Building, Fairgrounds
  - *Designated for younger members/ suggested age 10 and under*
- Sunday, March 20 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Youth Building, Fairgrounds
- Wednesday, March 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Building, Fairgrounds
- April/ May Onsite Learning Experience TBD

- *Designated for older members/ suggested age 15 and older*
- *Date & location will be set by March 1<sup>st</sup> so members can plan accordingly*

### **Interactive Online Zoom Quality Assurance Programs**

- Monday, April 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
  - Zoom link will be sent to registered members on March 30<sup>th</sup>

### **National Youth for the Quality Care for Animals Online Course**

**Course link for YQCA:** <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

- \$12.00 course fee for each participant

Youth ages 12+ can choose to attempt a test out option to be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. If they do not pass, they will be required to attend an Ohio 4-H approved QA program by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

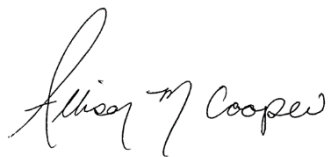
- Test out timeframes will be held 3:30-4:30p OR 6:30-7:30p on both days
- Please complete this link to register for a test out timeframe:  
[https://go.osu.edu/qa\\_testout](https://go.osu.edu/qa_testout)
- More information will be sent to registrants after March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Members can also choose to attend any Ohio 4-H approved Quality Assurance programs around the state, following their registration policies and guidelines.**

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We know the past two years have been a challenge and there have been many changes that came from the pandemic. We are hoping things continue to get back to a more normal and that we can continue doing activities in person. That being said, if anything changes, I will let you know and update you with any new protocol. As always, please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or need assistance with your club! I truly appreciate you all and everything you do for the county program!

Sincerely,



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