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*The 2020 Calendar is always changing,
please review the updated calendar
periodically at crawford.osu.edu

Message from the Extension Office

Hello 4-H Families!

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find information about upcoming opportunities, rule changes, and other important information as we start the year 2020.

Don't forget to also look online at the 2020 Crawford County Family Handbook to review important project updates and see project changes for 2020; crawford.osu.edu. Hard copies can be picked up in the OSU Extension Office upon request.

Our county is so lucky to have dedicated advisors, volunteers, committee members, and community partners all excited to support, provide direction to, fundraise for, and educate tomorrow's leaders on what it truly means to make the best better! Thank you everyone for your support and dedication to the 4-H Program.

I'm looking forward to the new year ahead of us!
Sincerely,

Allison

Crawford County 4-H camp will be held Thursday through Monday, June 12- 15, 2020 on Kelleys Island!

Congratulations to all of the youth that were selected to be camp counselors:

Cameron Brian	Abbie Brocwell	Kevin Feik	Lydia Feik
Corin Feik	Julia Feik	Levi Hartschuh	Kearston Hulsmeyer
Jodie Jennings	Cooper Kent	Miya Kinn	Riley Lusk
Mason McKibben	Nolan McKibben	Kennedy Pine	Gwen Ruth
Matthew Schiefer	Zach Seiler	Leah Sheets	Courtney Stahl
Sheba Sulser	Kassidy Stanford	Brandon Vent	

Who can go?

4-H camp is fun for any youth, even non 4-H members, completing grades 3-8.

What does 4-H camp have to offer?

Counselors and staff are already planning four fun filled days in the sun on Kelleys Island! Each year 4-H Camp offers a variety of activities: swimming, nature, water activities, crafts, and much more. We have great programs and special events to keep you busy from morning 'til night!

How do I sign up?

Registration packets will become available mid- late April. This packet will need to be completed and sent to the OSU Extension office, along with the camp fee, by May 22nd. Registration will be accepted up until May 29th with additional late fee. Cabin assignments and sessions fill up fast so get your registration turned in as soon as possible.

Partial Scholarships Available

Partial scholarships are available through the Crawford County 4-H Advisory Committee to those most deserving financial assistance. More information will be included in the camp registration packet.

Thinking about camp but just not sure? Talk to past campers in your club or talk with a counselor to find out all the fun that happens at camp!
You can also check out the photo page on our website crawford.osu.edu or our Facebook page Ohio State- Crawford County 4-H



Updates to Quality Assurance Program 2020

- ❑ **Crawford County 4-H or FFA Members CAN NOW attend a QA program from another county or Ohio 4-H Approved workshop to earn credit.**
- ❑ **ALL JR. FAIR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS** must annually attend one session or pass QA test out.
- ❑ Regardless of age, junior fair exhibitors shall successfully complete the educational program not less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition in which they will participate. Thus, QA training and certification must be completed not less than **45 days** prior to the opening day of the Crawford County fair; **June 4, 2020.**
- ❑ Youth ages 12-14 who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA program for up to 3 years. Youth ages 15-18 years who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA program permanently. These ages are as of January 1, 2020. **New this year- Youth can attend early test out option held March 10-13 in the Lower Level Conference room of the Courthouse between 3-4 p.m. If they do not pass, they will be required to attend one of the QA dates below. There will still be a test out option at the end of QA as well.**

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Lower Level Conference Room, Courthouse

NO Test Out Offered at End of Program

**Designed for 5th grade and younger; Must pre-register with OSU Extension Office 419-562-8731 by March 24, 2020. Limited to 25 participants.*

Thursday, April 9, 2020

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Youth Building, Fairgrounds

Test Out Offered at End of Program

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Youth Building, Fairgrounds

Test Out Offered at End of Program

Thursday, April 16, 2020

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Youth Building, Fairgrounds

Test Out Offered at End of Program



Crawford County Fair & Livestock Schedule 2020

If you haven't heard, the 2020 Crawford County Fair will begin on **Monday July 20-Saturday July 25**. Due to this change, the fair schedule is being rearranged; the livestock committee is putting a lot of thought into these changes and tried their best to accommodate all species.

At this time, a draft schedule has been presented but needs to be approved with the final changes. All advisors and livestock members will be receiving more information when it becomes available (anticipated mid February).

Please contact a member of the livestock committee if you have specific specie questions. Questions about Quality Assurance and 4-H requirements can be answered by the OSU Extension office 419-562-8731.

2020 Carlot Hog Information

The Swine Committee has started preparations for the 2020 Carlot Market Hog project. This project was developed as an opportunity to bring affordability to the market hog project and allow more kids to participate. If numbers allow, there will be an Independent show and a Carlot market hog show. Youth may participate in both shows if they choose. Exhibitors are allowed to show a maximum of 2 carlots and 2 Independents; however, the exhibitor may only sell 2 hogs for premium while the other 2 hogs will sell for base bid.

A commitment letter will be mailed at a later date; however, if you have questions or are interested please contact Jeff Schiefer @ 419-569-2859 (text or call)

Crawford County Courthouse Changes

Please be aware, when you enter the Crawford County Courthouse to visit the OSU Extension office you will now be required to go through building security. Be sure to leave all pocket knives and excessive baggage in your vehicle.

The change in security also means that there will be NO MEETINGS in the Lower Level Conference Room after business hours. Majority of meetings will be held at the fairgrounds or the Engineers Office across from the fairgrounds. Be sure to double check meeting locations to ensure their location.

Due to all of the changes in 2020, additional information emails and website updates will occur more often. Please contact OSU Extension with any questions or location inquiries, 419-562-8731/ cooper.2360@osu.edu



Adult Volunteer Opportunities

Don't have time to be a club advisor? Try one of these other volunteer positions instead...

- **Representative on Crawford County 4-H Advisory Committee**
- **Crawford County 4-H Scholarship Committee member**
- **Cloverbud Funday Planning Committee**
- **Ohio Shooting Sports Certified Instructor**
- **County Event Volunteer**
- **Ohio 4-H Conference Attendee**
- **Crawford County 4-H Camp Adult Staff (No positions available at this time)**
- **Older Youth Opportunity Award Trip Chaperone**
- **International Exchange Program Host**

****ALL OPPORTUNITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR****

Please contact Allison with any questions about all of the adult volunteer opportunities

Information for current 4-H Volunteers

A county volunteer can participate in a variety of activities through the county and on the state level. Volunteers are not required to participate in every activity in the county, they should be as active as their schedules allow.

Volunteers can be advisors in a county club or can chose only to participate in out of club activities.

Annual 4-H Volunteer Training Dates

All 4-H Volunteers are required to attend one mandatory training each year. Training dates for 2020:

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

6:30 p.m.- Crawford County Engineers Conference Rm

Thursday, January 23, 2020

7:30 p.m.- Crawford County Engineers Conference Rm

Monday, January 27, 2020

11:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.- Crawford County Engineers Conference Rm

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.- Crawford County Engineers Conference Rm

Thursday, January 30, 2020

8:30 p.m.- Crawford County Engineers Conference Rm

Know someone who may be interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer?

- ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS MUST BEGIN THE 4-H VOLUNTEER PROCESS BY APRIL 15th Any adult interested after April 15th will need to wait until after the fair to start the process and will NOT be permitted to act in the capacity of a 4-H Volunteer until the entire 4-H Volunteer process is complete.
- Complete the volunteer Application with references
 - After we have received references back, we will schedule a meeting/ interview/ training.
 - Applications can be found online at crawford.osu.edu or picked up at OSU Extension Office
- An Ohio BCI / Background check will need to be completed prior to becoming a volunteer.
- Please contact OSUE Office with questions about how to apply to be a 4-H volunteer, 419-562-8731, cooper.2360@osu.edu



Help Support Your Local 4-H Program!

Through several different fundraisers throughout the year, the 4-H Advisory Committee strives to give back to our local 4-H community. The committee raises funds for: EVERY 4-H member & advisor insurance policy, part of all county dues, 4-H camp discounts, 4-H camp scholarships, statewide camps, leadership trainings, older youth trips, and more.

Ways that you can help support 4-H:

- **Patron Sponsor Information:** Patron Sponsor letters have been mailed for 2020. In return for being a Patron Sponsor, any business, family, or individual will be recognized at the 2020 Crawford County Fair in the Advisory Committee Booth and in the Youth Building during judging and 4-H events, and on the “4-H Forever in Crawford County” Facebook page throughout 2020. Additionally, any sponsorship will be tax deductible, to the limit allowed by law, as the Crawford County 4-H Advisory Committee is a 501c3 organization. Any questions or to donate, contact cc4hforever@gmail.com
- **4-H Food Stand:** Each year at fair, the 4-H food stand brings in money that goes right back to the 4-H’ers in the county program. Whether you buy a 4-H special or help take orders, you are giving back to the county program. Please be sure to help during your clubs shift at the fair or volunteer during a different shift if unable to attend during your assigned time.

Ohio 4-H Conference

The Ohio 4-H Conference is Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the Columbus Convention Center. This event is designed to bring together volunteers and teens from across the State of Ohio.

We truly believe that these educational workshops/ sessions offer something for everyone. The conference registration fee is \$35.00. 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 <http://www.ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>

Must register with OSU Extension Office by February 12, 2020

Ohio 4-H Week March 8-14, 2020

Club Window Decorating Contest

Call the Extension Office by March 2nd to be entered into the club window decorating contest! Displays must be in place by 12:00 p.m. March 9th and will be judged through March 14th. Top awards and \$5.00 for each participating club will be given by the 4-H Advisory Committee. All club windows will also be featured on the Crawford County 4-H Facebook page and Instagram.

Inspiring Instagram & Fantastic Facebook Following

Check out the Crawford County Facebook page and the Crawford County 4-H Instagram account every day during Ohio 4-H week to see the daily posts.

#crawfordcounty4h @Crawford County 4-H

