

MIAMI COUNTY 4-H NEWS UPDATE

WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL

It is with sadness and joy that we share with you that Jessica Adams, former Program Assistant, 4-H Youth Development, in Miami County has started a new journey in her 4-H career. She has accepted the position of Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, for Shelby County. We will miss her greatly! We congratulate and wish her well in this well-deserved new position.

MIAMI COUNTY 4-H KICK-OFF WEEK

To encompass 4-H Head, Heart, Hands, and Health - this year the Miami County 4-H Advisory Committee is again changing up the normal one day 4-H kick off to a weeklong 4-H celebration, **January 31 – February 6, 2021!** Click [here](#) for details.

OHIO 4-H EQUITY MONTH

February is Ohio 4-H Equity Month. Beginning February 1, throughout the month there will be virtual opportunities for youth and volunteers to explore diversity, equity, and inclusion topics. For more information, visit <https://go.osu.edu/4hequity>:

- **Weekly Challenge** - Seek out a virtual challenge that will encourage members to explore a new resource, start a conversation, or another “at-home” challenge to enhance their learning about diverse topics!
- **Where is it in Ohio?** - Each week a location that is representative of the week’s topic will be highlighted on Friday through a video interview.
- **Suggested Reading** - A selection of age-appropriate books for children, early teens, and young adults have been selected for each of the Equity Month topics.

OLDER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Ohio 4-H offers a variety of opportunities at the State level – including scholarships! Ohio 4-H Achievement Records are due to the Extension Office by Wednesday, February 3. Click [here](#) for more information.

2021 OHIO 4-H CONFERENCE

The 2021 Ohio 4-H Conference will be held virtually, and it is free: Saturday, February 20 (9:00 A.M. - 11:35 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 3:35 P.M.), Tuesday, February 22 (7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.), and Thursday, February 25 (7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.). Sessions are available for teens and adults. The registration deadline is February 12. Click [here](#) for details.

OHIO 4-H AWARDS RECOGNITION

The state recognition of volunteer awards which normally takes place during the Ohio 4-H Conference will be held virtually on March 11. To register for this event, go to <https://go.osu.edu/Ohio4-HAwards>.



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TEAMWORK FROM HOME

The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council would like to invite you to join them during their statewide “Teamwork from Home” event on Friday, February 19! The first session will begin at 4:00 P.M. with a break from 5:30 P.M.- 6:30 P.M. At 6:30 P.M., they will begin their second session. You can choose to join them for one or both sessions! During these sessions you will have an opportunity to learn about older youth 4-H opportunities, meet others from around the state and country, and participate in several interactive activities! To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/4hteamwork>.

O.S.U. VIRTUAL JUNIOR SWINE DAY

The O.S.U. Virtual Junior Swine Day is scheduled for February 20, 2021. The complete agenda and registration information can be found at this link: www.go.osu.edu/jsd2021.

ENROLL TODAY

Ohio 4-H has upgraded software – which means we have a new database. Videos and tip sheets have been posted to aid new and returning families with enrollment. Please click [here](#) for more information. The Miami County 4-H Club enrollment deadline is March 26, 2021.

2021 MIAMI COUNTY 4-H VOLUNTEER APPLICATION INFORMATION

Individuals applying to become a new Miami County 4-H Volunteer in 2021 must successfully complete all phases of the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Application process by March 26. Please click [here](#) for further details.

CURRENT VOLUNTEERS

Policy 1.50 training, an annual state requirement for Ohio 4-H volunteers, will be held virtually. Please click [here](#) for instructions. If you have any questions, please email Demetria at woods.372@osu.edu.

Miami County 4-H Volunteer Updates will be conducted virtually. Please register at <https://go.osu.edu/MCupdates>.

- 6:00 P.M., Thursday, February 11, 2021
- 6:00 P.M., Monday, February 15, 2021
- 6:00 P.M., Thursday, March 4, 2021

GRAB & GO CLUB MEETING TOOLKIT

This is great! Start your 4-H year with seven ready-to-go club meeting agendas detailing a family kick-off, team building, officer elections, public speaking and more. Learn how to adapt in-person activities to a virtual setting and strategies for including Cloverbuds. Find it at <https://go.osu.edu/clubmeetingtoolkit>.

CLUB OFFICER RESOURCES

Several resources are available online for club officers – from training videos to the actual officer books. Please share these [resources](#) with your club officers.

Take care, stay safe, and just breathe.