

MIAMI COUNTY 4-H NEWS UPDATE

WEEK OF APRIL 1, 2021

### 4-H AND JOANN PARTNERSHIP

Join JOANN in supporting 4-H and visit your local store on **April 3** from 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. to pick up a free LEGO® DOTS™ activity and coloring page. You can help ensure every kid has a chance to succeed by donating to 4-H at the register through April 30.

### QUALITY ASSURANCE TEST-OUT OPTION

The Ohio Department of Agriculture mandates Quality Assurance (QA) for all youth exhibitors (age 8-18) of market animals, lactating dairy and lactating goats. Youth ages 12-14 and 15-18 have the option to test out of Quality Assurance. Youth ages 12-14 who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA program for up to 3 years (until they reach the age of 15 as of 1/1/program year). 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, 2021 – a youth's 4-H age.

Three, in-person, Quality Assurance Test-Out sessions will be held:

- Thursday, April 8 at 6:00 P.M.
- Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 A.M.
- Saturday, April 10 at 12:00 P.M.

**Pre-registration is required by April 7.** To register, please visit: <https://go.osu.edu/mcqatest> . Each session is limited to six participants and will be **conducted at the Hobart Center for County Government in Troy**. Participants will be **required to wear masks and follow social distancing protocol**. Hand sanitizer will be provided.

Tests consists of 50 questions, multiple choice and youth must score a minimum of 70% to pass. Depending on their project animal, youth may select the Small Animal Test (rabbits and poultry) or the Large Animal Test (sheep, beef, goats, swine, and dairy). If a youth fails to pass the test, they are required to attend a virtual QA session or complete the certification on [yqca.org](http://yqca.org).

### BUCKEYE BUNNY SUPPLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Buckeye Bunny Supply Memorial Scholarship (In Memory of Alan Worthington) application is now available! Two \$250 scholarships will be awarded to a high school senior or current college student who was active as a youth member in the rabbit industry that has excelled in all aspects of their 4-H or FFA career. Deadline to apply is **April 9, 2021**. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### CLUB OFFICER RESOURCES

Several resources are available online for club officers – from training videos to the actual officer books. For more information, visit <https://ohio4h.org/officerresources> .



## MAKING THE BEST 4-H CLUBS BETTER

4-H Advisors! If you're looking for great resources for your club meetings, you'll find them at Making the Best 4-H Clubs Better. These 30 in-person lessons cover many different topics and are 20 minutes or less. Twenty of these lessons can also be offered virtually. Find them all at [go.osu.edu/best4hclubs](http://go.osu.edu/best4hclubs).

## 4-H SPECIAL INTEREST (SPIN) CLUBS

**4-H SPIN Club: 4-H World Changers** - From cartoons to movies to video games, animations are everywhere! Join this club for weekly virtual sessions beginning **April 8** to unlock your inner animator! Registration is now open: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/4HWorldChangers> .

**4-H SPIN Club: Let's Get Crafty** - This virtual club is for youth in grades 3-12 who want to learn and create a variety of art projects. During this 6-week SPIN club, participants will receive information and then actively create projects during the one-hour meeting time. An Art Gallery will spotlight the club participants' projects on April 29. To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/crafty>.

## 2021 4-H PROJECT BOOK OPTIONS:

- **Order and pick up project books at the Extension Office.** We are ready for your orders! Please email your orders to Linda at [good.72@osu.edu](mailto:good.72@osu.edu) Please provide your name, when books are needed, and contact phone number or email so we can let you know when your books are ready for pickup. Miami County is set to order books once a week, so **we need your book order requests by 4:00 P.M. on Thursdays to include on that week's order.** Kind reminder - orders paid via club check are non-tax. Other payments are taxable. Again, Linda will contact you when your books are ready for pick up and cost. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Linda.
- **Download one for free.** Select from a dozen popular titles in the [Perfect Stay-at-Home Projects](#) collection. Click on the book you want, and when the file opens on your screen, save or print it from there. This year a selection of 4-H Cloverbud activities is available for Cloverbud Advisors, too. (For accessible formats of these publications, visit [cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility](http://cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility).)
- **Buy one online.** You can order directly from [extensionpubs.osu.edu](http://extensionpubs.osu.edu). Ohio residents receive free shipping on orders of \$20 or more with the coupon **FREE2021**. Books may cost slightly more this way, but orders can be shipped directly to any Ohio address. *Please review your order carefully. Extension Publications is not able to accept returns.*
- **Make your own.** Self-determined projects are an excellent choice for self-motivated members eager to get started by creating their own projects. Check out the [idea starters already available online](#). Many are great stay-at-home projects too, for example, Music, Bats, String Art, Climate Change, American Sign Language, etc. You can also discover ways of making the best better during this global pandemic with [My Own Stay-at-Home Project](#).

Take care, stay safe, and just breathe.

