

MIAMI COUNTY 4-H NEWS UPDATE

WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

2021 OHIO STATE FAIR

On April 8, the Ohio Expositions Commission announced that the 2021 Ohio State Fair will not be open to the public and will instead focus on agricultural and educational competitions for exhibitors, their families, and guests. Click [here](#) for more information from the OSF newsroom.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Hats off to the youth that participated in the Quality Assurance Test Outs on Thursday and Saturday! They all did a wonderful job! We had a great turn out but hope to see even more exhibitors take advantage of this opportunity in 2022.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture mandates Quality Assurance (QA) for all youth exhibitors (age 8-18) of market and lactating dairy animals. The ODA requires QA to be completed a minimum of 45 days prior to exhibition. Quality Assurance for 2021 must be completed by June 1, 2021. Virtual QA sessions will begin on Thursday, April 22. Click [here](#) for additional dates and further details.

PROPER ID FOR LIVESTOCK VIRTUAL SESSION

Have questions about animal identification? Then please join us at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27** for a session on proper identification for livestock - particularly scrapie ID for sheep and goats and 840/RFID tags for cattle. This program is being conducted by Dr. Jamie Davis and Lauren Peoples of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services United States Department of Agriculture. The registration **deadline is Friday, April 23**. Please click [here](#) to register.

GRAB & GO CLUB MEETING TOOLKIT

Check out these seven ready-to-go club meeting agendas detailing a family kick-off, team building, officer elections, public speaking and more. 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. For more information, please visit: <https://ohio4h.org/officerresources>.

4-H CLOVERBUD VOLUNTEERS

Check out the Cloverbud Connections blog, designed specifically for 4-H Cloverbud Volunteers. The page features twice monthly posts as well as available resources. Check out the new Reading Adventures activities. To visit the blog: <https://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/>. On the blog page, you can sign up to receive email notifications when new content is posted.



4-H AND JOANN PARTNERSHIP

JOANN and 4-H are creating opportunities for all kids to create, make and learn through hands-on experiences. You can help inspire a child's creativity by donating \$1 or \$4 at checkout when you visit JOANN in-store or online now through April 30. Learn more at: <http://bit.ly/3iAa7td> .

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 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.)
- **Buy one online.** You can order directly from 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.

4-H SUMMER FUN DISCOUNTS

Get ready for some summer fun! Two groups are offering 4-H families special discounts: Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay, and the Classic Green Reunion. Classic Green is an organization of John Deere collectors and 4-H members can get free admission June 24-26 by wearing 4-H apparel.

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