

MIAMI COUNTY 4-H NEWS UPDATE

WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021

QUALITY ASSURANCE

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. The next Miami County virtual QA session will be on Wednesday, April 28. **Click [here](#) for additional dates and further details.**

VIRTUAL SKILLATHONS

Miami County 4-H members enrolled in animal projects must complete a skillathon for each animal project area (excluding cats, llamas, alpacas, and cavies) in which they are enrolled. Members may complete skillathons online **May 1 - June 1, 2021**. The categories will be divided by animal project area and age level of members (as of January 1): Juniors, ages 8 (and in 3rd grade) - 11; Intermediate, ages 12 - 14; Seniors, ages 15-18. Links will be available on May 1 at <https://go.osu.edu/MCskills>.

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](#) to read the article from the OSF newsroom.

PROJECT ENROLLMENT FOR OHIO STATE FAIR

4-H members must be enrolled in their county in any project they enter to show in the Ohio State Fair Junior Livestock Shows (including poultry, rabbits, and dogs), regardless of whether that project is offered for county exhibition (Source: *Family Guide*, pg. 4).

The **Miami County 4-H Add/Drop project deadline is May 1**. All project changes must be submitted in writing. Please email Connie at veach.7@osu.edu for project changes (Ex. I would like to add project 140, *Swine Breeding*). If adding a livestock project, please also send a copy of the [Ohio Revised Code Livestock Standards Acknowledgement](#).

TEXTILE AND CLOTHING PROJECT ZOOM CLINIC

Are you interested in learning more about sewing? The 4-H Master Clothing Educators are here to help. Beginning April 29, they are hosting four Zoom clinics that range from selecting and laying out your pattern, seam finishes, zippers and more. Attend one or all! Click [here](#) for details.

HORSE LEASING AGREEMENTS

The deadline to submit [Horse Leasing Agreements and Identification Forms](#) to the Extension Office is June 1. Forms may be emailed, mailed, dropped off or faxed, but they **must be received by June 1**. For questions, please contact Demetria at woods.372@osu.edu.



CHALLENGE FOR CLOVERBUD GROUPS

In honor of the Mars Rover, this year Cloverbuds will be going to space with the Cloverbot Challenge happening on Mars. Cloverbuds will design a place to live on the Red Planet and create a model featuring their method of transportation. The Challenge will take place virtually on Monday, July 12 or Thursday, July 22 from 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. Breakout rooms will be utilized in ZOOM so that teams will have the opportunity to share their projects. Please click [here](#) for more information.

TRACTOR SUPPLY PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

Tractor Supply will help raise money for 4-H programs with the Paper Clover Campaign, a national in-store fundraiser that benefits 4-H programming. A percentage will go back to our county to be used on camp and leadership experiences. Paper Clover Runs Wednesday, April 28th through Sunday, May 9th.

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) CLUB

Designed for middle and high school girls, EVERYONE who has an interest in STEM and making a positive impact in their community, is welcome to participate in the 4-H World Changers Film Making Edition. Sessions will be every Wednesday, May 12 – June 2, 7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Click [here](#) for further details.

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 submit your **book order requests by 4:00 P.M. on Thursdays to include on that week's order.**
- **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](#).
- **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.
- **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.

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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