

MIAMI COUNTY 4-H NEWS UPDATE

WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2021

WE'RE HIRING

We are now hiring a 15-hour Office Associate in the Miami County Extension office. If you have technical skills, social media knowledge, enjoy learning new software and working with technology, we want you! Click [here](#) for more information.

ENROLLMENT THANKS

Thank you everyone for working to get enrollments in by March 26. From time to time, we ran into some glitches. We appreciate your patience. Hats off and a special thank you to Connie Veach, Extension 4-H Program Assistant. She learned the new system and spent many hours guiding our 4-H families through it.

QUALITY ASSURANCE TEST-OUT OPTION

The Ohio Department of Agriculture mandates Quality Assurance (QA) for all youth exhibitors (age 8-18) of market and lactating dairy animals. 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. **Click [here](#) for additional QA information.**

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.



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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.

4-H SPECIAL INTEREST (SPIN) CLUBS

4-H SPIN CLUB: SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT! Interested in improving your skills related to public speaking? Check out this new opportunity: 'Speak Up, Speak Out! SPIN Club' - open to all youth in grades 6-12. Registration deadline is April 7 (or when maximum number of participants is reached - whichever comes first). Register at <https://go.osu.edu/speakupspinclub>.

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.

