

MIAMI COUNTY 4-H NEWS UPDATE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2020

REMINDER: STATE 4-H MEETING GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN UPDATED

Given the rise of COVID-19 in Ohio, and in an effort to keep our 4-H families, volunteers and communities safe, **effective December 7, 2020 all 4-H meetings and events are to be canceled, postponed, or held virtually until January 15, 2021.**

As part of an academic institution, we follow science and model what the Ohio Department of Health, CDC and other experts stress is important in addressing this virus. All 4-H volunteers are expected to follow these guidelines regarding 4-H meetings and events. Volunteers who are not in compliance will receive a first warning. A second incident disregarding our effort to protect the health, safety and well-being of members, families and communities will result in immediate termination of volunteer status.

O.S.U. Extension offices will be open based on the current Ohio Public Health Advisory System. If a county is purple or approaching purple, O.S.U. Extension offices will be closed, and employees will be working virtually. If a county is red, O.S.U. Extension offices will be staffed by appointment only. **You will need to call in advance to schedule a time to go to the office.** Please note there may be additional guidelines from county health departments.

New Office Hours: Due to current mandates, **O.S.U. Extension, Miami County is open Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. by appointment only.** We are also available Monday through Friday via email. For a complete listing of staff email addresses, please visit: <https://miami.osu.edu>. Thank you for your understanding and stay safe.

OHIO STATE FAIR - MARKET BEEF DNA KITS/EID TAGS

The Ohio State Fair has agreed to extend the deadline for receiving DNA kits for Market Beef to **January 30th, 2021.** To set up an appointment to pick up a kit, please email woods.372@osu.edu.

OHIO 4-H CLOVERBUD TIME CAPSULE

Have you ever thought about creating a family time capsule? 2020 has been an unprecedented year and there are some important memories you might want to capture for the future. Christy Millhouse, 4-H Extension Educator in Preble County has developed a guide to help us create a family time capsule. You can print a copy [here](#). Good luck and have fun!!

4-H CLOVERBUD CONNECTIONS

This blog provides a unique blend of education, activities, and fun for Cloverbud Volunteers as they lead kindergarten through second grade youth. This week's edition is entitled "Home for the Virtual Holidays". To read the post and subscribe to future posts, please click [here](#).



4-H AT HOME

Just in time for the holidays, enjoy three downloadable fun, educational, resources for kids and teens to do at home. Explore science, baking, and crafting activities. Download activities to continue “doing and learning” during the holiday season. Prepare tasty recipes from 4-Hers across the nation. Click [here](#) to learn more.

OHIO JUNIOR FAIR CONFERENCE

The Ohio Junior Fair Conference will be Saturday, January 9, 2021. Live discussions will be offered online (10:00 A.M.- 11:00 A.M.). Recorded training sessions will be available online. Full list of details will be announced soon!

OHIO 4-H HORSE PROGRAM UPDATES FOR 2021

- Revised Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows
- Upcoming Virtual Events:
 - Ohio 4-H Horse Advisor/Volunteer Conference: January 30th
 - 4-H Hippology, Horse Bowl, & Horse Judging Educational Clinic: February 20th
- For more information, visit <https://horse.osu.edu>.

4-H WORLD CHANGERS: LEARN TO CODE

Have you ever wanted to learn how to program your own game? This virtual 4-H club will begin on January 21 and is designed for middle and high school youth (grades 5-12) who have an interest in STEM and coding. Click [here](#) for more information.

2021 OHIO 4-H CONFERENCE

The 2021 Ohio 4-H Conference will be held virtually: Saturday, February 20 (9:00 A.M. - 11:35 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 3:35 P.M.), Tuesday, February 20 (7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.), and Thursday, February 25 (7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.). The session schedule will be available soon. This is a wonderful opportunity to refresh your 4-H volunteer skills from the comfort of your own home!

2021 FAMILY GUIDE

Check out the 2021 Family Guide and begin planning your 4-H projects for the coming year <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>. Each 4-H family will have a copy of the 2021 Family Guide mailed to their household.

CLUB OFFICER RESOURCES

Several resources are available online for club officers – from training videos to the actual officer books. In addition, quick guides that offer information on the importance of campaigning for club offices, officer position descriptions, and tips for holding elections have been added. These resources can be found at <https://ohio4h.org/officerresources> .

4-H EZ: RECIPE FOR 4-H COMMUNITY CLUB SUCCESS

Hey, 4-H Volunteers! Want to make your 4-H club work “EZ”? Check out the “[4-H EZ for Community Clubs](#)” online volunteer training. This training includes videos, handouts, and resources designed just for you!

Take care, stay safe, and just breathe.