

MIAMI COUNTY 4-H NEWS UPDATE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021

CURRENT VOLUNTEERS

Policy 1.50 training, an annual state requirement for Ohio 4-H volunteers, will be held virtually. Click [here](#) for instructions. Please forward your course certificate of completion to Demetria at woods.372@osu.edu.

Miami County 4-H Volunteer Updates will be conducted virtually. Please register at least 48 hours prior to the session you would like to attend at <https://go.osu.edu/MCupdates>. Approximately 24 hours before the session, you will receive a Zoom link to connect to the program.

- **6:00 P.M., Monday, February 15, 2021**
- **6:00 P.M., Thursday, March 4, 2021**

VIRTUAL STATE 4-H HORSE HIPPOLOGY/JUDGING/HORSE BOWL CLINIC

Registrations are due by **February 15, 2021** at midnight and are required to be made online by this cutoff date to participate in the Virtual State 4-H Horse Hippology/Judging/Horse Bowl Clinic. Participants will be able to access online learning modules via O.S.U. Scarlet which can be completed at your own pace between February 19 beginning at 9:00 A.M. and closing February 21 at 9:00 P.M. This event is open to all 4-H youth and adults in Ohio. Click [here](#) for details.

O.S.U. VIRTUAL JUNIOR SWINE DAY

The O.S.U. Virtual Junior Swine Day is scheduled for February 20, 2021. Details can be found at this link: www.go.osu.edu/jsd2021. **The registration deadline is Wednesday, February 16.**

TURKEY ORDERS

Cooper Farms is again offering up to 5 free poults per 4-H member to take as a livestock project to the 2021 Miami County Fair. Our friends in Shelby County are graciously working with Miami County on this opportunity. Please contact Judie Gaerke at gaerke.13@osu.edu by 4:30 p.m. next **Friday, February 19**, with the number of turkey poults you are requesting. They need to know if you want hens or toms, and how many of each (Up to 5 total). You can purchase additional birds for a small fee. Here is a [link](#) to the Order Form for 2021 and the Instructions and Biosecurity Forms from Cooper Farms.

TEAMWORK FROM HOME

The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council would like to invite you to join them during their statewide "Teamwork from Home" event on **Friday, February 19!** The first session will begin at 4:00 P.M. with a break from 5:30 P.M.- 6:30 P.M. At 6:30 P.M., they will begin their second session. You can choose to join them for one or both! During these sessions you will have an opportunity to learn about older youth 4-H opportunities, meet others from around the state and country, and participate in several interactive activities! To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/4hteamwork>.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Ohio 4-H Scholarships – Deadline February 15

2021 Miami SWCD/Larry Studebaker Scholarship - Deadline March 12

Miami County Agricultural Leadership Application - Deadline April 1

Miami County Farm Bureau Scholarship – Deadline April 1

OUTDOOR WRITERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA CONTESTS

Any outdoor-themed written or photographic work created during 2020 can be submitted between January 15, 2021, and March 1, 2021, to <https://owaa.org/contests/>, for the Outdoor Writers Association of America Student Photo Contest and Youth Writing Awards. Complete rules of the contests are also available at that site.

OHIO 4-H AWARDS RECOGNITION

The state recognition of volunteer awards, which normally takes place during the Ohio 4-H Conference, will be held virtually on **March 11**. To register for this event, go to <https://go.osu.edu/Ohio4-HAwards>.

2021 MIAMI COUNTY 4-H VOLUNTEER APPLICATION INFORMATION

Individuals applying to become a new Miami County 4-H Volunteer in 2021 must successfully complete all phases of the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Application process by **March 26**. Please click [here](#) for further details.

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, go to: <https://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/>. On the blog page, you can sign up to receive email notifications when new content is posted.

OHIO 4-H EQUITY MONTH

February is Ohio 4-H Equity Month. Throughout the month there will be virtual opportunities for youth and volunteers to explore diversity, equity, and inclusion topics. For more information, visit <https://go.osu.edu/4hequity>:

- **Weekly Challenge** - Seek out a virtual challenge that will encourage members to explore a new resource, start a conversation, or another “at-home” challenge to enhance their learning about diverse topics!
- **Where is it in Ohio?** - Each week a location that is representative of the week’s topic will be highlighted on Friday through a video interview.
- **Suggested Reading** - A selection of age-appropriate books for children, early teens, and young adults has been chosen for each of the Equity Month topics.

