

MIAMI COUNTY 4-H NEWS UPDATE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

### MEETING GUIDELINES UPDATE

Has your club resumed in-person meetings? In-person meetings are acceptable as long as they are educational in basis. Please follow the state guidelines when planning your club meeting. These guidelines include, but are not limited to:

- Hosting virtual meetings and events is preferred.
- If activities are critical/essential and are in-person, they must be focused on education.
- Groups cannot be larger than 50 people, including adults, youth, presenters, etc.
  - This directive is dependent on local health department advisories.
  - The group size may need to be reduced to 10 (or other amount), based on the directives from your local health department.
- Face masks are required.
  - This includes inside AND outside at all times.
  - Program participants age five and older, and parent/guardians must wear a mask.
  - The exception is shooting sports where safety is a concern when on the line. Refer to the section on additional shooting sports guidance.
  - Medical conditions or disability exceptions are also permitted.
- Potlucks and buffets are not permitted.

Before hosting an in-person club meeting, please take a few minutes to review the complete guidelines: <http://go.osu.edu/21meetingguidelinesfebruary>.

### CURRENT VOLUNTEERS

Policy 1.50 training, an annual state requirement for ALL Ohio 4-H volunteers, will be held virtually and must be completed by our club enrollment deadline, **March 26**. Click [here](#) for instructions. Please forward your course certificate of completion to Demetria at [woods.372@osu.edu](mailto:woods.372@osu.edu).

Miami County 4-H Volunteer Updates will be conducted virtually. Please register at least 48 hours prior to the session 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., Thursday, March 4, 2021**

### 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.

### ENROLL TODAY

Ohio 4-H has upgraded software – which means we have a new 4-H database. Videos and tip sheets have been posted to aid new and returning families with enrollment. Please click [here](#) for more information. The Miami County 4-H Club enrollment deadline is **March 26, 2021**.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

[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

[A. B. Graham Memorial Center Scholarship](#) – Deadline April 16

## 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. Register by **March 9** to receive a link to the YouTube Premiere of this event at <https://go.osu.edu/Ohio4-HAwards>.

## NATIONAL 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY COMPETITION

Write a short essay (750-1000 words) on “Threats to Bee Colonies and Methods to Defend Against the Threats”. One winner from Ohio will be selected to advance to the national competition. Additional information can be found [here](#). Please submit your essay to [woods.372@osu.edu](mailto:woods.372@osu.edu) **before March 12**. Miami County’s winning essay will then be forwarded to the State 4-H Office to compete for the honor of representing Ohio 4-H in the contest.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a way to support 4-H but do not want to be a 4-H Club Advisor at this time? Do you have marketing or programming ideas for the 4-H program? Are you a teen with new ideas to share? Then consider becoming a part of the 4-H Advisory Committee of Miami County. The committee is currently meeting via Zoom and is looking for additional members. If you would like to learn more, join us for the next virtual meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, **March 18**. To receive a meeting link, please contact Demetria at [woods.372@osu.edu](mailto:woods.372@osu.edu).

## CELEBRATE TEENS IN YOUR COMMUNITY WITH \$5K

Are you a teen making a positive impact in your community? Then you are an Invisalign ChangeMaker. In partnership with National 4-H Council, they are giving \$5,000 to 100 teens (ages 13-19) who are changing the world for the better. Applications are being accepted through **March 31, 2021**. Click [here](#) for more information.

## FIRST-YEAR 4-H HORSE PROJECT MEMBER REQUIREMENT

EquiSTEP is a horse safety, handling and management program. All first-year Miami County 4-H Horse Project members **must complete the EquiSTEP On-Line Course by April 1, 2021**. Click [here](#) to register for this program.

## OHIO 4-H CLOVERBUD CONNECTIONS

Thinking about hibernating this winter? Click [here](#) for a new post on the 4-H Cloverbud Connections blog with activities, a book recommendation and even a snack you can enjoy with your Cloverbud!

