

MIAMI COUNTY 4-H NEWS UPDATE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:woods.372@osu.edu).

Miami County 4-H Volunteer Updates will be conducted virtually. Please register at <https://go.osu.edu/MCupdates>.

- 6:00 P.M., Thursday, February 11, 2021
- 6:00 P.M., Monday, February 15, 2021
- 6:00 P.M., Thursday, March 4, 2021

**2021 OHIO 4-H CONFERENCE**

The 2021 Ohio 4-H Conference will be held virtually, and it is free: 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.). Sessions are available for teens and adults. The registration deadline is February 12. Click [here](#) for details.

**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 sessions! 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>.

**O.S.U. VIRTUAL JUNIOR SWINE DAY**

The O.S.U. Virtual Junior Swine Day is scheduled for February 20, 2021. The complete agenda and registration information can be found at this link: [www.go.osu.edu/jsd2021](http://www.go.osu.edu/jsd2021).

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## 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.

## 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>.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

Take care, stay safe, and just breathe.



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