

MIAMI COUNTY 4-H NEWS UPDATE

WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

MEETING GUIDELINES UPDATED MARCH 11

Has your club resumed in-person meetings? In-person meetings are acceptable as long as they are educational in basis. **The guidelines have been updated with new information for horse clubs (Pg. 6).** Before hosting an in-person club meeting, please take a few minutes to review the complete guidelines: [Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-Person Meetings & Events](#) .

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 course instructions. Please forward your certificate of completion to Connie at veach.7@osu.edu.

A special Zoom Policy 1.50 session will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 22**. Approximately 24 hours before the session, you will receive a link to connect to the program. Click [here](#) to register. For more information, contact Demetria at woods.372@osu.edu or 937-703-6051.

ENROLL TODAY

The Miami County 4-H Club enrollment deadline is **March 26, 2021**. Please click [here](#) for enrollment information. Videos and tip sheets have been posted to aid new and returning families.

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.

CLUB OFFICER RESOURCES

Several resources are available online for club officers – from training videos to the actual officer books. For more information, visit <https://ohio4h.org/officerresources> .

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 AND JOANN PARTNERSHIP

JOANN and 4-H are creating opportunities for all kids to create, make and learn through hands-on experiences. You can help inspire a child's creativity by donating \$1 or \$4 at checkout when you visit JOANN in-store or online now through April 30. Learn more at: <http://bit.ly/3iAa7td> .



SCHOLARSHIPS

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

4-H SPECIAL INTEREST (SPIN) CLUBS

4-H SPIN Club: Food Science – This virtual club will be held **March 23 - April 1**, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and is for middle school and high school students. It includes a food science learning kit. To register visit: <https://go.osu.edu/ciftclub> .

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](#).

