

The Leader



TRUMBULL COUNTY 4-H NEWS

APRIL-MAY 2026

April

- 1 4-H Enrollments & Animal Registrations to OSUE
- 1 Royal Court Apps due to OSUE. 4:00 PM
- 1 Trumbull County 4-H Advisory Scholarship due
- 1 Jr. Fair Board Meeting, Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 6 4-H Advisory Comm., OSUE, 7:00 PM
- 7 Rabbit Comm. Mtg., Fairgrounds 6:00 PM
- 8 Horse Safety Meeting for 1st Year Members, 6:00 PM
- 8 Livestock Sale Comm. Fairgrounds, 7:00 PM
- 9 Quality Assurance, Test-Out 4:00 PM
- 11 Quality Assurance, Fairgrounds, 9:00-11:00 AM
- 12 April Rabbit Clinic, OSUE, 1:30 PM
- 13 Poultry Comm. Mtg., Fairgrounds 6:00 PM
- 15 Ohio State Fair Scholarships due
- 18 Dairy Palooza- Wayne County Fairgrounds
- 25 Goat/Sheep, Swine, Beef Feeder Tagging, Fairgrounds
- 27 CARTEENS, OSUE, 6:00-9:00 PM
- 28 Equine Comm. Mtg, Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM

June

- 1 4-H Activity Fees due to OSUE, 4:00 PM
- 1 Horse Person Test/Essay, OSUE, 5:00-7:00 PM
- 1 4-H Advisory Comm., OSUE, 7:00 PM
- 2 4-H Animal Project Judging, Fairgrounds, 6:00-8:00 PM
- 3 Jr. Fair Board Meeting, Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 8 Poultry Comm. Mtg, Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM
- 10 Livestock Sale Comm., Fairgrounds 7:00 PM
- 14 Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp, (ends 6/19), Windsor
- 21 Ohio State Fair Junior Livestock Entry Deadline, 1:00 PM
- 21 PAS Horse Show #2, Fairgrounds, 9:00 AM
- 23 Equine Comm. Mtg., Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM
- 26 4-H Clothing Judging, OSUE, 1:00-3:00 PM
- 29 CARTEENS, OSUE, 6:00-9:00 PM
- 30 General Project Judging, Champion Christian Church, 6:00-8:00 PM

May

- 1 Horse Person Contest Registration Due, OSUE
- 1 Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp Scholarship Apps Due
- 4 4-H Advisory Comm., 7:00 PM
- 6 Jr. Fair Board Meeting, Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 7 Dairy Committee Meeting, OSUE, 7:00 PM
- 12 Rabbit Committee Meeting, Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM
- 13 Livestock Sale Comm. Fairgrounds, 7:00 PM
- 18 CARTEENS, OSUE, 6:00-9:00 PM
- 26 Equine Comm. Mtg, Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM
- 30 PAS Horse Show #1, Fairgrounds, 9:00 AM

Trumbull County Fair Countdown:

103 Days! (as of 4/1/26)



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A Word From Ashlee



Dear 4-H Families,

Spring has arrived! If you're reading this, we've officially passed the 2026 4-H enrollment deadline. A new year is underway, and we're excited for all the opportunities, achievements, and memories ahead.

Be sure to review this edition of our newsletter to stay on track with your project, and don't miss out on the many spring activities coming up in the next few months.

Wishing everyone the best as you continue preparing for project judging and the Trumbull County Fair!

Ashlee Meardith, 4-H Extension Educator



4-H Youth Development

PROJECT BOOK ORDERS

Clubs are encouraged to purchase club project book orders no later than **April 15, 2026** to allow adequate time for project book completion prior to judging. Please use a club check when purchasing. Thank you for your cooperation! If families wish to purchase books on their own, they can visit <https://extensionpubs.osu.edu> to order!



WEIGH IN & TAGGING

All weigh in/tagging will be at Trumbull County Fairgrounds

Swine: April 25 from 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Beef Feeders: April 25 from 10:00 – Noon

Sheep/Goats: April 25 from 10:00 – Noon

QUALITY ASSURANCE REMINDER

This is a reminder that all livestock/market and dairy animal members are required to complete an annual Quality Assurance Program at least 45 days prior to the start of exhibition. The final date would be **Friday, May 29th** in order to exhibit at the Trumbull County Jr. Fair, beginning July 14th. Trumbull 4-H is offering an in-person program and test-out (see page 4 for more details). If you are unable to attend a Trumbull program, please contact Ashlee at Meardith.1@osu.edu to be notified of any available out-of-county programs.

OLDER YOUTH OPPS

Attention youth 14-18 yrs: Are you interested in learning more about 4-H State Awards? Please check out the complete list of Older Youth Opportunities & Awards at: <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarship>



4-H ROYAL COURT INTERVIEWS

4-H Royal Court Interviews will be held on Thursday, May 13th from 5:30- 8:00 pm at the OSUE Office. An interview schedule for junior and senior participants will be mailed out to all participants by May 1st. When you receive your interview time, please confirm the time slot listed or you can request a different time slot if there is a conflict.



CLUB ROSTERS & PROJECT LISTS

Over the first few weeks in April, the OSUE Office will be running lists and comparing 4-H enrollments and animal registrations that were turned in by April 1. Club rosters & project lists will be compiled and organized for advisors and species chairs.

OHIO 4-H CONFERENCE

On March 21, twenty-two teens and volunteers (and four guests from Geauga) attended the Ohio 4-H Conference held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center from Trumbull County! Special thanks to the Trumbull 4-H Advisory Committee for providing the opportunity of a charter bus. A great time was had by all!



4-H PROJECT JUDGING/SKILLATHON

All Animal Projects

(beef, cat, dairy, dairy feeders, equine, goat, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine, etc.)

Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Trumbull County Fairgrounds

General Project Judging

Tuesday, June 30th, 2026 6:00-8:00 p.m.;
At Champion Christian Church

Clothing Project Judging

Friday, June 26, 2026 1:00-3:00 p.m. at OSUE
*Makeups for animal projects must be orchestrated through the OSUE Office. Please contact Ashlee if you have questions or cannot attend on June 2nd.



CARTEENS

Trumbull County 4-H partners with the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Trumbull County Courts to help young people understand the importance of safe driving. We are on the search for teen volunteers to help lead our program! As teen leaders, you will help assist with hands-on activities with our program participants. Our program is offered once per month for three hours. This is an excellent community service opportunity and to network with teens. For more information, please contact Trumbull OSUE Office at 330-638-6783.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, April 27, May 18, and June 29, 2026, 6:00-9:00 PM, OSUE

4-H News for Advisors and Members

2026 4-H PROJECT GUIDELINES & SKILLATHON RESOURCES

The 4-H project guidelines are a tool and resource for families and clubs to keep tabs of deadlines and important upcoming events. Each set of guidelines provides a checklist, special project notes, project information & fair information. Animal species listed below also have resources and/or scoring rubric to help members prepare for project judging/skillathon.



Guidelines are available for the following areas:

- ☘ Beef
- ☘ Clothing
- ☘ Companion Animal
(Cavy, Pocket Pets, Reptiles, Pigeons)
- ☘ Dairy
- ☘ Dairy Feeder
- ☘ Dog
- ☘ Food & Nutrition
- ☘ General/Still
- ☘ Goat
- ☘ Horse
- ☘ Poultry
- ☘ Rabbit
- ☘ Sheep
- ☘ Shooting Sports
- ☘ Swine

Please keep one for your reference. The guidelines are posted on our webpage under the 4-H Youth Development Tab or you can copy and paste this link: <https://trumbull.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-information>.

PROJECT COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

Project completion requirements for both animal and non-animal projects can be found in a pdf document located at the same website link above. Please review to make sure you are prepared for project judging dates.

ACTIVITY FEE REMINDER

Advisors- a reminder that the 2026 4-H Activity Fee of \$10.00 per primary member will be due June 1, 2026 via club check. Cloverbuds are not included in this fee. Please pay activity fee on time to receive your fair passes. Thank you for your cooperation.

4-H MEMBERSHIP-AFTER APRIL 1ST

After the April 1st enrollment deadline, members are locked into the **club(s) and projects** they have enrolled in for the year. Advisors have been given notification if a discrepancy was found between project enrollments and animal registrations. If you drop a project, please communicate with OSUE/4-H Educator to make those changes on your family's 4-H Online profile. Membership can still be granted after the April 1st deadline by way of "associate membership". This means that the 4-H member can join the 4-H club and attend meetings, club activities and complete project judging but they are not permitted to exhibit their project at the Trumbull County Fair or Ohio State Fair for competition. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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Skillathon Materials/Prep

Study guides and scoresheets will be uploaded to our website for families to access (some species may still be pending but will be available soon!) This may include station help, diagrams, species specific scoresheet & more! Visit: <https://trumbull.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-information>

Skillathon Materials	*Coming Soon
Beef*	HORSES -Study guide & scoresheet
COMPANION ANIMALS CAVY- Resources	POULTRY -Study guide/resources
Dairy*	RABBITS - Outline/Scoresheet
Dairy Feeder*	Sheep*
GOAT - Study guide	Swine*

OHIO 4-H CLOVER AWARDS



A new statewide-member recognition program is available in 2026! For interested members, please visit:

<https://go.osu.edu/ohio4hcloverawards>

Forms are due no later than December 1, 2026 to the OSUE-Trumbull Office for Levels 1-4. Level 5 is to be submitted via Qualtrics. Available to members ages 8-18!

Trumbull County 4-H



Annual Accident Insurance American Income Life

As a reminder, there is a new process for 2026. Ohio 4-H has ONE blanket policy for all 4-H clubs across the state. Please **do not** renew your individual club policy that you've utilized in the past. The OSUE-Trumbull Office will be invoicing you. The cost is \$1.50 per member and volunteer.

Ohio 4-H Camping Opportunities

- ❁ Leadership Camp:
June 1-5 at 4-H Camp Ohio.
- ❁ Adaptive Adventures Camp:
June 5-7 at Canter's Cave
- ❁ Space Adventure Camp:
June 9-11 at Marietta College
- ❁ Junior Shooting Education Camp (grades 3-6):
June 12-14 at Canter's Cave
- ❁ Senior Shooting Education Camp (grades 7-12):
July 12-17 at Canter's Cave
- ❁ Sea Camp:
July 20-24 at Kelley's Island

Find more information at <https://ohio4h.org/camp/>



Trumbull 4-H Senior Spotlight




Please consider filling out the Qualtrics questionnaire at: <https://go.osu.edu/seniorquestionnaire26>. We'd love to highlight our 4-H Seniors in a future edition of The Leader and on our social media platforms. Please fill out no later than May 15, 2026. Senior Spotlights will be featured throughout the month of June.

CFAES





OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Trumbull County

2026 Youth Quality Assurance



OH-QA
Educating youth livestock producers

Trumbull County Quality Assurance Program Options

- ❁ April 9th: Test Out (option for 12-18 year olds)
- ❁ April 11th: In-Person Program at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds from 9:00-11:00 am



Please pre-register at <https://go.osu.edu/tcqa>. More details can be found at: <https://trumbull.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-information>. If you can't make Trumbull's program, no worries. We can find an out-of-county program. Please contact me for other county program dates. QA must be completed 45 days prior to the start of exhibition (July 14, 2026, TCF).

Trumbull 4-H Camp News

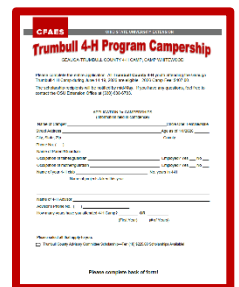
Geauga-Trumbull 4-H has 29 counselors this year who have been meeting since March 10!

Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp 2026
June 14-19 @ Camp Whitewood in Windsor, OH
2026 Pricing: \$407.00 for a week of memories!

2026 Registration is open for Camp Whitewood at <https://www.4hcampwhitewood.com/>

More information about camp can be found on our website at <https://trumbull.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/trumbull-county-4-h-camp>.

*Don't forget, camp scholarships are available for \$225! Applications are due May 1st.





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OSUE Trumbull Office Hours

Until further notice:

Open to public: Monday through Thursday from
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed for Lunch 11:30 -12:30 pm.

Thank you!

Trumbull County Junior Fair News

2026 Jr. Fair Theme: *Hometown USA!*



Trumbull County Fair Code of Conduct:

The Trumbull County Fair Code of Conduct is available for clubs to read and sign at www.trumbullcountyfair.com. All 4-H members and parents/guardians will have to sign the code of conduct in order to exhibit at the fair. Forms will be due by May 1st to the Sr. Fair Office.

2026 Jr. Fair Clean Up Day

The 2026 Jr. Fair Clean Up Day is pending and will be shared with families once known.

Trumbull County Junior Fair Royalty Competition:

The Trumbull County Junior Fair Royalty Competition Application will be shared on the Trumbull 4-H Facebook page on behalf of Jr. Fair. Stay tuned for additional details from Jr. Fair.

***Please note, the Jr. Fair Royalty Competition is a separate competition from the 4-H Royal Court contest. We are lucky enough to have two courts in our county! Jr. Fair Royalty is open to ages 16-18.**

Find us on:

Facebook – Trumbull 4-H Program

Instagram- trumbull4h

