

The Leader



TRUMBULL COUNTY 4-H NEWS

DEC 2020- JAN 2021

December

- 1 Club certificates/pins available for pickup, OSUE
- 6 Beef Tagging & Forms Due; Fairgrounds, 8-10:00 AM
- 7 4-H Advisory Comm. Mtg., ZOOM, 7:00 PM
- 14 CARTEENS Program, CANCELED
- 24 OSUE Closed- Christmas Break
- 25 OSUE Closed- Christmas Break

January

- 1 OSUE Closed- New Year's Day
- 4 4-H Advisory Comm. Mtg., OSUE Office, 7:00 PM
- 13 Livestock Sale Comm. Mtg., Fairgrounds, 7:00 PM
- 14 Dairy Comm. Mtg., OSUE, 7:00 PM
- 18 Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed
- 21 Jr. Fair Board Mtg., Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 25 CARTEENS Program, OSUE, 6:00-9:00 PM
- 26 Equine Comm. Mtg., TBD, 6:00 PM

*Dates are subject to change due to changing COVID guidelines. Meetings may also be changed to virtual/ZOOM if necessary. Thank you for understanding.

February

- 1 4-H Advisory Comm. Mtg., OSUE, 7:00 PM
- 2 Small Animal Comm. Mtg., OSUE, 7:00 PM
- 6 Tentative Club Officer Training, OSUE, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM (subject to change)
- 10 Livestock Sale Comm. Mtg., Fairgrounds, 7:00 PM
- 10 Annual Advisor Update (Session 1), 6:00-8:00 PM
- 16 New Volunteer Orientation, 6-8:00 PM, OSUE
- 17 Jr. Fair Board Mtg., Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 18 Annual Advisor Update (Session 2), 7:00-9:00 PM
- 20 Annual Advisor Update (Session 3), 9:00-11:00 AM
- 22 CARTEENS Program, OSUE, 6:00-9:00 PM
- 23 Equine Comm. Mtg., TBD, 6:00 PM



REMINDER:

The 2020 Officer Book Review is completed. Thank you for organizing club materials to the best of your ability! Books can be picked up from the OSUE Office on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Advisors were mailed score sheets.

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A Word From Ashlee

Dear 4-H Families,

Winter greetings Trumbull 4-H! I hope all of you had an awesome Thanksgiving holiday, even if it looked a little different than years past. We have so much to be thankful for, regardless of our current circumstances. I hope you enjoyed the time at home with your family. I know I ate well—the pumpkin pie is always my favorite!



In exciting news, my husband and I welcomed our baby girl, Avery Grace Meardith on November 7, 2020! She is doing well! Due to her arrival, I am on maternity leave (beginning November 9) through February 1st. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call and talk with our office associates, Mary and/or Ingrid. They will do their best to answer questions or address concerns during this time. Any updates that come from the State 4-H Office will also be shared as they become available. Thank you! From all of us at Trumbull OSU Extension, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ashlee Meardith, 4-H Extension Educator





4-H Youth Development

4-H CLUB MEETINGS UPDATE: HEALTH ADVISORY

As of November 25, 2020, the Trumbull County Health Board released a COVID-19 Health Advisory for all of Trumbull County. The advisory issued is for 28 days (**December 22, 2020**). In accordance with and in support of the COVID-19 Health Advisory for Trumbull County, **effective immediately all 4-H activities and programs, including club meeting, must be held virtually or postponed until the county lifts the advisory.** Club advisors should work with officers to move meetings to an online platform and communicate club expectations with families. We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone, but we must do our part to stop the spread of this virus. Once we are made aware of any changes in the current situation, we will let you know. Here is the link for the [Trumbull County Health Advisory](#).

YEAR-END PIN & CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION



Typically, club pins and certificates are given to advisors during the Annual Advisor Updates. With the updates being held later in February this year, club packets that include the pins and certificates are available for pick up from the OSUE Office beginning on December 1st. Packets will only be distributed to an advisor within the club. Thank you!

2021 OHIO 4-H TEEN & VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

The 2021 Ohio 4-H Teen & Volunteer Conference will be held virtually. All teens and advisors are encouraged to join in on the workshops and opportunities offered! More information will be shared as it becomes available from the state 4-H office. Registration materials will be available soon and can be downloaded from <http://www.ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>.

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/awardsandscholarships>.



PAUL AARON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

With the support of the Community Foundation, there will be another scholarship available to graduating seniors this year who have exhibited a market project in 2019 or year previous. Eligible members are encouraged to apply using the online application found at: www.comm-foundation.org. Applicants will need to create a profile, fill out a general application and select the Paul Aaron Memorial Scholarship from the list of Community Foundation supported scholarships. Applications will be taken starting on January 1st and are due on March 1, 2021 by 11:59 p.m. Contact Linda Welch at the Community Foundation with questions at (724) 981-5882 or linda@comm-foundation.org

GUIDELINES FOR CONTINUING 4-H MEETINGS' REMINDER

***Any updates from the state 4-H office will be shared with families and advisors as they become available.** For more information how families and advisors should be proceeding with in-person meetings and/or events, please reference the Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-Person Meetings at <https://trumbull.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-applications>. These guidelines are subject to change/update. *Local health department guidelines may supersede the 4-H recommendations.

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Club officer training will be held **Saturday, February 6th** from 9:00 AM-12:30 PM at the OSUE Office- Large Conference Room.

Ages 8-13: 9:00-10:30 AM



Ages 14-18: 11:00 AM- 12:20 PM

This training will be **mandatory** for each club to send at least one representative. The representative could be a current officer (strongly encouraged) or someone who would like to learn more about the officer roles.

This may be offered virtually if in-person gatherings are still discouraged in February*

This is a reminder that 2020 Officer Books were graded the month of October and are still available for pick up at the OSUE Trumbull Office on Mondays and Thursdays. Score sheets were mailed out to advisors on November 4th.

4-H ROYAL COURT



The 4-H Royal Court has a junior (9-13 yrs.) and senior (14-18 yrs.) division. Applications for 2021 will be available in early February on the OSUE Trumbull website. Applications will be due on Thursday, April 1st, 2021 (same as the 2021 4-H enrollment deadline).

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, December 14, 2020, CANCELED
Monday, January 25, 2021, 6:00-9:00 PM OSUE
Monday, February 22, 2021, 6:00-9:00 PM OSUE

4-H News for Advisors and Members

MANDATORY ADVISOR UPDATE

Attention all head organizational leaders, project leaders and resource leaders: There will be three advisor updates available for the 2020-2021 4-H year. It is required that the head advisor AND at least one additional advisor attend from EACH club. However, I strongly suggest that all volunteers attend. Areas of discussion include: yearly updates, rule changes, Policy 1.50, fundraising guidelines, county & state opportunities/events and goals for the new year. You will also receive a folder with important club forms such as club charter, financial summary, constitution/bylaws and club info sheet.

Please RSVP using the Qualtrics link below to one of the following dates. All dates will be held in-person at the OSUE Office unless we are limited to virtual programs only at that time. If this is the case, the trainings will be held via ZOOM:

- ✿ **Wednesday, February 10, 2021 6:00-8:00 PM**
- ✿ **Thursday, February 18, 2021 7:00-9:00 PM**
- ✿ **Saturday, February 20, 2021 9:00-11:00 AM**

[Annual Advisor Update Registration](#)

Club forms will be due Monday, March 1st for 2021 ONLY.

Due to COVID and limited in-person/virtual volunteer trainings, the two-training requirement for advisors will be waived for 2020*.

ADDING NEW ADVISORS? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ADVISOR IN A CLUB?

If your club is taking on new advisors for 2020-2021, don't forget that they must complete the application and approval process! Applications can be found at <http://trumbull.osu.edu> → 4-H Youth Development Tab → 4-H Volunteers. Applications are also available at the OSUE Office located in Cortland.

New Volunteer Checklist

- ✓ Ohio 4-H Volunteer Application
- ✓ Signed Volunteer Standards of Behavior Form
- ✓ Three Non-Family References (1 must be professional source)
- ✓ Interview with 4-H Educator
- ✓ New Volunteer Orientation (3 offered per year)
- ✓ Approved BCI Check (if Ohio is state of residence)

2020-2021 New Volunteer Orientation Dates Held @ OSUE Office

- ✿ Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:00-8:00 PM OSUE
- ✿ Thursday, March 18, 2021 6:00-8:00 PM OSUE

All materials must be turned in and checklist completed by March 29, 2021 to be an advisor for the 2020-2021 4-H year

SPECIES RULES & 4-H CALENDAR

Rules meetings are held in late fall/early winter to make updates and/or changes. Rules and animal registrations will be available on our trumbull.osu.edu website when they are revised.

Advisors, please email updated rules/registrations to Meardith.1@osu.edu.

Also, the 2021 Trumbull County 4-H Calendar, that features important dates and deadlines both locally and statewide will be available by January.

SAVE THE DATES (TENTATIVE):

- ✿ **Quality Assurance:**
Saturday, April 10, 9:00-11:30 am at TCF
- ✿ **Animal Project Judging,**
Tuesday, June 8, 6:00-8:00 pm, TCF
- ✿ **General Project Judging,**
Thursday, June 24, 6:00-8:00 pm, Champion Christian Church
- ✿ **Clothing Project Judging:**
Friday, July 9, 1:00-4:00 pm, OSUE



TRUMBULL COUNTY FAIR

The 2021 Trumbull County Fair Dates have been set! Mark in your calendars: July 12-18, 2021.

4-H Livestock News

WEIGH IN & TAGGING All weigh in/tagging will be at TC Fairgrounds

Beef Steers: December 6 from
8:00 am - 10:00 am

Dairy Feeders: **March 27** from
8:00 am – 9:00 am

Swine: April 24 from 8:00 am –
10:00 am

Beef Feeders: April 24 from
10:00 – Noon

Sheep/Goats: April 24 from
10:00 – Noon



POULTRY ORDERS

All poultry projects will be ordered through a mass order by contacting the poultry chair, Jerry Lipps (330) 876-3636 to place your order. **Deadlines for all orders (turkey, duck, geese, chickens) Monday, January 29, 2021.** Orders will need to be paid at the time of the order. Exact prices will be determined by the number of birds that are ordered. Delivery dates are anticipated to be:

- ❁ Turkey: March 1
- ❁ Geese: March 22
- ❁ Duck: April 5
- ❁ Chicken: May 3

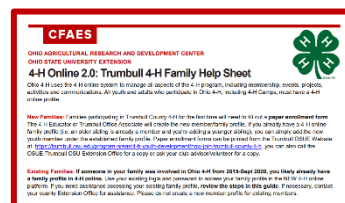
2021 4-H ENROLLMENT NEWS

Enrollment Requirements for 2021- 4-H Online 2.0

Continuing in 2021, families will be responsible for making changes and/or corrections to personal information, clubs and projects in which they are enrolling on the 4-H Online database. **This November, the 4-H Online platform was updated to the 2.0 version. An UPDATED online tutorial and video instructions are provided on www.trumbull.osu.edu >> 4-H Youth Development >> 4-H Club Essentials or <https://trumbull.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-applications>.** All first-year families will need to use their primary family email (email listed on enrollment form) to access their family profile. Not sure which email you used? Please contact us to assist you at 330-638-6783.

Families who are new to 4-H in 2021 must still fill out the paper enrollment forms (first year only).

This is a reminder that the deadline for 2021 4-H enrollment is **Thursday, April 1st by 4:30 pm.** After this deadline, no clubs or projects may be added.



Tips for Re-Enrolling in 2021:

- ❁ Each family has a personal profile.
You must use one "family" email to access the family's account and individual members. If you have not listed a family email, you will need to do so before attempting to sign in.
- ❁ Please make sure all information (address, telephone, health considerations club, projects, etc.) is **CURRENT**. We use the information provided for contact purposes and to make sure your child/children are enrolled in the correct projects for the given year.
- ❁ Please delete old projects. Please double check project list to make sure all projects are listed that your child/children plan to participate in.
- ❁ Keep in mind that one project book may support multiple projects. (Ex. #150 Poultry Book). When enrolling in a project, make sure you select one/all projects in that book at you may be interested in exhibiting/completing.

CONTINUING IN 2021- ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS DUE APRIL 1ST

In 2021, the 4-H enrollment and animal registrations will BOTH be due on Thursday, April 1, 2021 by 4:30 p.m. I invite families to make sure that their 4-H projects and registrations are mirror images of one another.

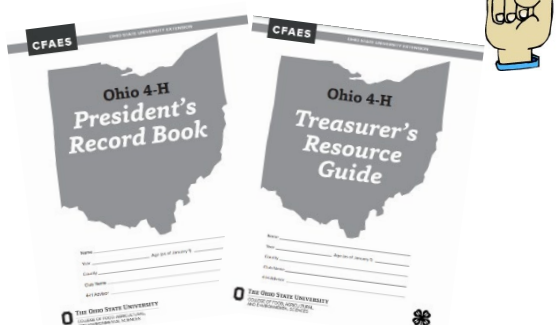
***Registrations are turned into the OSUE Office by April 1. Registrations will then be turned over to advisors for tag in on Saturday, April 24th for sheep, goats and swine (Unless stated otherwise).**

Officer Resources

Updated for 2020-2021 Although officer books are no longer available for purchase via paper copy, the online resources are very helpful for keeping things organized! Go to the link below to access the following officer **record books & resource guides**:

- ✿ President
- ✿ Vice President
- ✿ Secretary
- ✿ Treasurer
- ✿ Health/Safety
- ✿ News Reporter
- ✿ Historian
- ✿ Recreation
- ✿ Community Service

<https://ohio4h.org/families/members/officer-resources>



4-H Educator's Recommendations:

1. Purchase a 1-1.5-inch binder (\$1-\$3)
2. Print resources for your family/club for respective officer position(s). **This includes the record book and resource guide.**
3. Organize in binder and create a cover sheet to make it unique!
4. Document activity for each meeting throughout the year!
5. Secretary & Treasurer Roles: Keep a copy of scoresheet/guidelines. This will help you prepare your binder/folder for a successful review.

If you have questions about accessing these resources, please let our office know

Trumbull 4-H Camp News

SAVE THE DATE!

Geauga-Trumbull 4-H Camp 2021: A Camping We Will Go
June 13-18 @ Camp Whitewood in Windsor, OH

2021 Pricing: \$305.00 for a week of memories!



2021 Counselor Search

Teens between the age of 15-18 (as of June 13, 2021) are eligible to be camp counselors! Applications are now available online. They are due December 31, 2020 to the Geauga Extension Office. Interviews will be held on Monday, February 15 at 6:30 pm at the Geauga Extension Office. Trainings will begin in March from 7:00-9:00 pm on Monday evenings.



2020-2021 Club Officer Book Requirement

As clubs are electing officers for the new year, keep in mind that Secretary and Treasurer records/binders will be due the **1st Monday in October in 2021** to the OSUE Office and every year after. **Accurate officer records are a very important piece of club record management.** Please take this seriously and alert your new officers of the collection and their responsibility as an officer.

CONFERENCE ROOM RESERVATIONS FOR CLUB MEETINGS

Reminder: Please call Amy Reeher [330-637-2056] at the Soil & Water Conservation District Office to reserve your club's meeting dates for 2021. First come first serve! Several clubs utilize the large conference room available at the Trumbull Agriculture and Family Education Center. If you do use the room regularly for your club meetings, please remember to be respectful of the space and leave it cleaner than you found it :] It is important that clubs are sanitizing tables and chairs after use as well* Please keep in mind that the conference room can only be reserved for civic or educational meetings.

New & Revised 4-H Projects for 2021

In case you weren't aware, Ohio 4-H releases new projects each year. They also revise current project books and discontinue unpopular projects. The following is a list of new, revised and discontinued projects. Looking for something new? Check it out!



New

- **354** Medicine Science and Safety
- **355** Tracking Your Health and Fitness
- **365.00** Amateur Radio Idea Starter
- **365.04** Get Started with Composting Idea Starter
- **365.04** Paddle Water Sports Idea Starter
- **387** Here, There, Ag Careers Are Everywhere
- **613** Exploring Polar Science
- **673** Edible Landscapes

Revised or Replaced

- **179R** Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows
- **412** Sew for Others
- **584** Photography Basics, Book 1
- **585** Next Level Photography, Book 2
- **586** Mastering Photography, Book 3
- **752** Shotgun Member Record Book
- **755** Muzzleloader Member Record Book
- **756** Living History Member Record Book

Discontinued

- **365.09** Canoeing Idea Starter
- **504** Electric Radio-Controlled Vehicles



Getting the Most Out of Your 4-H Career

4-H Members

The amount of 4-H opportunities out there can be both hard to find and overwhelming. Here are a few examples of local, state and national ways you can be involved and make the most out of your 4-H career! The first step is knowing who and what can help. The county and state website is a great place for information: www.trumbull.osu.edu>> 4-H Youth Development and www.ohio4h.org.

Local

- Participate as an **officer** in your club. This builds public speaking skills, leadership skills and organizational skills that will help you for many years to come. Don't forget to utilize officer training offered each year!
- Apply for **4-H Royal Court**: There are two divisions, junior (ages 8-13) and senior (ages 14-18). Applications are due April 1 of each year.
- Serve as **Geauga-Trumbull Camp Counselor** (ages 15-18). Camp is held from June 13-18, 2021.
- Volunteer as a helper for our Annual STEM Days for Grades K-5
- Try new projects each year! Ohio 4-H offers over 200 projects in various areas. Reach out of your comfort zone!
- Utilize the 4-H Career Book: https://trumbull.osu.edu/sites/trumbull/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/4H%20career%20record%20book_0.pdf This book allows you to keep track of accomplishments from year to year as you continue on your 4-H journey
- Participate on the 4-H Advisory Committee. Each October, advisors can nominate other advisors and also teens to serve on this committee that oversees the county program.
- Serve as a **Junior Fair Board Member** (contact Jan Solomon @ solojan@aol.com for more details)
- Serve as a **CARTEENS** Program volunteer (16-18 yrs old)

State

- Fill out a Ohio 4-H State Achievement Record
- Attend the 2021 Virtual **Ohio 4-H Conference!**
- Serve on the **Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council** (ages 14+). Help out with the Ohio State Fair and meet with other 4-H members to oversee Ohio 4-H as a whole!
- Ohio State Junior Fair Board
- Attend the Buckeye Leadership Workshop
- State 4-H Leadership Camp
- Ohio Military Kids Camp Counselor

National

- International Programs & Exchanges (postponed until 2022)
- Participate in Citizenship Washington Focus held at National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD.
- Participate in Leadership Washington Focus held at National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD.

4-H Advisory Committee

2021 Trumbull County 4-H Advisory Committee Membership

Below is an updated list of our 2021 4-H Advisory Committee Membership! 4-H Advisory Committee helps oversee our county program as a whole: county policies, current issues, new programming, fundraising opportunities, and other topics of education and support. Thank you to these dedicated volunteers for their time and service! All members serve a three-year term unless listed otherwise:

- ✿ Barb Ames, Silver Claws
- ✿ Priscilla Alfonsi, *2021 Secretary*, Trumbull County Equestrians
- ✿ Elaine Brown, Touch of Class
- ✿ John Einfalt, Resource Leader
- ✿ Jill Halstead, *2021 President*, Trumbull Dairy Feeders
- ✿ Sarah Imhoff, Happy Hams
- ✿ Jerry Lipps, *2021 Treasurer*, Feathered Friends
- ✿ Karen Mitchell, Resource Leader (1 year)
- ✿ Jodi Omerzo, Feathered Friends
- ✿ Debbie Owen, TC Dairy Judging Team
- ✿ Wanda Sawyer, Hare Raisers
- ✿ Kelsey Schuster, *2021 Vice President*, Silver Claws
- ✿ Marsha Stanhope, Kinsman Busy Bees
- ✿ Seth Steward, Bee Masters
- ✿ Ginny Taylor, Everything Under the Sun

New Members:

- ✿ Meghan Turon, Cows R Us



2021 Virtual Fall Chick Quest Programs



This October, Trumbull 4-H had the pleasure of incorporating a Virtual Chick Quest Program at Southington Local School with two second grade classrooms. Ashlee connected with students virtually via Google Meet to learn about embryo development as they were able to hatch chicken eggs in their classroom within a three-week time frame. Students also learned about the chicken's lifecycle, pre and post hatch care and about the egg industry! If you are interested in learning more about Chick Quest, please contact our office! We are looking for additional schools to implement Chick Quest in the spring of 2021.



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OSUE Trumbull Office Hours

Until further notice:

Open to public: Mon. & Thurs. from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

*Please call to make an appointment if you need to stop by another day. Thank you!

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