

The Leader

TRUMBULL COUNTY 4-H NEWS



DEC 2023- JAN 2024

December

- 2 Rabbit & Cavy Clinic, OSUE, 3-5:00 PM
- 3 **Beef Tagging & Forms Due**; Fairgrounds, 8-10:00 AM
- 6 4-H Advisory Christmas Dinner; 6:00 PM
- 12 Rabbit Committee Meeting; Firehall, 6:00 PM
- 16 Candy Cane Lane STEM Program, OSUE, 9:00 AM
- 13 **Annual Advisor Update- Session 1, OSUE 6-8:00 PM**
- 25 **OSUE Closed- Christmas Holiday**
- 26 **OSUE Closed- Christmas Holiday**

January

- 1 **OSUE Closed- New Year's Day**
- 2 4-H Advisory Comm. Mtg., OSUE Office, 7:00 PM
- 8 **Annual Advisor Update-Session 2, OSUE, 6:00-8:00 PM**
- 10 Livestock Sale Comm. Mtg., Fairgrounds, 7:00 PM
- 13 **Annual Advisor Update-Session 3, OSUE, 9-11:00 AM**
- 15 **Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed**
- 17 Jr. Fair Board Mtg., Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 22 Geauga-Trumbull Camp Counselor Interviews, Geauga OSUE 6:30 PM
- 22 **New Volunteer Orientation, OSUE 6:00-8:00 PM**
- 23 Equine Comm. Mtg., Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM
- 29 CARTEENS Program, OSUE, 6:00-9:00 PM
- 30 Dairy Comm. Mtg., OSUE, 6:30 PM

February

- 5 4-H Advisory Comm. Mtg., OSUE, 7:00 PM
- 10 **4-H Club Officer Training, OSUE, 9:00 AM- 12:30 PM**
- 13 Poultry Committee Mtg., OSUE, TBD
- 13 Small Animal Comm. Mtg., OSUE, 7:00 PM
- 14 Livestock Sale Comm. Mtg., Fairgrounds, 7:00 PM
- 15 New Family Orientation, OSUE, 6:00-7:30 PM
- 18 Goat Committee Mtg, OSUE, 1:00-3:00 PM
- 21 Jr. Fair Board Mtg., Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
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REMINDERS:

Our Candy Cane Lane STEM Registrations are due Monday, December 11th for grades K-5!

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A Word From Ashlee



Dear 4-H Families,

December is here! We hope that everyone had a happy & healthy Thanksgiving with family and friends. Although I am not a fan of the colder weather, I'm excited to turn the chapter to begin the 2024 4-H year! Please take a moment to review the contents of this newsletter for important updates and reminders for both 4-H families and advisors.

4-H members may now re-enroll for 2024 using the 4-H Online website at <https://4honline.com>. More information is listed on page 4. If you have questions about re-enrolling, please email me and I will assist you.

From all of us at Trumbull County 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

YEAR-END PIN & CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION

Club pins and certificates will be given to advisors during the Annual Advisor Updates. Packets will only be distributed to an advisor within the club. Thank you!

2024 OHIO 4-H TEEN & VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

The 2024 Ohio 4-H Teen & Volunteer Conference will be in-person this year on Saturday, March 9 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. 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. The registration fee is \$40.00 and is due by Friday, February 9th. Registration materials can be downloaded from <http://www.ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>.

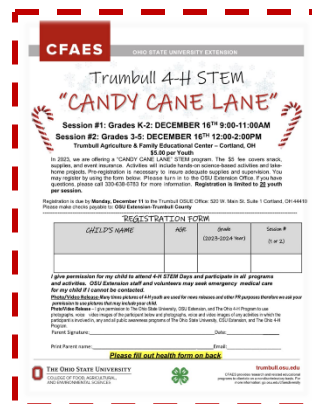


PAUL AARON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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 2023 or year previous. Eligible members are encouraged to apply using the online application found at: [SCHOLARSHIPS | CF Website \(comm-foundation.org\)](http://SCHOLARSHIPS | CF Website (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, 2024 by 11:59 p.m. Contact Linda Welch at the Community Foundation with questions at (724) 981-5882 or linda@comm-foundation.org

4-H KICKOFF RECAP

On Monday, November 13th, the 9th Annual 4-H Kickoff was held from 6:00-8:00 pm at TCTC! Thank you to all of our clubs- advisors, members & families- who participated and gave youth of our county an opportunity to join 4-H in 2024! Without all of you, this event would not have been a success.



CANDY CANE LANE STEM

Candy Cane Lane STEM will be on Saturday, December 16 for youth in grades K-5. Registrations are due by Monday, December 11th to the OSUE Office. Fee is just \$5!



CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Club officer training will be held **Saturday, February 10th** 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- 12:30 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.

NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

Two New Family Orientations will be held on **February 15 and April 2** at the OSUE Office from 6:00-7:30 pm to help ease the transition of joining a club and understanding the 4-H expectations, requirements and opportunities offered throughout the year. Save the date! More news to be shared via email and at the Annual Advisor Update.

CARTEENS: TEEN LEADERS WANTED



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. 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, January 29, 2024, 6:00-9:00 PM OSUE

Monday, February 26, 2024, 6:00-9:00 PM OSUE

Monday, March 25, 2024, 6:00-9:00 PM OSUE

PROJECT GUIDELINES



Returning in 2024, project guidelines will be available for families to serve as a resource and tool for the specific project species or area. Once complete, the project guidelines will be posted on our website and shared with advisors and families.

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 2023-2024 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, OSU Youth Activities & Program Child Abuse & Neglect training, 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 link below to one of the following dates.
All dates will be held in-person at the OSUE Office:***

- ✿ **Monday, December 13, 2023 6:00-8:00 PM**
- ✿ **Monday, January 8, 2024, 6:00-8:00 PM**
- ✿ **Saturday, January 13, 2024 9:00-11:00 AM**

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

Club forms will be due Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

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

If your club is taking on new advisors for 2023-2024, 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)

2023-2024 New Volunteer Orientation Dates Held @ OSUE Office

- ✿ **Monday, January 22, 2024 6:00-8:00 PM**
- ✿ **Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:00-8:00 PM**

All materials must be turned in and checklist completed by March 28, 2024 to be an advisor for the 2023-2024 4-H year

NEW FACES & POSITIONS AT OSUE-TRUMBULL



Noelle Barnes
ANR & 4-H Educator

Noelle is a familiar face, as she has served as our ANR & 4-H Program Assistant for the past 2.5 years. She has been promoted to an Educator November 6th. She will be working with livestock producers, managing the master gardner program, creating and expanding school enrichment and overseeing safety programs in Trumbull County.



Lori Wakefield-Miller
Office Associate

Lori joined us on September 11th and is a 4-H alum from North Bloomfield. Lori will be serving as our office associate and financial liaison. On the 4-H end, Lori will be taking your project book orders and activity fees!

4-H Livestock News

WEIGH IN & TAGGING

All weigh in/tagging will be at
TC Fairgrounds

Beef Steers: December 3 from
8:00 am - 10:00 am

Dairy Feeders: March 23 from
8:00 am – 9:00 am

Swine: April 27 from 8:00 am –
10:00 am

Beef Feeders: April 27 from
10:00 – Noon

Sheep/Goats: April 27 from
10:00 – Noon

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.**

SAVE THE DATES

- ✿ **Quality Assurance:**
Saturday, April 13, 9:00-
11:00 am at TCF
- ✿ **Animal Project Judging,**
Tuesday, June 4, 6:00-8:00
pm, TCF
- ✿ **General Project Judging,**
Thursday, June 20, 6:00-
8:00 pm, Champion
Christian Church
- ✿ **Clothing Project Judging:**
Friday, July 3, 1:00-3:00
pm, OSUE



Trumbull County Fair:
July 9-14

2024 4-H ENROLLMENT NEWS

Enrollment Requirements for 2024- 4-H Online

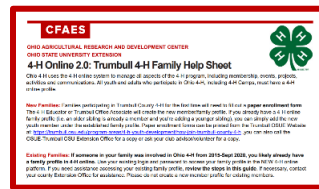
Continuing in 2024, families will be responsible for making changes and/or corrections to personal information, clubs and projects in which they are enrolling on the 4-H Online database (<https://4honline.com>).

An 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 existing (2+ year) families will need to use their primary family email to access their family profile. Not sure which email you used? Please contact us to assist you at 330-638-6783. Please **DO NOT** create a new family profile, as this will restart the member(s)' 4-H year count.

Families who are new to 4-H in 2024 must still fill out the paper enrollment forms (first year only).

This is a reminder that the deadline for 2023 4-H enrollment is **Monday, April 1st by 4:00 pm**. After this deadline, no clubs or projects may be added.



Tips for Re-Enrolling in 2024:

- ✿ 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. **When in doubt, call or email Ashlee!**
- ✿ 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 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.

ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS DUE APRIL 1ST

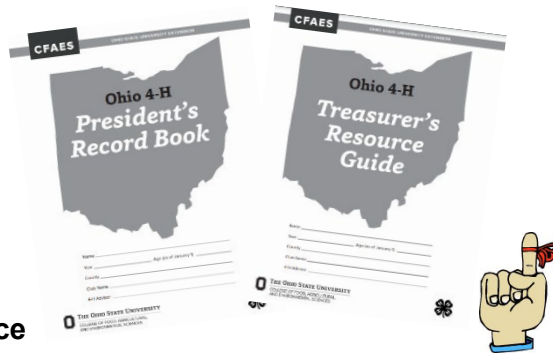
In 2024, the 4-H enrollment and animal registrations will BOTH be due on Monday, April 1, 2024 by 4:00 p.m. I invite families to make sure that their 4-H projects and registrations are mirror images of one another.

***Registrations are turned into the OSUE Office by April 1. Registrations will then be turned over to advisors for tag in on Saturday, April 20th for sheep, goats and swine (Unless stated otherwise).**

Officer Resources

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>

How Can Club Advisors Support Youth Officers?

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. Secretary & Treasurer Roles: Keep a copy of scoresheet/guidelines. This will help you prepare your binder/folder for a successful review. Make sure you have the most recent copy of the scoresheet, as this often changes from year to year as updates occur.
5. Encourage youth officer to attend Officer Training (February 10th, 2024).
6. Meet with officer team prior to meetings to discuss agenda and after meeting to address questions.
7. Have previous officers serve as a mentor to new officers.

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 2024:
June 9-14 @ Camp Whitewood in Windsor, OH



2024 Counselor Search

Teens between the age of 15-18 (as of June 9, 2024) are eligible to be camp counselors! Applications are now available online. They are due January 12, 2024 to the Geauga Extension Office. Interviews will be held on January 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm (tentatively) at the Geauga Extension Office. Trainings will begin in March from 7:00-9:00 pm on Monday evenings.



2023-2024 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 2024** 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 2024.

First come first serve! *Thank you for reading the fine print. If you're reading this, email me to redeem a prize. The first five people to email me with "Secret Santa" in the subject line will win!*

New Volunteer Welcome

The following volunteers have completed the volunteer application process as of 11/15:

- ❁ **Ashley Aberegg**, Hearts N Hooves
- ❁ **Teri Knight**, Resource Volunteer
- ❁ **Nicole Palette**, Hearts N Hooves
- ❁ **Rachael Ray**, TCE
- ❁ **Ross Treffert**, Poultry Resource Volunteer

New Club Welcome

Hearts N Hooves, Equine



New & Revised 4-H Projects for 2024

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. We encourage trying a new project book this year!



New

- **186** Gymkhana (I)
- **187** Roping (X)
- **210** Assistance Animals in Action (I)
- **356** Relationships 101
- **561GPM** National Farm and Ranch Safety Leader's Guide

Revised or Replaced

- **179R** Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows
- **201R** Dog Resource Handbook
- **228R** Rabbit Resource Handbook

Discontinued

- **185** Equine Repro & Genetics
- **352** Keeping Fit
- **485** Dashboard Dining
- **529** Wired for Power
- **530** Entering Electronics

*Please use a 2024 form when ordering.
X= A project appropriate for all skill and age levels*

*B= A beginning-level project for members with no experience in a project area or 8-10 years old
I= An intermediate-level project for members with some experience in a project area, or 11 to 13 years old*

A= An advanced-level project for members experiences in a project area, or 14+.



Getting the Most Out of Your 4-H Career

4-H Members

The number 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 9-14, 2024.
- 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 Zane Lehmann @ huntmaster04@gmail.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 2024 **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
- Participate in Citizenship Washington Focus
- Participate in Leadership Washington Focus

4-H Fall Highlights

Fall Recap Spooktacular Whitewood

The 6th Annual Spooktacular Whitewood occurred on Friday, October 20th at Camp Whitewood in Windsor. County camps decorated a cabin to pass treats and county camp information. In addition, attendees could go on a lantern hike, take a hayride circling camp, paint a pumpkin, enter the costume contest, browse the camp store, roast smores and sip hot chocolate and more! We estimated that there were over 250 youth and adults in attendance. We look forward to 2024!



2023 Fall Chick Quest Program

During the months of October and November, Trumbull 4-H partnered with Southington Local School's second grade and Joseph Badger's fourth grade classrooms to provide Chick Quest, a school enrichment program. Students had the opportunity to learn about the chicken's lifecycle, pre and post hatch care and about the egg industry! The programs were wrapped up with a STEM Nest Challenge, where students worked in teams to create a nest out of common household items to support an egg drop from one and three feet! 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 and fall of 2024.





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OSUE Trumbull Office Hours

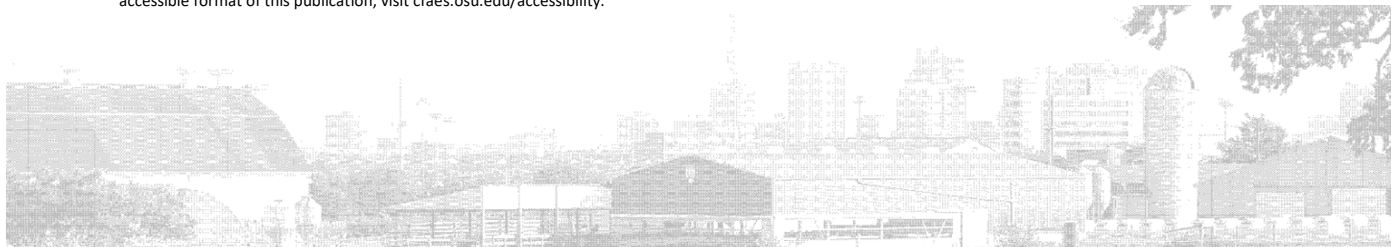
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Open to public: Monday through Thursday from
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

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