Our office will be open by appointment only on Monday and Tuesday. The best way to reach us is by phone/email.

In this newsletter, you will find info on enrollment in 4-H Online, upcoming SPIN clubs, financial summary requirement, volunteer training, and teen trip & scholarship applications.

**In-person Meetings and Events Guidance and Requirements**

As we begin the new year, the Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-Person Meetings & Events has been updated to reflect current guidance from Ohio State University and health officials. Beginning SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021, the following is in effect:

- Hosting virtual meetings and events is preferred
- If activities are critical/essential and are in-person, they must be education-focused
- Group cannot be larger than 50 people, including adults, youth, presenters, etc.
- This directive is dependent on local health department guidelines.
- The group size may need to be reduced to 10 (or other amount), based on directives from your local health department.
- Face masks are required inside and outside at all times
- Potlucks and buffets are not permitted

Find details and updated guidelines at [Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-Person Meetings & Events](#)

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**VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR 2021**

We are looking forward to another great year of 4-H. Thanks again for all of your help, flexibility, and patience in 2020.

We have scheduled our required 4-H volunteer trainings. They will all be by zoom. Each one has a slightly different topic but they will all count as the required training. We will be conducting the child abuse training at each. You are more than welcome to attend multiple, but not needed. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Please review this document for training dates. We are offering several dates and times for a training. You can also follow the directions on page 2 to complete on your own.

OSU Junior Swine Day

The OSU 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. This is a great opportunity so please consider signing up if you are planning on taking a hog 4-H project.

END OF YEAR TREASURY REQUIREMENTS

Club and committee financial reports for the calendar year 2020 MUST be submitted by Jan. 31, 2021. Forms can be found at www.go.osu.edu/financialsummary. It works best in internet explorer. When you get to this page, there will be instructions. Please read completely. To submit form, you will be asked for our county submission email address. greene4h@osu.edu.

This email address is only to be used for this financial form submission. Clubs will NOT be able to enroll youth for the new year until this form is completed. No report- no club.

If you have any trouble submitting this form, please contact the office for a hard copy.

PROJECT GUIDE & REQUIREMENTS

It is not too early to review the project guide. We are still waiting for new projects to arrive so be sure to check the document frequently for updates.

Visit www.go.osu.edu/greenecopprojectguide

Ohio 4-H Conference- VIRTUAL

The registration booklet and registration form have been posted to: www.go.osu.edu/2021O4HC. Registration will be posted at the link today. There will be no charge for those attending this year’s conference. Registration deadline will be Friday, February 12 at 5:00 pm.

You can sign up directly without going through our office.

Online Club Enrollments in the NEW 4HONLINE2.0- NOW OPEN

Ohio 4-H upgraded software which means we get to learn a new interface. All families will be required to enroll and sign up for the correct projects in 4-H Online by APRIL 1. The website is the same, oh.4honline.com.

For more info, visit, https://greene.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-online

We have been sending emails through 4-H Online. Some people have indicated they are going to their junk. Please check your junk folder!
TEEN AWARD TRIPS & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

National trips will be offered by conducted virtually for 2021. State camps are being planned in person but may change to virtual.

Youth must fill out the Achievement Record by Jan. 22 to be eligible to attend.

https://greene.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/teen-opportunities-scholarships

Experience 4-H at Home

4-H youth can sign up to Experience 4-H at Home. Each kit will contain 4-H inspired activities to do. All instructions are included and some supplies. Limited kits available thanks to an Ohio 4-H Foundation Grant.

These are geared towards Cloverbuds up through age 9 or so. Click on this link to order:

Go.osu.edu/experience4hathome1

Upcoming 4-H SPIN Club

Join me! I am helping lead Vibein to the 80’s 4-H SPIN club. Life skills relevant then and how they have evolved to now.
www.go.osu.edu/spinskills

Ohio 4-H Grab & Go Club Meeting Toolkit

4-H Advisors! Start your 4-H year with seven ready-to-go club meeting agendas detailing a family kick-off, team building, officer elections, public speaking and more. Learn how to adapt in-person activities to a virtual setting and strategies for including Cloverbuds. Find it at go.osu.edu/clubmeetingtoolkit.

The Ohio 4-H Grab & Go Club Meeting Toolkit provides 4-H volunteers and teen leaders with seven (7) club meeting agendas to help plan for the 4-H year. Each agenda is two pages. The first page provides an overview of the topic, a sample agenda and resources to put ideas into action. The second page provides in-depth explanations and specific strategies.

4-H FAMILY GUIDES

New for 2021!

Ohio 4-H will be mailing a family guide to each of our returning 4-H families. Advisors can pick up extra family guides at the office once we receive them. We haven’t received them yet, so please don’t come pick them up yet.

You can also view the Family Guide at www.ohio4h.org/familyguide. In addition, visit Project Central at http://projectcentral.ohio4h.org.

With discussion with the Greene County 4-H Advisory Committee, it was decided that for 2021, the 4-H deadline would be extended! The new enrollment date will be April 1, 2021. When you are ready, visit www.oh.4honline.com to begin.

Not sure where to begin? Check out these resources to help you complete your 4-H enrollment. www.go.osu.edu/greeneco4honline

Let us know if you have any questions.