

The Greene Clover

GREENE COUNTY / 4-H

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Our office is open **Monday-Wednesday 9-1:00 p.m.** Masks are required when you are inside our building. The doors will remain locked. You must call when you arrive. If you still have awards to pick up, please do so ASAP.

Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-person Meetings and Events document has been updated, effective September 1. Thoroughly review this prior to any 4-H function.

https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Resources/COVID-19_Resources/Ohio%204-H%20Planning%20Guide%20for%20In-person%20Meetings%20%20Events%208.31.2020-FINAL.pdf

Updated information effective September 1, 2020 includes:

- 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 the directives of your local health department.
- Face masks are required.
 - This includes inside AND outside at all times.
 - Program participants and parent/guardians ages five and older must wear a mask.
 - The exception is shooting sports where safety is a concern when on the line. Refer to the section below on additional shooting sports guidance.
 - Medical conditions or disability exceptions are also permitted.
- Potlucks and buffets are not permitted.

Any time your county is designated a Level 4 Public Health Emergency (color-coded purple) by the Ohio Department of Health, all in-person 4-H club meetings and events must be held virtually or postponed until the designation changes to Level 3 or below. Ohio's Public Health Advisory System updates are at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/publichealth-advisory-system/>

Guidance provided to 4-H professionals and families on July 22 is still in effect. That information is copied below.

Don't forget to write thank you notes to your sponsors, buyers volunteers, club leader, Senior Fair Board members, parents, and anyone else who helped make the 2020 Greene County Junior Fair Possible.



LET'S START COOKING 4-H SPIN CLUB

Interested in learning how to prepare healthy snacks and learning how to cook? If so, register now for this fun 6-week 4-H SPIN Club, starting September 17! Let's Start Cooking!

This begins Thursday, September 17. You can pick either 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. OR 4:30-5:30 p.m. This is perfect if you are doing distance learning or in person learning this fall! We have a time for both of you.

Join me in helping to lead this session!



Interested in ordering 4-H books to get a head start on your project for next year? We can get that done for you if you want. Please email us your order and we will let you know when they are in.

BLAST OFF TO MARS WITH OHIO 4-H STEM CHALLENGE

We're launching a trip to Mars Base Camp and want to help you get there! The 2020 4-H STEM Challenge explores sending a mission to Mars and what it takes to sustain life in space. The Mars Base Camp kit includes activities that use STEM skills like mechanical engineering, physics, computer science, and agriculture.

We want Ohio 4-H families to join in and thanks to the Ohio 4-H Foundation and Google, you can receive an \$8 discount on the Mars Base Camp family kit. The family kit is available at shop4-h.org for \$15.95, plus shipping, but with the Ohio 4-H discount and the \$5 discount available on their website, your final cost is just \$7.80 + tax.

Want to learn more?

- Find 4-H STEM Challenge details at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-stem-challenge/#12020-challenge>
- Get your discount code at go.osu.edu/2020ohiostemchallenge
- Participate online with a coding challenge at Insight from Mars

And to help you on your Martian journey, the Ohio 4-H STEM Team is hosting a week of virtual, space activities from Oct. 4-10. Details at

<https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/4-h-science/mars-base-camp-4-h-stem-challenge> . Get ready to blast-off!

4-H VIRTUAL WALK/RUN

Join me in this! Last week to sign up.

This year the Cincinnati Buckeye Run is going Virtual. No worrying about getting up at 7:00 AM to make it to the event. Just log your miles and times from Sunday, September 6 to Saturday, September 19 for your chance to win prizes, gifts and to support Hamilton County 4-H.

This years run will be

VIRTUAL. https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aXlanxhD9UDN2hD?fbclid=IwAR2qZAV7xkjUSw3pEf2ymA6ITBWGjKGUqcTqbH7IB-LtnrCZOIz8O-9EBw4

The 2020 run is free but a suggested donation of \$25 is appreciated. All funds are used for general operating expenses to enhance and extend the reach of Hamilton County 4-H.

After registering you'll receive a digital registration packet and a link to the liability waiver from OSU. We hope that you're ready to showcase your support for Hamilton County 4-H! #HamiCo4H #Cincy4H

Donations from this race benefit Hamilton County 4-H and our efforts to provide positive youth development through community clubs, school based initiatives, after-school programs and SPIN clubs.



OHIO 4-H PROJECT SHOWCASE

This summer we invite 4-H members in good standing to submit a photo of themselves with their 4-H project for display in an online project showcase. You'll be asked to share what you liked about the project and one new thing you learned. Parents will also need to sign their approval for youth to participate.

Here's more:

- Select your favorite project – one per person
 - Send a great photo – at least 2 MB
 - Photos will be display after September 8 at ohio4h.org
- Submit your photos at go.osu.edu/4H2020Showcase.

Questions? Contact Sarah Longo at longo.79@osu.edu.

Statement on 4-H Membership Eligibility

Ohio 4-H membership begins with Cloverbuds when a child is five and ends on December 31 of the year they turn 19. Due to cancellation of activities in 2020, there have been requests to extend a year of eligibility for 4-H members. This was given strong consideration at the national and regional levels. The decision was made that national 4-H programs will follow existing age requirements and another year of eligibility will not be granted. Following conversation with our 4-H professionals, Ohio will follow that policy.

Changing the policy would set an unsustainable precedent for youth participation for years to come. It would create increased unfairness when considering competitive events with the cascading impact on those who would have aged out taking spots of current youth down the line. COVID-19 has created a loss of experiences for everyone however, I am confident in the resiliency of our youth. Over the past few months, their ability to adapt and willingness to persevere has been evidenced by their participation in virtual camps, meetings and other 4-H activities.

Ohio 4-H is proud of how our volunteers and young people have adapted in this unprecedented time.

ATTENTION K-12 TEACHERS

Attention Greene County Teachers! If you need resources, assistance, lessons, guest speakers, anything, please ask us. OSU Extension has so many resources and we can work together to ensure the youth have the education and the most positive experience possible.



We can zoom, teach, or share OSU Extension and 4-H resources with you to help.

Visit the 4-H STEM Tent During this Year's Virtual Farm Science Review

We're excited to offer virtual STEM-focused programming during this year's online Farm Science Review. Plan to join us on September 22, 23, and 24 to take virtual tours and field trips, learn about watershed and stream health, explore careers in agriculture, and more. The schedule for our virtual 4-H STEM Tent is below. More information, including how to register to participate in these free sessions, will be coming soon.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020

- 9 AM-10 AM – Virtual Video Tour of Myers Hatchery and Dialog
- 10:15 AM – Explore Agriculture in Hawaii Using Google Expedition
- 11 AM-Noon – Egg Catcher STEM Challenge
- 12:15 PM – Virtual Video Tours of Young's Jersey Dairy and/or Guiggsberg Cheese
- 1:15 PM-2:15 PM – From Moo to You Dairy Science Lab at GISA
- 2:30 PM – Career Explorer

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020

- 9 AM-10 AM – Soil Health Challenge
- 10:15 AM – Soil Broken Down
- 11:00 AM – Clean Water STEM Pathways Challenge
- Noon – 1 PM – Water Quality Challenge
- 1:15 PM-2:15 PM – Watershed and Stream Health
- 2:30 PM – Finding the Right Career Path, Assessing Your Employable Skills

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020

- 9 AM-10 AM – Virtual Video Tour of Robotics Dairy Systems
- 10:15 AM – Cookie Prospecting STEM Pathways Challenge
- 11:00 AM – A Boost Against Arthritis STEM Pathways Challenge
- Noon to 1 PM – Agriculture Mechanization STEM Challenge
- 1:15 PM-2:15 PM – From Pasture to Plate Virtual Video Tour and Meat Science Lab
- 2:30 PM – Virtual Video Tour of John Deere Tractor Simulator and Ag STEM Career Discussion