

Clark County 4-H Weekly Update April 19, 2024

Clark County 4-H Families and Volunteers:

Monday, April 22 is Earth Day! What are you doing to help sustain or even improve our Earth's environment? Here are some ways you can celebrate this year's Earth Day:

- Use a reusable water bottle
- Recycle everything you can
- Start composting
- Plant native plants and pollinators
- Reduce your water and energy usage
- Plant a tree
- Upcycle items into new purposes
- Use reusable bags to go shopping
- Go thrift shopping for clothing and other items
- Reduce food wastage by buying what you will use before it spoils

Does your 4-H club has a community service project planned that can help foster helping our environment and the community? Clean up projects, planting flowers, trees or pollinator habitat, conducting a clothing drive or garage sale are great activities for your club to be involved in as well.

Spring is a great time to take a hike, go fishing or bird watching to explore the great outdoors and appreciate the earth that we live on. Did you know? Hummingbirds arrive in Ohio in April and stay until September. Why not invite them to your own yard. Visit

<https://go.osu.edu/4hummingbirdfeeder> for an easy activity from the Ohio Birds 4-H project. Then, wait for your visitors to arrive! You can find other Earth Is Our Home activities to do yourself or as a 4-H Club at <https://ohio4h.org/earthisourhome>

Market Goat, Market Lamb and Dairy Feeder Exhibitor Registrations Due May 1

If you plan to show a market goat, market lamb or dairy feeder at the Clark County Jr. Fair, **you must complete the on-line exhibitor registration by May 1.** This on-line registration will be used to make the exhibitor cards for you to Tag-In your animals on Livestock I.D. Day on May 11.

- **Market Goat Exhibitor Registration Link**
<https://go.osu.edu/2024clarkcojrfairmktgoatexhreg>
- **Market Lamb Exhibitor Registration Link**
<https://go.osu.edu/2024clarkcojrfairmarketlambexhreg>
- **Dairy Feeder Exhibitor Registration Link**
<https://go.osu.edu/2024clarkcojrfairdairyfeederexhreg>

CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a non-discriminatory basis. For more information: <http://go.osu.edu/cfaesdiversity>. OSU Extension, Clark County and 4-H Youth Development educational programs provided with major support by the Clark County Commissioners: Melanie Flax Wilt, Lowell McGlothlin, Sasha Rittenhouse



4-H Camp Opportunities – Registration for Both Coming Next Week

- Clark County 4-H Camp “Unleash the SUPERHERO in YOU!” – June 19-23, Camp Clifton**
Who: Youth ages 8 and in 3rd grade to age 14
What: 4 days and 5 nights to explore your **SUPER Powers**, engage in **HEROIC Adventures**, and make **MARVELous friendships**
Cost: \$300 per Clark Co. 4-H Member OR \$350 per youth if not in Clark County 4-H
Registration Deadline: June 1 or until camp is FULL!
Registration will be posted on April 26 on the 4-H APP and at <https://clark.osu.edu>
Camp Scholarships: Apply by May 15 if you need financial assistance - <https://go.osu.edu/2024clarkco4hcamperscholarshipapp>
- 4-H Cloverbud Heroes Training Camp – June 9, 1:30 PM-7:30 PM, Camp Clifton**
When: Sunday, June 9 **Time:** 1:30 PM to 7:30 PM **Where:** 4-H Camp Clifton
Who: Any 4-H cloverbud or youth age 5 and in Kindergarten through 2nd grade as of 1/1/24
What: Join your favorite superhero characters to find the villains, conquer the superhero training course, find your super powers at the kryptonite mine and so much more.
Cost: \$50 per cloverbud (includes camp t-shirt, pool and pizza party and all activities)
Pre-Register by May 20: Registration will be posted on April 24 on the 4-H APP and at <https://clark.osu.edu>
Payment Due by May 22: By Cash or Check payable to the Clark County 4-H Committee, P.O. Box 444, Springfield, OH 45501 OR You can pay in person on May 21 and May 22, 11 AM-7 PM, Extension Office when 4-H Activity fees are due too.

March 3-May 4, JOANN Fundraising Campaign

Stop by your local JOANN store before May 4 and round up at the register to raise money for Ohio 4-H. Your donation will support 4-H'ers and create opportunities that will inspire their sense of curiosity. Learn more about 4-H's partnership with JOANN at <https://www.joann.com/4-h/>.

May 1, We Grow Scientists (Columbus) 3 PM to 7 PM

The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will host the 2nd annual “We Grow Scientists” event on at Waterman Agricultural & Natural Resources Laboratory.

This afternoon of hands-on learning and activities will showcase the many STEM fields CFAES has to offer and will include a look at Waterman facilities such as the Controlled Environment Agriculture Research Complex. “We Grow Scientists” is a free event open to learners of all ages looking to learn more about STEM in their community as part of the COSI Science Festival (May 1-4, 2024). Bring the whole family! Visit go.osu.edu/cosi24 for additional information.

Makeup Rabbit & Cavy I.D. for Fair – One Last Chance!

Any 4-H or FFA member that did not make the April 13 Rabbit & Cavy I.D. Day has one last chance to get their rabbits registered and identified for the 2024 Clark Co. Jr. Fair. **Please bring your rabbit(s) or cavy(s) on May 1, 6:30 PM to the Annex on the Clark County Fairgrounds.** Rabbit & Poultry Committee members will register and identify or verify I.D.

Sunday, April 28, 3 PM to 5 PM, JoAnn Fabrics Field Trip, Springfield.

Do you need help to complete your 2024 4-H Clothing Projects? Food and Fashion Board and 4-H Clothing Volunteers are here to help. Join them at JoANN Fabrics to help make fabric and pattern selections for this year's projects. **Register at:**

<https://go.osu.edu/2024clarkco4hclothingclinics>

Poultry Clinic & Quality Assurance

When: Wed., May 1

Where: Annex, Clark Co. Fairgrounds

6 PM – Quality Assurance – Anyone who still needs quality assurance regardless of species

7 PM – Poultry Clinic for All Poultry Project Members

Poultry project books available for purchase at \$8.58 each.

4-H Horse Clinics – 6 PM to 8 PM, Outdoor Covered Horse Arena

4-H members that want to participate in any of the horse clinics must register on-line by midnight before the clinic date. To register, please go to <https://go.osu.edu/2024clarkco4horseclinicsreg>.

- **Jumping Clinic, May 7**
- **Contesting Clinic, May 21**
- **Jumping Pre-qualifier Clinic, June 25**
- **Contesting Pre-Qualifier Clinic, June 26**

EquiSTEP for All 4-H Horse Members, Parents and Volunteers

Complete by May 1 or prior to any 4-H riding event including club rides

Go to <https://go.osu.edu/2024equistep> to log-in to take the on-line course when completed download the certificate and upload to your 4-H On-Line Profile under Trainings.

Horse I.D. Form, Lease and Animal Profile Complete by May 1

All 4-H members must complete an animal profile for each horse they plan to show in 2024. In addition, if you are leasing a horse, you must complete the horse I.D. Form and the animal lease and upload to the Animal Profile for that horse. Go to <https://oh.4honline.com/>

Livestock I.D. Day – Sat., May 11, Clark County Fairgrounds – Bring exact cash in envelope

- **Dairy Feeder Tag-In and Weigh-In, 8 AM to 11 AM, Cattle Barn 3**
\$10/feeder includes required vaccinations, deworming, implant, Fair tag, weigh-in
Dairy feeders must be castrated and dehorned prior to coming to tag-in. If not, they will not be tagged or weighed, and you will have until June 1 to meet this requirement or you will not show. There will be no castrating or dehorning done on May 11.
- **Market Lamb Tag-In, 6:30 AM to 9 AM, Sheep Arena**
\$5/lamb includes Fair tag
All market lambs MUST have a Scrapie Tag prior to coming to tag-in. They will not be tagged without a scrapie tag.
- **Market Goat Tag-In, 9 AM to Noon, Goat Barn**
\$5/goat includes Fair tag
All market goats MUST have a Scrapie Tag prior to coming to tag-in. They will not be tagged without a scrapie tag. Disbudding must be completed & healed by May 1st. **Market goats must be PROPERLY castrated and healed or banded by May 1st.**

4-H Skill-a-thons – 5 PM to 9 PM, Clark County Fairgrounds Complex

When: June 11 Only – Members with Cavy, Dairy Calves, Heifers and Cows, Dog, Horses, Rabbits

June 12 Only – Members with Alpaca/Llama, Beef, Poultry, Sheep

June 11 & 12 Both Days – Members with Dairy Feeders, Dairy Market Steers, Goats, Swine

Who: All 4-H’ers to be eligible to show at the Clark Co. Fair and/or Ohio State Fair

What: 4 to 5 hands-on skill stations, personal interview, and **up to date project book REQUIRED!**

How to Prepare: Check out Skill-a-thon kits, purchase Resource Handbooks, access on-line resources on the 4-H App under Projects and on the web at [Projects | Clark \(osu.edu\)](http://Projects | Clark (osu.edu)).

Species	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5
Alpacas Llamas	Nutrition	Body Parts	Conformation	Fiber and Colors	None
Beef	Nutrition	Body Parts	Breeds	Meats	Equipment
Cavy	Nutrition	Body Parts	Breeds	Health	None
Dairy Feeder Dairy Steers	Meat Cuts	Nutrition	Health	Body Parts	Equipment
Dairy Female	Breeds	Anatomy	Reproduction	Feeds	Equipment/Management
Dog	Breeds	Equipment	Anatomy	Health	None
Goats	Body Parts	Feeds & Nutrition	Health & Equipment	Meats or Dairy Score Card	None
Horses	Body Parts	Nutrition	Health	Equipment Tack	Breeds
Chickens Turkeys Ducks Geese	Feed Tag	Health	Body Parts	Meat Cuts (Market) Breeds (Fancy and Production)	None
Rabbits	Feed Tag	Health	Breeds	Body Parts	None
Sheep	Equipment	Identification	Body Parts	Health	Nutrition
Swine	Body Parts	Nutrition	Bio-security	Meats	Breeds and Ear Notching

Are You Leasing a Non-Market Project Animal?

Lease agreements must be filed with the Extension Office by 4-H and FFA members leasing non-market project animals to be eligible to show at the Clark County Fair. The Non-Market Lease Form must be signed by the exhibitor, exhibitor’s parent and the owner of the animal. The forms are available at <https://clark.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/application-and-forms>

Deadline to submit lease agreements:

- **May 1:** Beef Breeding, Beef Prospect Calves, Horses
- **May 15:** Alpacas, Dairy Females, Dairy, Pygmy, Fiber, Cart and Market Production Goats, Breeding, Fancy and Egg Production Poultry



Market Hog Requirements:

- ✓ **May 15: Register all market hogs in Fair Entry on-line. You need to know your market hog's ear notch/ Maximum of 5 market hogs.** Go to <http://clarkohrfair.fairentry.com> Fair Entry on-line site. **The site is now live to make entry!**
- ✓ **May 15: Upload 2 photos of each market hog into Fair Entry – One photo must be a side profile, One photo must be a head shot clearly showing ear notches in both ears**
- ✓ **SIBLINGS DO NOT MAKE DOUBLE ENTRIES!** Make entries based on what pigs each child will likely show. You can switch pigs into different siblings name before crossing the scale at Fair.

Livestock Quality Assurance Required for Members Showing Market or Lactating Animals

- April 23, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM, Annex, Fgrds.
- May 1, 6 PM-7 PM, Youth Bldg., Fgrds.
- May 29, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM, Annex, Fgrds.

Don't delay in meeting this requirement. You have to complete the youth livestock quality assurance training to show at the Clark County and/or Ohio State Fairs!

Remember to complete the on-line survey for a chance to win Fair Passes and/or project books. Go to <https://go.osu.edu/2024clarkcoqualityassuranceevaluation> to complete after you attend.

April 15 QA Evaluation Prize Winners - Next Drawing will be held on May 15!

- Garrett Stitzel – Project Book
- Aaliyah Lewis – Youth Exhibitor Fair Pass

Adopt 4-H Flower Beds on the Clark County Fairgrounds

Who: Any Clark County 4-H Club

What: Receive a stipend to purchase flowers and plants to put into your adopted bed. Funded by the Clark County Agricultural Society. **Checks will be given to clubs at the May 2 Flower Bed Meeting, 6:30 PM, Extension Office.**

When: Plant and maintain the flower bed(s) from June 1 to Aug.

How: Complete the Flower Bed Adoption Form online at

<https://go.osu.edu/2024clarkco4hflowerbedrequest>

Upcoming 4-H Committee Meetings

April 22 – 4-H Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Extension Office, Large Conference Room

April 23 – 4-H Dog Com. Meeting, 6:30 PM, Extension Office Small Conference Room

April 23 – 4-H Goat Com. Meeting, 6:30 PM, Extension Office Large Conference Room

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