



Clover Communicator

Lorain County - Where 4-H is Great!

Oct 2023

Dates & Deadlines

OCTOBER

- 1-31 North Coast Inland Trail 4-H Litter Pick-Up
- 10 SFB 7pm (FG)
- 15 Lorain Co. 4-H Grant Applications Due**
- 16 4-H Quarterly Meeting- Advisory, Endowment & Education Boards (CS)
- 19 Volunteer Dinner (NRTL)
- 26 JFB 7pm (FG)

NOVEMBER

- 10 Holiday-Extension Office Closed**
- 14 SFB 7pm (FG)
- 15 Advisory Committee (AC)
- 16 Endowment Board (AC)
- 20 Educational Board (AC)
- 23-24 Holiday – Extension Office Closed**

[The complete 2023 4-H Calendar is available on our website!](#)

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Thank you to the following Lorain County 4-H supporters. It is the generosity from organizations such as yours that ensures ***Lorain County 4-H is Great!***



Notes from Jacki



It is bittersweet to share with all of you that our Office Associate, Michelle Czarnecki, is retiring. Michelle has served OSU Extension in Lorain County for 30 years. Her dedication to the residents of Lorain County, our Extension programs, and staff is beyond measure.



May her retire"mint" be sweet!!

Jacqueline L. Bacon



Headline News

End of Year Evaluation

The purpose of this survey is to obtain information that will be used to determine and develop 4-H educational programming in the future.

Additionally, it will be shared with the Lorain County 4-H Club Volunteers and 4-H Advisory, Endowment, and Educational Board members.

This is a great opportunity to voice your opinion. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey by October 31, 2023.

Who should take this survey:

- 4-H Members
- Parents
- Volunteers
- Key Leaders

Results from this survey will be shared and discussed at the Think Tank with our three 4-H Boards and our Jr. Fair Board. This discussion will result in determining priorities for the 2024 4-H program.

Survey



County News



4-H Advisory Board

Voting is Almost Open!

All Lorain County 4-H Volunteers will be e-mailed an electronic voting ballot to vote in three-year and on-year term positions.

Voting will be open Monday, October 9- Monday October 16, 2023.

Winners of the election will be announced at the annual Volunteer Recognition Program. Their official term will begin January 1, 2024.

The current 4-H Advisory Board will select Community and Youth representatives at the November meeting.





4-H VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

You and a Guest are Invited to Join Us
Thursday, October 19, 2023

New Russia Lodge

Doors Open at 6:00 pm
Program Starts at 6:30 pm
Dinner Served at 6:45 pm
Dress is Casual

Reservations are Required by Friday, October 6th
\$5.00 per person deposit (refundable at the door)
Checks made payable to Lorain County 4-H Advisory Committee

Dinner is Sponsored by Lorain County 4-H Advisory Committee

*** RESERVATION FORM DUE OCTOBER 6th – Lorain County 4-H Volunteer Recognition Dinner**

If you make a reservation and then find that you cannot attend. PLEASE contact the Extension Office BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6th.

Name(s) – Please list first and last name of EACH person you are making a reservation for.

Phone No. _____

Phone No. _____

Club/Committee/Group _____ Deposit Total \$ _____

RETURN BY OCTOBER 6th to:

OSU Extension, Lorain County
42110 Russia Rd.
Elyria, Ohio 44035



County News

4-H Endowment Board

Membership Drive

Are you interested in organizing fund-raising efforts and assisting with the management of our 4-H Endowment funds? The Endowment board will have several two-year term positions open for 2022! If you are interested in becoming a part of this important and active group of individuals, please e-mail a letter of intent including your qualifications and interest in serving on this board and brief bio to wise.1217@osu.edu . These letters of intent and bios will be shared with the nominating and membership committee. This committee will present a slate of officers from the current board and a slate of new board candidates to replace members with expiring terms. Nominations will occur at the October meeting and elections will be held at the November meeting.

For additional information on our 4-H Endowment Board please connect with a current board member.

October Grant Cycle

Project Grants- open to any official 4-H entity interested in offering a program or workshop in Lorain County!

Workshop-Seminar Grant- open to any current 4-H member or volunteer interested in seeking funding for a new learning opportunity.

Deadline for submission is **October 15**. Click [here](#) to access our Lorain County 4-H Endowment web page and scroll down to the grant applications.

4-H Educational Board

Accepting Board Member Applications

Are you interested in assisting with identifying and supporting educational programs for our 4-H'ers? The 4-H Educational board will have three term positions open for 2024, two adult volunteer and one youth position. Application **deadline is Monday, October 16, 2023**. If you are interested in becoming a part of this important and active group of individuals, please complete the [4-H Educational Board application](#) and e-mail to wise.1217@osu.edu.

An application review committee, consisting of one representative from 4-H Advisory Board, one representative from the 4-H Endowment Board, one community representative, and the 4-H Educator reviews and selects new board members for the new year.

For additional information on our 4-H Educational Board please connect with a current board member or visit our [website](#).

4-H Teen Ambassadors

Teen Ambassadors provide an additional youth perspective to the 4-H Educational Board. Expectations include attendance at quarterly meetings, leadership training, and assistance at a minimum of one educational event. Application **deadline is Monday, October 16, 2023**. If you are interested in becoming a part of this important and active group of individuals, please complete the [Teen Ambassador application](#) and e-mail to wise.1217@osu.edu.

Event Request Proposals

Calling all clubs and 4-H entities!! The 4-H Educational Board would like you to assist you in planning a county-wide event for Lorain County! Hands-on workshops, clinics, guest speakers, and animal shows for a particular 4-H project or topic are welcome. Events may be planned as club fundraisers or service to our 4-H program! County-wide event request forms are available on the Lorain County 4-H website. To submit a request to host a 4-H Animal Show, at least one 4-H Advisor must attend the 4-H Show SOP training.



Club News

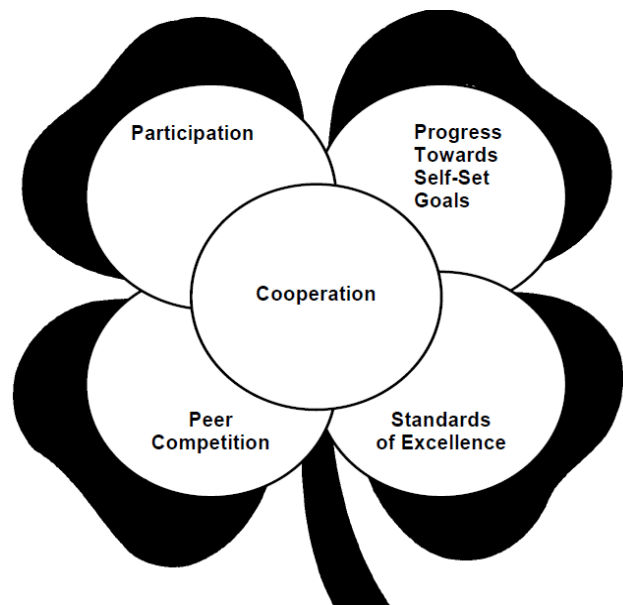
4-H Project Evaluation Results

Congratulations to our 4-H'ers that participated in this year's 4-H project evaluation process and qualified for county fair! Results including entries, placings, state fair qualifiers, and state fair results are available on the [4-H Project Resource](#) page of our website.

Club Fall Recognition Order Form

The Extension Office will continue to offer end-of-year awards for your 4-H'ers! 4-H Club Advisors, please complete and return the [order form](#) to Michelle Czarnecki, Czarnecki.1@osu.edu.

The purpose of recognition in 4-H is to encourage and support the efforts of our members in learning to improve their knowledge and develop life skills. It is important to recognize 4-Hers in five areas: **participation** in educational experiences, **progress towards personal goals**, recognized **standards of excellence**, **peer competition**, and **cooperation**.



National 4-H Recognition Model

End of Year Reports

It is that time of year to begin preparing your 2023 required reports.

[2023 Financial Summary](#)

[Club inventory List](#)

[4-H Club Information Survey](#)

[Projected 2024 Club Activities](#)

We encourage you to submit the end-of-year reports before the deadline.



OHIO 4-H YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT

4th H Club Challenge

Be a healthier 4-H Club for
the chance to win \$100.

1. Register your club NOW
2. Record your practices
3. Share on social media
4. By December 31st, 2023



LEARN MORE

go.osu.edu/4thHClubChallenge



Lorain County Junior Fair



Jr. Fair Board is recruiting!!

Think you have what it takes to be a Junior Fair Board Member?

We're always looking for hard-working young people to join our team! Applications are due November 30, 2023.

You must be 15-18 years old as of January 1 to be a full-fledged member of JFB. Assistants must be at least 13 as of January 1.

Visit: <https://lorain.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/lorain-county-junior-fair> to access all applications.



Opportunities to serve on Junior Fair Board include the following:

- Jr. Fair Board Member
- Jr. Fair Board Assistant
- Jr. Fair Board Adult Consultant

Attention 2023 Market Beef Project Members

All market beef animals (this includes finished market beef, steers and heifers) must be weighed and tagged by the Jr. Fair Board at the fall/winter weigh-in

Lottery Weigh-in
November 4, 2023
Fairgrounds

Market Beef Tagging Only
Thursday, November 30, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Market Beef Tagging AND Weigh-in
Saturday, December 2, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Activity Request Forms

Ever wonder how the "Extra" activities at fair occur? Parades, cupcake decorating contests, fun shows, and Jr. Fair fun night are all examples of past extra activities. These events are included in the Jr. Fair premium book, supported by the Jr. Fair (in terms of assistance with securing location, equipment, etc.), and organized and conducted by an outside 4-H Advisor, group, or club.

If you or your 4-H Club are interested in offering an activity at the 2024 fair, request forms are available on our website! Deadline is March 1, 2024.

Upcoming SERVICE Opportunities

North Coast Inland Trail Litter Pick-up

There is still time for your 4-H Club to volunteer!!

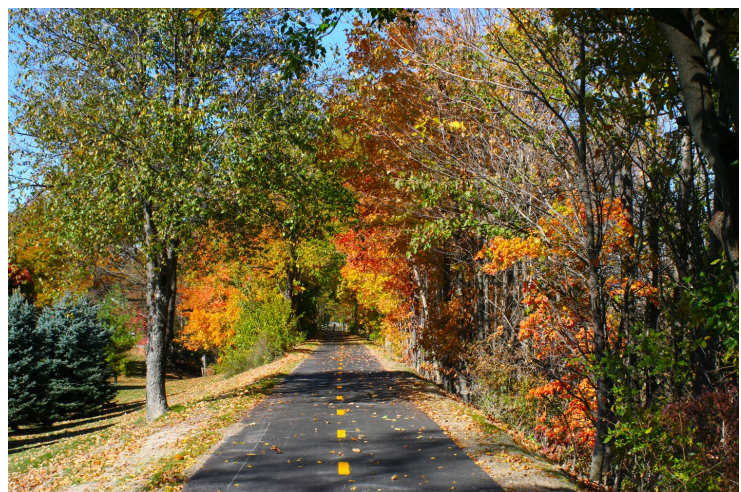
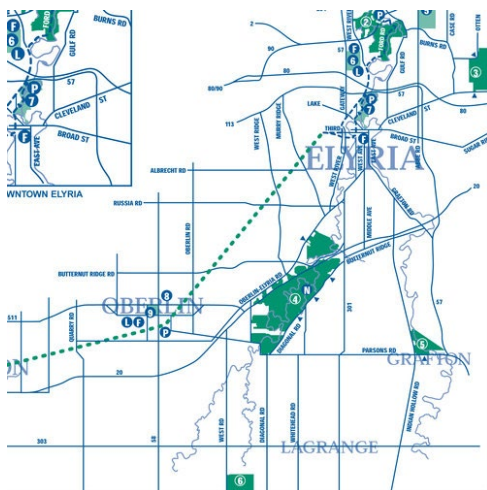
Available sections are listed below!!

Lorain County 4-H has committed to litter pick-up twice a year on the portion of the North Coast Inland Trail (NCIT) that runs through our County. This 13-mile long stretch winds between Elyria and Kipton. We encourage our clubs to take advantage of this fun community service opportunity and sign-up for one section clean-up in October. Sign up your club for a trail section through [Sign up Genius](#). For specific requirements and trail locations review our [Adopt the Trail with 4-H handout](#). To learn more about the NCIT, visit the [Lorain County Metro Parks website](#).

Industrial Parkway to Murray Ridge Rd.
Murray Ridge Rd. to Russia Rd.
Russia Rd. to Butternut Ridge Rd.
Butternut Ridge Rd. to East Lorain St.
East Lorain St. to South Pleasant St.
South Pleasant to Pyle South Amherst Rd.
Pyle South Amherst Rd. to Quarry Rd.
Quarry Rd. to Gifford Rd.
Gifford Rd. to Baird Rd.

Elyria Family of 4-H'ers

Barnyard Bussies



NCIT in Autumn, picture courtesy of Lorain County Metro Parks



Lorain County 4-H collaborates with Toys For Tots for a County-Wide Service Project!

Where to donate items:

October 1, 2023- Kick off our 2 Annual Toys For Tots Toy Drive

October 2- October 13, 2023- Box pickup from the OSU Extension office or
Contact Amy Smith at (440)-864-4923

October 1- October 31, 2023- Collection of toy donations

November 1, 2023- Return of all donation boxes to OSU Extension office for counting
(all clubs must have boxes returned by Nov 1 to be eligible for the prize)

Needed items: new and unwrapped toys for boys, girls, and babies.

Stocking stuffers: coloring books, crayons, matchbox car etc.

Keep in mind older youth (11-14) when you are donating. (blankets, hair products, model cars, wallets, nerf guns, room décor, electric shavers, games etc.)

Over 5,000 kids in Lorain County received from this program in 2022!

The 4-H club that collects the most items will receive special recognition!
1st place will receive an ice cream or pizza party donated by Tim & Amy Smith

If any 4-H Club would like to help with sorting and distributing in Lorain County contact
Amy Smith 440-864-4923 with any questions!

Older Youth Opportunities

County Opportunities:

- Scholarships
- County Boards
 - 4-H Advisory Youth Rep
 - 4-H Educational Board Member
 - Teen Ambassador
 - Jr. Fair Board Member
- 4-H Camp Counselor



State Opportunities:

- Ohio Achievement Record Awards
- State Camps
- State Boards
- Educational Experiences



Apply to be an Ohio Delegate at National 4-H Conference!

April 18-24, 2024, Washington, D.C.

Delegate
applications
are due
December 1

National 4-H Conference is specifically focused on civic engagement, civic education, and personal development.

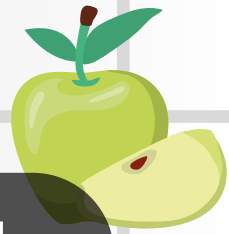
Any 4-H member in Ohio ages 15-18 as of January 1, 2024 is eligible to apply!

Visit
go.osu.edu/N4HC
for more details
and the
application.



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with Ohio 4-H

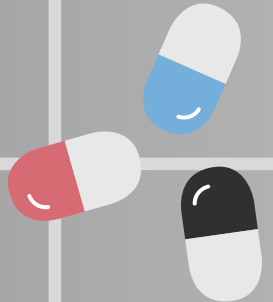


A weekend camp in October focused on Healthy Living for 7th through 12th graders in Ohio 4-H.

27 October - 29 October 2023

Where: Canter's Cave 4-H Camp,
1362 Caves Rd, Jackson, OH 45640
Cost: \$50 per youth (check or card)
Deadline: Register by 11:59pm on
Sunday, October 8, 2023

More information at
www.go.osu.edu/4HHealthEvents





Ohio 4-H Health HEROES

A Teen Healthy Living Advocacy Group

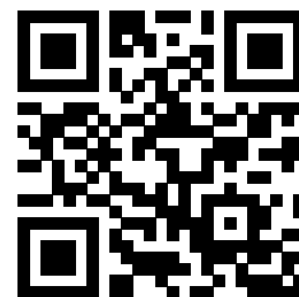
Are you a 4-H teen interested in learning about healthy living?

Consider becoming a part of 4-H Health HEROES! HEROES stands for Health Education Resources for Outreach, Engagement, and Service.

Teens who participate will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about a variety of healthy living topics
- Gain valuable leadership and communication skills
- Meet other 4-H youth from across Ohio who are invested in healthy living
- Leave a positive impact on your family, friends, and community
- Promote the 4th H!

Applications are due **Sunday, October 15th by 11:59 pm**. Any questions contact Justin Bower at bower.183@osu.edu or 614-247-1979.



For more information, expectations, and application, visit go.osu.edu/HealthHeroes or scan this.



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Upcoming LOCAL Opportunities

Fall Paper Clover Campaign!

Please continue to support and promote the TSC Paper Clover campaign. Lorain County 4-H receives almost \$2,500 from the Spring and Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign! The past few years these funds have been used to provide camp scholarships to our 4-H Camp Counselors. Did you know other counties charge camp counselors to attend camp?! We are blessed here in Lorain County to be able to utilize these funds in this manner!

Special thanks to the following stores that support Lorain County 4-H!

Amherst

1971 Cooper Foster Park Rd.
Manager: Trevor Rindsleisch 440-960-5366

Columbia Station

24100 Royalton Rd.
Manager: Elise Garba 440-236-3003

Wellington

736 South Main St.
Manager: Madison Bremke 440-647-4669

100 percent of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally.

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$14 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential.



Clubs are encouraged to connect with their local store to inquire how you can support the Clover Campaign!

**Health Benefits, Tuition Assistance,
Paid Leave- We have you covered!**

We are *HIRING*:
SNAP-Ed Extension Educators Coordinator 3

Located in: Elyria, OH

Apply online: <https://hr.osu.edu/careers/>

Search for

SNAP-Ed Job Posting: R75215

Deadline to apply: October 5, 2023

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.



Collegiate 4-H at The Ohio State University Presents:

Exploring Uncharted Territory at CNI

Register Online by

October 25, 2023

go.osu.edu/23CNI

\$80.00 registration fee covers two nights and all meals.

November 17 - 19, 2023

4-H Camp Ohio

11451 Camp Ohio Road,

St. Louisville, Ohio 43071

***An overnight camping opportunity for youth in grades
8-12 featuring educational workshops, recreational
sessions, and leadership development.***

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Ohio Military Kids Winter Wonderland

Join the Ohio Military Kids program for a FREE Winter Wonderland as we offer crafts, snacks, family activities, and a special visit from Santa in the North Pole!

Register by November 26: [GO.OSU.EDU/OMKEVENTS](https://go.osu.edu/omkevents)

December 9, 2023 • 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

CENTRAL OHIO

*specific location will be shared once registered

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WOMEN IN AG WEDNESDAY WEBINARS

The 2023 Series will be on the 2ND
WEDNESDAY of each month
10:30 am – 11:30 am
Via Zoom Platform

Join us on **October 11 , 2023**, for the next session on...

Food waste & your budget?

Reducing food waste is not only good for your budget but also for the environment. Learn how meal planning , storing your food, and understanding food labels can not only save you money but also the environment.

Register at this link one time for all the series.

<https://go.osu.edu/wiawednesdaywebinars2023>

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