



Clover Communicator

Lorain County - Where 4-H is Great!

January 2024

JANUARY

- 1 **Holiday – Extension Office Closed**
- 3 JFB Adult Consultant Apps Due 3:00 pm (FG)
- 4 AQCA Test out Option 4:00-7:00 pm (AC)
- 7 OFMA JFB Conference Day (Columbus)
- 9 Sr. Fair Board 7:30 pm (FG)
- 11 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 (AC)
- 15 4-H Educational Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 17 4-H Advisory Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 18 4-H Endowment Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 23 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 (AC)
- 25 Jr. Fair Board 7:00 pm (FG)
- 31 OH 4-H Conference Deadline (AC)

FEBRUARY

- 1 JFB Assistant Applications Due 3:00 pm (FG)
- 8 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 10 4-H Officer & Advisors Training (JVS)
- 13 Sr. Fair Board 7:30 pm (FG)
- 19 AQCA 10:00-Noon & 1:00-3:00 pm (FG)
- 4-H Educational Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 20 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 21 4-H Advisory Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 22 4-H Endowment Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 22 Jr. Fair Board 7:00 pm (FG)
- 29 Pesticide Applicator Training (AC)

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Complete 2024 Calendar

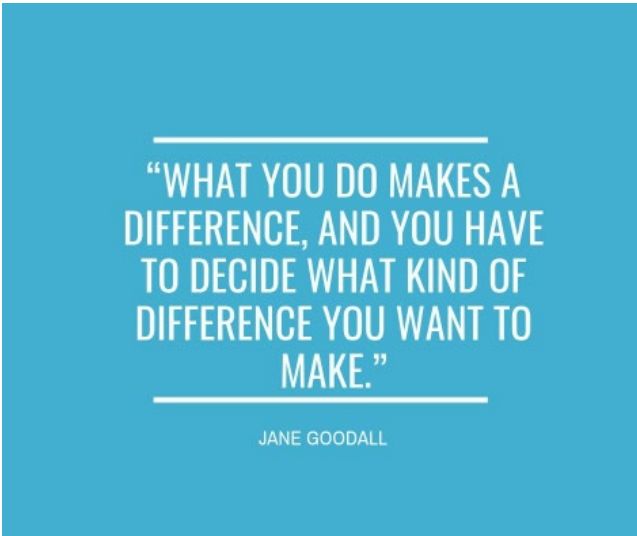




Notes from Jacki

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had wonderful holidays, a great start to the new year, and enjoyed time with friends and family! Whether or not you subscribe to setting New Year's Resolutions- now is the time to start thinking about your 2024 4-H goals!



County Goals

In December, our 4-H and JFB Executive Committees met to review needs identified from the 2023 end of year survey, priorities identified at the annual Think Tank, and how their goals for 2024 may address these needs. There are many great learning opportunities that will be offered this year! Be sure to stay current with these opportunities by reading the monthly 4-H Clover Communicator newsletter!

4-H Club Goals

Service projects, guest speakers, or hosting a county-wide educational event are all things to consider as your 4-H Clubs plans what you will accomplish in 2024!

4-H Project Goals

I challenge each of you to start thinking about what 4-H projects you want to take this year. Great sources for you to check out as you are looking at your options are the 2024 Family Guide, the Project Central Website where you can check out the first "lesson" a project book, and of course don't forget to ask your 4-H Club Organizational Leader to check out the 4-H project bins to have available at your club meeting!

Jacquelin & Beca



Headline News

2024 4-H Calendar

The 2024 4-H Calendar was released in December 2023! Earlier than ever before! Please note the date in the bottom right-hand corner of the second page. If any edits are made to the calendar, we will add the date of the edit here. This is to assist everyone viewing the most current calendar.

The 2024 calendar is included in this newsletter and may be accessed on our website.

2024 Enrollment

We are ready! The online 4-H enrollment system is ready for all to begin enrollment or re-enrollment. <http://v2.4honline.com>

If you have been in 4-H in before, you are Re-Enrolling and DO NOT need to create a new profile. Be sure to log-in using the e-mail you utilize for 4-H communication and your password. If you do not remember your password, simply click on the *Reset password?* option. If you are transferring from another county or State, please contact the Lorain County OSU Extension Office.

If you are new to 4-H, you are Enrolling. Be sure to click on the *Don't have an account?* option and follow the screen prompts.

You may also refer to our [4-H Online Brief Guide for families](#) if you would like the step-by-step process.

Club Organizational Leaders

You must also re-enroll before you will be able to view your club's profile! Please use the club code that you received last year. If you do not have your club code, call or e-mail our office for assistance. Things you will be able to view:

- Family profiles
- Who has re-enrolled or enrolled
- What projects 4-Hers have signed up₃ for



Headline News

Family Guides

Family Guides are a fantastic resource for information on all things Ohio 4-H! These were mailed to all returning families in November!! Additional copies for new families are available at the 4-H office.



Project Books

May be ordered several ways:

Club orders placed through our office. Clubs may submit an order to our office by completing the project order form. *This is the best price for families AND our office receives a portion of the sale.*

Individual family orders purchased through our office. Stop by the OSU Extension office to purchase your books today!

Individual family orders placed online mailed directly to family address.

Project Book Updates

NEW in 2024

- 365.00 *Digital Media Idea Starter*
- 360 *Your Feelings Matter (B)*
- 386 *Your Hired! (A)*
- 509 *Robotics Essentials (I)*
- 544 *Ready, Set,...Mow (A)*

REVISED in 2024

- 228 *Rabbit Project and Record Book (X)*
- 467 *Cooking on My Own (A)*

Project Book Prices

Project Books-

Generally, \$8.00 each

Resource Books-

Range from \$10 - \$21

All prices can be found listed in the 2024 Family Guide. Click on the picture of the guide above to view this year's Family Guide.

4-H Project Skill Level Codes

X = A project appropriate for all skill and age levels

B = A beginning level project for members with no experience in project area, or 8 to 10 years old

I – An intermediate level project for members with some experience in project area, or 11 to 13

A = An advanced level project for members experienced in a project area, or 14 or older

Assuring Quality Care of Animals- AQCA

- 1. Any youth exhibiting AND housing an animal at the Lorain County Jr. fair is REQUIRED to attend an Assuring Quality Care of Animals (AQCA) program.**

Deadline to meet this requirement is June 1, 2024.

The Assuring Quality Care of Animals (AQCA) program teaches youth the ten Good Production Practices (GPP'S).

Continued improvement, food safety, ethics and welfare are taught every year. The remaining GPP's are on a three-year rotation. A youth member will have completed all ten GPP's if they attend three years of programming consecutively. While the GPP's are directly targeting market and lactating animals, most of the information taught is directly related to care for all animals.

2. All Lorain County Jr. Fair animals housed on the fairgrounds fair week are required to complete and turn in a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) at check-in.

Consistent record keeping for the fair vet to ID potential barn outbreaks (NEW DUNF's are required to be turned in when any medication is administered and filed with the Extension QA team)

3. All DUNF forms will be completed electronically. The electronic completion is a new requirement of Ohio Department of Agriculture and will replace the paper copies used in the past.

Lorain County 2024 Assuring Quality Care of Animals

Any youth exhibiting AND housing an animal at the Lorain County Jr. fair is REQUIRED to attend an Assuring Quality Care of Animals (AQCA) program.

Deadline to meet this requirement is June 1, 2024.

There are four options to complete this year's AQCA requirement:

1. Test Out
2. Simulation Event
3. Online program
4. Attend an approved state program

Test-out

Complete an AQCA state test and pass with a 70% or higher. Youth may only take the test once per year. If they do not pass with a 70% or higher they will be required to participate in an in-person program to meet the annual requirement.

When: Thursday, January 4, 2023, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. at The Ag Center (42110 Russia Rd. Elyria)

Tests are published by OSU AQCA Specialist and proctored by OSU Extension staff. Study materials are available at <https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Quality%20Assurance%20Test%20Study%20Guide.pdf>

This option is available to youth ages 15 and older that have completed at least three years in an animal project.

Registration: Interested individuals must e-mail Julie Mackey at mackey.181@osu.edu to schedule. Be sure to indicate what time you would like to arrive.

Fee: None

Simulation Event

Attend and complete an in-person simulation. Youth will select an animal situation card to determine what animal(s) they will be caring for as they progress through the simulation activity stations.

When:

- Monday, February 19 10:00 a.m. –Noon & 1:00-3:00 p.m.at the Lorain County fairgrounds
- Wednesday, April 17 1:00-6:00 p.m. for youth on a Winning 4-H Plan
- Thursday, April 18 6:00-8:00 p.m. for 1st year animal project members ONLY
- Tuesday, March 19 6-8 at the Medina County fairgrounds
- Tuesday, May 7 6:00 – 8:00 at the Lorain County fairgrounds
- Tuesday, May 14 6-8 at the Medina County fairgrounds

Registration: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4HGVarT6NGFgx38

Fee: None. Program costs are covered by an Ohio 4-H Foundation grant.



Online programs

- Register for and complete the YQCA online training. (livestock, rabbit, and fowl)
- Register for and complete the EquiStep online training. (horse project members)

It is recommended that youth with fewer than three years completed in an animal project attend the in-person training.

Registration- visit <https://yqcaprogram.org> and click on the *register/sign in* button.

Fee- Cost is \$12 per person paid online. All funds remain with YQCA national program.

Participation- Youth must complete all training modules for their age group. There is a quiz to be completed once you have gone through all of the required modules. This quiz must be passed in order to receive your completion certificate.

Completion- Upon completion of the online program, log back in to print your completion certificate. This completion certificate **MUST** be e-mailed to Julie Mackey, Area 4 AQCA coordinator at mackey.181@osu.edu

State approved programs

A list of approved state events coming soon!

2024 Lorain County Organizational Chart



**OSU Extension
Lorain County 4-H**

4-H Educator

**Lorain County
Agricultural Society**

JFB Coordinator

**Advisory
Board**

Provides overall
guidance of
4-H program

Elected by 4-H
Volunteers

Open House
Annual Training
Recognition

**Endowment
Board**

Provides overall
guidance of
fundraising and
fund management

Approved by
current Board

Annual Dinner and
Auction
Scholarships &
Grants

**Educational
Board**

Provides oversight
of youth
educational efforts

Application Process

County Educational
Opportunities
Teen Ambassador
program

Jr. Fair Board

Organizing,
conducting, and
evaluating Jr. Fair

Application Process

Jr. Fair week

Purpose



Membership



Event(s)



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[4-H Advisory Board](#)

The 4-H Advisory Board provides overall guidance of the Lorain County 4-H Program. Membership consists of elected term members and youth representatives. Events that the 2024 Advisory Board will focus on includes but is not limited to 4-H Open House, Volunteer Trainings, and Family Orientation.

All Advisory Board meeting agendas and minutes are available on the Advisory page of our website. Click on 4-H Advisory Board above to be directed to this page.

Save the Date for the following upcoming events!

Saturday, February 10, 2024	Officer & Volunteer Training	Lorain County JVS
Thursday, March 7, 2024	4-H Open House	Lorain County JVS
Thursday, March 14, 2024	New Volunteer Training	Ag Center
Thursday, April 11, 2024	Volunteer Training	Lorain County JVS
Thursday, October 24, 2024	4-H Volunteer Dinner	New Russia Lodge

Congratulations and welcome to the 2024 4-H Advisory Board youth representatives:

Charlee Polen	Country Shamrocks
Delaney Reed	Desperados
Jordyn Simpson	Desperados

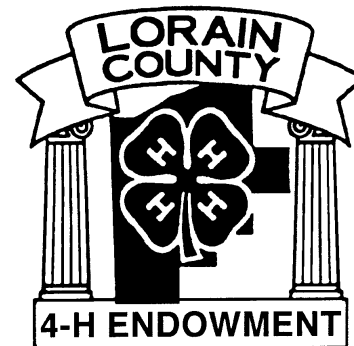
The next 4-H Advisory Board meeting will be February 21, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Ag Center.

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4-H Endowment Board

The 4-H Endowment Board provides overall guidance of fundraising and fund management. Membership consists of 12-24 appointed members. Events that the 2024 Endowment Board will focus on includes but is not limited to Annual Dinner & Auction, 4-H Scholarship and Grant programs, and Donor Appreciation.



All Endowment Board meeting agendas will be available on the Endowment page of our website. Click on 4-H Endowment Board above to be directed to this page.

Save the Date for the following upcoming events!

April 1, 2024	Academic Scholarship Applications Due	Ag Center
April 6, 2024	Annual Dinner & Auction	Germans Villa
April 15, 2024	4-H Grant Applications Due	Ag Center
	4-H Camp Scholarship Applications Due	Ag Center
May 15, 2024	Thank You Card Contest Deadline	Ag Center
October 15, 2024	4-H Grant Applications Due	Ag Center

Annual 4-H Endowment Dinner- April 6, 2024

How can your Club support and participate in this county-wide fundraiser?

- Promote ticket sales- refer to ticket order form on page for more details
- 4-H Club Basket Donations- refer to flyer on page for more details
- Table Center pieces

We are seeking a few clubs to create and donate table center pieces for this year's dinner. If your club would like to donate centerpieces, please call or e-mail Bailey Wise, 440-326-5851 or wise.1217@osu.edu.

The next 4-H Endowment Board meeting will be
February 15, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Ag Center.



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Lorain County 4-H ENDOWMENT DINNER & AUCTION



Hosted by: German's Villa

Proceeds to benefit: Lorain County 4-H Locally

Saturday, April 6, 2024

NEW LOCATION

German's Villa

3330 Liberty Ave., Vermilion 44089

5:00 p.m. DOORS OPEN

Silent Auction Preview & Bidding

5:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner

*Enjoy silent and live auction items
of great goods and services conducted
throughout the evening.*

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COST: \$25.00 per person

PRE SALE TICKETS ONLY

Seating limited to 400

No ticket sales at the door

- All persons attending must be 21 & over
- Must present dinner ticket at the door

MENU: German's Honey Glazed Ham, Baked Chicken, Vegetable Lasagna, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad and Dinner Rolls

DRINKS: Coffee & Iced Tea

Soft Drinks will be available to purchase

Purchase Tickets by March 15, 2024

OSU Extension, Lorain County
42110 Russia Rd., Elyria or from any
4-H Endowment Board Member

TICKET ORDER FORM – TICKET ORDERS MUST BE PURCHASED BY MARCH 15, 2024

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Table Sponsor Name _____

_____ Number of tickets ordered at **\$25.00** each. Total enclosed for tickets \$_____

Checks for dinner tickets can be made payable to: Lorain County 4-H Endowment Board

_____ Table Sponsor **\$250.00** per table with a total of 8 tickets, name in program and thank you gift!

_____ I would like to donate an item/service to the auction. Please have a 4-H Endowment Board member contact me.

TICKET MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE DOOR

AUCTION DONATION FOR LORAIN COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION April 6, 2024

Name of Donor _____
(Print individual or business name the way it should be printed in publicity)

Contact Person (if a business) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email address of contact: _____

Name of item or service donated as listed in program: _____

Item or service detail (please be specific on what is included in your donation):

Value of item or service \$ _____

____ Donation has been given to 4-H Endowment Board Member/Extension Office

____ Donation will be delivered to Lorain Co. OSU Extension Office **by March 22nd**

____ If donation needs to be picked up by a Board Member, call 440-326-5851

____ Other _____

Signature of 4-H Endowment Board Member

Date

Return form and donations by March 22, 2024 to:

OSU Extension – Lorain County 42110 Russia Road Elyria, Ohio 44035 440-326-5851



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

**ANNUAL 4-H ENDOWMENT BOARD
DINNER & SILENT AUCTION**

April 6, 2024

ALL CLUBS ARE ASKED TO DONATE A BASKET(S)
FOR THE SILENT AUCTION

Clubs that donate a basket
valued at \$25 or more will
be entered into a raffle for
\$25.

Three prizes will be drawn.
One entry per basket.



Please deliver all baskets to the OSU Extension Office by March 15th.
Each basket must have a donation form attached, a list explaining basket
items and wrapped in clear cellophane.



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4-H Educational Board

The 4-H Educational Board provides oversight of youth educational efforts. The 2024 membership consists of 9 board members and 26 teen ambassadors. All Board meeting agendas are available on the Educational Board page of our website.

Congratulations to this year's board leadership:

Chair	Scott Hamker
1 st Vice Chair	Jeff Chenoweth
2 nd Vice Chair	Amy Lake



Put your ideas together and submit a [county event request](#) to the 4-H Educational Board!!

Save the Date for the following 2024 events!

May 4, 2024	4-H Horse School Draft, Saddle Horse, Small Equine	Lorain County Fairgrounds
May 18, 2024	4-H Small Animal School Dog, Fowl, Rabbit	Lorain County Fairgrounds
June 1, 2024	4-H Large School Goat/Lamb, Swine, Beef	Lorain County Fairgrounds
July 8, 2024	Small Animal Skillathon	New Russia Twp Lodge
July 9, 2024	FCS & Shooting Sports Skillathon	New Russia Twp Lodge
July 10, 2024	Large Animal Skillathon	New Russia Twp Lodge

4-H Educational Board

4-H Project area Committees

The 4-H Educational Board is excited to offer five 4-H Project area committees. These committees will assist with communication, educational opportunities, and resources 4-H for projects. Be sure to be on the lookout for additional information and dates regarding committee meetings!

Ag/Still Life Committee

Rich Hardway*
Aspen Baca
Payten Frye
Sebastian Johns
Isadora Ortiz

Family & Consumer Sciences Committee

Emma Berthold*
Amy Lake*
Lilly Horner
Josalynn Jason
Samantha McDonough
Arabella Ortiz

Horse Committee

Jeff Chenoweth*
Addison Beal
Kail Callihan
Olivia Heiman
Jordyn Simpson
Jocelyn Wyatt

Large Animal Committee

Dawn Handrosh*
Zachary Bibb
Wyatt Broud
Jeanette Crawford
Conner Lake
Emma Lewis
Peyton Pickering
Natalia Rogers

Small Animal Committee

Tammy Zifcak*
Cady Kyser
Franklin Abbey
Jamie Lunn
Teagan Rambo
Anthony Zifcak



The next 4-H Educational Board meeting will be February 19, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Ag Center.



Lorain County Junior Fair

2024 Jr. Fair Board Members

Help us welcome this year's board members!

Officers

President	Jillian Stannard
Vice President	Andrew Krupka
Secretary	Kyleigh Klingshirn
Treasurer	Scott Hook

Exec Board Members

Holden Harker
Nolan Norman
Amy Gerber
Nate Sword

Adult Advisors

Katie Fath
Jeff Gott
Jen Kinas
Kirk Rounds

Jr. Fair Coordinator

Sherry Nickles

Board Members:

Grace Abraham	Samantha McDonough
Colin Adams	Emma McGrath
Tyler Burns	Madison Minutello
Adele Dowdell	Wyatt Norton
Callie Finnegan	Natalia Rogers
Paige Foreman	Justin Rounds
Zoe Gifford	Olivia Rounds
Allison Gott	Matthew Schnell
Cohl Greene	Lexie Skvor
Kale Hamker	Katherine Stannard
Chelsea Hood	Marshall Ternes
Paige Hood	Devon Wiles
Olivia Howells	Vayda Wiles
Madisyn Jessel	Maddie Williams
Gabby Latecki	Jolee Wissinger
Claire Linden	Emmarose Woods
Kayla Linden	Jocelyn Wyatt
James Lunn	Meredith Wysocki

Jr. Fair Board is recruiting assistant members!!

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!

[Jr. Fair Board Assistant applications](#) are due: **February 1, 2024**

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.



Club News

Recruitment

Is your club interested in hosting a local recruitment event? Don't forget to contact the Extension office to request new family folders! These includes a Family Guide, new family letter, "all about Lorain County 4-H" booklet, club list, and 4-H Online instructions.

New Volunteers

Being a volunteer with Ohio 4-H is a privilege and a responsibility. The safety of our program participants is our first priority, this includes ensuring we have the right people working with and guiding our youth.

New adult volunteer applications are accepted September-March 1st each year. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, you will begin by clicking on each of the links below.

1. [Volunteer Cover Letter](#)
2. [Volunteer Application Form](#)
3. [Fingerprinting](#)
4. [Request enrollment in the 4-H Online system](#)
5. Interview with 4-H Professional

End of Year Reports

Thank you to ALL that have already turned in their end-of-year reports!

The following are due no later than January 31, 2024:

- [4-H Club Information Survey](#)
- [Club/Group Activities Form](#)
- [4-H Club/Affiliate Yearly Financial Summary](#)
- [4-H Club Equipment Inventory Form](#)

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





Club News

Volunteer Training

Lorain County 4-H volunteers must complete a minimum of two training hours per year. Check out all the great opportunities to meet this requirement and gain new ideas for your 4-H Club! Training hours must be completed by the enrollment deadline- April 15, 2024.

- **New volunteers** MUST attend a New Volunteer Orientation (NVO) AND Youth Activities & Programs (Policy 1.50)
- **Returning volunteers** MUST attend a minimum of two hours of training that includes the 4-H Update and Youth Activities & Programs (Policy 1.50).
- All training hours must be completed by the enrollment deadline- April 15, 2024.

To register for this year's training please click on the [blue title](#) of the training listed on the schedule on the next page. This will automatically direct you to our online registration.

4-H Club Officer Training

4-H Club Officers and any youth interested in running or a club officer position will have an opportunities to learn more about these fun and important leadership positions!

Saturday, February 10, 2024, 9:30 am- Noon at the Lorain County JVS

We will offer youth to attend the following:

- Annual 4-H Update
- General Workshop
- Officer Workshop

To register for this year's training please click on the [blue title](#) of the training listed on the schedule on the next page. This will automatically direct you to our online registration.

2024 Lorain County 4-H Volunteer Training Schedule

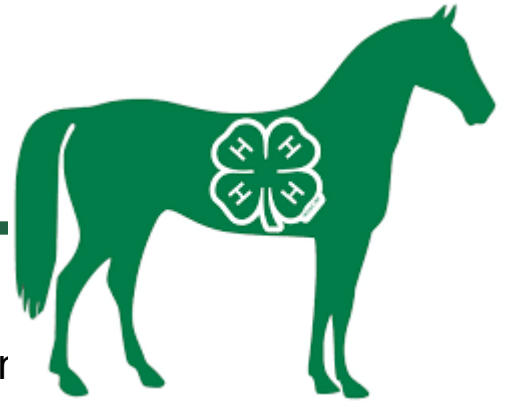
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Training	Date	Time	Location	Audience	Topics
4-H Club Officers & Advisors Conference	2/10/24	9:30am – Noon	Lorain County JVS	All Volunteers All Club Officers (or youth interested in becoming a club officer)	4-H Update Policy 1.50 Various Topics Club Officer Workshops New Volunteer Orientation (1-3 pm)
OH 4-H Volunteer & Youth Conference	3/9/24	9:00am- 4:00pm	Greater Columbus Convention Center	All Volunteers All 4-H Teens	Various Topics
New Volunteer Orientation	3/14/24	6:00- 8:00pm	Ag Center	New Volunteers	New Volunteer Orientation
4-H Club Officers & Advisors Training	4/11/24	6:00 –8:00pm	Lorain County JVS	All Volunteers All Club Officers (or youth interested in becoming a club officer)	4-H Update Policy 1.50 Various Topics Club Officer Workshops
Medina County Volunteer Training Opportunities	Dates Vary		Various locations in Medina County	All Volunteers	4-H Update Policy 1.50 Various Topics New Volunteer Orientation

Horse Happenings



2024 Horse Program Requirements

- [Registration form](#) for each horse (you may subr
- If leasing an animal, a copy of the [project lease](#)
- Complete the online [EquiStep Certification](#) program

Equine Safety Training and Educational Program

EquiSTEP program covers:

Section 1: Head (Helmet Safety)

Section 2: Hands (Equine Safety & Handling)

Section 3: Health (Equine Health & Nutrition)

Section 4: Heart (Sportsmanship)

There is a quiz at the end.

[EquiSTEP course](#) is accessed through an online link. Please note that families with multiple children must use a different email for each child.

ATTENTION Small Equine/Small Pony Members

There will be a 4-H Small Equine/Small Pony Show returning for 2024.

Show date is Sat. June 15, 2024 at the L.C. Fairgrounds in the Cow Palace. This is a good opportunity for SE/SP members to qualify for the 2024 L.C. Fair. More detail to be announce soon.

2024 4-H Horse School

Tentative May 4, 2024 @ Lorain County Fairgrounds

Tracks

- Saddle horse
- Small Equine
- Draft

Paw Prints



2024 Dog Program Requirements

- [Registration form](#) for each project dog
- [Vaccination records](#) for each project dog (2024 form coming soon!)
- Attend a safety clinic (will be offered in conjunction with the Dog Track at Small Animal School)



Shooting Sports

2024 Shooting Sports Project Requirements

- [Consent](#) for possession of handgun by juvenile
- Emergency medical [authorization form](#)
- Attend a shooting sports safety clinic

2024 Shooting Sports practice schedule

Coming Soon!!

All Lorain County 4-H shooting sports practices are conducted by a Ohio 4-H certified shooting sports instructor.

4-H SPIN CLUBS

4-H SPIN (Special Interest) Clubs are created for youth that want to dive a little deeper into a 4-H project under the supervision of an approved 4-H volunteer experienced and knowledgeable in a particular project. 4-H SPIN Clubs provide 3-6 meetings over a short time (1-6 weeks).

4-H Dog Spin Club

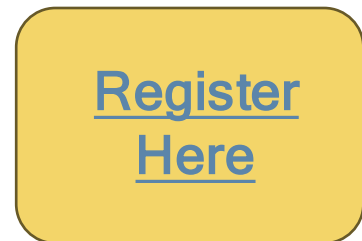
When: Tuesdays in February

Location: Lorain County Fairgrounds- Fair Hall

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Coordinator: Tammy Zifcak

Topic Schedule:



Date	Topics	What to Bring
Feb. 6,	Dog Training and conditioning	Dog Resource Book
Feb 13	All Things Health	Dog Resource Book
Feb 20	Obedience	Dog Resource Book Dog with leash Dog Crate & Water
Feb 27	Showmanship Patterns	Dog Resource Book Dog with leash Dog Crate & Water

Recruiting 4-H SPIN Club Coordinators!!

4-H Spin Club Coordinators must be an official 4-H volunteer. They are responsible for securing dates, locations, lesson topics, and presenters. OSU Extension provides club support including recruitment, registration, insurance, and other support as determined in collaboration with the 4-H Educator.

If you or someone you know is interested in hosting a 4-H Project SPIN Club please contact Jacki Baca for more details!

Upcoming STATE Opportunities

Participation counts towards your annual volunteer training hours!

Ohio 4-H Conference

The Ohio 4-H Conference takes place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on March 9, 2024.

The Ohio 4-H Conference is the largest gathering of 4-H volunteers in the United States! Nearly 1,200 teen and adult volunteers participate each year. The Ohio 4-H Conference is designed to equip participants with resources, information, and skills to meet the ever-changing needs of youth. Attendees can receive training in more than 125 different topics such as career exploration, risk management, camping, leadership, cake decorating, dancing, animal sciences, and much more.

In addition to the educational sessions, the day features the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon highlighting the extraordinary accomplishments of volunteers. The teens (age 13 and older) have a luncheon that recognizes their peers and often features a keynote speaker.

[Click here for additional Conference information and registration materials.](#)

*****[Registration Form](#) and payment MUST be submitted to the Lorain County Extension office no later than January 31, 2024*****

Come join the fun and support our county award winners at the 2024 Ohio 4-H Conference! Limited scholarships are available for our county volunteers receiving state awards. If you are a state award winner, be on the lookout for additional details from the 4-H office! Special thanks to our 4-H Advisory and Endowment Boards for offering these scholarships!

Ohio 4-H Highlights

Interested in what's going on in the rest of Ohio 4-H? Click the link above to visit

Upcoming STATE Opportunities

Please note the upcoming state updates, deadlines, workshops, and clinics for 4-H youth and volunteers. These will be listed up to four months in advance as we become aware of the opportunities.

Description	Date	Location
Ohio Junior Fair Conference	January 6	Hyatt Regency Hotel, Columbus
DNA/EID kits due for 2024 Ohio State Fair Market Beef Show	January 14	e-mail mackey.181@osu.edu for details
4-H Horse Advisor/Volunteer Update	January 28	4-H Center, Columbus
OH 4-H Scholarship Applications Due	February 15	Online
Winter 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop	February 23-25	Camp Ohio
Ohio 4-H Week	March 8-14	
Ohio 4-H Conference	March 9	Columbus Convention Center
Ohio Beef Expo	March 14-17	Ohio Expo Center, Columbus
Ohio State Fair Scholarships Due State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest State 4-H Hippology Contest	April 1	Ohio Expo Center, Columbus
Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop	April 5-7	Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
Hippology, Horse Bowl & Judging Clinic Communications Contest (Oral & Poster) Year End Achievement Awards Presentation	April 6	4-H Center, Columbus
Equine Affaire	April 11-14	Ohio Expo Center, Columbus
Forestry Wildlife Conservation Camp	April 19-21	Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
Ohio 4-H Week	March 8-14	

Upcoming Local Opportunities



TENTH ANNUAL *Brunch with a Farmer*

Sponsored by Lorain County Farm Bureau

Come and meet Lorain County farmers

Enjoy local foods prepared by LCCC Culinary Arts students and celebrate local Lorain County agriculture.

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024 | 9 a.m.

Lorain County Community College
Spitzer Conference Center, Culinary Lobby
1005 North Abbe Rd. | Elyria

Please bring monetary donation or non-perishable to support Commodore Cupboard.

PLUS, There will be door prizes!

\$15 | Farm Bureau members & children
\$20 | Non members

Contact Lorain County Farm Bureau at
lorain@ofbf.org or 440-877-0706

PURCHASE TICKETS BY JAN. 31
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE PREPAY ONLY



LORAIN COUNTY



Lorain County
Community College

Sweetheart Rock Hop

Friends of
Lorain County Junior Fair
a 501(c) (3) organization

Saturday, February 17, 2024 • Fair Hall - Building 19

23000 Fairgrounds Rd. • Wellington, OH 44090

Doors Open 6 pm - Dinner 6:30 pm *by Sterks Catering*

Individual Event Ticket: \$30 donation per person

~ Raffles & 50/50 Drawings ~

Dance to music from the **50s** plus a Costume Contest!

More Info: Ron and Judy Pickworth
440-355-6518



COME JOIN OUR MEDINA 4-H

HOME EC. SCHOOL

Medina County Home Ec. School is designed for 4-H members ages 9-19 who are interested in developing skills related to the Family and Consumer Science Projects and learning about project opportunities while completing or starting pieces of the projects. 4-H members engage in one track of focus based on preference and availability. All participants will complete a service-learning project.

Date: February 10-11

Location: Buckeye Schools

Time: 9:00 am- 4:00 pm

Cost: \$30.00

You will Receive: A project book, project materials, lunch and snack each day

JOIN NOW

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homeecschool](http://go.osu.edu/homeecschool)**

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It's My Home

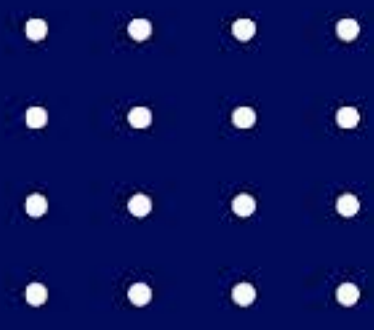
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Firelands FFA

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SECOND ANNUAL

HORSE & LIVESTOCK

**FEBRUARY 25
11am-2pm**

TACK SWAP

**RAFFLES
CONCESSIONS
CLINICS**

LIVESTOCK CLINICS

<https://tinyurl.com/r7tek6hp>

