

Montgomery County 4-H Clover Connections

Important Dates, Deadlines and Details

November 2025

I hope you are enjoying the fall season. I can't believe it is November! There are a lot of important things in this newsletter. Make sure you make note of important dates including some dates for 2025.

The next 4-H year is officially started! Please enroll today in 4-H and tell your friends too.

Yours in 4-H

Rebecca

4-H Enrollment Now Open

Enrollment is now open. 4-H enrollment closes April 1. As a reminder, ALL youth and ALL adult volunteers must enroll yearly.

Please visit <https://4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and log in with your password. Do not make a duplicate profile.

Volunteers, please enroll as soon as possible and before your annual training and/or fingerprints if you have to get these done.



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4-H Now App- Now Available!

Montgomery County 4H has gone mobile! Find us in the iOS and Google Play App Stores or visit

https://grandstandsites.com/gc=Montgomery_County_4

Search "4-H Now" and the type Montgomery County. You will find it!



4-H Advisory Committee Meeting

The 4-H Advisory Committee has an email address now. Please make note: MC4HCommittee@gmail.com.

For the latest meeting minutes for you to review, please see this google drive. [4-H Committee - Google Drive](#)

Thank you to all who came to our last meeting in October. **Our next meeting is January 15. Please have a representative from your club at this meeting. It will be at 6:30 p.m.**

Ohio 4-H Project Guide

The Project Guide is your place to connect to our entire collection of Ohio 4-H project books for the year. Each project book contains information and activities for members to explore as an organized group project or at home under the guidance of a parent or interested adult.

When choosing a project, consider your interests, background, what is necessary to start the project, and the resources available to help you complete it.

<https://ohio4h.org/projectguide>

Project Book Price Increase

In the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide, the standard project book price is \$12. Bulletins and 4-H resource handbooks vary in price based on page count. This move to a tier-pricing structure is intended to create pricing consistency over formats, regardless of distribution numbers.

This will start November 1, 2025. Please be prepared to pay the increase in book cost. It is still cheaper to purchase through our office. But if you choose to order directly, you can visit <https://extensionpubs.osu.edu/>. Our office will order books on the first of the month. Please submit your book order to Erin at miller.10520@osu.edu prior to the last day of the month.

Record Keeping in 4-H

Now that this year is over, it is a perfect time to record all of your accomplishments. Did you know that there is a 4-H record book to help keep track of everything? Our office encourages all members to download the book during your first year. This is a perfect place to keep track of all of your projects, awards, officer positions, community service experiences, and more that you do in 4-H. Then when you are applying for additional trips, awards, and scholarships, it is easy to copy and paste.

Trust me, you will be glad you took the time now to do this instead of trying to remember everything as you get older! <https://montgomery.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects>

4-H Volunteer Training

All 4-H volunteers must attend a training yearly. The following are the in-person training dates. Please enroll as a volunteer prior to attending the training.

Please note, all volunteer training must be completed by Feb. 15.

- Thursday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. followed by livestock committee meeting
- Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend one of the above training dates, please let me know as soon as possible.

All volunteers who need to be re-fingerprinted have been emailed the details. The deadline is February 15.

Ohio State Fair Beef

The Ohio State Fair requires all market beef entered in the 2026 Ohio State Fair to have individual DNA samples taken from each animal that may potentially be entered. These DNA samples must be in the possession of the Ohio State Fair by January 15.

Also note that youth showing at any of the BEST sanctioned shows must have EID tags in their calves prior to the first show in which they exhibit.

Ohio State Fair will NOT be providing EID tags for market beef exhibitors.

We have a few EID tags left that can be picked up. It is a first come, first serve.

If you are picking up a tag, it will have the DNA sample collection instruction sheet included.

Montgomery County 4-H Club Donation- Humane Society of Greater Dayton

HELP PLEDGE YOUR HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE

Collecting items for the Humane Society of Greater Dayton!

Bring to the OSU Extension Office by 12/11 and we will take the items to donate from 4-H clubs during the week of 12/15.



Service is an important part of 4-H. We can't forget our animals that need items too.

We will collect items from clubs here at the OSU Extension Office until **December 11**. All items will be taken and dropped off the week of December 15.

Please follow the wishlist and on-going items needed as it is very specific what they use.

<https://hsdayton.org/get-involved/donate/wishlist/>

Ohio 4-H Cloverbuds

Check out the latest Cloverbud Connections blog article. The title **“Pumpkins, please”** might be helpful as you are planning the upcoming meetings and activities for Cloverbuds. Consider signing up to receive these emails.

<https://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/>

Tractor Supply

Don't miss out on your chance to bring home 4-H ornaments, which will be available in select Tractor Supply stores now and nationwide on October 7. Be sure to get yours today to brighten your holiday by supporting 4-H!

100% of the funds raised will benefit 4-H.

It's Paper Clover Time!

Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, 2025

Funds support scholarships to 4-H camp and leadership activities.

 



OHIO 4-H TEEN OPPORTUNITY

National 4-H Conference

April 9-15, 2026 | Apply by Dec. 1 at go.osu.edu/N4HC

National 4-H Conference

Apply Now: 2026 National 4-H Conference Delegate Opportunity! Applications are now open for Ohio 4-H members (ages 15–18 as of January 1, 2026) to represent our state at the 2026 National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C., held April 9–15. This prestigious event focuses on civic engagement, civic education, and personal development, bringing together youth from across the country to connect, learn, and lead. Interested members must complete the online application by December 1. More details and application link can be found here:

<https://go.osu.edu/N4HC>.

Market Beef and Market Heifer Registration

All exhibitors planning on showing market steers or market heifers MUST register them by [December 15, 2025](#) using 4-H Online. This must be completed between November 1-December 15 as the new 4-H year will begin November 1.

Steps include:

1. Take 1 photo of each of your animal entries. This should be the front view of the head and tag number if they have one.
2. Youth can register no more than 3 steers/heifers.
3. All market steers and market heifers must be in exhibitor's possession by December 1, 2025.
4. Log in to 4-H Online at <https://oh.4honline.com>
5. Enter email and password used for enrollment
6. Select family member to view
7. Select member you are adding a market steer/heifer to
8. Select animals
9. Then add animal
10. Select type- a drop down list of market animals (select market 'your species')
11. Add all information that you can about your animal. If your animal in a RFID number, please enter the entire number in the tag box and RFID box.
12. Fill out all required space.
13. Upload pictures
14. Submit your entry. To enter another animal, repeat the steps above.
- 15. New for 2026- ALL beef (market steers, market heifers, feeder calf) must have a 840 tag entered at registration time.**

Review this form for insurance. It is highly encouraged- [Click here for the form and details.](#)

Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance is a yearly requirement set forth from the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

The date for quality assurance to be completed for 2026 is May 29.

This can be done online anytime after November 1, 2025.

In person:

No need to make a reservation. Dates for 2026 are:

- April 22, 5:30 p.m.
- May 6, 5:30 p.m.

Test Out:

By appointment only. Test must be scheduled by emailing Rebecca at Supinger.5@osu.edu. Test out will take place between 9:00-4:00 p.m.

Online YQCA Training:

To receive credit, you must download and send your certificate to miller.10520@osu.edu. The certificate must include the name, date, and certificate number. If we can't see all the information, no credit is given. [Use this link to complete the online quality assurance.](#) You have to be enrolled in 4-H for us to add the training to your account.

You can always check your training tab in your profile on 4-H Online to see when your Quality Assurance has been entered.



On **November 8th and 9th**, EWB-OSU is hosting **Go For Launch!**, a STEM camp for local high school students (grades 8-12) on campus! Student registration is currently open, and I am requesting that you share this announcement with OSU Extension faculty, staff, and graduate students. I also understand that Extension does a lot of community outreach, so feel free to share this with any other contacts you have. We would love to have their kids, their friends kids, or kids from their local high school attend this event! Additional details about the event follow, and a flyer is attached.

[Go For Launch! Columbus, OH](#)

Go For Launch! is a 2-day program for high school students (grades 8-12) that uses space exploration as a platform to increase involvement in STEM fields. Students will be immersed in human spaceflight through talks delivered by experts, including former astronaut [Wendy Lawrence](#), International Space Station (ISS) and Space Shuttle flight controllers, scientists, and engineers. During the program, students from local high schools will be broken into teams to define and design a space experiment. At the conclusion of the program, experts will choose a winning experiment, and if selected from a series of programs, it will be sent to the ISS or into suborbital flight!

For more information or to register, please see the attached flyer or visit the program [website](#).

Important Note: The website lists the registration fee as \$350, but we are using a “pay what you can” model that allows students of all backgrounds to be able to participate for as little as \$25.

go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats25



All About Goats! Webinar

Every other Monday from 7-8 p.m.
September 22-December 15, 2025

Are you interested in learning more about goat production? Join Ohio State University Extension Small Ruminant Team for the 2025 All About Goats! Webinar. This webinar series is going to answer producers burning questions concerning their own herd and help new producers become knowledgeable herdsman. Whether you raise goats for dairy, fiber or meat production or as pets - this webinar is for you! All youth livestock exhibitors are encouraged to attend. The sessions will occur every other Monday from 7-8 p.m. EST. Registration is required and can be completed by visiting go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats25.

All About Goats! Webinar

JOIN EXTENSION AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS FOR THE FALL 2025 SERIES



Goat Health and Care Sept. 22

During this session, Extension Specialist, Dr. Brady Campbell, will review proper care for goats of all ages and explain how to help keep them healthy and continue production.

Farm Business and Management Oct. 6

Extension Specialist, Eric Richer, and Extension Educator, Pressley Buurma, will help guide participants in farm management strategies and provide options for enterprise budgeting and record keeping as it relates to goat production.

Goat Processing Oct. 20

Throughout this presentation, Extension Specialist, Dr. Lyda Garcia, will explain the cuts of a carcass and how to process a goat at home.

Livestock Marketing Nov. 3

Join us as Extension Specialist, Garth Ruff, discusses the ins and outs of the goat market. He will also discuss how to market goats to fill the current wants and needs of the customers.

Hay and Grain Production Nov. 17

Throughout this session, Extension Educator, Jordan Penrose, will present tips and tricks on hay and grain production for goats as well as what type of crops would work best for your production system.

Coyote Management Dec. 1

This session is going to focus on how to manage interactions between coyotes and goats. Experts will also explain the current status of coyote research in Ohio.

Open Forum: Ask Me Anything Dec. 15

Have a burning question that was not answered during one of our past webinar sessions? Join Extension Educators and Specialists to get your questions answered!

Webinars are hosted via Zoom (7-8 p.m. EST). Register at:

go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats25



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2025-2026 Blast Off! A free-to-attend online parent education, in which I use Active Parenting curricula--videos and discussions--to introduce information that may help participants to improve their parenting.

Blast Off! is three 4-session series, each series is about parenting a different age group of children, i.e., birth to five, five to twelve, or teenagers.



JOIN YOUR BLAST OFF FLIGHT CREW:

Joseph Maiorano will lead your **JOURNEY** toward improved and less stressful parenting.

Active Parenting; First Five Years

This workshop is for parents of birth to five-year-old children. We'll discuss how to use freedom and non-violent discipline to nurture your young child.

9-11am Sep 8, 9, 10, 11
12:30-2:30 pm Oct 20, 21, 22, 23
6-8pm Jan (2026) 26, 27, 28, 29
12:30-2:30 Mar (2026) 2, 3, 4, 5

Active Parenting; Ages 5 - 12

This workshop focuses on helping parents to raise responsible young school-aged children.

6-8pm Sept 15, 16, 17, 18
12:30-2:30pm Oct 27, 28, 29, 30
9-11am Feb (2026) 2, 3, 4, 5
12:30-2:30 Mar (2026) 9, 10, 11, 12

Active Parenting; The Teenage Years

Help for parents to raise responsible confident tweens and teens, who may be facing issues such as self-esteem, technology, drug and alcohol use, bullying.

12:30-2:30pm Sept 22, 23, 24, 25
9-11am Nov 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
12:30-2:30 am Feb (2026) 9, 10, 11, 12
6-8pm Mar (2026) 16, 17, 18, 19

Pre-Registration is required. There is no cost to register or attend. I will mail Active Parenting books to participants who have attended three sessions.

Register:



OR

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

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NOVEMBER

- 1 4-H Enrollment opens in 4-H Online for 2025-2026
- 3 2026 Camp Counselor Applications Due, 4:00 p.m.
- 11 Montgomery County Ag Society Fairboard Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 OSU Holiday, Office Closed
- 14 OSU Extension Office Closed- Offsite professional development
- 20 Camp Counselor Skill Station Interviews, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 27 OSU Holiday, Office Closed
- 28 OSU Holiday, Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 4 4-H Volunteer Training, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 OSU Extension Office Closed- Offsite professional development
- 9 Montgomery County Ag Society Fairboard Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 4-H Volunteer Training, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Market Beef and Market Heifer Registrations Due in 4-H Online
- 15 [Market Beef and Market Heifer Insurance Form Due, if interested](#)
- 24-25 OSU Holiday, Office Closed
- 26-2 OSU Winter Recess, Office Closed

2026 Dates:- Additional dates will be added as they are confirmed.

January

- 27- 4-H Volunteer Training, 6:00 p.m.
- 29- Club Paperwork and audit paperwork due

February

- 15- Deadline to have fingerprints done for re-fingerprinting
- 15- Deadline to have volunteer training completed

April

- 1- Enrollment Deadline
- 22- Quality Assurance Training, 5:30 p.m.

May

- 6- Quality Assurance Training, 5:30 p.m.
- 29- Deadline to have Quality Assurance Training completed

June

- 14-18- 4-H Camp
- TBD- Skillathons

July

- 8- 4-H Pre-fair judging
- 14-19- Montgomery County Fair
- 29-August 9- Ohio State Fair

Registration "Go Links" 2025

All links require go.osu.edu/ at the beginning...

Form	Link	Deadline
Camp Counselor Application	Montcocampcounselor26	Nov. 3 at 4:00 p.m.

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