## Henry County 4-H News & Notes

January 2024

### Welcome to 2024!

Time to enroll in 4-H...





Welcome back! We're happy to launch into a new year of fun, leadership, and all things 4-H. We hope you and your family had a great holiday, and you're preparing to have a successful year in the Henry County 4-H program.

The 4-HOnline enrollment portal is now OPEN for you to get registered with our program. If you are a returning member/family to the Henry County 4-H program, you should have received a 2024 Ohio 4-H Family guide in the mail thanks to Kroger's partnership with Ohio 4-H. If you did not, you can access the booklet online, or stop up at the Extension Office to pick one up.

Be sure to touch base with your club leader as I have seen a few clubs plan to begin to meet in January! We don't want you missing out on all the great information they have for you.

4-H Advisors will begin training on January 8 and will have a total of 4 training opportunities after the 8<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found by checking out the "Volunteer Information" highlights.

As we move into 2024, please know we are working to keep our 4-H App and the "News & Notes" as the primary source of communication in addition to occasional 4-HOnline Broadcasts, so be sure to check those out!

Yours in 4-H -

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#### **Emily's 4-HOnline Tips:**

- Be sure you DON'T create a new 4-HOnline Family profile if you've had an account before.
- If you forgot your email, please call us to help you find it.
- Call us if you need to update phone number, email, or address/s



# Newsletter Highlights:

#### Be sure to note...

- 4-HOnline Re-Enrollment Procedures
- 2024 4-H Family Guide
- Across County Lines Policy
- Advisor Information
- Annual Financial Summary
- Club Charter Checklist
- New 4-H Volunteer Handbook
- 4-H Open House
- 2024 Henry County 4-H
   Calendar
- Save the Dates
- Office Contact Information



## **Family Information**

**Enrollment Deadlines** 

February 15: All advisor BCI checks must be completed.

March 15: Final Date to enroll members.

April 1: Last Date for any project changes\*

\*After April 1, only changes can be "drops"



It's time to officially enroll in Henry County 4-H for 2024! Project selection is important, and we encourage you to check out <u>projectcentral.ohio4h.org</u> to explore the wide variety of options available, swing by the office and check out a book in person at our library, or check out the <u>Ohio4-H Family Guide</u> for the list of 2024 4-H Projects.

#### **Returning Members & Advisors:**

Be sure to use v2.4honline.com to re-enroll in the 4-H program.

Instructional step-by-step video can be found: HERE

Step-by-step Instructions can be found: HERE

\*Be sure to contact Emily Cordes with any questions or issues related to 4-HOnline you may have.



#### **NEW 4-H Families:**

Instructional step-by-step instructions can be found: <u>HERE</u>
Be sure to check out our "<u>New Family Information</u>" tab on the blog to help you find your way!

As before, advisors will have access to view club member enrollments and information once their profiles are active. Advisors cannot reactivate their profiles without an up-to-date background check. If it's your year, please be sure to get your fingerprints sent to OSU ASAP!

After March 15, all project changes will need to be completed through the Extension Office. No advisors or families will be able to make project changes. All enrollments will be final on April 1, 2024. Questions? Call Morgan or Emily for assistance.

#### Membership Fees/Dues

The county charges a \$5.00 administrative fee for each 4-H member (this includes Cloverbud members). This fee covers the cost of county program expenses. Each CLUB should submit ONE CHECK to cover all final enrollments. Clubs may have membership dues which are separate from the County Administrative Fee.

#### **Project Books**

Group Book orders can be made through your Club advisor. If you buy directly from the Extension Office, we do charge Sales Tax. Be sure to download a copy or request a copy of the Still Project or Livestock Handbook to help you complete your project!

#### **Across County Lines Policy**

The Across County Line membership is for age-eligible 4-H Members that reside in a neighboring county. Please review this policy if you wish to join Henry County 4-H but reside in a neighboring county.

If you choose to leave the Henry County 4-H Program, you will not be eligible to return. Please feel free to connect with the office for more information.

## **Advisor Information**

<u>Annual Training</u> is REQUIRED for all 4-H Advisors. Dates are listed below, please take the time to register – especially for the Zoom trainings.

January 8 – Organizational Advisor Training & Kick-Off at Emporium at 130 (6:00pm)

January 25 – **Volunteer Training by Zoom** (6:00pm)

January 29 – Volunteer Training by Zoom (6:00pm)

January 30 – Volunteer Training at Crossroads Church (6:00pm)

February 1 – Cloverbud Advisor Training at Crossroad Church (6:00pm)

There will be NO MAKE UP OPTIONS

Registration Link: <a href="https://go.osu.edu/henrycountyvolunteertraining2024">https://go.osu.edu/henrycountyvolunteertraining2024</a>

#### **New Advisor Orientation**

All <u>new</u> advisors must attend a New Advisor Orientation. This can be completed online or by scheduling an appointment with Morgan Parcher.



#### **Annual Financial Summary**

Club financial reports are REQUIRED for the calendar year of January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023. Reports must be submitted to the office by JANUARY 31, 2024. Form can be found <a href="mailto:HERE">HERE</a>. Please submit the form to <a href="mailto:parcher.6@osu.edu">parcher.6@osu.edu</a>. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEER

**HANDBOOK** 

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#### Required Club Charters, Constitution & By-Laws

It is a state mandate that each 4-H club be chartered. The requirement of a minimum of 6 meetings within a 4-H year is part of the charter form. Club meetings must include a complete business meeting and minutes

should be able to be produced. **PLEASE TURN IN A COPY OF YOUR CONSTITUTION THIS YEAR**. By-Laws need to be submitted every year if they are changed. Please submit these forms no later than April 1, 2024.

## New 4-H Volunteer Handbook

Ohio 4-H recently released a <u>NEW</u> Volunteer Handbook! It can be downloaded for you to access, or you can request a paper copy from

the Extension Office, please give us a few days' notice to print them for you.



#### Save the Dates:

#### 2024 Henry County 4-H Calendar

#### **Henry County 4-H Cloverbud Camp**

June 4, 5, 6 - Henry County Fairgrounds

#### **Henry County 4-H Camp**

June 20-24 – 4-H Camp Palmer

#### Henry County Livestock Skillathons – Henry County Fairgrounds

July 8 – Horse, Sheep, Rabbits & Goats July 9 – Swine, Poultry, Dairy, Beef

#### Henry County Still-Project Judging - Napoleon American Legion

July 10 – Creative Arts, Food & Clothing July 11 – Special Interest & Shooting Sports

#### **Ohio State Fair**

July 24 - August 4

#### **Henry County Fair**

August 8-15

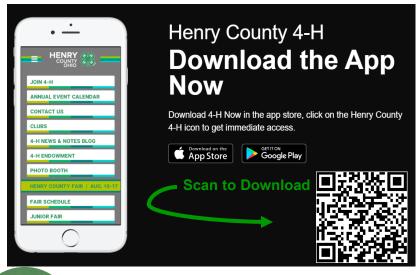
#### Find us on Facebook:

Join our Henry County 4-H Group by searching facebook.com/groups/henryco4hrocks



Connect with our office with any questions at: 419-592-0806

#### There's a FREE App for that!





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