

Clover Connections



News from Marion County 4-H

Spring 2023

Enrollment vs. Fair Entry

You have successfully completed your 4-H project enrollment! Now, you should be looking for emails about your species specific online fair entry. This is separate from what you have already done online. This fair entry is where you select the class you wish to participate in and enter information about your animal(s). Fair entries for market beef, dairy feeder, goat, and sheep market animals are due 48 hours prior to their tag-in/weigh-in. Other species are due at different times:

- Swine, dogs, and dairy cattle entries are due May 1
- Beef breeding, beef feeder, and poultry entries are due by May 15
- Breeding sheep and dairy/specialty/Boer goat entries are due by June 1

Junior Fair Information

All specie specific information is available online at <https://marion.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/marion-county-fair/junior-fair-updates>. **Reminder that Livestock Quality Assurance is REQUIRED and must be completed by May 19, 2023.** There are a few Quality Assurance sessions left in the county:

- Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Elgin
- Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. at River Valley

Rabbit exhibitors – there are multiple tattoo and health check clinics, check your species information sheet for more details.

Dog exhibitors – there is an orientation and multiple training clinics, check your project's information sheet for more details.

Poultry exhibitors – there will not be a poultry QA/Clinic this year.

NEW in 2023: Marion County 4-H Special Interest Project Auction

Who: 4-H/ FFA members who qualify (see below)

What: Auction for special interest projects (non- livestock)

When: Friday, July 7, 2023; 4:00pm (Following the Pie Auction)

(Entry deadline: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 4:00pm at the Jr. Fair Board office)

Where: Picnic Pavilion

Participants:

- Cannot sell a livestock project in the Jr. Fair Livestock sale.
- Have a special interest clothing, food, nutrition or FFA crop/shop project on display at the current year's fair.
- Attended 4-H Project Judging and received an "A" grade on the project.
- Turns in an auction entry form by the deadline to the Jr. Fair Board Office.
- Will bring items for auction that must be related to the exhibitor's project and be of excellent quality and appropriate for a wide range of buyers.

Marion County 4-H Camp – July 17-21

Camp registration information will be available mid-May. ***There will be a camp open house on Sunday, May 21 at 6:30-7:30pm at Evers Arena.*** At the open house, eager and curious campers can craft, dance, and play games with this year's camp counselors. Camp sign-ups and payments will be accepted at this open house as well.

Marion County Cloverbud Day Camp – June 7

Camp registration information will be available by mid-May. At Cloverbud Day Camp, eager and curious Cloverbuds will investigate a crime scene through crafts, games, and puzzles. This one-day camp experience will be held at the Marion County Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ohio State Fair Scholarships

The applicant must be a high school junior or senior or a graduate continuing their education at an accredited institution in an undergraduate course of study. They must reside in the State of Ohio and must have been both eligible to be a participant in the Junior Fair (not older than 19 years of age as of January 1, 2023) and must have served as an active participant in both the Ohio State Fair Junior Division and their local county fair.

All questions on the application form must be answered to be considered for an award. High school and/or college transcript must be attached, along with copies of ACT and/or SAT scores. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.

Applications will be judged on the following basis:

- 20% Scholastic Standing
- 20% Citizenship and Leadership
- 25% Ohio State Fair Participation
- 20% County Fair Participation
- 15% Essay

Applicants may be required to be interviewed at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. Previous winners are eligible to compete, as long as they meet the above requirements. Scholarship winners will be notified by July 26. All scholarships will be awarded during the Sale of Champions at the Ohio State Fair on Sunday, Aug. 6. The Hall of Fame Scholarship will be awarded during the Ohio State Fair Hall of Fame Luncheon on Thursday, August 3.

Completed applications must be submitted by May 1, 2023. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted online.

Link to Ohio State Fair Scholarship application: <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/scholarships>

Ohio 4-H Event Youth Assistant (4HEYA)

- Who: Individuals age 13-18 (as of January 1 of the year of application) and have at least 1 year prior 4-H experience.
- Timeframe: **Apply by May 15**, selection, training, service to OSF, and evaluation. Complete responsibilities by August 31, 2023.
 - Applications available at: <https://go.osu.edu/4HEYAapp>
 - Two references should be submitted at: <https://go.osu.edu/4HEYAref>
- Requirements (in addition to application/selection process):
 - Training - Must attend one of the options for training (July 11 or July 17)
 - *Please note: individuals MUST attend one of the training options. This is not negotiable. If you know you are unable to attend a training option before applying, it is best to wait another year before applying to serve in this capacity.*
 - Events - Must work a minimum of 3 events at the Ohio State Fair; may work more if desired
- Program Fee: \$25/person (paid at go.osu.edu/4HEYA25);
- Teens Receive:
 - 4HEYA Polo & Nametag
 - State Fair admission, parking ticket, and meal ticket(s)
 - Optional State Fair housing in the Rhodes Center (if desired)
 - Experience of working events at the Ohio State Fair
 - Opportunity to enhance leadership skills and be involved in the State 4-H program
- What about the Teen Leadership Council? YES, these members may apply for 4HEYA AND TLC this year, if desired. TLC applications will be available in June and will be due the Friday following the Ohio State fair. Their term is September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024. Current TLC members are not eligible to apply for 4HEYA, as they are already fulfilling obligations at the Ohio State Fair.

Questions? Contact Frances (foos.61@osu.edu) or Sarah (longo.79@osu.edu)

4-H SPARK EXPO

EXploring Pathway Opportunities

WHEN: June 14-17, 2023

WHERE: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210 on the OSU campus

COST: Thanks to generous financial support from the Ohio 4-H Foundation and others, the registration fee is \$75.

WHO: To attend, youth must meet the following criteria:

- Complete 8th grade at the end of the 2022-2023 school year
- Willing to experience in-depth “action learning” in specific interest areas
- Be eager to share new ideas with 4-H members back home
- Participate in additional Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future programming throughout the upcoming year

Click this link for registration information: <https://ohio4h.org/workforce-development/4-h-spark-expo>

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp

[Ohio 4-H Sea Camp pre-registration](#) has launched! Staff are excited to invite teens to Kelleys Island during July 14-18 to learn aquatic science, water recreation and safety, and so much more!

- Sea Camp is open to any teen ages 15-17; enrollment in 4-H is not a requirement for registering.
- Campers must be age 15-17 as of July 14 (day one of camp). If an individual is 18+ at the time of camp, please encourage them to complete [a camp counselor application](#) by April 15.
- Cost is \$400 to members of 4-H. Cost is \$450 to teens not enrolled. Thanks to the Ohio 4-H Foundation for grant support for enrolled members!

In addition to camper [pre-registration survey](#) found online, we are continuing to accept applications for camp counselors through April 15! Counselors must be 18+ at the time of camp. These applications are found on the Sea Camp website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out the Sea Camp Directors!

- Co-Director: Ashley Hughey, Portage County 4-H Youth Development Educator, Hughey.28@osu.edu
- Co-Director: Jenny Strickler, Coshocton County 4-H Youth Development Educator, strickler.60@osu.edu

4-H Urban Immersion Project

September 21st – September 24th, 2023 - Washington D.C

The Urban Immersion Project is a 4-H initiative that combines cross-cultural learning, teamwork and service learning in the urban environment of Washington, DC.

Teens ages 15-18 and still in High School are eligible for this 4-day service-learning experience that will build skills and abilities to prepare youth for success in a diverse workplace as well as build cultural understanding of those who are different. This experience will not be about shopping or sightseeing, although we will visit some monuments and historic sites. The cost of the experience is \$180. Limited scholarship funds are also available. The 4-H Educator will contact all teen applicants to complete an additional phone interview before selection.

Application is available in the Marion County Extension Office. ***Application deadline August 7, 2023.***