



HARDIN CO. 4-H



April 2023 Newsletter



JOIN 4-H NOW

4-H Enrollment is currently OPEN! Members and volunteers must log into their account and enroll by April 15. DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE! If you need assistance, email Amanda at Raines.74@osu.edu or call 419-674-2297.

Website: <http://oh.4honline.com>

FAMILY HANDBOOK

Each 4-H family will receive the Hardin County 4-H Family handbook. This is your top resource for all things 4-H this season. The guide includes:

- 4-H Calendar
- Important fair dates/deadlines
- Project requirements at county and state levels
- Club member expectations
- 4-H Lingo Glossary
- Winning 4-H Plan information
- OSU Extension Staff Directory



Winning 4-H Plan Request Form

An Accommodation Plan for 4-H Participants with Disabilities

This form must be completed by the child's parent/guardian and submitted to their county 4-H professional. A 4-H professional will contact the parent/guardian to arrange a meeting to discuss the request in more detail.

4-H Participant's Name (first & last) _____
 Age (as of 1/1/current year) _____ Birth Date _____ Years in 4-H _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Parent/Guardian Name (first & last) _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____
 Name of 4-H Club or Activity _____
 Name of 4-H Volunteer(s) _____
 4-H Activity or Project(s) Participant is doing this year: _____

 Describe 4-H Participant's Present Level of Needs and Current Diagnosis: _____

Accommodations Being Requested to Help Meet 4-H Participant's Needs (include any special procedures the 4-H volunteer(s) or staff would need to know): _____

I agree to adhere to the accommodations specified in this W4HP. I (parent/guardian) give permission to share information provided on this form with Extension staff, 4-H volunteers, and/or Fair personnel, volunteers and judges. I understand that this information will only be shared and used as necessary to provide assistance to help my child with his/her 4-H project(s) and that additional information may be requested.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____ Updated 10/09/2022

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WINNING 4-H PLAN

The Winning 4-H Plan is a tool for 4-H families to use in partnership with the 4-H Educator, Advisors, and Fair Board to ensure all members have what they need to be successful in our program. If your member needs accommodations of any type (physical, learning, etc.), please fill out this form and return to the OSU Extension office, so we can work together to come up with the best solutions for your child.

Form: <http://go.osu.edu/win4hplan>

T-SHIRT ORDERS

Hardin County 4-H is selling a county t-shirt this year! All shirts, regardless of size, are \$15.00 each.

Orders and payment are due in the OSU Extension office by April 28.

You will have the option of picking up your shirt in the office OR having your shirt delivered to your club advisor for distribution at your meetings.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit county 4-H programming.



Quality Assurance 2023 Dates

All youth enrolled in a market or dairy project must attend one of the following or a club QA training.

March 14, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

April 15, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

May 7, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



QUALITY ASSURANCE

All market and lactating dairy project members must complete Quality Assurance training each year. There are two county training dates.

Quality Assurance dates are:

April 15 - Fairgrounds @ 9:00 a.m.

May 7 - Fairgrounds @ 1:00 p.m.

Each training will last 1 hour. Parents are encouraged to attend, but not required.

EQUI-STEP

NEW!

All 4-H members enrolled in a horse project must complete EquiSTEP training. This is a new requirement by Ohio 4-H to ensure our members and their project helpers are safe during workouts and shows.

The 4-H member AND a parent/guardian are required to attend ONE of these trainings.

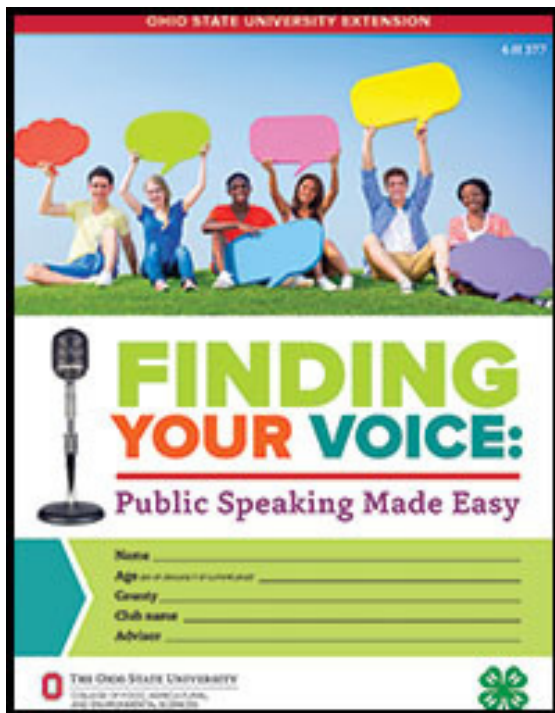
EquiSTEP dates are:

April 15 - Fairgrounds @ 10:00 a.m.

May 7 - Fairgrounds @ 2:00 p.m.

You must be at one of these two dates to show in 2023. Contact Amanda with questions.





PROJECT BOOKS

MOST project books are available at the OSU Extension office. You can stop by to pick up your books during regular business hours, Monday - Friday from 8:00 to 4:30. We recommend calling ahead to make sure what you need is in stock and ready, 419-674-2297.

The following books are still not available from Ohio 4-H yet, but should be arriving soon:

- Ready, Set...Mow.
- Robotic Essentials

NEW VOLUNTEERS

If you are a new 4-H volunteer this year, or would like to become one, make sure you complete this checklist:

- Application:
<http://go.osu.edu/hardinvolapp>
- Interview - scheduled with Amanda at Raines.74@osu.edu
- BCI Background check - need from OSU office
- Enroll in 4HOnline
- New Volunteer Orientation

There are two dates for orientation at the OSU Extension office. You need to attend 1.

April 12 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

April 18 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.





CONGRATULATIONS



Hardin County 4-H is proud of our award winners this season:

Bob McBride was inducted into the Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame on March 11th. Bob has volunteered with Blanchard Pleasant Buckeyes for 60 years.



Megan Burgess won the Ohio 4-H Alumni Award for using the skills she learned in 4-H to better her career and community. Megan is an advisor for Ada Cloverbuds.



Ellie Curlis of Hardin Hi-Lighters 4-H Club was selected as the winner of the Ohio 4-H Achievement Award in Food and Nutrition. She is the top food project member in the state and will represent Ohio at National 4-H Congress this fall!

CHICAGO TRIP

56 Hardin County 4-H members, volunteers, and parents are headed to the Windy City to learn about different cultures and urban life. If you'd like to support this unique learning experience, please visit our fundraising page at

<http://give.osu.edu/hardin4hchicago>

