

# 4-H HOTLINE



ROSS COUNTY

SEPT/OCT 2022



## ADVISORS TO DO

- Register your club by completing the club info survey by 10/1 <http://go.osu.edu/4hclub2023>
- Encourage club members to send “Thank You” notes to all the sponsors and buyers
- Refer potential and current 4-H’ers & families to our website ([ross.osu.edu](http://ross.osu.edu)) or Facebook ([www.facebook.com/RossCounty4H](http://www.facebook.com/RossCounty4H))
- Complete & submit your [Honor Club Score Sheet](#)
- Complete & submit your [End-of-Year Treasury Report](#) (use Internet Explorer)
- Enter your club scrapbook and officer books for judging
- Order Achievement Packets to recognize your club members
- Reflect on the year and submit feedback in our Year-in-Review survey (coming out mid-Sept)
- Enjoy some time to relax before “it” starts all over again!

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## REGISTERING YOUR CLUB FOR 2023

Please go to [go.osu.edu/4hclub2023](http://go.osu.edu/4hclub2023) to register your club for Ross County 4-H 2022-2023. If for some reason your club is discontinuing, please contact the office for next steps. We will be using information to recruit members in school visits this Fall.

## HONOR CLUB

Honor club score sheets are available on our website under org advisor resources. Score sheets for the 2022 are due by [September 15](#).

## CLUB ACHIEVEMENT PACKETS

Highlight your club members' accomplishments and say "Great Job" with the help of items from these awesome recognition packets! Packets must be ordered by [September 15](#) and will be available for pick up [starting October 15](#). Note: Clubs that do not pick up their ordered packet by November 1 will not be allowed to order future packets. Packets contain: • 1, 5, 8, 10, 13, & 14 year member pins Certificates • Honor Club Awards (if applicable) • 100% Completion Club Awards (if applicable) Achievement booklet

## END-OF-YEAR TREASURY REPORT – REQUIRED

Your club financial reports for the calendar year January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022 must be submitted no later than January 31, 2023. You will access these forms online via this address <http://www.ohio4h.org/volunteers/volunteers/club-leaders/finances>. Click "yearly club financial summary." **Instructions are outlined – please carefully read the information as it will assist you in filling out the form correctly. Submit the form to [ross4h@osu.edu](mailto:ross4h@osu.edu).** This e-mail is for financial form submission ONLY! Clubs will not be allowed to re-enroll for the new year until this report is filed. No report = no club! If you have trouble accessing and filling out the form you may submit a hard copy. If you have trouble, try using Internet Explorer.

## ADVISOR BACKGROUND CHECKS

Be sure to bring your receipt into the Extension Office and we'll forward it on to Columbus for reimbursement. The following is a list of advisors who will need to have their background check completed BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1 and DECEMBER 31 or they will not be able to continue.

### Background Checks Needed by 11/1/2021 - 12/31/22

Amole, Dannielle	Borland, Katrina	Ford, Margaret	Malone, Ambra	Rolfe, Shari
Arrowood, Kimberly	Bowdle, Pamela	Gobel, Jennifer	McCallum, Kristine	Skaggs, Bridget
Bair, Lisa	Brookover, Tracy	Groves, Bethany	McCray, Lorna	Skaggs, Patricia
Barker, Kristina	Burkitt, Mandi	Grubb, Brandon	Meeker, Kaitlyn	Smythe, Amy
Barker, Maggie	Burkitt, Ryan	Harp, Mary	Moore, Betsy	Stitt, Hanna
Barnes, Diana	Chaney, Kimberly	Hauswirth, Lara	Oates, Julie	Tackett, Beth
Amole, Dannielle	Conley, Mary Ann	Jones, Nancy	Parker, Vicky	Wells, Joy
Beery, Brian	Daugherty, Pamela	Kahrig, Amanda	Prickett, Janet	Woodruff, Jessica
Beery, Sadie	DePew, Kelle	King, Bret	Rau, Diane	Wright, Bryce
Bevins, Autum	Eblin, Charles	Lambert, Sarah	Rebman, Jackie	
Blaney, Melinda	Elliott, Ryan	Lovensheimer, Heidi	Reese, Judith	
Bluck, Jillian	Ford, Carl	Lucas, Tessie	Robinson, Katrina	





## HOW TO BECOME A 4-H ADVISOR?

All individuals interested in becoming a 4-H advisor must complete the following steps:

- Acquire a Volunteer Application packet from the Extension office or our website: [Volunteer Application Packet](#)
- Read all the information, including OSU-E Volunteer Policy & Process Explanation Letter from the State 4-H Youth Development office and the Ross County 4-H Volunteer Job Description.
- Complete, sign, and submit the following forms in their entirety to the Extension office as soon as possible: OSU-E Volunteer Application and the OSU-E Volunteer Standards of Behavior (keep one copy for yourself). IDEALLY YOU WOULD DO THIS BY OCT 1! We'll get you processed and trained in time to start the new year. We accept new volunteers until January 15 for this coming program year.
- Submit and successfully pass a BCI Criminal Fingerprint Background Check. Cost will be reimbursed by The Ohio State University. Stop by the Extension to drop off your receipt and sign a form in-order to receive your reimbursement.
- Participate in a personal interview with the Extension Educator. The Extension office will arrange the interview for you.
- Attend a 4-H Volunteer Orientation within 6 months of official approval as an advisor.

## BECOMING ORG ADVISOR or STARTING A NEW CLUB

If you are already an approved active advisor and you are interested in starting a new club or taking over the organizational advisor role for an existing club –please understand you must set up an appointment/interview with our office to review your status and determine if this role is suitable for you. This is not an automatic assignment. The organizational advisor role requires a different skill set that we may not have considered in your initial interview.

Please do not initiate meetings with new members or take on activities of the club via this role until you have received approval from our office. October-November is a great time to set up these meetings with Katie (4-H Educator)

## NEXT YEAR'S PROJECTS

Are your kids already thinking about what they might be interested in exploring for next year? Do they have feedback about this year's project experience? Encourage them to explore Ohio 4-H's Project Central! This website allows kids to share and rate their project experiences. This can also be a great way for kids to find out information about future projects before deciding to take them. <https://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/>



## WHERE CAN 4-H TAKE YOU?

**Due January 15<sup>th</sup>**

The 2022 Ross County 4-H Awards season has begun! Our 4-Hers have opportunities to represent Ross County across the state and the country as part of our Awards Trips, which are funded by the Ross County Endowment Committee. To apply, 4-Her 4-Her's should complete the Ohio Achievement Award form!

**Did you know your 4-Her's can ...**



**4-H Citizen Washington Focus** is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, ages 14-19, from across the country. Citizenship Washington Focus gives 4-H youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need to be outstanding leaders in their home communities and at the national level.

**Up to 2 Ross County 4-Hers, Washington D.C., Ages 14-19, June 2023**

**Ohio 4-H Conference** brings together 4-H volunteers and teens (age 13 and older) from across Ohio. You can participate in a variety of educational sessions that offer something for everyone!

**As many Ross County 4-Hers that can attend, Columbus, Ages 13 and Up, March 2023**



**Ohio Sea Camp** offers hundreds of young people the opportunity to learn about aquatic science and experience a variety of recreational watersports on Lake Erie.

**Up to 2 Ross County 4-Hers, Kelley's Island, Ages 15-17 (by first day of camp), July 2023**

**4-H Leadership Camp** is a five-day leadership experience is the development of concrete peer leadership skills that will enable participants to have an immediate impact in their home 4-H club, county, community, or school. **Up to 5 Ross County 4-Hers, Camp Ohio, Ages 14-18, June 2023**

**Carving New Ideas Workshop:** Carving New Ideas (CNI) is a statewide camping opportunity that focuses on workforce development, future-forward thinking, and program facilitation for 4-H members in grades 8-12. **As many Ross County 4-Hers, Camp Ohio, Grades 8- 12, November 2023**

**Camp Canopy** is the perfect mix of traditional camp activities AND educational activity sessions centered around all things forestry and wildlife, to keep your brains as sharp as a pine needle during the summer months. **Up to 2 Ross County 4-Hers, FFA Camp Muskingum, Ages 14- 18, June 2023**

**Leadership Washington Focus** is a 4-H leadership program for youth entering grades 7 through 9. In a typical year, the program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center

**Up to 2 Ross County 4-Hers, Washington D.C. , Grades 7-9, June 2023**

If you or your club advisors have any questions, please reach out to Ryan at [kline.375@osu.edu](mailto:kline.375@osu.edu) or call 740-688-5078.



## 2023 OHIO ACHIEVEMENT FORMS

Due January 15<sup>th</sup> @ RCSC

Are you looking to keep records of all you have done in 4-H? Wondering how to get the most out of your 4-H experience? Passionate about one or many project areas? Maybe Sheep, Horses, Env. Sciences, Leadership, or more?

**Then YOU should start filling out an achievement form!**

With almost 30 achievement award winners in the state, Ross County is looking for YOU to represent us! By filling out an achievement form you can snag a spot representing Ross County at the State level. Then, each achievement form will be looked at by people across the state and one will be selected to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, representing Ohio!

In the last 6 years, we have had 6 winners in Food and Nutrition, Mechanical & Engineering Science, Personal Development, Creative Arts, and Veterinary Sciences!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ryan at [kline.375@osu.edu](mailto:kline.375@osu.edu) or call 740-688-5078.

## ACHIEVEMENT AND TRIP AWARD INFORMATIONAL MEETING

October 5<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 P.M. via Zoom

Are your kids talking about their next big trip? looking to experience a new side of 4-H? or just ready to get more involved? Join us for an informational session about what the 4-H Achievement record can do for you and how attend state camps, trips, and attend National 4-H Conference! Ryan and previous award winners will walk through the process of applying, and the experience. Parents and 4-Hers are encouraged to attend to learn more about the rewards of tracking your 4-H experience.

Register for the meeting here: <https://go.osu.edu/rcawardsmtg>

## GETTING 4-H SCHOLARSHIP READY!

November 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-7:30 P.M. via Zoom

Before Scholarship season is upon us, let's get our seniors ready for success. Ryan will be hosting a scholarship readiness session virtually on November 2nd. From 4-H camp to livestock projects, we will be discussing how your youth can highlight their 4-H experience. We will also go through the new 2023 4-H scholarship application. Senior 4-Hers and Parents, join Ryan for a conversation about 4-H scholarships, what is available, and how your child can make the best out of their 4-H experience on community scholarship. Register for the meeting here: <https://go.osu.edu/rcscholarships>

## JR. LEADERS ON THE MOVE!

Teens ages 14-18 are invited to participate in organized monthly activities that develop leadership, citizenship, and community service skills and opportunities. The JL's meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month for fun, social, and community service activities. They learn to plan events, serve others, work together and have a blast! They also get to help run some of the 4-H events throughout the year, just show up at the next meeting on September 13 at 7:00 pm at the Naumovski's!





## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Enroll your family in Kroger Community Rewards so that a portion of each of your purchases goes to support our programming! **Over \$272.76 was received last quarter from 69 families' enrollment!** Please help by setting up your account today! Also, don't forget to re-enroll—it will discontinue each year. For more info: <https://www.kroger.com/hc/help/faqs/community-rewards/general>

## WAYS TO PLEDGE YOUR HEART TO LARGER SERVICE

### TOILETRY DRIVE

The Ross County Social Service Council is purchasing Christmas gifts for 300+ teens. With each gift they would like to provide toiletries (all kinds) and movie sized candy boxes. Please bring all donations to the Extension Office by Dec. 1. You can put them under the table outside the door if no one is available.

### BOOK DRIVE

Collect used children's books and donate them to a local foster or abuse agency, doctor's office, or homeless shelter. Food banks sometimes take books as giveaways for families too!

### BIRTHDAY BOXES

Put together a kit of all ingredients (mix, icing, candles, matches) needed for a birthday cake and work with either food pantry or local schools to send them home with kids who otherwise might not have a birthday cake. Sometimes groups include small toys in the box as well!

### COMFORT ANIMALS

Collect gently used stuffed animals to donate to local fire and police departments to give out when on calls to scared children's homes.

### RAKE LEAVES

Fall is known for falling leaves—pick a day for your club to go to a neighborhood with lots of elderly residents and go door-to-door raking leaves for residents. Ensure they understand this is a FREE service from your club!

## HALLOWEEN CAMPOUT

### September 23-25 @ Fairgrounds

- Participants must be immediate family members of 4-H member/advisor that is camping
- Clubs must have an advisor camping who attends the mandatory advisor meeting on **Thursday, September 8 @ 6 pm**
- Cost is \$50/five people per space; \$5 wristbands per person if pre-ordered; \$10 wristbands at the gate on 9/22
- ONE check per club brought to the mandatory advisor meeting – checks can be made out to Ross County 4-H Fund



## JR. FAIR BARN PENNY WAR RESULTS

Congrats to the Small Animal Barn (Poultry & Rabbits) who won the challenge! A grand total of \$236.82 was collected which the Small Animal Superintendents determined would go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation that serves southern Ohio in honor of Meghan Hurless, of the Clarksburg Jolly Beef Feeders 4-H Club, who is actively fighting cancer.

## JR. FAIR LIVESTOCK SALES CHECK

All Livestock Sale Checks will be MAILED to Jr. Fair exhibitors once payment has been fully received. DO NOT CALL THE BUYER OR THE EXTENSION OFFICE TO ASK IF PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE OR WHEN THE CHECKS WILL BE MAILED. Inquiries regarding payment status can be made by messaging the [Ross County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale 2022 Facebook page](#).

## JR. FAIR THANK YOU'S NEEDED!

A simple thank you goes a long way in showing our sponsors and buyers that we appreciate their tremendous support. Encourage members to personally send notes to:

- Senior Fair Board- allowing us to host a Jr. Fair, and free fair admission wristbands for all families this year!
- Jr. Fair Sale Buyers and Award Sponsors
- Volunteers: Club Advisors and Species Superintendents
- Key funders: Ex. Ohio Health sponsored the Hog Show shavings

*Most Ohio 4-H'ers must pay for their project books and entry into their county fairs. The generosity of local sponsors allows Ross County 4-H'ers FREE entry into the Ross County Fair.*

## HOW TO WRITE EXCELLENT THANK YOU NOTES!

Good thank you notes should include the following components:

- State the reason you are writing the note; (i.e., for a gift or award) and mention the occasion for the recognition of the gift; (i.e., member's 9<sup>th</sup> Jr. Fair).
- Mention the gift specifically; (i.e., showmanship trophy, scholarship, pen and pencil set)
- Describe why the gift is important to you; and share how you will utilize the award or gift. If you can tell the sponsor, why this is important and what their participation means it encourages the sponsor to continue
- If you received money, tell the giver how you expect to use it. (i.e., Purchase an item you've saved for like first car, reinvesting in project, college, etc.)
- Share any special, sentimental or unique meaning which the gift may have or take-away lessons

## BUYER THANK YOU POSTER WINNERS

### Beef

Carmen Corcoran – Zane Trail  
Rylan Skeens – Busy Beavers

### Lambs

Maci Eyre – Blue Ribbon  
Sophie Eyre – Blue Ribbon

### Rabbits

Sophia Montalva – We Feed 'Em Well  
Madelyn Wiseman – Bubble Gum Gang

### Goats

Makenna Buchwalter – Clover Bees  
Roni Lytle – We Feed 'Em Well

### Chickens

Ellen Cullom – Frogtown Thrifters  
Jakob Ward – Blue Ribbon

### Swine

Brayden Hauswirth – Ross County Round Up  
Caden Grabill – Deerfield Happy Helpers



## JR. FAIR BOARD APPLICATIONS

**DUE SEPT 15 (EXTENDED) ONLINE: [go.osu.edu/rcjfb](https://go.osu.edu/rcjfb)**

- The Ross County Junior Fair Board is comprised of members representing 5 county youth organizations (must have current, active youth group: 4 H, FCCLA, FFA, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts)
- Members must be 14-18 years old by the application deadline and in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade with the full term falling within your high school years.



## ROSS COUNTY FOOD & FASHION BOARD APPLICATIONS

**DUE SEPT 15 ONLINE: [go.osu.edu/rcffb](https://go.osu.edu/rcffb)**

Looking to get more involved and teach younger members about food and fashion 4-H projects?  
Apply for the Ross County Food and Fashion Board!!

Board Applicants Must be at least 13 Years (as of January 1, 2023 of the year for which they apply), have taken at least 3 FCS 4-H Projects, and intend on enrolling in Ross County 4-H and an FCS project in 2023

Members help plan workshops and community service activities and build friendships. This picture is from the Bake Revue!



## IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

### September

*DUE Sept. 1*

- Order Achievement Packet
  - Halloween Campout Registrations
- 5 – Office Closed for Labor Day  
6 – SFB Meeting 6:00pm @ Fairgrounds  
8 – Halloween Campout Advisor-in-Charge Meeting  
RCSC Rm. ABCD  
12 – JFB Meeting 5:00pm @ Fairgrounds

*DUE Sept. 15*

- JFB Applications
  - Honor Club Sheet
    - Club Scrapbook
    - Officer Books – Secretary, Treasurer, Health, Safety, Environmental
- 17 – Carteens 9am – 11 am RCSC Rm. BD  
19 – Horse Comm. 6:30pm RCSC Rm. A  
20-22 – Farm Science Review  
23-25 – Halloween Campout

### October

- 3 – JFB Meeting 6:00pm @ Fairgrounds  
SFB Meeting 7:00pm @ Fairgrounds  
9 – Carteens 9am – 11am RCSC Rm. BD  
11 – Junior Leader's Meeting 7:00pm  
RCSC Room AC  
17 – RSVP for New Advisor Orientation  
20 – New Advisor Orientation  
RCSC Rm. BD  
15 – Achievement Packets Available  
18 – Horse Comm. 6:30pm RCSC Rm. A  
23 – JTOS/Carteens 9am – 11am  
RCSC Rm. BD  
31 – Halloween

## MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN/ TAG-IN

**Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9:00 am –11:00 am**

All market beef projects for Jr. Fair year 2023 must be weighed, tattooed, and tagged at this time. Please note this is the **ONLY** date (4-H/FFA both). All projects must be weighed/tagged by the 11:00 am end time. In case of bad weather, listen to WKKJ –94.3 for announcements.