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Jackson County 4-H Newsletter

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January 2024



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for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

A Note from Maddie:

Dear Jackson County 4-H Families,

Happy New Year!!

I am so ready to welcome 2024 and all that is has to offer. Wishing you all a wonderful new year and the good things that come with a new season of life. This will be my second year as 4-H Educator in Jackson County. I am still new here, so as we navigate this new year, we navigate it together. Thank you all for making 2023 a success!

This month's newsletter includes important information for upcoming Jackson County 4-H deadlines and events. 2024 is a big year full of exciting changes and adjustments! As we head into a new 4-H season, please take the time to read all the information I am sending your way.

Don't forget to get those 4-H enrollments in, and teens begin working on your Achievement Record and scholarship applications!

Thank you all for a wonderful 2023 4-H year. I can't wait to see what happens in 2024!

Yours in 4-H,

Maddie Allman

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January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OFFICE CLOSED DEADLINE FOR TEEN APPS (Camp Counselor, JFB, Youth Reps)	2	3 Camp Counselor Interviews 6-7:30 PM	4	5 Cattle Pre- Registrations for Weigh-In Due	6 OFMA Conference (Columbus)
7	8 4-H Advisory Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM Livestock Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM	9	10	11 Junior Fair Board Interviews 5-8 PM	12	13 Market Beef & Dairy Steer Weigh-In 9-11 AM
14	15 OFFICE CLOSED OSF Beef EID/DNA Samples Due	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Teen Opportunities Workshop @ 5:30 PM	25	26 MXC Registrations Due	27 New Volunteer Orientation 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM Annual Volunteer Make-up Training 12:00-4:00 PM
28	29	30 JFB Meeting @ 6:00 PM Camp Counselor Training @ 7:00 PM	31 New 4-H Volunteer Applications Due Teen Winter Retreat Registrations Due	1 DEADLINE FOR ACHIVEMENT RECORD APPLICATION	2	3 Teen Winter Retreat

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Calendar Updated 1/2/2024

Teen Opportunities

Awards, Scholarships, Leadership Opportunities & More!



Awards & Scholarships

Ohio 4-H Achievement Record

Don't forget to be working on your Ohio 4-H Achievement Record Application!

The application and information can be found online at go.osu.edu/JacksonTeens. The Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is Jackson County's universal application. It is used for scholarships, trips and experiences, royalty contests, and state & national awards.

Achievement Record Applications for STATE awards are due by February 1st!

Do you need help or have questions about the application?

Reach out to Maddie at allman.68@osu.edu with questions!

Jackson County 4-H Scholarships

The Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is Jackson County's universal application. It is used for scholarships, trips and experiences, royalty contests, and state & national awards. **Submit your Achievement Record to allman.68@osu.edu by March 1st to be considered for county 4-H scholarships.**

Stay Connected with 4-H!



Stay connected with 4-H by following these social media pages:



@ JacksonCoExtension

@ Jackson County Livestock Committee

@ CantersCave4hCamp

@ Canter's Cave 4-H Alumni

@ Jackson County 4-H Horse Program

@ Ohio 4-H Youth Development

@ Ohio 4-H Foundation Board

@ Collegiate 4-H at The Ohio State University

@ 4-H



@ OSUJackson



@ OSUEJackson

@ national4h

@ collegiate4hosu

@ CantersCave4hCamp



@OSUEExtensionJacksonCounty



Teen Opportunities (continued)

Awards, Scholarships, Leadership Opportunities & More!

Trips & Opportunities

Teen Winter Retreat – February 3rd – 4th, 2024

The annual 4-H Teen Winter Retreat will take place at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp February 3rd and 4th.

Cost is \$40 and registrations are due by **January 26th** to the Jackson County OSU Extension Office. For registration information, go to go.osu.edu/Jackson4HTeens

Making eXtreme Counselors (MXC) – February 24-25, 2024

Interested in being a camp counselor this summer? Want to get some training hours in early? Making eXtreme Counselors is the place for you!

MXC is an overnight training event for potential camp counselors to gain innovative camp ideas. This training is great for both new and veteran camp counselors!

Cost is \$65 and registrations are due by **January 31** to the Jackson County OSU Extension Office. For registration information, go to go.osu.edu/Jackson4HTeens

Ohio 4-H Conference – Saturday, March 9, 2024

Ohio 4-H Conference registrations are now open! The 2024 Ohio 4-H Conference will bring 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! Cost is \$40 to attend, and is held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N High Street, Columbus, OH.

Registrations are due by February 1st to allman.68@osu.edu. Registration information can be found at ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference

Teen Opportunities site!

For more information on additional older youth opportunities, visit these websites:

- <https://go.osu.edu/jackson4hteens>
- <https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens>





REMINDER



TEEN OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY
24TH 5:30-7:00PM
JACKSON COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE**



Come eat some pizza, learn about 4-H teen opportunities, get some help with your applications, and hang out with friends!

Canter's Cave Celebrates 75 Years in 2024!

\$75,000 for 75 Years Fundraising Campaign

In 2024, Canter's Cave 4-H Camp celebrates 75 years of 4-H summer camping fun!

To celebrate this milestone, the 4-H Camp

is seeking support from alumni, donors, and supporters to reach their goal of fundraising \$75,000. Chip in by donating at go.osu.edu/GiveCanters



Market Beef & Dairy Steer Weigh-In

January 13th, 2024



Market Steer, Market Heifer, and Dairy Steer Weigh-in will take place on January 13th, 2024, at the Jackson County Fairgrounds from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. There is a \$5 pen fee per animal.

More information and requirements can be found at go.osu.edu/JacksonBeef

Exhibitors are asked to please pre-register their animals before the weigh-in at go.osu.edu/JanWeighIn

Important forms, such as Carcass Steer information, can be found online at go.osu.edu/JacksonBeef.





Happy 4-H Enrollment Season!

Here are some tips to get you enrolled for 2024!

*4-H Enrollment has started! Starting **November 1st**, members and volunteers can begin enrolling in 4HOnline! But don't forget, the 4-H Enrollment Deadline is **April 1st**!*

Are you a 4-H member or volunteer having trouble enrolling in 4-H? Never fear, Maddie has created a resource website just for you!

Go to go.osu.edu/JacksonHelp for step-by-step instructions on how to enroll in 4-H Online (and FairEntry).

Do you have new members in your club or family, and are having trouble getting them enrolled? These resources are for NEW and RETURNING volunteers and members!

EVERYONE needs to be enrolled in 4-H Online to receive important communications, enroll in 4-H projects, and more. It is absolutely necessary to be enrolled in the online system. If you are not in the online system, you are not a Jackson County 4-H member or volunteer! Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to enroll.

Tips for Enrolling in 4-H Online:

- Forgot the password to your family's 4-H Online account? DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT. Call our office and we will reset your password for you!
- DO NOT make a new account for each child/adult volunteer. Instead, create ONE family profile and add each person enrolled in 4-H to your family.

Reminder: ALL 4-H members AND volunteers MUST be enrolled in 4-H Online!

Having trouble? Stop by or call the Office and we will help you!

Email 4-H Educator, Maddie Allman, at allman.68@osu.edu with questions, or call the Extension Office at (740) 286-5044.





Important Dates & Deadlines!



Market Steer, Market Heifer, & Dairy Steer Weigh in – Saturday, January 13th, 9-11 AM @ Jackson County Fairgrounds.

- Please pre-register your animals at go.osu.edu/JanWeighIn to let us know how many cattle you expect to weigh in.

NEW 4-H Volunteer Training – Saturday, January 27th, 10:00-2:00 PM

- All NEW 4-H volunteers in Jackson County MUST attend the mandatory new 4-H volunteer training on Saturday, January 27th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Jackson County OSU Extension Office. All newly enrolling Jackson County 4-H volunteers are REQUIRED to attend. If you are a new 4-H volunteer and have a conflict, please email Maddie ASAP at allman.68@osu.edu.
- Please RSVP at go.osu.edu/VolunteerTrainingRSVP

4-H Volunteer Training – Saturday, January 27th, 12:00-2:00 PM

- All re-enrolling Jackson County 4-H volunteers are REQUIRED to attend a volunteer training. A second training for re-enrolling 4-H volunteers is scheduled for Saturday, January 27th, 12:00-2:00 PM following the New 4-H Volunteer Training & Orientation.
- Please RSVP at go.osu.edu/VolunteerTrainingRSVP

ALL COUNTY DEADLINE FOR TEEN OPPORTUNITIES – January 1st

- Junior Fair Board, Junior Leaders, Camp Counselors, and Youth Representative applications are now live! All applications can be found at <https://go.osu.edu/jackson4hteens> and are due on **January 1st, 2024!**

- **NOTE: Ohio 4-H Achievement Award applications are due February 1st.**
- **NOTE: County 4-H scholarship applications are due March 1st.**



2023-2024 4-H Year Information

4-H Enrollment open from November 1st – April 1st

It's almost time for enrollment! The 2022-2023 Program Year will close on **October 31st. Enrollments for 2023-2024 will open November 1st.**

Volunteers needing Background Checks renewed this year will be notified in mid-November.

All individuals interested in becoming a Jackson County 4-H volunteer for the first time should submit their application to the Extension Office by **January 31st**. Applications and information can be found on the website under 4-H Volunteers.

Annual 4-H Volunteer Training:

Saturday, January 27th, 2024

- **NEW 4-H Volunteers should plan to attend from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.**
- **Returning Volunteers should plan to attend from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM.**



What to expect in 2024...

- ☐ In 2024, 4-H Enrollments will be due **April 1st** to allow for more time for clubs to get organized.
- ☐ In 2024, ALL 4-H members are expected to complete a project book, display, and project interview regardless of non-livestock or livestock project involvement. There will be two days of project judging, one for Livestock projects and one for Non-Livestock Projects. This change is being made to be more in-line with other county 4-H programs across the state.
- ☐ Grade Sheets will no longer be offered at the club level and will not be accepted.
- ☐ Youth who do not complete project judging are not considered members in good standing and therefore will not receive a fair pass as reward for project completion. If youth cannot make the original assigned project interview time, a makeup interview date will be available. Please prepare ahead of time by reviewing helpful materials posted online at go.osu.edu/Jackson4HYouth
- ☐ DUNF's will be due prior to fair weigh-in except for poultry projects, who will submit their DUNFs immediately following getting their leg bands.
- ☐ FairEntry submissions will be due for ALL SPECIES by June 15th. Rabbit and Poultry IDs will be entered manually by staff.



Jackson County 4-H Project Judging

2024

In 2024, ALL 4-H members are expected to complete a project book, display, and project interview regardless of non-livestock or livestock project involvement. There will be two days of project judging, one for Livestock projects and one for Non-Livestock Projects. This change is being made to be more in-line with other county 4-H programs across the state.

Grade Sheets will no longer be offered at the club level and will not be accepted. In 2024, placings will not be made for Livestock Project Book judging.

Youth who do not complete project judging are not considered members in good standing and therefore will not receive a fair pass as reward for project completion. If youth cannot make the original assigned project interview time, a makeup interview date will be available. Please prepare ahead of time by reviewing helpful materials posted online at go.osu.edu/Jackson4HYouth

Early Project Judging: Friday, June 7th

Friday, June 7th by appointment. A signup will be made available closer to the judging date.

Exhibitors can judge early and still be eligible for awards.

Livestock Project Judging: Friday, June 14th

Friday, June 14th. Interview times will be assigned closer to the judging date.

Non-Livestock Project Judging: Monday, June 24th

Monday, June 24th. Interview times will be assigned closer to the judging date.

Makeup Project Judging: Monday, July 1st

Friday, June 7th by appointment. A signup will be made available closer to the judging date.

Exhibitors who judge late will not be eligible for awards.



4-H Resource of the Month:

Ohio 4-H Achievement Record Tips & Tricks

The Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is a comprehensive record of a 4-H member's career, accomplishments, leadership, and service. The Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is Jackson County's primary awards application, scholarship application, and royalty application. Teens should begin filling out their application early, as it is a lengthy process!

Visit

<https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships> for information, tips, sample records, and more!

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Ohio 4-H Achievement Record

The gateway to state and national 4-H opportunities, trips, and experiences!

The Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is a comprehensive record of a 4-H member's career, accomplishments, and achievements. It is a great way to capture all the experiences they have had in 4-H, practice for filling out future job or college applications, and get a head start on applying for scholarships.

There are 27 project area categories in which to apply, such as individual animal projects, citizenship, community service, clothing, creative arts, woodworking, shooting sports, leadership, and more! 4-H members can submit multiple achievement records in different categories based on their 4-H involvement. State winners in each category win a trip to events such as National 4-H Congress, National Dairy Conference and the Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute. These events encourage members to expand their skills, engage with other 4-H members, and inspire them to make an impact in their communities!

How do I get started?

Start by filling out the Achievement Record. The Ohio 4-H Achievement record can be found at ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships. Sections include 4-H project work, 4-H participation, major 4-H honors, 4-H community service and citizenship activities, 4-H educational leadership, office and committee leadership, and non-4-H experiences, in addition to a written 4-H story and photo page reflecting on the member's 4-H experiences and impact.



1. Contact your county office

Contact your county 4-H professional for information about county deadlines, review process, and what local opportunities may be available through completing the achievement record!



2. Complete the Achievement Record

Complete all sections of the achievement record form. Be sure to follow the guidelines and show a cumulative record of your 4-H career! Applications can be tailored to the project area you are applying for.



3. Submit to your county office

Submit to your county 4-H professional by the deadline. State selections are made in February and state winners are notified in the spring.

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February 3-4, 2024
Canter's Cave 4-H Camp



Teen Winter Retreat

A fun-filled overnight adventure where you can relax and spend time with 4-H friends from across southeastern Ohio.

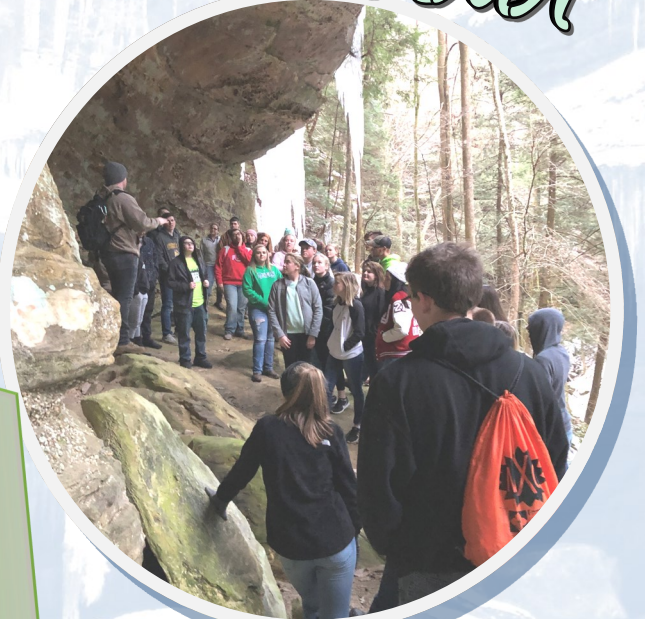
WHEN: Saturday, February 3
(Registration from 3-4 p.m.)
to Sunday, February 4
(Checkout at 10 a.m.)

WHERE: Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
1362 Caves Rd.
Jackson, OH 45640

WHO: Teens ages 13-18 (as of Jan. 1)

COST: \$40 *Make checks payable to:
Canter's Cave 4-H Camp or pay by
Credit Card at:
go.osu.edu/GalliaExtensionPayment

Must Complete Registration at
go.osu.edu/TeenWinterRetreat



Winter Hike
Outdoor Activities
Games Movies
And much more!





Teen Winter Retreat

Dear Registered and/or Potential Camper:

The Teen Winter Retreat is almost here and we hope you are looking forward to having a great time again this year. Registration for the retreat will be held on **Saturday, February 3, from 3– 4 p.m.** at the Harrison 4-H Leadership Center and will dismiss at **10 a.m. on Sunday, February 4.**

The Teen Winter Retreat will feature many fun events, activities and programs that we hope you will take part in. You will need to complete your online health form at go.osu.edu/CantersHealthForm. Please bring warm clothes and comfortable shoes as we will probably be taking part in some outdoor activities during the retreat. You will also need to bring your own, bedding, towels and bathroom supplies.

I would also like to remind you of the camp rules that everyone will need to observe.

1. *No alcoholic beverages*
2. *No tobacco products*
3. *No harmful or illegal drugs*
4. *No firearms or knives of any kind*
5. *No marijuana (including medical marijuana)*
6. *No fireworks*

Please remember that no visitors (except parents) will be allowed without prior permission from the camp director. It is important that you share this information with anyone who may be planning to visit you during camp, as we will require them to leave.

Registrations should be submitted online by Wednesday, January 31st at:

go.osu.edu/TeenWinterRetreat. If you know of other individuals who are interested in attending the Teen Winter Retreat, we will still have space available. A minimum of 20 campers need to be registered before Jan. 31st or the event may be cancelled. Contact Erin Dailey at 740-688-5026 or dailey.108@osu.edu. We are looking forward to the Teen Winter Retreat this year and hope you are too!

See you on Saturday, February 3rd!

Sincerely,

Erin Deel Dailey

Erin Deel Dailey
OSU Extension, Gallia County
Extension Educator IV, 4-H Youth Development

2024 Jackson County Junior Fair Market Poultry Ordering



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MARKET TURKEYS

Order by February 15th

go.osu.edu/JacksonTurkeyForm



MARKET DUCKS

Order by February 15th

go.osu.edu/JacksonDuckForm

**DEADLINE
CHANGE!**



MARKET CHICKENS

Order by May 15th

go.osu.edu/JacksonChickenForm

More information on the Animal Project Information Page at jackson.osu.edu
Reminder: ALL market poultry MUST be ordered through the Extension Office.



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FRI | FEB 23 | 7:00PM

Come join Ohio 4-H Youth Development for a fun family night with the Columbus Blue Jackets!

As a collaboration between the Ohio 4-H Foundation and the Blue Jackets, a portion of each ticket will go back to Ohio 4-H to support youth in building lifelong skills.

Please visit website below for more information.



**TICKETS
STARTING AT \$44.65**

**CONTACT AJ GARERI AT 614.246.3105 OR
AGARERI@BLUEJACKETS.COM WITH ANY
QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR SPECIAL REQUESTS.**

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DUE
**MARCH
1ST**

GRADUATING
SENIORS
MUST APPLY!

JACKSON COUNTY 4-H **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications (Word & PDF) can be found online at jackson.osu.edu.
Scholarship applications are due March 1st, 2024. Questions?
Contact Maddie Allman at Allman.68@osu.edu | (740) 286-5044



[GO.OSU.EDU/JACKSON4HTEENS](https://go.osu.edu/jackson4hteens)



CFAES

Open House!



DATE:

Thursday, March 7, 2024

TIME:

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

LOCATION:

Jackson County Fairgrounds
96 Meadow Run Rd,
Wellston, OH 45692

COST:

FREE!

CONTACT:

Maddie Allman
Allman.68@osu.edu
(740) 286-5044

Jackson County 4-H Presents...

Spring Project Fair & 4-H Open House

Visit the Jackson County 4-H Spring Project Fair and Open House to learn more about 4-H! 4-H is much more than cows and plows. Check out what Jackson County 4-H is doing youth in your area. Open to all youth ages 5-18, grades K-12.

Food, games, and prizes available for all youth that attend. Project displays, including live animals, crafts, and more. **Join the fun and join 4-H!**

For more information, visit jackson.osu.edu

Thank You to the Jackson County Community Fund for their support of this event!



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