

# Gallia County 4-H

2021 Program Information 4-H Advisors

October 2020

GOODBYE 2020! – I don't know about the rest of you, but I know I'm ready for 2020 to be over! Let's hope 2021 is a better year! First let me just say **THANK YOU** for sticking with us this year! I know nothing has gone as planned and we had so many changes to deal with on a personal level and in our 4-H world! Unfortunately, 2020 isn't quite done with us yet, we have a few more changes to share with you:

- **2020 Fall Advisors Banquet** - Due to COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings we are canceling our 2020 fall 4-H Advisors Banquet.
- **4-H Committee Election** - We will be holding an electronic 4-H Advisory Committee Election the first week in November. An email ballot will be sent to each advisor on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. You will have until Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> to cast your vote and return the email. We have several open positions for the committee this year. Any 4-H Advisor can self-nominate or nominate someone else to run for election by contacting Tracy at [winters.5@osu.edu](mailto:winters.5@osu.edu) by **October 9, 2020**.
- **Years of Service Advisor Pins** - We will honor 4-H Advisors years of service with certificates and pins for those finishing their first, fifth, tenth, fifteenth, etc. year of service to 4-H. These will be included in your club packet along with premium checks from the fair for your 4-H members. For those advisors with 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years of service to 4-H, we will make every effort to present those in person and take pictures to share on our Facebook page.
- **4-H Hall of Fame** - We are also planning a special recognition for the 4-H Clover Award and 4-H Hall of Fame Award. If you would like to nominate someone for this year's Hall of Fame please contact Tracy at [winters.5@osu.edu](mailto:winters.5@osu.edu) by October 9, 2020.

**Fair Premium Checks** – Club Advisors may now pick up their club premium checks at the Extension office. Club packets will include premium checks for any of your club members who showed a project at the 2020 Gallia County Junior Fair. This includes submitting a project for judging on the FLIP GRID program as well as showing an animal project in person at the fair.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2020 Fair! I know it was not our traditional fair, but 4-H members, 4-H families, 4-H advisors, the fair board, OSU Extension staff and our fabulous 4-H community supporters came together and we showed everyone that not even worldwide pandemic or a move in day flood could stop us! Please send a special thanks to our Fair Board members and the local businesses who literally jumped into the mud on Sunday and helped us save the fair!

**NOW IS THE TIME TO RECRUIT CLUB VOLUNTEERS!** If you have parents or others interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer, have them download an application from the Extension website at [www.gallis.osu.edu](http://www.gallis.osu.edu) or they can stop by the office for a new volunteer packet starting October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Thinking of starting a New 4-H Club? Here are the steps:**

1. A new club must have at least 5 members from 3 different families.
2. Must have a pre-approved club name, approval is granted by the Extension office.
3. The club will need to apply for a club EIN and sign a club constitution.
4. The club will need to develop by-laws; these are "club rules" which include: attendance policy, officer duties, parent participation, member participation, expected behavior, etc.
5. The club will need to open a club checking account.
6. Advisors must complete club paperwork and approval process by March 1.

Typically, clubs begin meeting in January & February with 4-H enrollment due **March 15, 2021**. The process sounds complicated, but 4-H staff are here to support you through each step. If you have questions, please call the Extension office at 740-446-7007.

**Moving online to keep us moving forward!** – The challenges of 2020 have forced us to become more mobile! Some of these changes were painful but now that we have adapted, they could offer us more options for 2021! Here are just a few things that may have an online component in 2021!

- **Quality Assurance training / test outs**
- **Volunteer Trainings (Local and State)**
- **Animal livestock and General project workshops**
- **SPIN Clubs (Special Interest Clubs)**
- **4-H Committee zoom options**
- **New Volunteer application processes / interviews**
- **Camp Counselor application process / interviews /trainings**
- **Online newsletters**
- **New 4-H Online 2.0**

*We know that offering everything online is not a good alternative to face to face, but for some things, having the additional online options could be a great solution for our busy schedules! What would you like to see offered in 2021 electronically?*



**2021 Volunteer Training** – Last year we focused on "Club CHATs" we gathered great information about what clubs were doing, their successes, challenges, and needs. This year we want to use that information to offer advisor trainings/workshops around skill development, club programming and club needs. Little did we know in January of 2020 what this year was going to hold for us! As we start our planning for 2021 program year **please share with us any additional club challenges, training topics or needs you would like to see us address in our January – February Advisors Trainings**. Examples might include - Hosting online 4-H club meetings, staying safe during face to face 4-H meetings, how to use 4-H Online 2.0 (what is new, what is the same etc.) Growing your 4-H club, Training/using club officers, 4-H opportunities beyond the club, etc.



**Reminder, if you are due for a BCI check you only have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to get it done!** Please save receipts for reimbursement. You can check your status by logging into 4HOnline, calling or emailing the office. Please don't let your volunteer status expire!



**Cloverbud Advisors** – We now have two complete years of **Cloverbud Investigators** lesson plans and kits for you to download and/or borrow. We have been adding the “Taking the Adventure Outside” lessons as well. Our Cloverbud Taking the Adventure Outside Workshop has been moved to Spring of 2021 please stay tune for more information!

**Club Advisors** Just as a reminder if you are looking for a great fall or spring **OUTDOOR** meeting area the Gallia County Nature Area Land Lab, located at the fairground is available free of charge. Just call the office to book your meeting and request access. Special Thanks you to the Great Eight Horse Kids for tackling the jungle that was growing back there and making it look nice again!

**Little Caesar Pizza Kit fund raiser** – Our 2021 pizza kit fund raiser is on hold right now until we can confirm our camping season for 2021. We do have tentative camp date set see below!



The poster features a central yellow circle with the text "4-H Camp 2021 SAVE THE DATE!". Surrounding the circle are four photographs: top-left shows a person in a costume in a forest; top-right shows a group of people at night; bottom-left shows a large group of people in a field; bottom-right shows people in a canoe on water. The background is a collage of these images with wavy yellow lines at the bottom.

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## 4-H Camp 2021 SAVE THE DATE!

- Teen Winter Retreat - January 30 - 31
- Counselor College - April 17 - 18
- Spring Fling - April 23 - 24
- Open House - April 25
- Cloverbud Overnight - June 5 - 6
- Beginner Camp - June 7 - 10
- Jr. High Camp - June 14 - 17
- Teen Camp - June 18 - 21
- STEM Camp - June 22 - 24
- Junior Shooting Sports Camp - June 25 - 27
- Special Needs Camp - July 9 - 11
- Senior Shooting Sports Camp - July 18 - 23



**Facebook** - One of our fastest ways to communicate this year has been by email and through Facebook Post. If you are on Facebook please follow our Extension Facebook page for all the up to date 4-H events! <https://www.facebook.com/osuextensiongallia>

For 4-H Advisors ONLY – join our private Gallia County 4-H Advisors only 4-H group page on Face book at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/231204398070327>

**4-H Online Waffle** – With COVID -19 affecting everyone including our office staffing structure, we have decided not to have our 4-H Month of Winning this year. Instead a group of 4-H Supporters has offered to host an online “Waffle”! Beginning in **October** you will see invites to join the “4-H Waffle group” If you have never participated in a waffle it is an online fundraiser to benefit a group or club. Special prizes will be offered up, participants can buy chances on that item with one lucky winner for each item. The goal is to hold up to 10 Waffles on prize packages. **Clubs are asked to help collect donations for these prize packages or to sponsor one on their own.** So far, we have the following Waffle Baskets started and we are looking for additional donations to go with them or additional basket sponsors! *a 31 basket sponsored by the For His Glory, a Halloween themed movie basket sponsored by RV All Stars, a Coffee/Tea Basket sponsored by Sawdust Buckeyes, a Holiday (Christmas) Basket sponsored by Stephanie Stover, a South Gallia Basket sponsored by Pairs n Spares, a BBQ Basket sponsored by Aftershock, a shooting sports basket sponsored by Gallia Shooting Aces, an Outdoor Basket sponsored by the Conservation club. Additional prizes Yeti cups, 4-H wreath, and business gift cards. We would like to have all the donations by the first week in October to begin the first Waffle. Waffles will run up through November or until prizes are gone! Contact [winters.5@osu.edu](mailto:winters.5@osu.edu) for more information. Additional basket ideas: OSU fan, camping, kitchen, 4-H theme, sports, fishing, gardening, goodie or desserts, date night, tools, local school teams, tailgate, Christmas, birthday party, school supplies, ice cream, Fall, anniversary celebration, kids toys or books.*

**If we can get all 37 clubs to pitch in, we can have some great items! Business donations are also welcome! The goal is to raise \$5,000 for 4-H programming in 2021!**

**Teen Opportunities Newsletter!** – Watch for our Teen Opportunities newsletter in November with information on how to apply to be a camp counselor, CARTEEN opportunities, College Scholarships, Teen Leaders and more!

## OSU Extension Gallia County New Office Hours Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm or by appointment

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