

February 16, 2023

Hello Advisors,

First, we are thrilled to welcome over 20 new Advisors this year! Thanks to those of you who are mentoring our new volunteers through their first year of leadership.

Second, as I've had the opportunity to interview these new volunteers, I'm reminded of the many reasons that people VALUE 4-H participation. The connection to a caring, encouraging adult that each of you are providing to young people is so important and valuable to helping them find their place in their club, community, and world.

It was great to visit and learn from you at Advisor Training this year; many good ideas were shared by you. Included with this letter is a summary of ideas shared by many of you at our January trainings. We'll continue to collect ideas and add to the Resources lists.

Pro Tip of the Month: invite your brand new families to come to your next meeting 30 minutes early. Spend the time reviewing the basics, explaining 4-H lingo, and having an informal Q&A time to answer their questions. This could help make them feel comfortable in your club, and know you a bit better so they can come to you with questions.

Enrollment deadline for returning members is just 2 weeks away!

Thanks for all you do!

Christy

4-H News and Announcements

Enrollment

The enrollment deadline is Wednesday, March 1 for returning members and Saturday, April 1 for new members. ADVISORS, please be sure to get your enrollment submitted as well. Our office needs to approve the enrollment before you can access your club roster and information. Step by step instructions are found here: <https://union.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/family-4honline-enrollment-information>

Group Projects

If your club will be taking a group project this year, please remind your families to include that project in their enrollment. Also, send an email to Kay at Kramer.578@osu.edu with the name of the project you will be taking as a group. If a family in your club has already submitted their enrollment and did not include it, please send an email to Kay so it can be added.

New Families

Please periodically review your roster in 4-H Online. If you find you are missing a new family or have a new family that you don't recognize, please reach out to the office. A family may have selected your club by mistake or didn't realize they needed to speak with an advisor before joining.



Shooting Sports

If you have members that are interested in taking a Shooting Sports range project, they must complete the project under the guidance of certified Shooting Sports instructors. They still select their “home” club when enrolling in the projects in 4-H Online, but will complete the required range time with the instructors. An email will be sent to all shooting sports project members shortly after the enrollment deadline with the date of the MANDATORY Shooting Sports safety meeting and the schedule of range times.

Dog Projects

4-H members are not required to join Pawsitive Pals dog club to enroll in dog projects, with the exception of Pet Pals. Heather invites members of any club to participate in their club's training nights; participating in these activities is optional, but very helpful. These training meetings are free for all Union County 4-Hers enrolled in the dog program. Pet Pals is a group project that must be completed with Heather, who is a certified 4-H Pet Pals advisor. There will be an informational meeting for dog projects on Sunday March 5th. Location 845 E. 5th., Marysville

5:30pm informational session for new member or anyone wanting dog project information

6:00pm all returning members and new members

This is a “no dog” meeting.

Please bring a chair and a snack to share.

Poultry Projects

If you have members with questions about poultry projects for the Union County Fair, information regarding the various projects, hatch dates, etc. can be found here:

https://union.osu.edu/sites/union/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Union_County_Fair/Union%20County%20Poultry%20Projects%202023.pdf

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

March

- 1 4-H Enrollment Due (Members & Advisors), Richwood Jr. Fair Board Applications Due
- 12 Richwood Club New 4-H Family Orientation, 6 pm, Richwood Fairgrounds
- 30 ASE Quality Assurance, 6:30 @ Tolles, **Registration Required**

April

- 1 Deadline for Project Changes and 1st Time Member Enrollment
- 1 Richwood Bank 4-H Scholarship Application Due
- 10,13,17,19 Livestock Quality Assurance, 7 pm. Marysville, **RSVP Required** due to limited space
- 11 Rabbit Quality Assurance, 7 pm, Marysville, **RSVP Required** due to limited space
- TBA Shooting Sports Safety Meeting, 6 PM, Location TBA
- 30 Project Clinics, Richwood Fairgrounds, 6 pm

May

- 4 Poultry Quality Assurance, 7 – 8:30 pm, RSVP Required due to limited space
- 26 Livestock QA – Last Call for Union Co Fair, 3:30 pm, UC Fairgrounds – **RSVP Required**

June

- 7 Richwood Area Quality Assurance, 7 PM, Richwood Fairgrounds