

January 21 Advisor Update

Hello Advisors,

It's exciting and daunting to think about launching a new 4-H year. What we offer in 4-H is oh so important for young people that I know working through the challenges of getting this year started is worth it. Thanks to those of you who were able to join my first Zoom Advisor Update. I will continue to offer Zoom updates as we get the year started. My next Advisor Update will be February 8<sup>th</sup> (see details below)

### Advisor Training and Updates

Advisor training and updates will look different this year. We will be doing 2 things:

1. You will complete, on your own schedule, the required Child Abuse training online by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. I will do regular virtual updates throughout the winter and spring. These are encouraged, not required.

#### ***Details for the required Child Abuse training:***

- Click this link for complete [course instructions](#); these can also be found on our website.
- Click [here](#) to access the course.
- Plan on approximately one hour to complete.
- We will automatically receive confirmation that you've completed the training; you will receive a confirmation email also.

#### ***Details for virtual Advisor Updates:***

My next Advisor Update will be Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, approx. 45 minutes. I'll review updates that we know so far and have Question and Answer time. Again, this is highly encouraged but not required. It would be ideal if each club has at least one Advisor tuned in.

Use this Zoom link to join on **Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm**

<https://osu.zoom.us/j/96858459434?pwd=eWNGUENyTzRKM2R3K3pwQk4xcmdlUT09>

Meeting ID: 968 5845 9434 Password: 011035

### Advisor Resources:

In an effort to keep lots of resources you may need or want easy to find, we have created a tab on our web site for current Advisor information. It's the first tab: [union.osu.edu... 4-H Youth Development...2021 Advisor Updates](http://union.osu.edu/4-H>YouthDevelopment/2021AdvisorUpdates). Or bookmark the direct link: [https://go.osu.edu/advisor\\_updates](https://go.osu.edu/advisor_updates).

Currently the following info is there:

- Recording of the January 12 Advisor Update
- Child Abuse Training instructions and link
- 2021 Ohio 4-H Conference information (how to participate)
- Grab and Go Club Meeting Tool Kit
- Spin Club Information
- 4H Online Club Leader Login



## Club Meetings

The current OSUE policy for 4-H & Extension meetings is, in summary:

- Meeting virtually if the recommended and preferred option
- In-person meeting is possible if the guidelines can be met:
  - Physically distanced, masks worn
  - <50 people
  - everything sanitized before and after
  - having a virtual or alternate option for those who cannot attend

Given these guidelines, most clubs will need to meet virtually because it will be challenging to find and/or have access to a space large enough to meet.

So, as an Advisor team, begin planning your strategy for meeting in Jan/Feb/March.

If you would like assistance with scheduling and hosting Zoom meetings, we are able to help.

As you plan your meetings, also communicate to your members what your policy will be about participation in C.L.U.B.Z. (see next)

## Enrollment

We will once again be using 4-H Online for member enrollments. NEW THIS YEAR: even new families/ members will be logging into 4-H Online to create their family profile and enroll. No paper forms for families to complete or for advisors to return to the office. The deadline for returning members is March 1. The deadline for new members is April 1.

As advisors, you will also need to login to 4-H Online and complete your enrollment. Your enrollment will need to be approved before you will be able to access your club information. (Be sure you've logged in before Thursday afternoon if you want to access your club information over the weekend. 😊)

Instructions for logging into your club can be found on the Advisor Update page mentioned above.

The box to the right includes both the links needed and the information that was included in the Member email that was sent.

### Enrollment

The deadline for 4-H Enrollment for returning members (that's you!) is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Brand new members have until April 1<sup>st</sup> to join. We will use the 4HOnline Enrollment system like last year; you will update your enrollment info and projects and then OSUE will confirm your enrollment.

Here are links to help you with Enrollment:

- [Family Enrollment Video](#)
- [Returning Families: Tip Sheet](#)
- [Returning Families: Step by Step Instructions](#)
- [New Families: Tip Sheet](#)
- [New Families: Step by Step Instructions](#)
- [4-H Online Enrollment Website](#)

## County Dues

County Dues will be \$6 again this year. The timeline for turning in dues is moved to June 1<sup>st</sup> this year. We are hopeful that Clubs will be able to be meeting in person by this time and will therefore be more able to collect dues.

### **C.L.U.B.Z. Club Leaders & Members United By Zoom: New for Winter 2021**

I am hosting a new 4-H Activity this winter, to assist you as Advisors in getting this year launched. I am offering a countywide 4-H meeting opportunity. Each meeting will be different. You can:

- Encourage your member to join, just for fun, and not count as a meeting for your own Club
- Ask you members to join in C.L.U.B.Z and count it as one of your meetings, or
- Encourage your members to participate if they wish and count it for those who choose to join.

Below is the information about C.L.U.B.Z. that was included in the Family Newsletter:

### **C.L.U.B.Z. Club Leaders & Members United By Zoom: New for Winter 2021**

- What is it: An Optional opportunity to meet with your 4-H Friends and Club members across Union County
- Why: to learn, laugh, and enjoy time with 4-H friends
- When: the next C.L.U.B.Z. meeting is Tuesday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm. Meeting will last 45 minutes.
- Where: Use the link below to join in.
- Bonus: Your own club *may* count participation in C.L.U.B.Z. toward your own Club attendance; check with your Advisor for details.

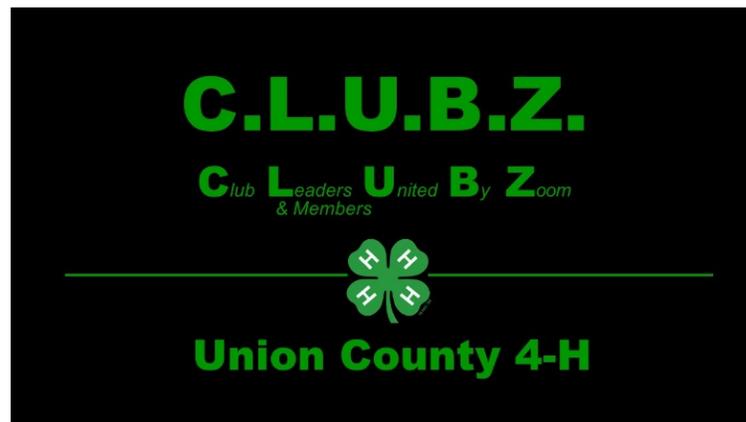
Here's the link to join in the next C.L.U.B.Z. Zoom Meeting:

**February 2, 6:30 PM**

<https://osu.zoom.us/j/98874683851?pwd=enUvcIA1YTFLamhreGdmR0g0Q3h3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 988 7468 3851

Password: 837754



### **Project Books**

Our Extension Office is currently open by appointment and we hope soon will be open more normal hours. We have project books in stock. Some of your members may be anxious to get Project books and get started, others may be fine with waiting awhile to get their books in hand.

Distributing books may be a challenge if you are meeting virtually, but there are ways to get it accomplished if you want to get this accomplished sooner rather than later. For example, porch pick-up or drive through at a designated time/place.

We can get bulk project book orders ready for you and make an appointment for you to pick up.

Here is the info regarding Project Books that was sent in the Family Newsletter to members:

### **Project Books**

If you want to get a jump start on obtaining your project book(s) there are two options for now:

1. You can order 4-H project books from OSU publishing online and have them delivered to you. Shipping is free with a \$20 purchase.
2. You can purchase books at our OSUE office, currently by appointment. Call ahead and we can assist you. We hope to have more open hours in the near future. For now, please call ahead for assistance.

We anticipate that Advisors will do bulk project book orders as in the past so many of you will continue to get your project books via your Club Advisors. It may be challenging for Advisors to get books to you until your club is meeting again in person. If you feel you need your book(s) sooner, these are your options.

### **Plans for Quality Assurance**

I am making plans to conduct the Youth Livestock Quality Assurance Training that is required of most livestock project members as follows:

QA will be offered virtually in several sessions the week of April 5<sup>th</sup>, aimed for ages 12-18.

An in-person QA session will be offered for Beginners (youth ages 9-11) in May. Beginners can participate in an online session if they wish or wait for the in-person session, their choice.

I anticipate there will be fewer out-of-county QA options as most counties are planning to offer QA virtually this year.

We will create a “flyer” with QA details as we have in the past and post to our website.

### **Cloverbuds**

We will not be offering a county-wide Cloverbud Club at this time.

### **Deadline for Club Charter Checklist and Club Financial Summaries**

Club financial summaries are due January 31.

Club Charter Checklist is due by June 1.