

January 21, 2021

Hello 4-H Members and Families,

We look forward to a new 4-H year of learning, friends, and fun. Below is some information to read as we get a new year started.

### Club Meetings

Your club will likely be organizing and meeting for the first time soon. If you have not yet heard from your Advisors about a first organizational meeting, contact them to find out the plans.

Most clubs will begin the year meeting virtually, and then transition to Face-to-Face as soon as we can. Current Ohio 4-H policy recommends virtual meetings. In-person meetings are possible if guidelines can be met; for most clubs finding a large enough space for in-person meetings won't be possible yet. It's likely that most clubs will have their Jan/Feb/Mar meetings virtually and then hopefully change to in-person.

### 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](#)

### 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.

### Club and County Dues

Club Dues will be collected later this year (May/June) when we anticipate Club members will be gathering in-person again.



## Family Guides

The Family Guide is the booklet which lists and describes all 4-H projects. In the past, you've gotten them at your first Club meeting from your Advisors. This year Family Guides have been mailed to every 4-H household by the Ohio 4-H program. You've probably received yours in the mail, or will soon.

## 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.

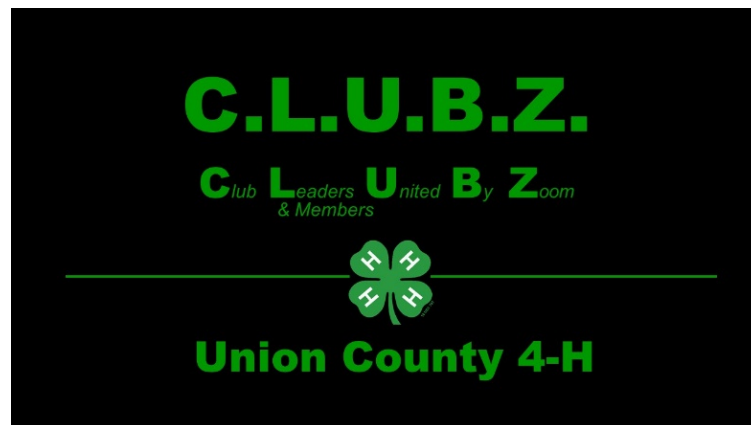
Here's the link to join in the next C.L.U.B.Z. Zoom Meeting:

**February 2, 6:30 PM**

<https://osu.zoom.us/j/98874683851?pwd=enUvclA1YTFLamhreGdmR0g0Q3h3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 988 7468 3851

Password: 837754



## SPIN Clubs

You likely have seen some SPIN Clubs advertised; let's review what they are, and why you might be interested.

- SPIN Clubs are short term, virtual, opportunities to explore a Special Interest.
- Since the Spin Clubs have gone virtual, many 4-H SPIN Clubs are now being offered across the state and beyond.
- Topics are wide ranging and often unique.

- SPIN Clubs are NOT like your own Club; they exist only for a short time to learn about a specific topic.
- They do not elect officers, do community service, do demonstrations, collect dues, etc.
- Most SPIN Clubs meet 4-8 times, often weekly.
- Participation in a SPIN Club does not replace your own Club; you still need to be a member of your own club to be in 4-H.

We will advertise all the SPIN Club opportunities available throughout Ohio on our Union County Friends of 4-H Facebook page ( <https://www.facebook.com/Union-County-Friends-of-4H-725263340839274>) and on our web site (union.osu.edu). You are welcome to sign up for any that match your interests.

### **Richwood Fair: Changes and Updates for 2021**

#### ***Special Interest Department:***

- Judging will take place at new time; Sunday, Aug 29<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm.
- Projects will be left on display Aug 29<sup>th</sup> throughout the Fair until Sept 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.
- Special Interest Project Auction will return to Saturday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup> for 2021.

#### ***Goat Dept Changes:***

- Goats will be shown by sex in 2021. There will no longer be Champion Goat; instead a Market Wether and Market Doe. These Champions will sell in the same order listed in fair paper matching Hogs and Lambs. (i.e. Barrows and Wethers on same year)
- Goat exhibitors will be allowed to bring a total of 4 goats to the fair, 2 does and 2 wethers max.
- Goats must be dehorned by tag-in, no more than 1 inch showing.

#### ***Dress Code for Livestock Exhibitors:***

- Dress Code remains the same
- Dress Code applies to Weigh-Ins as this is picture time
- Exhibitors not following Dress Code for weigh-in/pictures will not be eligible to sell.

2021 Richwood Jr Fair Schedule can be found here: [https://go.osu.edu/2021\\_richwood\\_fair\\_schedule](https://go.osu.edu/2021_richwood_fair_schedule)