

4-H News & Important Information

February 28, 2023

Hello 4-H Families,

Happy WINTER! It is February and Phil, the groundhog, saw his shadow. That means 6 more weeks of cold, winter weather. Great time to be working on your project books and getting ahead of the “game”. It isn’t too early to start planning for the Summer. Many camps are being planned. Look ahead and plan to attend these great camps. See the flyer included with this newsletter with QR code to register for camps.

- Erin

4-H Enrollment is open!!!!
Please remember to be looking at the Family Guide for project book ideas. Make sure you list ALL projects you think you plan to take to the fair when enrolling. If you are in question about a project, it is better to list the project in your enrollment form than not. Advisors, don’t forget you must enroll each year as well. Log into your family account and sign up.

Attention Graduating High School Seniors: Please submit a photo by May 1st to have a banner at fair time. Looking for any photo you would like have on this banner. The banner will be on display in the Special Interest Barn.



County Achievement Forms are due on March 1st to the office. This is a great way to keep track of all your 4-H projects you have done over the years. Please click [here](#) to open the form you will need to complete. If you have any questions, please contact Erin.

Quality Assurance (QA) is fast approaching. Please make sure you attend one of these four QA dates. Remember if you are planning to take a livestock animal to the fair you must attend one QA program. All programs start at 6:30 pm and are held at the Fairgrounds.

February 13,
2023 @
6:30pm

February 15,
2023 @ 6:30
pm

March 8, 2023
@ 6:30pm

March 13,
2023 @ 6:30
pm

April TBA

QA programs
are held at the
Fairgrounds.

NEW for 2023 - 4-H Project Books are \$8.00 each. If books are ordered and paid with a club check, no tax will be added. Reminder, the office will place orders on Friday and the books take about a week to get to office. Once the books come in, we will call you for pick up.

Graduating Seniors!!! Have you thought about your plans for when you graduate this spring? An email was sent to you the first part of January about all the scholarship opportunities that are available. Please don't miss out! Click [here](#) to find available scholarships offered. If you have any questions, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Flower Sale: Even though it might be cold outside and snow on the ground, it is not too early to start selling 4-H Flowers. See your advisor for order forms.

CLUB ACTIVITY FEES
ARE DUE TO THE
OFFICE NO LATER
THAN MAY 1ST.
DON'T BE LATE!

QR codes are on many of our forms this year. This is going to help you get the form filled out in a timely matter. Bake-In, Shopping Bag, Demonstration Contest, and Booth Watch. You can sign up for all of these different events during the fair at your fingertips. Use the QR code and more information will be sent to you as the event gets closer. See the flyer in this newsletter.

BUTLER COUNTY MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION NEWS

We are excited to announce that we will be offering new awards beginning this year: The Junior and Senior Supreme BCMGA Exhibitor Awards. You will have an opportunity to earn points by attending BCMGA events and shows, and by simply being a member of the BCMGA. Members will accumulate points throughout the year, and the winners will be announced at our Born and Raised Show held during the Butler County Fair. Please see the flyer in this newsletter that explains how points can be earned. All information will also be on our [website](#).

We also would like to remind you that we have a Rafflemania coming up on March 18th, this will be held at the Butler County Extension office. In order to make this a success, we need contributions from you. Such as food items to donate for the concession stand or raffle items. All proceeds go towards the scholarships, shows and clinics we host throughout the year. Please check out the attached signup genius and consider donating. By attending this event you can also earn points for our Junior and Senior Supreme BCMGA Exhibitor Award. [Rafflemania 3.18.2023 Volunteer Sign-ups](#)



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LOOK AHEAD!

March 2023 Outlook

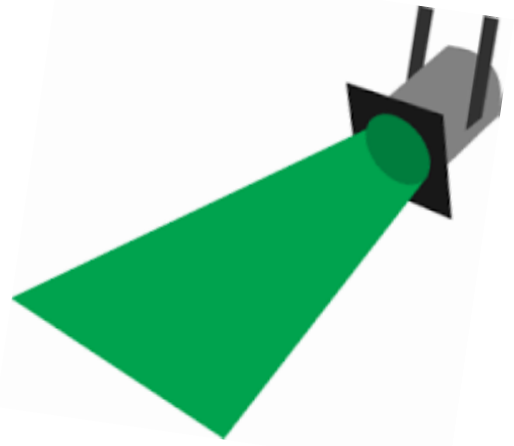
March 8	Quality Assurance - Fairgrounds	6:30 pm
March 11	Ohio Volunteer Conference, Columbus, Ohio	
March 13	Quality Assurance – Fairgrounds	6:30 pm
March 14	Junior Fair Board Meeting – Fairgrounds	6:00 pm
March 15	CARTEENS	6:00 pm
March 20	Horse Advisors Meeting	7:00 pm
March 21	Butler County 4-H Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
March 28	Cooking With Kids Program	5:30 pm–7 pm

April 2023 Outlook

April 1	4-H Enrollment Deadline	
April 10	Flower Order Forms Due to Office	
April 17	Cabbage Plant Pick-Up at Office	8 am – 4:30 pm
April 17	Horse Advisors Meeting	7:00 pm
April 20	Junior Fair Board Meeting	6:00 pm

CLOVER SPOTLIGHT

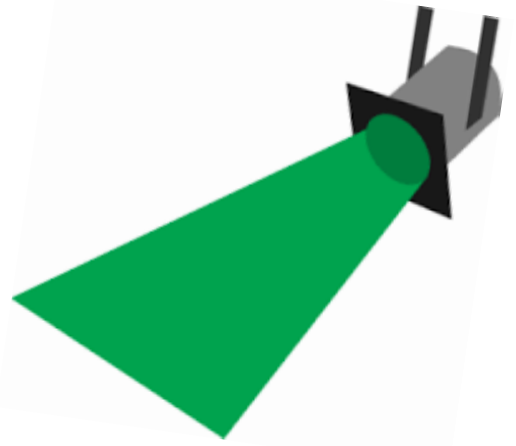
Thank you, 4-H Advisors! We had four nights of training our Advisors with all the new updates for this year. Please make sure you thank your Advisor for all their hard work they do. Emily, I, and the whole OSU Extension team appreciate all our volunteers.



THANK
You! 😊



CLOVER SPOTLIGHT



Wreaths across America was held at Woodside Cemetery & Arboretum, in Middletown. Thanks to all who took time laying wreaths, honoring our service men and women.



Butler County Extension

4-H Camps 2023

NEW! –Online registration for 4-H camps using in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code using a cell phone
2. Complete the online registration form
3. Send camp fees payable to: OSU Extension
Mail or drop off fees to: 1802 Princeton Road
Hamilton, OH 45011

Camp
Fees Due
by May
20

Camp Graham

June
4-8

4-H Camp Graham - June 4-8: This is a traditional overnight camp located in Clarksville Ohio. Campers will have 4 days of fun activities and sleep overnight in cabins. This camp is designed for youth ages 8-13. Camp fee is \$170 for 4-H members and \$180 for non-members or late registrations.



Clover- Bud Camp

June
1-2

Cloverbud Camp - June 1 & 2: Held each day from 9am-2pm this camp is full of crafts, games, and fun for youth ages 5-8. Cloverbud camp is at OSU Extension Office, 1802 Princeton Road in Hamilton. Cloverbud camp fee is \$45 for 4-H members, \$55 for non-members or late registrations.



Sewing Camp

June
20-22

Sewing Camp - June 20-22: This day camp is for anyone age 8+ wanting to learn to sew or to improve their sewing skills. This is a day camp held at the OSU Extension Office at 1802 Princeton Road from 9am-2pm. Sewing camp fee is \$50 for 4-H members, \$60 for non-members or late registrations.



Contact Erin Simpson-Sloan at simpson-sloan.1@osu.edu with questions

Butler County Ohio 4-H

2023 Events with Online Registrations

(events listed below have July 1 registration deadlines)

Event	Description	QR Code & URL Link
Bake-In Contest 	Live baking competition that happens on Thursday during the fair. Entries due July 1	 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAF2CA1F94-2023
Booth Watch 	Registration to reserve a promo booth to be decorated for the fair. Decorations to be completed before fair starts. Entries due July 1	 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAF2CA1F94-20231
Demonstration Contest 	Register to give a demonstration speech in this contest. Several participation classes available. Contest is Wednesday of fair week. Entries due July 1	 https://forms.gle/mhRJA4bi3TCnct4J8
Hay Bale Decorating Contest 	Register to decorate hay bales at the fairgrounds. Great for groups and bales can be ordered from the office. Entries due July 1	 https://forms.gle/KCqCdJhyBXHr88wi7
Flower Garden Service Project 	Register to beautify the fairgrounds by building a garden by a barn. Perfect service project for clubs! Entries due July 1	 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAF2CA1F94-20233
Shopping Bag Contest 	Contest to challenge your consumer skills. Open to all youth 8-18 and takes place Monday of fair week. Entries due July 1	 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAF2CA1F94-20234

Questions? Contact the OSU Butler County Extension at 513-887-3722 or www.butler.osu.edu

4-H SPARK EXPO

EXploring Pathway Opportunities

If you see it, you can be it!

4-H SPARK EXPO is...

- four days and three nights of fun and learning.
 - a chance for youth to develop valuable skills, make new friends, and fuel individual growth.
 - a first glimpse of the premiere college and career readiness program, Ohio 4 H Pathways to the Future.
 - a collaboration between Ohio 4-H and the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.
 - jam-packed with career exploration sessions designed just for us!
 - NEW FOR 2023 CFAES WOOSTER CAMPUS VISIT!
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WHEN: June 14-17, 2023

WHERE: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210 on the OSU campus

COST: Thanks to generous financial support from the Ohio 4-H Foundation and others, the registration fee is \$75.

CAREER EXPLORATION DAY

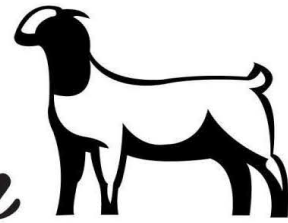
One of the days will be devoted to exploring possible career choices offered through Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Youth will attend four sessions assigned from preferences reflected on their registration form.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

To attend, youth must meet the following criteria:

- Complete 8th grade at the end of the 2022-2023 school year
- Willing to experience in-depth "action learning" in specific interest areas
- Be eager to share new ideas with 4-H members back home
- Participate in additional Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future programming throughout the upcoming year

Butler County *Meat Goat Association*



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Offering for the first time

Junior and Senior Supreme BCMGA Exhibitor Award

Eligibility:

- Junior Age 8-13
- Senior Age 14-18

How the Supreme Exhibitor Award will Run:

- Participants will earn points by participating in activities in and out of the BCMGA. Those points will be tallied up and the awards will be presented at the end of our Born and Raised show on Sunday at Fair.

Awards:

- Junior: Banner and Belt Buckle will be awarded
- Senior: Banner and Belt Buckle will be awarded

How to earn points:

- BCMGA \$10 Membership due at the time of tag in-10pts
- Exhibit or purchase a Market goat in the born and raised program (2 goat limit)-15 pts each
- Attend a clinic: Submit registration or flyer from clinic attended (2 clinic limit)-10 pts each
- Attend and participate in the June BCMGA Show:
 - Volunteer: Ring help, show set up and take down, passing out ribbons-5pts
 - Market Class: Points will be earned based on placings (points for two goats)
 - 1st-20pts, 2nd-18pts, 3rd-16pts, 4th-14pts, 5th-12pts, 6th-10pts, 7th-8pts, 8th-6pts, 9th-4pts, 10th-2pts
 - Showmanship: Points will be earned based on placings
 - 1st-20pts, 2nd-18pts, 3rd-16pts, 4th-14pts, 5th-12pts, 6th-10pts, 7th-8pts, 8th-6pts, 9th-4pts, 10th-2pts
- Attend or participate in a Fundraiser: Quarter Auction in March etc.-15pts
- Attend other spring/summer jackpot shows: Up to two outside shows-10pts
 - Proof of registration from show or show results
- Share a BCMGA post or create a post on facebook about you and your project (can use your parents account) BCMGA must be tagged in the post-5 pts per kid, one post limit
- Attend a BCMGA meeting-10pts. One meeting limit

How to submit points:

- BCMGA will be keeping track of points for the shows, fundraiser, facebook post
- To submit points for anything outside the BCMGA: Outside shows and clinic please use the form provided to submit proof of points you will be required to upload documentation.
 - [BCMGA Supreme Exhibitor Point Registration](#)



RAFFLEMANIA

BUTLER COUNTY MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Seating and Preview starts at 6:15

OSU Extension Office (Butler County)

1802 Princeton Road, Hamiton, OH 45011

BIDDING PADDLES \$2.00 EACH.

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!!!!

SPECIAL FREE ITEMS TO BE THROWN IN THROUGHOUT THE EVENING.

*****Split the Pot Raffle** - tickets are sold \$1.00 Each or 6 for \$5.00.***

RAFFLEMANIA features products from the following companies.....

- **Elegant Expressions** (theme baskets & small appliances)
- **Mystery Boxes** (gift cards \$10-\$25, Cash \$10-\$25, etc., jackpot prizes Kindle Fire or portable DVD player)
- **Toys & More** (variety of toys for children of all ages and more)
- **Purses and More**
- **Pampered Chef**
- **Pick a Piggy** (cash)
- **Homemade peanut butter fudge**
- **Tastefully Simple**
- **Roger's Custom Creations** (wooden decor)

Bring your friends and family and come have some fun!

Snack bar available. Lots of FREE Door Prizes given away!

RSVP by Friday, March 17th to Lori Ross @ loriross@fuse.net or Judy @ 513-594-4845 (cell) to reserve the best seats. You can also reserve your lucky paddle number.

WALK-INS WELCOME!

PLEASE – NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS

CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE

National Ag Week March 21-27, 2023



Coloring Contest

Sponsored by Butler County Farm Bureau

Contest runs from Jan. 1—March 1, 2023

Butler County Farm Bureau Promotion & Education Committee has developed a coloring contest highlighting agriculture. The contest sheets can be downloaded from our facebook page, website, emailed or scan the QR code.

The entries will be judged by the Promotion & Education Committee of the Butler County Farm Bureau. The winners will be featured on our facebook and included in our member newsletter.

Print off your age appropriate coloring page and color with your choice of crayons, markers or color pencils. Please only list the first name of participant on the front side with their age.

****On the back side, please list full name of participant, parent name if a minor, phone number and e-mail address.***

***Cash prizes will be awarded for each age category. 1st place—\$50.
2nd place—\$20 and 3rd place—\$10.***

***Please remit your original entry to: Butler County Farm Bureau
2273 Millville-Oxford Rd., Hamilton, OH 45013
For any questions, please contact 513-844-8371.***

**Entries can also be turned in at OSU Extension Butler County
or at the Lane Public Libraries**



BUTLER COUNTY

Deadline—MARCH 1 All decisions final.



CELEBRATING AGRICUTLURE!

National Ag Week March 21-27, 2023



First Name _____ Age _____ (5-9)

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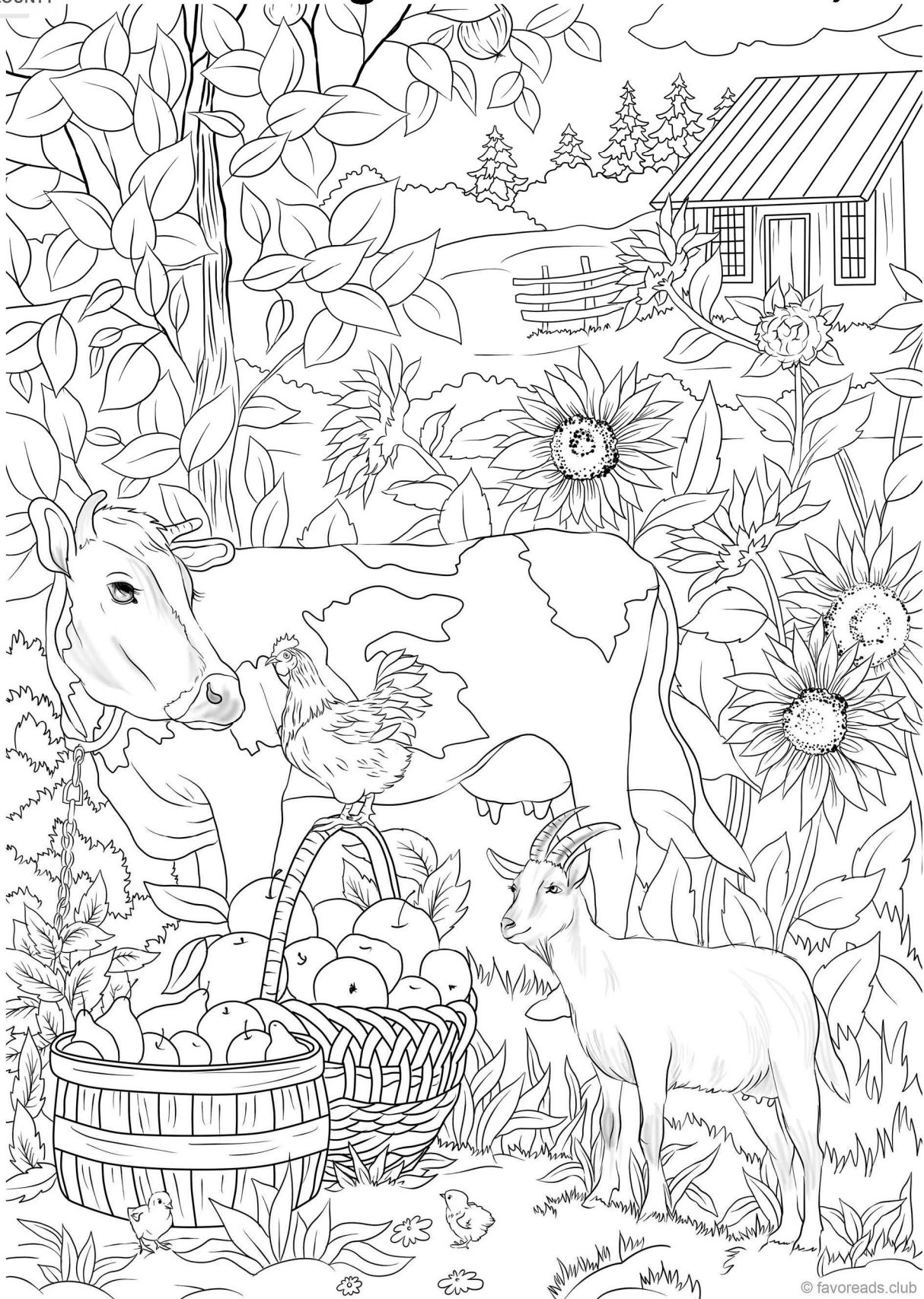
Name _____ Age _____ (10-15)



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Name _____

Age 16-Adult

PLEASE REMIT BY MARCH 1, 2023

to Butler County Farm Bureau

2273 Millville Oxford Rd.

Hamilton, OH 45013

Full participant name:

Parent name if participant is a minor:

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____