

Dear 4-H'ers, Parents and Advisors:

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Noble County Extension Office will be temporarily CLOSED. When we will re-open is uncertain at this time. We know these are very uncertain times with a lot of questions. Will there be 4-H Camp? Will there will a Fair? We simply don't know the answers to those questions at this time. We are hopeful that the measures being taken now will allow for all these events and activities to take place this summer.

## 4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS NOW MAY 1, 2020.

If you know of a family that is new, please share the information in this newsletter with them as we have been unable to get them in the database.

Yours in 4-H,

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## OFFICE CLOSING

Ohio State University Extension is deeply committed to the health and well-being of its staff and doing our part to help stem the spread of coronavirus disease COVID-19. Governor DeWine recently issued a state of emergency and implemented a variety of strategies to reduce the spread of the disease. In order to do our part in reducing risk to our employees or clientele, OSU has instructed us to implement a teleworking plan. OSU Extension offices will be closed to the public until further notice.

While our offices are physically closed, we are committed to continuing to conduct our work as fully as possible. In recent years, we've invested in the technology needed to facilitate effective teleworking. We will utilize all our teleworking capabilities in order to continue serving our clientele and community. You should continue to feel free to call, email, etc. with any OSU Extension staff member as you normally would. Teleworking will be conducted Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Use the following information to contact us:

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## CANCELLATION & POSTPONEMENT OF 4-H ACTIVITIES

The Ohio State University has announced the suspension of face-to-face instruction of lectures, discussion sections, seminars, and other similar classroom settings, and the move to virtual instruction effective immediately. This also trickles down to the Noble County OSU Extension Office and the clientele that we serve.

We have been instructed that we are to cancel all face to face meetings county-wide that are non-essential until **April 20<sup>th</sup>**. Unfortunately, that means that all 4-H clubs in Noble County must cancel all of their meetings until **April 20<sup>th</sup>**. However, evolving situations may require us to extend this deadline. We know that there were numerous clubs that were scheduled to have meetings in coming weeks to work on completing enrollments for the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Due to the extenuating circumstances, as a county we are going to extend the enrollment deadline until **Friday, May 1, 2020**. That would include turning in all of the club paperwork as well.

We will be postponing or cancelling gatherings, face-to-face programming, and meetings through April 30 to provide time for additional vigilance as we learn more about how this virus is affecting Ohioans.

- CANCELLED March 14 - Ohio 4-H Conference
- CANCELLED March 15 – QA Test Out
- CANCELLED March & April – Horse Bowl Practices
- CANCELLED March 16 - Camp Counselor Training
- CANCELLED March 24 – Extension Advisory Committee
- CANCELLED March 29 – Ohio Junior Swine Day
- CANCELLED March 30 – QA Test Out

\*\* Also, events deemed nonessential between now and April 30 are subject to review, to evaluate whether they should continue in person. the following list of 4-H events qualify as non-essential between now and April 30. Based on these guidelines, these non-essential activities must be postponed/cancelled or held virtually. Examples include (this list is not exhaustive and subject to change at any notice):

4-H committees, including advisory, saddle horse, endowment, etc.

Club kick-offs, open houses, etc.

Community service projects

Educational clinics sponsored by Extension

Events put on by advisory or county committees or clubs, including fundraisers \*\*Fundraisers done in a public place.

Social events (egg hunts, square dances) sponsored by 4-H

Teen leader groups

NOTE: Senior Fair Board will need to make the determination for fair-related committees

AND THESE EVENTS are postponed or cancelled:

- CANCELLED April 2 – Junior Fairboard & JL Teen Ambassadors
- CANCELLED April 6 – New Volunteer Training
- POSTPONED April 10 - Camp Counselor Training
- POSTPONED April 14 - Quality Assurance Training
- CANCELLED April 15 – 4-H Horse Council
- POSTPONED April 17 – Friends of 4-H Scholarship Dinner
- CANCELLED April 23 – 4-H Officer Training



## ON-LINE QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

Quality Assurance Training is required by all youth that are exhibiting market or breeding livestock (including rabbits and poultry) at the Noble County Jr. Fair and/or Ohio State Fair. While it is our hope to have Face to Face Quality Assurance Trainings in May and/or June, we have been given permission to allow on-line Quality Assurance Training through YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals).

The on-line YQCA training session has been approved for Ohio 4-H and FFA members as a yearly option for QA training.

- The on-line module completed must be for the correct 4-H age of the youth.
- The youth must complete the on-line session within the Quality Assurance calendar year (October 2019-September 2020).
- Only the YQCA online course is acceptable no other QA online courses will be accepted (not accepted: On-Line BQA, PQA).
- The YQCA is NOT a TEST OUT option and is only good for the current year.
- Youth can access the website and take the age-appropriate module for \$12.00 by going to <http://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>
  - Each youth will have to create their own account with the help of an adult. An email and credit card for payment will be required.

**\* Creating An Account – you will need to set up as FFA & Independent Sign In**

Email for 12 year old or younger must be a parent email and the parent must give consent to take course.

- You will want to purchase **Web-Based Training** and the course is based on the AGE of the youth.
  - \*\*Each youth must take their OWN course – no sharing of courses. Each youth must complete their own course and generate their own certificate.
- The **WEB -BASED Training** is \$12 and you will select payment option and enter credit card information. \*\* After purchasing a course, an email will be sent inviting user to take a pre-course survey.
- Completing Course – Must pass 3 quizzes to get certificate. Select a Knowledge Builder and do a course. Make sure there is a check mark for COMPLETE.
- Then complete Print Certificate – if you can't print – take a picture of it or **at least write down the certificate number and we will be able to look up your certificate.** And complete the ending survey.
- Detailed instructions can be found at: [www.noble.osu.edu](http://www.noble.osu.edu) then click on **4-H Youth Development** tab; then click on **4-H Forms** tab.



## SCRAPIES INFORMATION

Scrapies is a fatal degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of sheep and goats. The United States Department of Agriculture's goal is to eradicate this fatal disease by tracking infected animals back to their flocks of origin of birth. An USDA scrapie ID tag will provide the information needed to track an infected animal. **All sheep and goats (breeding & market), this will include market goat wethers and market lamb wethers** attending the 2020 Noble County Junior Fair will be required to have an USDA scrapie ID tag. If you are planning to purchase a lamb or goat from a producer make sure the producer's USDA scrapie ID tag has been placed in the animal's ear before you leave their facility. **DO NOT purchase a lamb or goat that has a BLUE Scrapie Tag.** It is the breeders' responsibility to make sure the USDA scrapie ID tags are in the animal. **No animals will be tagged with a scrapies tag at Goat & Lamb Weigh-in if they do not have one. It is your responsibility as an exhibitor to make sure they already have a scrapies tag.**  
 \*\* If a breeder needs information about how to get scrapies tags, they can contact the Extension Office for the information on where to order them.



## LAMB & GOAT WEIGH-IN

The **Market Goat and Lamb Weigh-In** will be at the Fairgrounds on **June 20, 2020 starting at 7:00 AM and ending at 10:00 AM.** In addition, a Sheep Shearer will be on hand. Charge should be \$2.00/head.

The **Feeder Calf Weigh-In** will be at the United Producers Livestock Barn on **June 20, 2020 starting at 8:00 AM and ending at 12:00 Noon.**

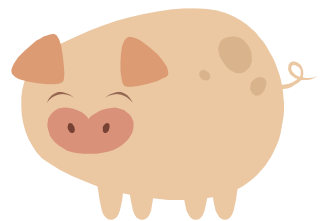


## HOG TAGGING

Each 4-H/FFA exhibitor will be responsible for tagging their own market hogs and turning in an identification card and photo of the pig with the tag in their ear by **June 19th.** Tags, ID cards and information are now available at the Extension Office. Tags are to be requested for the **whole club** by the 4-H advisor or FFA advisor and then distributed to the members with market hog projects. The responsibility of tagging the market hogs is solely the 4-H or FFA member. When turning in pictures of the tag in the hog's ear, make sure you get a picture of the tag in the ear and the picture should show color markings and/or ear notches if possible.

**\*\*Return all ID cards with photo(s) attached and un-used or broken tags to the Noble County Extension Office by June 19<sup>th</sup>.** *Failure to return cards by the stated deadline will forfeit your right to exhibit at the Noble County Junior Fair.*

**\*\* Exhibitors must also turn in the breeder affidavit with their ID Cards and photos.**





## NOBLE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2020 Noble County 4-H Scholarship application is available at the Extension Office. The requirements for the scholarship are: 1) Live in Noble County.

- 2) Must be a member of the Noble County 4-H program in good standing.
- 3) A high school senior graduating in good standing on time.
- 4) Must be a cumulative 2.75 GPA or higher.



They are due to the Extension Office or postmarked on **May 1, 2020**



## FORMS AND INFORMATION

As more information is available in the coming weeks - it can be found on our County Web Site at: [www.noble.osu.edu](http://www.noble.osu.edu) then click on **4-H Youth Development** tab; then click on **4-H Forms** tab.

- YQCA (Online QA) instructions
- 4-H Camp Forms
- Miscellaneous Project Requirements– County & State



## SKILLATHON KITS

4-H Clubs may start checking out Skillathon Kits on May 1st for club use to study for the 2020 Noble County Junior Fair Skillathon Contest. Here are the Learning Lab Kit Loan Guidelines:

\*Advisors only may sign out the Kits from the Extension Office

\*Clubs can loan them for **3 DAYS**

\***Must be advisors that sign them out.**

\*\$25 fee per day for everyday past the 3 days

\*If pieces are lost or missing—club is responsible for purchasing a new kit.

\$ PRICE of Kits\$

Sheep—\$429

Beef—\$429

Goat—\$539

Horse—\$989

Swine—\$499

Dog—\$659

Rabbit—\$639

Poultry—\$679



## WRISTBANDS

Wristbands for the 2020 Fair will remain at \$2.00/member & \$2.00/advisor. There is a potential for the total price to be covered. More details will follow as we find out.

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