

Green & Growing

Franklin County 4-H News - Mach 17, 2023

4-H Enrollment Now Open

You can now enroll in 4-H for 2023. Remember to log in with your family's email and password to find your family profile. Watch the videos below for a guide to the enrollment system. Enrollment is due by April 1, 2023.

Returning Member Re-Enrollment

[Re-Enrollment Instructions](#)

2021 RE-Enrolling in 4-H



New Member Enrollment

2021 Enrolling in 4 HOnline



Register Now for 2023 4-H Camp

A promotional graphic for Franklin County 4-H Camp. It features four circular images: a girl with a magnifying glass, a group of children, two people rappelling, and a group of children in a canoe. The dates "JUNE 13-17 2023" are in a green circle. The text "Franklin County 4-H Camp" is in green, and the URL "go.osu.edu/camp" is in a large, stylized font on a yellow background.

JUNE 13-17
2023

**Franklin County
4-H Camp**

go.osu.edu/camp

Guarantee your spot at 4-H camp today! Registration is now open!

All youth, ages 8 and in 3rd grade through 13, are invited to join the adventure at Franklin County 4-H Camp. Campers will have fun meeting other youth while participating in a variety of camp activities like canoeing, disc golf, bottle rockets, creeking, nature exploration, swimming, hiking, team challenges, high ropes, a climbing wall, zip line, campfires, crafts, and so much more!

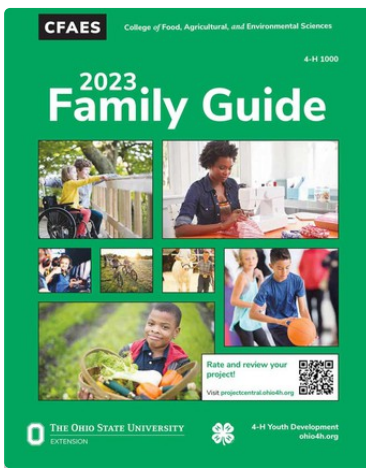
Date: June 13-17, 2023

More Information: go.osu.edu/camp

ATTENTION 4-H CLUB LEADERS: If you would like some 4-H Camp Counselors to come to your club to do a short presentation about camp for your members, please reach out to Beth at boomershine.10@osu.edu.

4-H Project Requirement Guide

Do you know what you need to do in order to complete your project? Make sure you check out the Franklin County 4-H Project Requirement Guide [HERE](#). The project requirement guides explain what is required to complete each project.



Ohio 4-H Family Guides Now Available

This is your place to connect to the entire collection of Ohio 4-H project books for the year. When choosing a project, consider your interests, background, what is necessary to start the project, and the resources available to help you complete it. Start looking for your 2023 projects now! Family guides were mailed to all families who participated in 4-H last year but if you can't find yours, download the Family Guide now at <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>

2023 4-H Calendar

Are you filling out your 2023 calendar yet? Make sure that you get all of Franklin County 4-H's events and opportunities on your calendar now. A Google Calendar and a 1-Page Calendar can be found here: <https://franklin.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/newsletters-updates>



NEW FOR 2023! EquiSTEP - Equine Safety, Training, and Education

EquiSTEP is an annual statewide requirement for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H Horse Program activities. EquiSTEP replaces the statewide requirement of attending Horse Safety and Ethics for youth and their families who are new to the 4-H horse program. The EquiSTEP curriculum focuses on helmet safety, equine safety & handling, equine health & nutrition, and sportsmanship and is designed to rotate topics every year. The topics for the EquiSTEP program are shared below and will rotate as the member completes the course annually. Every member taking a horse project (not

Horseless Horse) must complete EquiSTEP every year a horse project is taken.

- STEP 1: Head (Helmet Safety)
 - Helmet Safety Video (Every Year)
- STEP 2: Hands (Equine Safety & Handling)
 - YR 1 Equine Behavior
- STEP 3: Health (Equine Health & Nutrition)
 - YR 1 Assessing Horse Health
- STEP 4: Heart (Sportsmanship)
 - YR 1 Winning & Losing
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- **Use this link to enroll in/access EquiSTEP:**
go.osu.edu/equistep2023
- To complete EquiSTEP individually, a participant must enroll using their own unique email address. Siblings with the same family email address cannot use the family email address. Each participant needs an email address different from all other participants. (Participants should not use their school email addresses as the course enrollment invitation will be blocked by the school's email system.)
- Participants must view all five videos (introduction and STEPS 1-4) which last approximately one hour in total.
- Once the videos are completed, participants will be able to access the 10-question quiz. Participants must complete the quiz associated with the training and achieve a minimum score of 7 (out of 10) in order to pass the training.
- Once the quiz is successfully completed, participants will need to complete the course survey to trigger a certificate of completion. The certificate will be emailed to the participant's email address as well as to the county Extension Office. The participant must select FRANKLIN COUNTY to trigger the email to the correct Extension Office. They must also click on the submit button at the end of the survey to trigger the email.

The EquiSTEP Program is required for **ALL** 4-H Horse members beginning in 2023! Failure to complete the online course will result in the members' inability to participate in the Franklin County Fair.

2023 Spring Equine Clinic

The Franklin County Spring Equine Youth Clinic is held at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Hilliard, Ohio. It is an opportunity for participants to learn the basics and improve their skills in Showmanship, Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Ranch Pleasure, Trail, and Trail in Hand.



Saturday, May 6, 2023

Registration Information: <https://sites.google.com/view/fchorse/events-pre-fair/equine-clinic>



Save the Date: Walk & Serve

4-H Walk & Serve

The 2023 Franklin County 4-H Walk & Serve will be held on Saturday, April 15. Mark your calendars and invite all of your family and friends!

- Area 4-H clubs adopt a local non-profit organization.
- The club members learn about that organization, how it serves the community, and how they can help meet some of those needs.
- The clubs purchase and prepare all of the supplies needed to make/assemble a cool project to be completed at the event by the public that comes to the event.
- Example: Great Expectations and the FC Shooting Sports Club adopt Mash Pantry. They purchase supplies to make dinner kits for veterans. Then at the event, the club members help the public assemble the dinner kits.
- Grant funds are available to help clubs purchase supplies.

All Franklin County 4-H Clubs are encouraged to consider working with a non-profit organization and participating in the Walk & Serve this year. Contact Amy Fleshman with questions at amy1peter3.4@gmail.com

More information can be found at 4HCouncil.org

Clover 5K

Get your walking shoes ready. The annual walk/run has been a valuable fundraiser for the Franklin County 4-H program and we're excited about this year's event! The Clover 5K will be held the morning of the Walk & Serve on April 15.



Register by March 26 for the best deal!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Hilliard/Clover5K>



Livestock Quality Assurance

Are you taking any of these 4-H projects to the Fair?

- Market Rabbits
- Market Poultry
- Market Lambs
- Market Goats
- Lactating Dairy Goats
- Market Beef (including beef & dairy feeders)

- Market Swine

If you answered yes to the question above, **YOU ARE REQUIRED BY LAW** to attend a livestock quality assurance session in order to exhibit your animal at the fair. Franklin County is offering two sessions this year.

ASE Feed & Supply LQA Session

Details: General species Quality Assurance for 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors in Union, Madison, Franklin, Delaware and Champaign Counties. FREE event with FREE pizza.

Date: Mar 30, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: Tolles Career & Technical Center, s, 7877 US-42, Plain City, OH 43064, USA

Registration Required: asefeedandsupply.com *Must register by 3/17/23*

Franklin County 4-H Session 1:

Date: April 26, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Kunz-Brundige Franklin County Extension Building

Franklin County 4-H Session 2:

Date: May 22, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Franklin County Fairgrounds

Intergenerational Service Learning Event

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Intergenerational Service Learning Event for 4-Hers

Wednesday,
March 22, 2023

6-7:30 p.m.
Grades 3-12
Kunz-Brundidge
Franklin County
Extension Building

What does it mean to be hungry and how can you help those who are? Do you know how to make a meal on a limited budget or with items you collect from a food pantry? Learn about this and more when you engage in a fun cooking challenge, hear from a presenter, and brainstorm ideas with members of the Worthington Rotary and OSU student community. This is a one-time event. Food provided. Register using the QR code below by 3/15:

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2023 Franklin County Fair Camping Application Now Open!

Submit your application to camp at the 2023 Franklin County Fair today:
<https://www.fcfair.org/franklin-county-fair/camping-permit-application/>



All applications will be reviewed after the May 12, 2023 application deadline to determine those that will have camping space for the fair. Please remember that large animal livestock exhibitors, horse exhibitors, and Senior Fair Board members will be given preference for camping sites. The camping committee will also consider camper size, number of amps needed, and fair commitments to determine who receives the camping spaces. If more applications are received than spaces allowed, a waiting list will be started.

Once the committee determines who may camp, those individuals will need to pay the \$275.00 fee by June 1.

For questions regarding camping at the fair please contact the Senior Fair Office - 614-876-7235 or mail@fcfair.org.



Franklin County Fair Family Fun Day

Last year, a core group of volunteers worked to create the first-ever "Family Fun Day" at the Franklin County Fair. Needless to say, through a lot of creativity, time, and effort by lots of volunteers, it was a great success. The event had over 200 families visit, with great feedback and fun from those who participated and those who gave their time and effort.

A few of the highlights included:

- An active literacy station for families to visit with guest readers doing story times and Character Meet and Greets. Last year's sponsored character was *Pete the Cat*. Following the reading and meeting session, any child attending was given the opportunity to select and take home a free book.
- Another station was devoted to character interaction with Spiderman and Elsa.
- The day also hosted a Touch A Truck activity, Make-It and Take-It stations, Food eating contests, spontaneous game stops, and loads of other activities all centered on the fun of family.

The Franklin County Fair Board is seeking clubs, volunteers, and sponsors to help make the event a success this year. Please check out the following information to be a part of the event:

- [Letter to 4-H Clubs](#)
- [Franklin County Fair Activity Sponsorship Information](#)
- [Volunteer Form](#)

Contact the Junior Fair advisors with questions:

franklincountyjuniorfair@gmail.com

Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp

Join Ohio 4-H & Hocking College professionals at Canters Cave 4-H Camp, April 28-30, for a weekend of learning about forestry and wildlife education, fishing, hiking, tree, climbing, ODNR careers & college opportunities and more!



- Open to campers completing grades 7-11
- Registration deadline is April 1, 2023
- Cost is \$110
- [Registration Info Here](#)



Ohio 4-H Urban Immersion Project

The 4-H Urban Immersion Project (UIP) is an Ohio 4-H initiative that combines cross-cultural learning, teamwork, and service learning in the urban environment of Washington, DC. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the UIP Experience!

4-H teens, ages 15-18, and still in High School are eligible for this 4-day service-learning experience that will build skills and abilities to prepare youth for success in a diverse workplace as well as build a cultural understanding of those who are different. This experience will not be about shopping or sightseeing, although we will visit some monuments and historic sites.

The cost of the experience is \$180. Limited scholarship funds are also available. All teen applicants will be contacted to complete an additional phone interview before selection.

Who: Teens ages 15-18 (by the date of the trip – still in High School) - Space is limited.

Where: Washington, DC (*Washington Seminar Center - 201 4th St. SE, Washington, DC*)

When: Thursday (6am), September 21st – Sunday, September 24th, 2023

Application: go.osu.edu/uij23

Cost: \$180 (check payable to Warren County Extension)
(Includes most meals, program fees, overnight lodging and transportation)

Take the Leap: 4-H Career Readiness Day

Take the Leap

Career Readiness Day

WHEN: SATURDAY,
APRIL 1, 2023
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
WHO: 4-H MEMBERS,
AGES 13-18
COST: \$10

Thanks to the Ohio 4-H
Foundation for their
support of this event!



Location: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center
2201 Fred Taylor Drive
Columbus, OH 43210

Register: visit the link or scan the QR code: go.osu.edu/taketheleap

Registration Deadline: **March 15, 2022**



Attire: Business Casual (dress shirt, blouse, polo, nice slacks, khakis, or skirt)

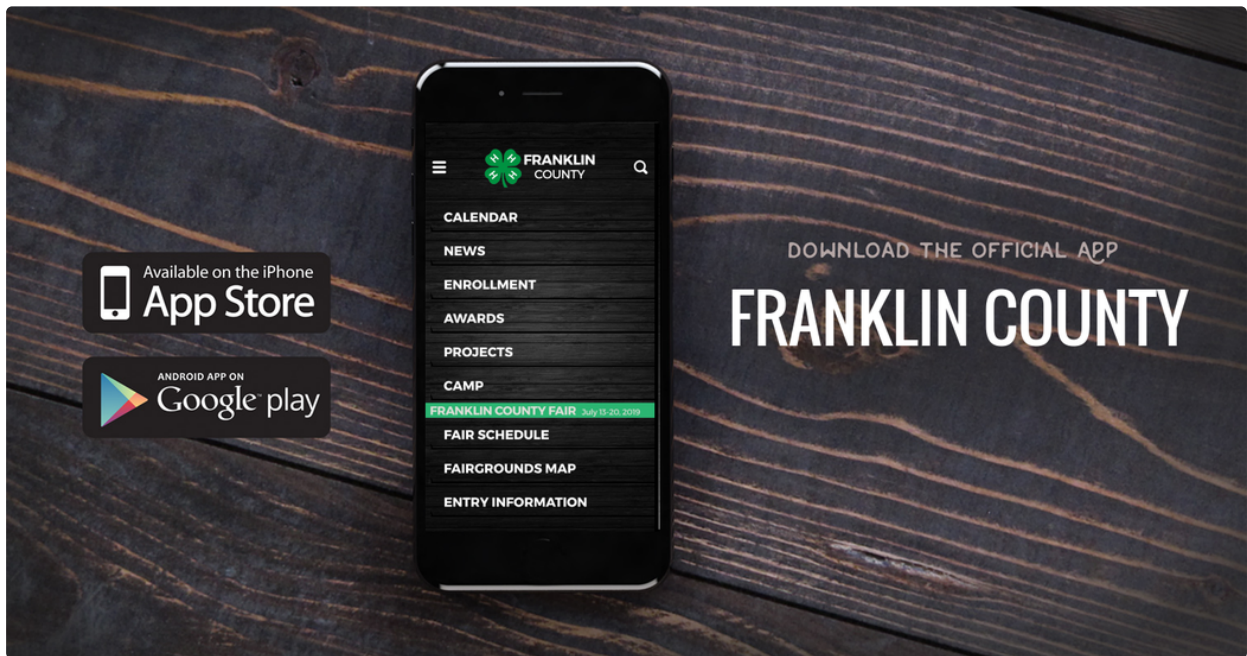
Come join us for Take the Leap: Career Readiness Day! All 4-H Members ages 13-18 are welcome to attend this day jam-packed with activities and speakers that will help them take their next step toward success.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in activities such as social media and networking, dealing with comfort zones, handling stress, goal setting, interview skills, and much more! Sessions will provide members with materials to help promote their success! Participants will be provided with lunch during the event.

If you have any questions about this event, feel free to email the contacts below.

Contact Information: Frances Foos, foos.61@osu.edu, Sarah Longo, longo.79@osu.edu









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