



# Medina County 4-H



## October Family Newsletter 2023



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### October 2023

- [CARTEENS volunteer workshop](#)- October 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Committee Member Application** - Due October 31<sup>st</sup>
- **Endowment Request** - Due October 31<sup>st</sup>

### November 2023

- **Enrollment Opens**- November 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Fair Entry (Committees) and Youth Activity and Program Policy Training**- November 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8PM
- **Volunteer Banquet**- November 14<sup>th</sup>
- **Jr. Leaders Scholarship Application** - [Due November 15<sup>th</sup>](#)

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## Medina News

## 4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Do you love Halloween? Join us in celebrating by participating in the Medina County 4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest!



**Medina County  
4-H  
PUMPKIN  
DECORATING  
CONTEST**

**Submissions Due By  
Oct 30th**

[www.facebook.com/  
MedinaCounty4H](https://www.facebook.com/MedinaCounty4H)

**Win Prizes!**

**Most Creative**

**Best 4-H Spirit**

Winners will be  
announced on  
October 31

**How:** Individually or as a club, show your 4-H *spirit* by decorating your pumpkin, then share it on social media and tag Medina County 4-H. You can also send a photo to the Medina Extension Office, [chapman.894@osu.edu](mailto:chapman.894@osu.edu) and we will share your pumpkin on our page!

Submissions are due by October 30<sup>th</sup> to be considered. All pumpkins will be featured on our Facebook and Instagram Pages. Prizes will be given out for the most creative design and best 4-H Spirit! Winners will be announced on October 31<sup>st</sup> and featured in the November Newsletter.

## Committee Applications Closing Soon

[Click Here](#) to fill out a new committee member application. If you are currently a volunteer, you will follow the steps below. If you are not currently a 4-H volunteer, you will need to go through the process of becoming a 4-H volunteer, in addition to the steps listed below.

### **How to Join a Livestock Committee:**

- Turn in your application and select the desired committee
- The Medina 4-H Extension Educator reviews application
- Your name is added to your desired committee list
- Medina County Junior Fair Committee of the Medina County Senior Fair Board votes on membership
- Fair Board approved committee members then approve membership on the desired committee

### **To Become a 4-H Volunteer you must:**

- Attend an interview with the 4-H professional
- Create a 4-H online account as a volunteer
- Complete a background check
- Submit 3 references
- Complete New Volunteer Orientation

**Please note: General volunteer applications will open in December. The current application period is for committees.**

### **Pre-Fair Committee Applications Open:**

This year, when applying for committees, you can apply for Pre-Fair committees and Livestock committees. This includes:

- Dog Committee
- Family and Consumer Sciences Committees
- Pet Animal Committee
- Still Exhibits Committee

**What do they do?** Pre-Fair committees are responsible for planning and running our Pre-Fair Judging nights in cooperation with the Extension office. Committees make rule recommendations, distribute awards, select judges, decorate exhibit barns, and promote non-livestock projects.

**How much of a time commitment is this?** Pre-Fair Committees have just a few meetings each year with the bulk of work happening May-July. Individual committee members need to be present at



judging night and for set up. Other meeting dates and requirements are set by the individual committees.

Learn more about Pre-Fair and the committees here: <https://medina.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/pre-fair-resources>

This year we are especially looking for new members on the Still Exhibits and Pet Animal committees. If you are interested, please [Click Here to](#) apply!

### **Livestock Committees Re-Applications: Due October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Returning Livestock Committee Members must re-apply every two years.**

[Click Here](#) to re-apply. Be sure to select returning committee members when prompted.

If you have questions or need help with this process, reach out to Sierra at 330-661-6406.

*Please note: Pre-Fair committee members do not need to reapply for 2024.*

### **Donate a Basket to the Volunteer Banquet**



It is once again time to hold our annual Volunteer Banquet and that means our annual basket auction! You can support scholarships for Medina County 4-Hers by donating a basket or items to the volunteer auction. All you need to do is place items in a basket/container, attach an itemized list and drop it off at the Medina County Extension Office at 4046 Medina Rd in Medina by Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>. All donations will be included in the silent or live auction. 100% of money raised goes directly to providing scholarships and camperships to Median 4-H youth. We also accept donations from businesses and can provide tax information.



# MEDINA COUNTY COLLEGE/TECH/TRADE FAIR

**October 11, 2023  
(Wednesday)**

**6:00 to 7:30 PM**

**FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, & SENIORS:  
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

**Parents and community members are also welcome!**



An optional feature this year is StriveScan, which provides student-scanning technology. We encourage you to use it, but it is not required to attend. Most, but not all, organization representatives will be participating in this process. Scan the QR code to the right (or go to [www.StriveFair.com](http://www.StriveFair.com)) to register for a barcode before the fair. During the fair, you will show your barcode to organization representatives, who will scan it to send you more information about their schools. The day after the fair, you will receive a report with information on the organizations with whom you scanned.



**Financial aid and other resource personnel  
will be available in the registration area  
beginning at 5:30 PM.**



**○ Located at:**

Medina County Fairgrounds  
Community Center  
735 Lafayette Road  
Medina, OH 44256

**○ Hosted by:**

ESC of Medina County  
and  
Medina County Economic  
Development Corporation

**○ Authorized by:**

Ohio Association for College  
Admission Counseling

**MEDINA COUNTY COLLEGE/  
TECH/TRADE FAIR**

For more information,  
contact Brenda Zacharias.

Email: [bzacharias@medinaesc.org](mailto:bzacharias@medinaesc.org)  
Phone: 330/723-6393, Ext. 601572  
Fax: 330/723-0573

*A list of participating organizations can be found at:  
[www.medina-esc.org](http://www.medina-esc.org), "Programs," "College/Tech/Trade Fair."*



Join the Medina County Career Center's Animal Management & Care program for a not-so-spooky good time for all good little goblins! We'll have games, candy, animals to pet, trucks to touch and MORE!! Hungry goblins? Twiisted Food Truck will be there, too!



**DATE:** Monday, October 30

**Time:** 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**In the MCCC Back Parking Lot**



**Join the Buckeye Bunch 4-H Club at the Medina County Career Center for a fun Truck or Treat event!**  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1026873515174437/?ref=newsfeed>


**CFAES**

**ZUMBA  
CLASSES!**

with Erin Ruggiero,  
Licensed Zumba Instructor

**Date(s):**  
*Every other Wednesday*  
**6:00-6:45pm**


- October 4th
- October 18th
- November 1st
- November 15th
- November 29th
- December 6th



**Location:**  
Medina County Extension Office  
4046 Medina Rd  
Medina, OH 44256

**Cost:**  
\$25 for all 6 classes up front  
\$5 per class at the door  
*Adults Only*

**Pay online:**  
[www.go.osu.edu/MedinaZumba](http://www.go.osu.edu/MedinaZumba)



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**Questions:**  
Contact Erin at 330-661-6410  
or [ruggiero.46@osu.edu](mailto:ruggiero.46@osu.edu)

# Teen Opportunities

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## CARTEENS Fall Workshop – October 12<sup>th</sup>

Join CARTEENS and make a difference! There has never been a better time to join the CARTEENS

team than our upcoming training workshop. Attendees will learn about public speaking, leadership, traffic safety and more! Once we are done training, you will have the chance to test the information by assisting with the CARTEENS Class, a peer-led course for first-time traffic offenders. Not only can you improve your own communication skills, but you could also save someone's life!

**Who:** Youth 14-18 years old

**Why:** Vehicle crashes are the #1 cause of death for teens. The CARTEENS program seeks to save lives through education. CARTEENS participation also counts towards volunteer service hours.

**When:** Fall workshop will run from 3-5pm, with class to follow 5:30-7:30pm. Dinner will be



provided. Classes are offered twice a month for two hours and volunteers can attend as many or as few classes as works for them.

**How:** If you are interested in joining the team and attending the Fall Workshop, simply email Rachel at [chapman.894@osu.edu](mailto:chapman.894@osu.edu).

[Click here](#) for the current class schedule.



**OCT 12TH**

## **Teen Instructor Workshop, 3-5pm**



Comprehensive workshop perfect for first time volunteers!

- **Build leadership skills**
- **Help reduce teen traffic deaths**
- **Improve your driving knowledge**



CARTEENS is a traffic safety program designed for teens by teens. Driving is the #1 cause of death for teenagers. By joining the Medina County CARTEENS program you can help keep you and your friends safer behind the wheel. In this program, you will help lead educational activities and talk about important traffic safety information with your peers.

Location: 4046 Medina Rd in Medina **330-661-6405**



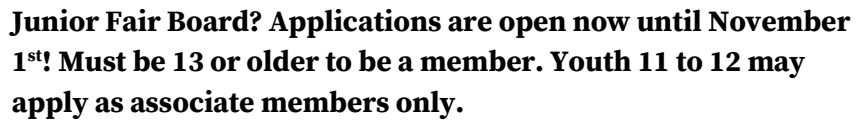
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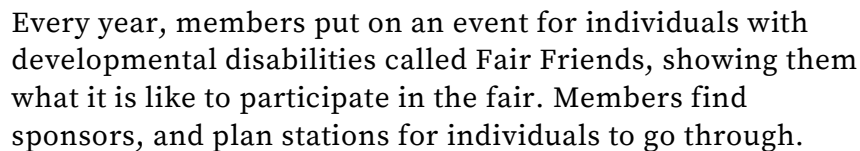
**Contact Rachel Chapman:**  
**chapman.894@osu.edu**  
medina.osu.edu



## Interested in Joining the Medina County



As a member individuals will participate in Community Service projects, fundraising, and promotional opportunities. Members also help with judging before and during the fair, helping by announcing, passing out ribbons, and recording results. As well as helping with passing out fair passes and the livestock sale. During the meetings, members plan activities for youth to participate in during the fair from brainstorming ideas, to finding sponsors, to advertising and finalizing details.



# Junior Leaders Scholarship



**Applications Due Nov 15th**

Scholarship criteria: The Medina County Jr. Leadership 4-H Club scholarship was established in 2006. This award recognizes up to two senior members who have exhibited exceptional integrity and outstanding service while **enrolled as members of the Medina County Jr. Leadership 4-H Club**. Up to two \$500 scholarships will be awarded based on the judgment of an independent selection committee's evaluations of the applicants. Scholarship monies will be awarded to the winner(s) of the award(s). Application is due by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

[Medina County Jr Leaders Scholarship application.pdf \(osu.edu\)](#)

## Tractor Safety Certification Registration Open

Medina County will once again hold its yearly Tractor Safety Certification SPIN Club. The course will be held on Saturday mornings, February 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup>. Successful completion along with passing scores on the written; skills; and driving exams, will certify a 14–15-year-old youth to legally operate a tractor and farm machinery as a minor.

Cost: \$50

[CLICK HERE TO  
REGISTER](#)



## Camp Counselor Applications **Now Open!**

Application for 2024 Camp Counselors will be open until December 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone who is age 14 and older can apply to be a Counselor. Those who are 13 by January 1, 2024, can apply as a CIT (counselor in training.) You do NOT have to be a 4-H member to serve as a camp counselor or to attend 4-H camp.

Remember that EVERYONE including those who were camp counselors last year need to reapply for 2024. [2023 Medina County 4-H Camp Counselor Application \(qualtrics.com\)](#)





# Ohio 4-H Health HEROES

## A Teen Healthy Living Advocacy Group

Are you a 4-H teen interested in learning about healthy living?

Consider becoming a part of 4-H Health HEROES! HEROES stands for Health Education Resources for Outreach, Engagement, and Service.

Teens who participate will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about a variety of healthy living topics
- Gain valuable leadership and communication skills
- Meet other 4-H youth from across Ohio who are invested in healthy living
- Leave a positive impact on your family, friends, and community
- Promote the 4th H!

Applications are due **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> by 11:59 pm**. Any questions contact Justin Bower at [bower.183@osu.edu](mailto:bower.183@osu.edu) or 614-247-1979.



For more information, expectations, and application, visit [go.osu.edu/HealthHeroes](https://go.osu.edu/HealthHeroes) or scan this.



**Find even more teen opportunities online here:**

[HTTPS://MEDINA.OSU.EDU/PROGRAM-AREAS/4-H-YOUTH-DEVELOPMENT/TEEN-OPPORTUNITIES](https://medina.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/teen-opportunities)



# State 4-H News

## HealthU with Ohio 4-H



A weekend camp in October focused on Healthy Living for 7th through 12th graders in Ohio 4-H.

27 October - 29 October 2023

**Where:** Canter's Cave 4-H Camp,  
1362 Caves Rd, Jackson, OH 45640  
**Cost:** \$50 per youth (check or card)  
**Deadline:** Register by 11:59pm on  
Sunday, October 2, 2022



**More information at**  
[www.go.osu.edu/4HHealthEvents](http://www.go.osu.edu/4HHealthEvents)



## Ohio Horse Industry Survey - Equine Management

Researchers at the Ohio State University invite you to participate in a survey about standard management practices of horse owners in Ohio. Responses from this survey will give us a better understanding of typical feeding and housing practices observed in the Ohio horse industry as well as what sources are most used by horse owners to determine best management practices. This survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete. ***To participate in this survey, you must be over 18 and own horses in the state of Ohio.***



### Drawing

This survey includes entry into a drawing for a variety of prizes including a \$20 gas card from Speedway or \$20 gift cards to Rod's Western Palace. You have an approximately 1:20 chance of winning.



Thank you in advance for your participation in our survey. Using the link or QR code provided below, please complete the survey **by December 1, 2023**, to ensure your responses are included.

[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bji3NGZLGISyuVM](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bji3NGZLGISyuVM)



CFAES



Scan Here

# Ohio Military Kids Winter Wonderland

Join the Ohio Military Kids program for a FREE Winter Wonderland as we offer crafts, snacks, family activities, and a special visit from Santa in the North Pole!

Register by November 26: [GO.OSU.EDU/OMKEVENTS](https://go.osu.edu/omkevents)

December 9, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**CENTRAL OHIO**

\*specific location will be shared once registered

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College of Food, Agricultural,  
and Environmental Sciences

**TO: Ohio 4-H Teens (individuals must be between 14-18 as of January 1 of the year of application)**  
**RE: Ohio 4-H Foundation Board Youth Representative**

*Background:*

Founded in 1945 as part of The Ohio State University Development Fund, the Ohio 4-H Foundation solicits and receives contributions on behalf of Ohio 4-H in order to enhance the 4-H Youth Development Program, promotes the Ohio 4-H Youth Development program and recognizes 4-H members and adult volunteers. The Ohio 4-H Foundation established an Endowment in 1946 in order to create a permanent investment. With private support from individuals, businesses and organizations, the Ohio 4-H Foundation is able to fund new programs and improve existing programs at the county, region, and state levels. Annual program grants are awarded by the Foundation to support innovative programs, meet emerging, local needs or pilot new efforts. Thus, the support of donors throughout Ohio is vital to our success.

*Today:*

The Ohio 4-H Foundation is guided by a volunteer Board, comprised of business and industry leaders, Extension personnel, and 4-H youth representatives from around the state. The Board reviews proposals and distributes endowment interest income for the training of volunteer leadership and the recognition of 4-H members through scholarships, awards and positive youth development experiences.

Here are specific responsibilities of board members:

- Attend three face-to-face meetings that are held throughout the state or by Zoom (one in January, one in spring, one in fall).
- Serve on a committee. The committees typically meet one time a month via Zoom (often times the committees meet during the day).
- Assist with the *Celebration of Youth* fundraiser preparations.
- Voice youth perspectives in every avenue to all board members and youth throughout the state.

Each year, current members in good standing have been given the privilege of representing Ohio 4-H on the Ohio 4-H Foundation Board. This year, we will select one member to serve a two-year term. The term is from January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Complete the **application** found at [go.osu.edu/join4hfoundation](https://go.osu.edu/join4hfoundation). Contact Crystal Ott ([ott.109@osu.edu](mailto:ott.109@osu.edu)), Ohio 4-H Foundation Manager if you have any questions. The submission deadline to be considered for these positions is November 27th, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.







# 4th H Club Challenge

Be a healthier 4-H Club for the chance to win \$100.

1. Register your club NOW
2. Record your practices
3. Share on social media
4. By December 31st, 2023



OHIO 4-H YOUTH  
DEVELOPMENT



LEARN MORE

[go.osu.edu/4thHClubChallenge](https://go.osu.edu/4thHClubChallenge)



*Thank you for being a part of 4-H in Medina County!*

