Medina County 4-H





February Family Newsletter





February 2023

- Ohio 4-H Conference Registration_ Due February 10th to our office for the March 11th conference
- Ohio 4-H Scholarship Applications Due February 15th via online submission, <u>Click here for more information about Ohio 4-H Scholarships</u>
- Market Poultry Order Form- Due February 23rd by 5 pm for Turkey and Goose Orders
- Volunteer Kick-Off- February 25th at 10:00 am Akron University Medina Campus 6300 Technology Ln #204, Medina, OH 44256
- **Background Checks** Due February 25, 2023, for Volunteers who received a notification letter. <u>Click here to find a local WebCheck location</u>! Click here to submit a <u>Background Check</u> <u>Reimbursement Request</u>.
- ** If you currently work with kids and have had a Background Check completed in the past 12 months, you can request a copy to be sent from the BCI to OSU for \$8 using this form.

March 2023

- 4-H Week March 5-11th
- Request for Across County Lines 4-H Membership Form Due March 15th (30 days before county 4-H membership enrollment deadline, earlier if seeking membership in a county outside of Medina County)
- Volunteer Training- March 22nd
- Endowment Request Due March 31st

Medina News

BIG NEWS! Ohio 4-H Week

CFAES

Join the Club

4-H Empowers young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime

4-HOpen % House

4-H has over 200 project topics from Animals to STEM to Art to Service! Discover them all at the open house:

MARCH 9 • 6 PM - 8 PM A.I ROOT CANDLE 623 W LIBERTY ST MEDINA

contact us: 330-725-4911 or baca.43@osu.edu











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Memory Monday

March 6th

4-H builds memories that last a lifetime. Share a photo or post of your favorite 4-H memory on your social media.

Talk to a friend Tuesday March 7th

Share your 4-H experience! Talk to a friend you think might be interested in joining 4-H. Make a plan to attend Thursday's Open House

Wellness Wednesday March 8th

"I pledge my health to better living"

The 4th H is Health. Join us for a healthy living event in your county! or plan your own event!

This is 4-H Thursday! March 9th

Come learn about all that 4-H has to offer with a county wide 4-H open house!

4-H Fashion Friday March 10th

Wear your 4-H spirit gear to school, work, or just around town today!

Service Sunday

March 5th

"I pledge my hands to larger service"

Plan a 4-H service project as a club or individual. Share your experience with us on Facebook!



Lorain.osu.edu Medina.osu.edu Summit.osu.edu

See Your Saturday!

March 11th

The 4-H annual conference begins today at 8:00 am at the Greater Columbus Conference Center.

Volunteers and youth members are invited to attend. See you there!



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES This year we are celebrating Ohio 4-H Week with a week full of 4-H events and opportunities for volunteers, youth, alumni, and families! The week begins on Sunday March 5th with community service and ends Saturday March 11th with the Ohio 4-H Annual Conference! Registration for the conference is open until February 3rd. There will be a canned food drive competition between Medina, Lorain, and Summit to see who can collect the most food for charity. The biggest county event will be our 4-H Open House on March 9th from 6pm-8pm at the A.I Root Candle Community Room. This event will highlight opportunities in Medina 4-H with fun, hands-on activities, and information! This is a fantastic opportunity for 4-Hers looking to explore new projects and those who are interested in joining 4-H. We appreciate your help in sharing the week's activities and the open house with as many people as you can!

Service Sunday

Lorain, Summit, and Medina are having a canned food drive contest! Collect cans with your club to donate to Feeding Medina County. The county with the most donations wins! Donations can be dropped off to our office and counted any time during the 4-H week. You can also plan a community service event on your own and we will share pictures of it on our county Facebook page!

Memory Monday

Calling all 4-H alumni! Share a picture or memory on Facebook of your time in 4-H. You could share a camp photo, a quote from a leader that you still remember, your favorite project of all time, or anything that inspired you and made your time in 4-H special!

Talk to a Friend Tuesday

It is time to share your 4-H experience with someone you think might like to join! We know that in 4-H kids "learn by doing" and that members have fun while learning in a variety of ways from camp, to fair, to community service, to in school programing, but not everyone else knows! You can help us change that by talking to a friend about why you joined 4-H and why they might want too also!

Wellness Wednesday

The 4th H is health, celebrate today by joining us for a FREE ZUMBA Class! This family friendly program will be at 6:00pm in the Medina Extension office please register by March 5th. You can also participate by checking out healthy living tips on our Facebook page, going for a jog, preparing a healthy meal, or practicing mindfulness! Did you know 4-H has healthy living projects? Projects like You're the Athlete, First Aid in Action, or Your Thoughts Matter will help you learn about building and maintaining health for a lifetime!

This is 4-H Thursday

This is Medina 4-H! Time to learn about all the amazing projects and opportunities 4-H has to offer at our 4-H Open House. This will be the biggest enrollment event of the season! With representation from our pre-fair, livestock, and camping committees. Come to learn about a project you have never taken and bring a friend who might want to join! 4-H Fashion Friday

Show your 4-H pride by wearing your favorite 4-H branded apparel! Help us share the love even more by posting a photo of yourself on social media or sharing one with us to post!

See You Saturday!

We would like to see a big turn out from Medina County at this year's Ohio 4-H Conference! More information is available below about the conference. See you Saturday March 11th!

Registration for Ohio 4-H Conference- Due TODAY (Feb 10th)

Last chance to register for the conference! <u>Click here for the registration form.</u> You can take a photo and email it to Rachel at <u>chapman.894@osu.edu</u> by Friday at 5:00 pm to be registered. Then mail your \$40 check to our office at 120 West Washington St suite 1L Medina OH. Free spots for teen members are still available! You can view the <u>Session List</u> here.

Need a ride to the conference?

You can book a spot in our Medina van for \$20 and we will do the driving for you! Contact Rachel or Sierra to be added to the list.



Hey Teens! When you recruit a friend to attend the 2023 Ohio 4-H Conference on Saturday, March 11, the conference planning committee wants to **THANK YOU!** All you must do is stop by the "Teen Recruit" sign when you check in at the conference to get your **Ohio 4-H Conference Swag!** We can't wait to see **you and your friends** at the 2023 Ohio 4-H Conference! Find registration info at https://go.osu.edu/o4hc.



First Shot Rifle Start Archery With Medina County Sharpshooters

Are you interested in taking a shooting sports project? First Shot gives you the chance to learn all about the club and what the projects are like!

South Cuyahoga Sportsmen's Association 5370 Erhart Rd, Medina OH 44256

First Shot Rifle First Shot Archery Feb 16th 7:00pm Feb 23rd 7:00pm

Learn more at: https://medina4h.org/

Earth Day Coloring Contest (Grades K-6)

Entries are due by March 31st. See next page for coloring page.

Theme: One Water Contest Rules:

- 1. Students must use crayons or colored pencils only.
- 2. Students must independently color their entry.
- 3. Entry form must be filled out.
- 4. Entries must be received by March 31st.
- 5. Drop off or mail entries to Medina County SWCD, 6090 Wedgewood Road, Medina, Ohio 44256



Awards will be given April 22 at Medina County's Earth Day. Winning entries will be displayed at the Earth Day event and then at the Medina County Library's main branch for May. Prizes will be awarded at noon at the Earth Day event at Buffalo Creek Retreat.

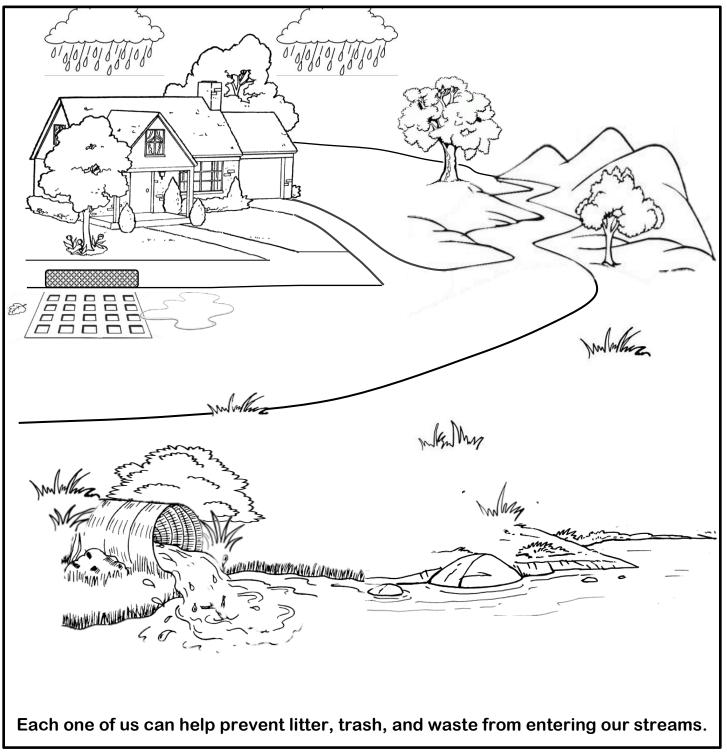
First and Second prize awards will be given in these five categories: Kindergarten and First grade; Second Grade, Third Grade; Fourth grade; Fifth and Sixth Grade. Honorable mentions awards will also be given.

*** Teacher's note: All student contact information on the entry form is required *** *** However, only the student's first name and school will be shown in public to protect the child's safety and privacy. ***

2023 Earth Day Coloring Contest

This year's theme is "One Water." As rain falls or snow melts, drops flow together, move across land, join in storm drains, flow into streams and rivers, and eventually join together in the ocean. Every drop that falls becomes *One Water*.

Please ADD to the picture below anything that you have seen get washed into storm drains and pollute streams.



Each one of us can help prevent litter, trash, and waste from entering our streams.			
(The below entry form must	t be filled out) — — — — — — — -		
Name:	School:	Grade:	_
Home phone:	School phone:	Teacher:	_

Pre-Fair Rule Book Available for 2023

The 2023 Pre-Fair Rulebook is updated and live on our medina county website. This book is your one stop shop for dates and deadlines, state, and county rules, and what you need to do to complete your project in 2023. You can access it here: https://medina.osu.edu/sites/medina/files/imce/2023%20Pre-Fair%20RULE%20BOOK_0.pdf

Buckeye Leadership Workshop

https://buckeyeleadership.com/

https://buckeyeleadership.com/2023-sessions



Since 1944, the Buckeye Leadership Workshop (BLW) has helped youth and adults develop leadership skills. BLW is a learning and sharing workshop/conference intended as a balanced program of social, physical, mental, and spiritual activities. The workshop also benefits those who simply enjoy associating with great people, experiencing the latest ideas, and learning new skills.

Our Mission: "Enriching life through recreation" has been the stated purpose of the Buckeye Leadership Workshop for more than two decades. From its earliest days, participatory learning has been the focus. Workshoppers, trustees, and instructors leave titles at the door and participate in the workshop in an atmosphere of equality.

Scholarship Opportunities available to send Medina County Volunteers and Teen Leaders. Contact Rachel Chapman.894@osu.edu for more information.



Save the Date: Medina Camps for 2023

Cloverbud Day Camp: June 13th - June 15th

o Location: Medina County Fairgrounds

o **Cost:** \$50.00

o Ages: 5-9 years old

Junior Day Camp: June 20th - June 22nd

Location: TBDCost: \$75.00

o Ages: 9-13 years old

Kelleys Island Camp: June 27th - June 30th

o Location: Erie County 4-H camp on Kelleys Island

o Cost: \$230.00

o Ages: 9-13 years old or in the 8th grade

<u>Scholarships Available Apply Here Today!</u> (scholarship applications may be submitted prior to registration)

All Camp Registration Opens April 14th and closes May 15th

Animal Updates



Market Goose & Turkey Orders- Due Feb 23rd



Due If you wish to show market Turkey's or Geese in the 2023 Medina County Fair you must turn in your order form by February 23^{rd} . Mailed Orders Must Be Postmarked 5 Days Prior To Ordering Deadlines. Make checks payable to: Medina 4-H Poultry Committee. Orders must be mailed to: Jessica Hitchcock ATTN: Poultry Committee 7125 Chatham Rd. Medina, OH 44256.

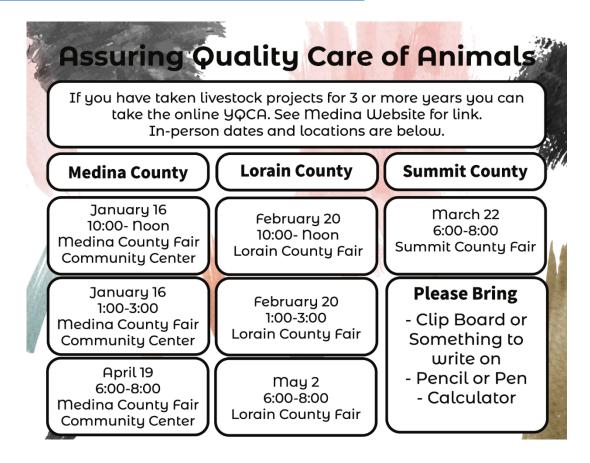
Questions: EMAIL: jehitchcock33@gmail.com

Market Poultry Order Form

Quality Assurance

All members taking a lactating or market animal to the fair must take AQCA (Quality Assurance) training. Members who do not complete this required training will NOT show their market animal at the 2023 Medina County Fair. Dates to complete this required training are below. You may take any of the offered trainings regardless of which of the three counties you live in. You can register here:

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 6sC5vs1MDRA7G1E



Click here to register

Medina Calendar Updated- Again

Our staff at the Extension Office has been hard at work updating our calendar with 2023 dates. You can find all our dates for 2023 on our website here: https://medina.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/medina-4-h-calendar-and-newsletter We will continue to make updates to this calendar throughout the year as new events are added so I highly recommend bookmarking the page for easy visiting. You can also see the calendar under the "Medina 4-H Calendar and Newsletters" tab in the 4-H Now app.

The dates and deadlines for 2023 are now posted here: https://medina.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/junior-fair-livestock-projects for the 2023 4-H year.

Recently updated pages:

- Beef
- Horses
 - o information about State 4-H horse program activities can be found at http://horse.osu.edu.
- Rabbits
 - There is a new Rabbit Book for 2023
 - o Make sure to mark your calendar for June 3rd for Medina County Rabbit fun show!

Remember it is **YOUR responsibility** to pay attention to these dates and deadlines! Printed copies available upon request at the Extension Office.

Jr Fair Rule Book Update: Exhibitor Eligibility

- 1. Open to any youth without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, gender, age, disability, Vietnam-era veteran status, regularly enrolled in a Medina County 4-H Club, FFA/FCCLA Chapter, or Family and Consumer Sciences program.
- 2. For exhibitors to achieve the progression of the goals needed for development, 4-H projects must be separate and different from those carried out in other organizations such as FFA, FCCLA, Scouts, church, and school curricula, including industrial arts class, art class, and science fairs.
- 3. Entrants must meet the eligibility requirements of their respective organizations. Eligibility ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.

Premier Exhibitor Each committee will release their score sheets for premier exhibitor in July. In the event of a tie, the award will go to the exhibitor who placed highest in Showmanship. For a second tie, the award will go to the exhibitor who placed highest in skill-a-thon.

News from State



Ohio 4-H Sea Camp Counselors Needed

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp returns for 2023, and we need to fill our roster of counselors and adult staff!

<u>Applications Available for Sea Camp Staff and Counselors!</u>

What: Ohio 4-H Sea Camp Staff and Counselor Recruitment

Who: 4-H members or adults ages 18+ at the time of July 14, 2023

When: Applications are available now and due by April 15! Camp is July 14-18, 2023, with staff and counselors arriving

on July 13 at Kelleys Island for required training.

Website: go.osu.edu/seacamp

Applications available: Cabin Counselor, Adult Camp Staff, Guest Instructor

If you are interested in contributing to Sea Camp this year, please complete either the Counselor Application (to be a cabin counselor) or Staff Application (to be adult staff or instructor). Links are below.

If you are interested in being a counselor, please complete the counselor application <u>and</u> send the reference form link to be completed by two references (not immediate family). If you are interested in being a staff member/instructor, please complete the staff application. Applications and references are due by **April 15, 2022.**

Counselor Application: <u>go.osu.edu/4HSeaCampCounselor</u> Counselor Reference Form: <u>go.osu.edu/SeaCampReference</u>

Staff Application: go.osu.edu/4HSeaCampStaff

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Celebrating Black History Month

For more than 100 years, 4-H has helped young people develop the skills that led them to successful careers and contributions to their communities. Today, they are industry leaders, activists and experts who use their influence to pay it forward and help eliminate the opportunity gap for communities and kids across the country. To commemorate Black History Month <u>Jennifer Sirangelo</u> will be sharing stories from African American 4-H alumni who are creating <u>opportunities for all kids</u> and communities.

Here is one such story:

Today, **Dr. Carolyn Williams** is Executive Associate Director of Cooperative Extension* at Prairie View A&M University. Just as her involvement in 4-H became a pivotal moment in her life, she hopes to inspire young

people—particularly minority youth—to take advantage of the opportunities available to them through Cooperative Extension. **Read the interview here:** https://4-h.org/about/blog/black-history-month-elevating-future-leaders-through-exposure-education-and-experience/

You can read more from the 4-H blog here: https://4-h.org/about/blog/

State Horse Information

Happy February! In this email you will find updates and reminders about upcoming 4-H horse program activities. As always, information about 4-H horse program activities can be found online at http://horse.osu.edu.

February 2023 Updates

- State 4-H Communications Contest
- Youth Educational Clinic
- State 4-H Horse Poster Contest
- PAS Horse Show Calendar

State 4-H Horse Communications Contest

- Date: Saturday, March 4th
- Time: 9:00-11:30am
- Location: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus
- Cost: \$10 per individual/\$20 per team (Pre-registration is REQUIRED, registration deadline is Friday, February 17th)
 - The event schedule and registration link can be found online at: https://ohio4h.org/events/state-4-h-horse-communications-contest-0

Youth Educational Clinic

- Date: Saturday, March 4th
- Time: 12:30-4:30pm
- Location: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus
- Cost: \$5 (Pre-registration is REQUIRED, registration deadline is Friday, February 17th)
- Topics: Draft horse breeds, bits, fox hunting, respiratory diseases, and hoof care
- The event schedule and registration link can be found online at:

https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-hippologyjudginghorse-bowl-clinic

State 4-H Horse Poster Contest

- Registration/Poster Submission Deadline: Saturday, March 4th
- Posters MUST be delivered in person to 222 Animal Sciences (2029 Fyffe Ct) in Columbus by Friday, March 3rd or delivered in person between 9:00am-4:30pm at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus during the State 4-H Horse Communications Contest and Youth Educational Clinic. Mailed entries will not be accepted.
- Cost: FREE
- Posters will be displayed at the Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show and must score at least a 60% to receive credit toward the year-end achievement awards.
- The event schedule and registration link can be found online at: https://ohio4h.org/events/state-4-h-horse-poster-contest

PAS Horse Show Calendar

Is your county hosting a PAS horse show this year? If so, enter the details at https://go.osu.edu/PAS23 and we will include your show's information on the PAS Horse Show Calendar page.



Apply to join the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board

Apply to represent 4-H Youth Development on the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board by March 1, 2023

The Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board is made up of our great state's best and brightest young leaders, hand-picked to contribute to the success of the Ohio State Fair each year. If the passion for 4-H Youth Development and the state fair is in your blood, consider applying to represent our organization by March 1!

What is the Junior Fair Board?

The Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board is made up of Ohio's best and brightest young leaders, hand-picked to contribute to the success of the Ohio State Fair each year. Selected to represent their respective youth organizations, these students serve on behalf of thousands of students across Ohio. Goals of the Junior Fair Board include:

- To serve the people of the Ohio State Fair
- To interact with fairgoers and provide the best experience possible
- To help other agencies and organizations with their tasks, booths, etc. at the fair
- To gain networking experiences and special opportunities

Which skills should a Junior Fair Board member have?

Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board members are dedicated leaders with outstanding characteristics such as:

- Leadership
- Public Speaking
- Communication
- Professionalism
- Flexibility
- Responsibility
- Adaptability

What are the requirements?

In addition to being an outstanding leader, prospective members should meet the following general criteria:

- 16-20 years old
- Currently a member of 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Farm Bureau
- Highly involved members in their organization
- Significant accomplishments within the organization (i.e., competition at the state and/or national level, leadership experiences, community service/volunteer experiences, etc.)
- Leadership experience with the potential and desire to continue to grow as a leader
- Very responsible, respectful, and professional
- Members are only eligible to serve one two-year term on the JFB representing one organization

What is the time commitment? Junior Fair Board members commit approximately 2 weeks of time to the Ohio State Fair, arriving the Monday prior to the Fair's Wednesday opening (this year, they would arrive on Monday, July 24, prior to the Fair's Wednesday, July 26 opening, and will return home on Sunday, Aug. 6).

First year Junior Fair Board members are paid a flat-rate stipend for their service; returning members will receive a higher stipend for their second year of service.

Where will I stay?

Housing, as well as complimentary meals, are provided by the Ohio State Fair. All Junior Fair Board members will stay in dormitories at the Ohio State Fair in the Rhodes Center building.

How do I apply? Visit ohiostatefair.com/jfb and submit applications through the portal.

Learn More at our Informational Webinar on Wednesday, February 1st

This year, the Ohio State Fair will host an informational webinar with current Junior Fair Board leaders, past presidents, and advisors to share information on what we look for in members, what you can expect, and more. Can't join on Feb. 1? No worries – a recorded version of the video will be available after the webinar at ohiostatefair.com/jfb.

More Information

- Informational Flier
- Selection Infographic
- Video about the Junior Fair Board
 - o YouTube link to video
- Webinar (not available until after the informational session on Feb. 1)

<u>Citizenship Washington Focus:</u>

The National 4-H Council is currently in the planning process for developing the 2023 program and schedule. With that in mind, I am looking at similar dates to 2023 for submitting information:

Registration Deadline February 14

Location: Hyatt Regency Bethesda. This hotel is about 1 mile from the 4-H Center. The new location enables Council to offer higher quality, more professional leadership experiences

Date: The CWF experience has been shortened to 5 nights (Sun-Fri) June 18th to 23rd.

Workshops will focus on:

- Defining Civic Engagement and understanding how your voice, at any age, can be used to affect change
- Identifying stakeholders in our communities and understanding the importance of how local level change can make a difference across the country.
- Discussion on change-making in your community after CWF

Estimated Registration Cost: \$1,600

LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE: County Presenter Training

Topics Include:

- Ohio's Livestock Quality
 Assurance training policy and requirements
- Review of Good Production Practices
- Facilitation of sample hands-on activities
- Explanation of Drug Use Notification Form completion requirements
- Opportunity for county sharing – learn from other county volunteers

Presenters:

Elizabeth Share – Extension Specialist, Livestock & Food Animal Programs
Lisa McCutcheon – Extension Educator, Licking County
Andrea Rees – Extension Educator, Knox County
Joy Sharp – Extension Educator, Pickaway County
Travis West – Extension Educator, Vinton County

WHEN: Saturday, February 25, 2023

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau

4-H Center, (2201 Fred Taylor Drive, *Columbus*, 43210)

COST: \$20 per person (1/27 deadline)

CERTIFICATION: This training will enable adult volunteers to instruct Livestock Quality Assurance at the county level, under the supervision of their county 4-H professional, during 2023-2025 (three-year term).

Ohio State University Extension

Training provided by State
Program Specialist in
cooperation with Extension
professionals in Knox,
Licking, Pickaway and
Vinton Counties.





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Contact
Lisa McCutcheon
with questions regarding
registration:
740.670.5315
mccutcheon.46@osu.edu

Pre-Registration is just \$20 when received by January 27th

Make checks payable to <u>OSU Extension</u> and return form below to:

Quality Assurance Volunteer Training

OSU Extension – Licking County

771 E. Main Street, Suite 103, Newark, Ohio 43055

NAME (First / Last) CELL PHONE #

EMAIL ADDRESS (Please print legibly)

COUNTY (for which you will volunteer)

Survey to understand farm family childcare needs

Researchers at the National Farm Medicine Center and The Ohio State University are looking for farmers and ranchers who are raising children 0 to 18 to participate in an online survey. The survey asks about your families' experiences of taking care of children (age 0 to 18) while also working on and off the farm/ranch. The survey is open to part-time and full-time farmers, ranchers, and their partners operating in rural, urban, or suburban areas. Participants have the option to enter a raffle for one of fifty \$50 checks.



To fill out the 15-to-20-minute survey, visit this link: https://redcap.link/Survey1 FarmersRaisingChildren

For questions or to request a paper survey, contact Florence Becot at 715-389-9379 or becot.florence@marshfieldresearch.org





Spend your summer on an island with little to no expense earning \$5,500–\$6,000 or MORE!

Summer jobs available on Kelleys Island for 2023! We are hiring for *ALL positions; Cooks, Naturalist, Lifeguards/Waterfront, Outdoor Recreation, and Maintenance. Our season starts June 3rd with staff move in and training. Our season ends August 12.

All staff are paid biweekly, salary is \$900-\$1,000 per pay period depending on position. EARLY SIGN ON BONUS OF \$1,000 paid at the end of the season with final pay check. Performance bonus available at the end of season. We provide air conditioned housing, meals, ferry transportation, and an active and exciting work environment.

Visit our website: https://ki4hcamp.org/ for more information and application under employment.

Questions, email our camp director at campdirector@ki4hcamp.org or call 419, 975,0778 (cell) or 419,746,2794 (camp phone)

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

