

# Medina County 4-H February Newsletter

2026  
Family

## Monthly Highlight:

**February may be a short month, but there is so much happening across Medina County 4-H! Even in the winter season, our members are learning, growing, and building skills that will last a lifetime. Thank you to our families and volunteers for the continued support that makes our 4-H community so strong.**



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[Click here to visit the website!](#)

## February 2026

- **Beef Born and Raised Form** - Due February 1st
- **Ohio 4-H Conference Registration** - Due February 7th to our office for the March 8th conference
- ~~Ohio 4-H Scholarship Applications~~ - Due February 15th via online submission, [Click here](#) for more information about Ohio 4-H Scholarships
- **Tractor Safety Certification Course**- February 7th
  - Classes start February 14th through March 21st
- **Market Poultry Order Form** - Due February 13th, 2026 by 5 pm for Turkey
- **AQCA**- February 16th 10AM or 1PM at the Medina County Community Center  
**MUST PRE-REGISTER**
- **Junior Leaders Meeting**- February 23rd
- **Why Families Should Choose 4-H and Youth Activity and Program Policy Training**- February 25th 6:00-8:00PM
- **New Volunteer Orientation**- February 25th 6:00-7:30PM



## Enrollment Due: April 15th

Enroll now at: [4-H Online](#)

- Log in with your Family Email and Password.  
Do **NOT** make a new account!
  - Update your information for 2026
- Forgot your password? You can reset it or call us to help at 330-725-4911.



**Please note** that your enrollment will appear as “submitted” but not “approved” until your club leader has turned in your **yearly dues. This is fine!** Enrollments must be submitted by April 15th not necessarily approved. Approval after April 15th will not affect your eligibility so long as it is submitted on time. We are receiving a large volume of payments this week and it may take a few days to process them all especially if turned in on Monday. We appreciate your patience!

# First Shot Opportunities



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## FIRST SHOT RIFLE

- General information session

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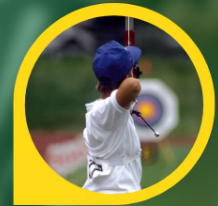
## First Shot Rifle

- February 19th
- 7-9PM
- South Cuyahoga Sportsmen's Association
- For youth interested in learning more about the Rifle project through the Medina County Sharpshooters

## First Shot Archery

- February 26th
- 7-9PM
- South Cuyahoga Sportsmen's Association
- For youth interested in learning more about the Archery project through the Medina County Sharpshooters

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## First Shot Archery

- Orientation with Q&A

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# Join Junior Leaders



## MEDINA COUNTY JUNIOR LEADERS

Who can join Junior Leaders?

- Teens ages 13-18

What do you do with Junior Leaders?

- Collaborate on activities and projects including running the Milkshake Booth at the Medina County Fair



**MEETINGS ARE ON THE 4TH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH**



**The first meeting of the year will be on February 23rd at 6:30PM, Medina Fair Office. Come join us and learn more about what Junior Leaders has to offer!**

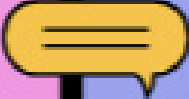


# Quality Assurance

Test Out By Appt.  
Ages: 15+



2026  
MUST ARRIVE BY  
6:00 PM



Feb.  
16

10:00 am-Noon  
or 1:00-3:00 pm

Medina County Community  
Center

Mar  
11

6:00-8:00 pm

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April  
29

6:00-8:00 pm

Medina County Community  
Center

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come!



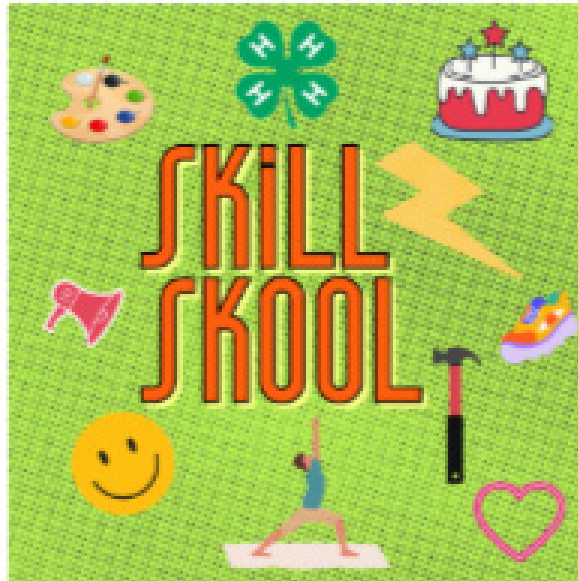
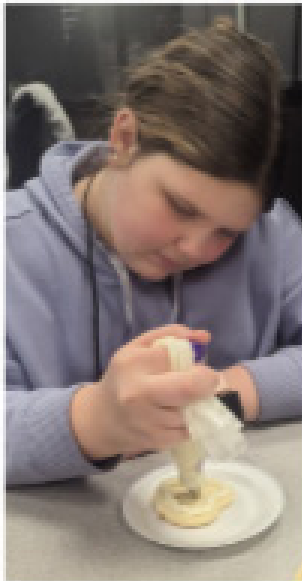
**AQCA is updated this year, doors close right at start time.**

**AQCA Test out: Please email  
robinson.3375@osu.edu**

**YQCA Certificates Send to:  
robinson.3375@osu.edu**

**RSVP LINK**

# Skillz Skool 2026



## Skillz Skool

Presented By Medina County 4-H (Age: 9-19)

**Saturday, March 28th**  
9:00 am- 5:00 pm

Youth will take project classes at our event that will kick start their 2026 4-H project learning from experienced instructors!

### Cost:

Early Bird by  
January 31st  
\$40.00

Registration by  
February 28th  
\$50.00

Each youth will receive project books and some project materials.  
Lunch will be provided.

Please bring canned food to donate to our local food bank and learn about why we need to assist other in our community.

**Register Here:**

**[go.osu.edu/skillzskool](http://go.osu.edu/skillzskool)**

## Tracks Offered

### Let's Start Cooking

This project takes a fresh look at basic cooking and baking skills.

You'll learn about kitchen equipment and food prep, and how to read recipes and measure ingredients. Then you'll tackle how to slice and dice food, and how to cook in a microwave oven.

### Basic Sewing

Come to get comfortable with a sewing machine and learn basic sewing skills to help you get start on the 4-H sewing project of your choice. Coupons for any 4-H sewing book will be given to these youth.

### Cake Decorating Beginner or Intermediate/Advanced

Track your learning as you gain new skills and showcase your decorating talent!

### Get Started in Art

Explore the basic elements of visual art through activities on color, line, space, balance, and more, and then complete your own work of art. Ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, design, and crafts are all possibilities.

**Location:**  
**Medina County  
Extension Office**

**4046 Medina Rd.  
Medina OH 44256**



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University  
Extension

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# Safe Sitter Classes



## 2026 DATES

Monday, April 6  
Saturday, May 16  
Monday, June 8th  
Monday, July 13th

## TIME

9:30am-2:30pm

## COST

\$65.00

(includes SafeSitter Kit for participants)

## LOCATION

OSU Extension,  
Medina County  
4046 Medina Road  
Medina, OH 44256

## Safe Sitter Training Grades 5-8

Designed to prepare students in grades 5-8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting.

This instructor-led class is filled with fun games and role-playing exercises. Students even get to use manikins to practice choking rescue skills and will receive a SafeSitter certification!

Class taught by Erin Ruggiero, FCS Educator.

### To register:

Visit [www.go.osu.edu/MedinaSafeSitter26](http://www.go.osu.edu/MedinaSafeSitter26)  
Spaces are limited.

*All students must bring a packed lunch.*

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





## [PetPALS Informational Video](#)

**Any questions: Please contact-  
Rebecca Rosecrans at  
[rebeccarosecrans@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccarosecrans@gmail.com)  
Phone: 440-242-7496**



## ★ New This Year! ★ 4-H PET ANIMAL SKILLATHONS!

Open to All Ages!

Show what you know about pet care, breeds, and more with fun Skillathons featuring dogs, cats, guinea pigs, ferrets, rabbits, and more!

Check out different stations & “Identify the Species” while earning

Skillathon Explorer  
INSPECT-A-PET



SAVE THE DATE!



Saturday, June 13



10:00–12.00



Building 12 at the  
Fairgrounds



Earn Prizes & Test  
Your Knowledge!



# 4-H Night!



APRIL 2 | 5PM - 7PM



## SAVE THE DATE

**PURINA 4-H NIGHT**

**@ CENTERRA COUNTRY STORE MEDINA**

- DOOR PRIZES
- SNACKS
- GREAT SALES
- FEED REPS AVAILABLE
- A CHANCE TO WIN  
FREE FEED,  
SUPPLEMENTS & SHOW  
SUPPLIES



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## Support Youth Participation in the 2026 Ohio Youth Institute



We are excited to share information about the 2026 Ohio Youth Institute (OYI)—a signature youth leadership and global learning opportunity offered in partnership with the World Food Prize Foundation and The Ohio State University. OYI helps young people explore real-world solutions to food insecurity while strengthening their research, communication, critical thinking, and civic engagement skills.

The 2026 Ohio Youth Institute will take place on:  
April 13, 2026  
The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

### About the Opportunity

High school students (grades 9–12) who participate will:

- Research a global challenge impacting food security
- Develop and submit a 3–5-page Global Challenge Paper
- Present their findings at OYI to peers and experts
- Be recognized as a Borlaug Scholar
- Become eligible for international internships and fellowships

Students are encouraged to work with an adult mentor (teacher, Extension professional, coach, or community leader) who can support their research and writing process.

Paper submission and registration deadline: April 1, 2026.

More information can be found at:

<http://worldfoodprize.org/ohio>