

Clover Connections

News from Pike County 4-H

December 2024

Pike County 4-H Enrollment deadline is February 15!

Returning 4-H members can enroll in 4-H at the 4-H Online Website at go.osu.edu/4HOnlineEnrollment. If you have trouble logging in, please do not create a new account. Contact Julie at the Extension Office and she can help you.

New 4-H families will need to first find a 4-H Club to join. A Pike County 4-H Club list can be found at [go.osu.edu.Pike4HClubList](https://go.osu.edu/Pike4HClubList), contact the organizational advisor of the club you want to join to confirm before you enroll online. You will want to find a club as soon as possible so you can start participating in club meetings that are happening soon! If you want help finding a community club, contact the Extension office at 740-289-4837 and we can help you.

Remember these basic rules of 4-H membership:

- Youth must be at least 5 years old AND in Kindergarten to be a Cloverbud.
- Youth must be at least 8 years old AND in 3rd grade to be a Youth Member eligible to take projects.
- The expectations for membership are a balance of 4-H project work, involvement in a club, participation in activities and events, and working towards improving one's personal growth. 4-H members and their parents / guardians are also expected to abide by the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct throughout the year, and sign off on this Code as part of the annual membership process.
- Each member shall attend at least 5 of the club's meetings, activities, service projects, and trips. If this attendance requirement is not met, the youth will not be able to show their animal or participate in judging. The youth will not receive credit for completing a year of 4-H, will not receive a fair pass, or be allowed to exhibit a project at fair or judging (no livestock at fair, no participating in judging, and no premium).
- Members are required to pay a \$15.00 per person fee by the June 1 deadline. Cloverbuds are required to pay a \$10.00 per person fee by the June 1 deadline.

Thanks to the Kroger Company and the Ohio 4-H Foundation, each 4-H family from 2024 received a 2025 Ohio 4-H Project Guide in the mail. Use the guide to help select your projects prior to completing your enrollment. If you would like to view the 4-H Project Guide online, visit go.osu.edu/Ohio4HProjectGuide.



Pike 4-H County Calendar



Always be sure to check the Pike County 4-H Calendar on our webpage for important dates and deadlines!

Visit: go.osu.edu/Pike4HCalendar

The calendar is updated periodically as new events and details are added. Use the calendar to check important dates so you can plan your family schedules!

Below are some dates to note and put on your calendar. The FULL CALENDAR is several pages long.

Be sure to go the website to view the **complete** calendar.

Tues., Dec 24 and Wed., Dec. 25	Extension Office Closed – Christmas Holiday
Fri., Dec, 29	Deadline to start new 4-H Clubs
Mon., Dec. 30	CARTEENS 4 p.m. @ Art Hall
Wed., Jan 1	Extension Office Closed – New Year Holiday
Thur., Jan. 2	Quality Assurance Training 2 p.m., Art Hall, (Registration 1:30-2 p.m.) MUST BE ON TIME
Sat., Jan. 4	Ohio Fair Managers Association Conference Junior Fair Day
Mon., Jan. 13	Pike County Junior Fair Board, 6 p.m. @ Multi-Purpose Building
Wed., Jan. 15	Ohio State Fair Market Beef DNA Kits must be in OSF possession
Mon., Jan. 20	Extension Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Mon., Jan. 20	Achievement Form and Scholarship App Open Office Hours 1 p.m.-6 p.m
Mon., Jan. 20	4-H Advisory Committee Meeting 7 p.m., Extension Office
Mon., Jan. 27	Pike County 4-H Teen Ambassadors 6 p.m. @Extension Office
Sat., Jan. 18	Make-Up New Volunteer Training 9 a.m., Extension Office
Sat., Jan. 18	Make-Up All Volunteer Training 10:30 a.m., Extension Office
Sat., Jan. 25	State 4-H Horse Advisor Training and Update, Ohio 4-H Center
Mon., Jan 27	Teen Ambassadors 6:00 p.m., Extension Office
Tues., Jan 28	Making eXtreme Counselors Registration and Payment Due to Extension Office
Thurs., Jan 30	Making eXtreme Counselors Registration and Payment Due to Ohio 4-H Office
Fri., Jan. 31	Deadline 4 p.m. - State Achievement Awards, and State and County 4-H Scholarships
Fri., Jan 31	Deadline 4 p.m. – Club Annual Financial Summary, Pearl Valley Cheese Fundraiser
Sat., Feb. 1	Camp Counselor Applications due online
Sat., Feb 1 and Sun., Feb 2	Teen Winter Retreat @ Canter’s Cave
Thurs., Feb. 6	4-H Welcome Night, 6 p.m. @ Art Hall
Thurs., Feb. 6	Camp Counselor Meeting, 7:30 p.m. @ Art Hall
Mon., Feb. 10	Pike County Junior Fair Board, 6 p.m. @ Multi-Purpose Building
Sat., Feb. 15	4-H Enrollment Deadline
Mon., Feb 17	Club Advisors pick up Pearl Valley Cheese Fundraiser Orders at Art Hall, 5-7 p.m.
February 17-18	Members Distribute Pearl Valley Cheese Fundraiser Orders
Mon., Feb. 17	Candy Orders Due
Mon., Feb. 17	BCI Background Checks must be complete for Volunteers (Volunteers requiring background checks for 2024 have been notified.)
Mon., Feb. 17	QA Test-Out Opportunity 1-6 p.m. (Members age 12-15 can stop by Extension office any time from 1-6 p.m.)
Mon., Feb. 17	4-H Advisory Committee Meeting 7 p.m. @ Extension Office
Sat., Feb. 22 and Sun., Feb 23	Making eXtreme Counselors @ Ohio 4-H Center
Mon., Feb. 24	Pike County 4-H Teen Ambassadors 6 p.m. @Extension Office
Tues., Feb. 25	Club Finance/Audit Prep Workshop, 6 p.m. @ Extension Office

THIS YEAR, YOU BELONG AT

CAMP!

Thursday, January 30: Making eXtreme Counselors Registration Due

Saturday, February 1: Counselor Applications Due

Saturday, February 1-2: Teen Winter Retreat @ Canter's Cave

Thursday, February 6: Camp Counselor Meeting, 7:30 p.m. @ Art Hall

Saturday, February 22-23: Making eXtreme Counselors @ Ohio 4-H Center

Saturday, March 15-16: Counselor College at Canter's Cave

Saturday, April 11-12: Spring Fling Over-Night Camp at Canter's Cave

Friday, May 2-Sunday, May 4 – Forestry and Natural Resources Camp at Canter's Cave

Friday, May 30-Monday, June 2 – Pike/Adams/Lawrence 4-H Camp (Grades 3-8) @ Canter's Cave

Friday, June 6-Sunday, June 8 – Adaptive Adventures Special Needs Camp at Canter's Cave

Friday, June 13-Sunday, June 15 – Jr. Shooting Sports Camp @ Canter's Cave

Friday, June 20-Saturday, June 21 – Cloverbud All-Nighter at Canter's Cave (1 parent must attend)

Thursday, June 26-Sunday, June 29 – 4-H Teen Camp @ Canter's Cave

Sunday, June 29-Tuesday, July 1 – STEM Camp @ Canter's Cave (Grades 5-7)

Sunday, July 13-Friday, July 18 – Sr. Shooting Sports Camp @ Canter's Cave

CONTACT JOY BAUMAN AT BAUMAN.67@OSU.EDU FOR MORE INFO!



Camp Counselors Wanted



ADAMS, LAWRENCE, PIKE 4-H CAMP

seeking...
**4-H CAMP
COUNSELORS**

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS, DUE FEB. 1

GO.OSU.EDU/ALPCOUNSELORAPP

MUST BE 14,
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025 TO APPLY

CAMP DATE: MAY 30 - JUNE 2

Canter's
EST 1949
Cave
4-H CAMP
JACKSON, OHIO
MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

On these cold, winter days we are excited to be thinking about 4-H Camp this Summer! Pike, Adams, and Lawrence Counties are looking for teens to be 4-H Camp Counselors, May 30th - June 2nd at our ALP 4-H Camp. Teens must be 14 as of January 1, 2025. Applications are due February 1st and can be found at <https://go.osu.edu/alpcounselorapp>

Being a camp counselor is one of the best life skill development activities a teen can do. Leadership, teaching, critical thinking, and decision making are all skills that camp counselors will gain. Plus, you have lots of fun meeting and working with teens from other counties.

In addition to our Adams-Lawrence-Pike County 4-H Camp, there are additional camp counseling opportunities as well. Some camps may require an additional application, but you can let our 4-H Educator know if you are interested in counseling at any other 4-H camps.

Important counselor dates and other camp counseling opportunities include:

- Tues., Jan. 28 – Making eXtreme Counselors Registration and \$65 Fee Payment due to Pike County Extension Office
- Thurs., Jan 30 – Making eXtreme Counselors Registration Due to State 4-H Office
- Sat., Feb. 1 – Counselor Applications Due Online
- Sat., Feb 1 and Sun., Feb 2 – Teen Winter Retreat @ Canter's Cave
- Thurs., Feb. 6 – Camp Counselor Meeting, 7:30 p.m. @ Art Hall
- Sat., Feb. 22 and Sun., Feb 23 – Making eXtreme Counselors @ Ohio 4-H Center
- Sat., Mar. 15 and Sun., Mar. 16 – Counselor College at Canter's Cave
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Livestock Quality Assurance Dates for 2025

All youth planning to exhibit market livestock, dairy, or egg-producing poultry at the 2025 Pike County Fair are required to complete Livestock Quality Assurance(QA) by Friday, May 30, 2025.

Junior fair exhibitors ages 8 to 11 must annually participate in a face-to-face education session that is taught by an authorized instructor.

Youth who are age 12-14 as of January 1, 2025 are eligible to attempt to test out of the intermediate level, and if they score 70% or better on the test, they will not need to participate in QA again until the year that their 4-H age is 15 as of January 1.

Youth who are age 15 and up as of January 1, 2025 are eligible to attempt to test out of the intermediate level, and if they score 70% or better on the test, they will not need to complete QA again during the remainder of their years of Junior Fair eligibility.

For those attending the **January 2 and April 3** trainings at the Art Hall at the Fairgrounds, we ask that **unless the member is a first-year 4-H member, parents/guardians should not come into the Art Hall** to give us plenty of space for learning activities and to help keep down excess noise.

Following are the 2025 Quality Assurance Dates:

- **Thursday, January 2, 2025:** IN-PERSON starting promptly at 2:00 p.m. at Art Hall
- **Monday, February 17, 2025:** TEST-OUT OPTION, see details below
- **Friday, March 28, 2025:** IN-SCHOOL SESSION, Waverly Junior High during school hours in Junior High Ag Classroom
- **Wednesday, April 2, 2025:** IN-SCHOOL SESSION, Western Local Schools during school hours in Junior High Ag Classroom
- **Thursday, April 3, 2025:** IN-PERSON starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. at Art Hall
- **Tuesday, April 15, 2025:** 6:00 p.m. at rabbit clinic and QA at Multi-Purpose Building
- **Tuesday, April 29, 2025:** 6:00 p.m. at poultry clinic and QA in the Art Hall
- **Date TBA:** IN-SCHOOL SESSION, Eastern High School during school hours in High School Ag Classroom (Watch for details soon!)

4-H Members wishing to raise fund to help pay for 4-H expenses, including dues, camp, or other 4-H trip or activity can sell Pearl Valley Cheese and earn \$4 per item. Cheese is in 8 oz. blocks. Summer Sausage is a 12-oz. chub. Club advisors must turn in orders to the Extension office by January 31. Orders arrive for pick-up by club advisors on February 17, 2-25.

PEARL VALLEY 4-H FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

Seller's Name _____

Phone _____

Raising funds for 4-H (Member earns \$4 per item)

Make Checks Payable to 4-H Club

Advisor: _____

Orders Due by January 31, 2025

Arrive February 17, 2025

Customer Name / Phone

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Seventy Five

join us to celebrate

CANTER'S CAVE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

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**SATURDAY
JANUARY 25
AT 6:30 PM**



*Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
1362 Caves Rd
Jackson, OH 45640*

RSVP at (740) 286-4058

Individual Dinner Tickets (\$40)
10 Person Table (\$350)

Live and Silent Auctions



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