

# **WELCOME**

We would like to welcome you to a new year in 4-H. This summer you will see more of Amanda Raines as she moves to our full-time 4-H program assistant. Mark will have additional duties as the county office chair. A new Agriculture Educator will also be joining us this summer. Patty Cribley will be back to help with 4-H Camp and project judging.

## **HARDIN COUNTY HOME PAGE**

<http://hardin.osu.edu>

The Hardin County Extension home page contains valuable educational information for families. We will continue to add new links to the 4-H page with various forms and opportunities.



## **FACEBOOK**

Advisors and members: Become a fan of Hardin County 4-H and Hardin County OSU Extension on Facebook. We will be using this social networking site to send exciting and new information to all of our Fans.

[www.facebook.com/hardinco4h](http://www.facebook.com/hardinco4h)

[www.facebook.com/hardincountysuextension](http://www.facebook.com/hardincountysuextension)

## **E-MAIL ADDRESSES and Texting**

We will continue to use email as our main form of communication unless we know you prefer to have things sent via US Mail. Please keep me up to date if your email changes. In addition if you have provided us with your cell phone provider we will be able to send you text message reminders.



## **2013 CAMP DATES**

Camp will be held from July 11-15 this year. We anticipate that we will have a big camp like we did last year. Camp sign up will be at the Extension Office at 1021 W. Lima Street and NOT at

the courthouse this year.

## **LEGO NXT KITS**

We have 10 Robotics kits in our office for project use. These are available on a first come first serve basis. Please call the office to reserve.

## **NEW VOLUNTEERS/VOLUNTEER CHANGES**

There will be two opportunities for new advisors to be trained. Wednesday, May 22, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Thursday May 23, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Please call 419-674-2297 to reserve your spot. Other opportunities may be scheduled if needed.

## **MAIL SLOT**

Remember our office has a mail drop slot. It is located just to the right of the door to our office. The drop slot is there if you need to drop off 4-H items before we open or after we close.



## **FOOD JUDGING CHANGES**

Food judging will be similar to the State Fair guidelines. The food preparation is eliminated for 2013 and will be replaced with a nutrition station. My Plate will be a hands-on activity that will allow the participant the ability to demonstrate knowledge learned about the plate based on information they received from their book or <http://www.choosemyplate.gov/>

Practice kits will be available for clubs to check out in June to prepare. In addition members will bring their project book, their portfolio, and menu to judging. Our goal is to better prepare youth who will go on to the state fair.

## **GENERAL PROJECT JUDGING**

Livestock interviews will be scheduled online for advanced appointments. Beginning on July 1 at 10:00 a.m. members can go online and start scheduling their time slots.

[www.hardin-county-4-h.genbook.com](http://www.hardin-county-4-h.genbook.com)

Judging will be on July 17, 2013. Make up judging will be August 2, 2013. There will not be early judging this year.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

Quality Assurance will be offered in the club or on June 13 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Make-up QA is on August 8 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the fairgrounds. These are the only two county wide times for QA. **This is required to show livestock or dairy animals at the fair.**

There will be no additional opportunities on a county level so plan ahead.

## WEIGH INS & LIVESTOCK REGISTRATIONS

**Dairy Beef** - Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at the Hardin County Fairgrounds.

**Sheep** - Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00-10:00 a.m., at the Hardin County Fairgrounds.

**Rabbit** - Meat pen tattooing will be on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9-11:00 a.m. at the rabbit building

## LIVESTOCK INTERVIEWS

Make sure you should have the newest questions. The new questions will have beginning, intermediate, and advanced all on one paper. Beginners (8-12) have 5 questions, Intermediates (13-15) have 8 questions and Advanced (16-18) have 10 questions. Everyone will have 10 questions total asked of them. Beginners will have 5 general questions about their animal. Intermediate will have two more questions. These could include things like birth date, weight, breed, etc.

We will also have a bonus skillathon station at interviews. This station will be optional for members but 4-H members who do well at this station will be eligible for special recognition. This year, the station will be breeds.

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We feel this will help families pick times that best fit their schedules for August 7.

Make up judging will be August 15<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Appointments are required.

**Members must go to interview judging or make-up judging in order to show at the fair.**

Up to date livestock guidelines and livestock questions are available at the office or can be downloaded from:

<http://go.osu.edu/hardinlivestock>

## IMPORTANT DATES

June 1 - Deadline for livestock possession (This applies to all livestock except broiler chickens.)

June 1-4-H Rabbit, Beef Feeder and Dairy Feeder registration due; Horse permission forms due

June 7 - All PAS Horse Show Entries Due to Extension Office by 4:30 pm

June 7 - Broiler Project Order Deadline

June 7 - **COUNTY 4-H CAMP SIGN UP AT EXTENSION OFFICE** - 8:00 a.m.

June 13 - Market Livestock Quality Assurance Training - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Community Building,

July 11-15 - County 4-H Camp - Camp Ohio

July 17 - General Project Judging - Hardin County Fairgrounds, Community Building- 9:00 a.m.

August 1 - 4-H Clover Award sheets due

August 2 - Late judging general projects – 9:00 a.m. @ Extension Office, Appointment Required

August 7 - County Livestock Interview Judging 9am-5pm – Community Building, Fairgrounds

August 8 - Quality Assurance make-up, Community Building 10:00 – 11:00 am – REQUIRED TO SHOW IN 2013 – NO OTHER APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SCHEDULED

August 15 - Late Livestock Judging 4:30-7:30pm – Extension Office, Appointment Required – REQUIRED TO SHOW IN 2013 – NO OTHER APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SCHEDULED

August 16 - **ALL COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES DUE** - Please have entries in by this date to the extension office.

September 3-8 - HARDIN COUNTY FAIR