



## January 7, 2025 Sandusky County 4-H Volunteer Update

Dear 4-H Volunteer,

We hope you had an enjoyable holiday season and were able to take some time for rest, reflection, family and friends. We are excited to be moving forward with preparations for 2025 4-H Events and hope you will be joining us again this year.

**This update includes important information about upcoming programs and deadlines.** Please take a few minutes to read it and save those parts applicable to you.

A complete packet including this email/letter, volunteer enrollment instructions, one page training reminder flyer, charter form, and financial form is available [HERE](#) at: <https://sandusky.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-volunteer-resources>

### **Please Enroll Yourself - OPEN NOW:**

- Please enroll yourself in 4-H Online as soon as possible (if you are continuing).
- Visit <http://4honline.com> and use your family email.
- A help sheet can be found [HERE](#) at: <http://go.osu.edu/sc4hvolres>

### **New/Retiring Volunteers or Other Changes to Club Leadership**

- If your club is not planning to continue please let me know as soon as you know and we will assist you with that process. Retiring clubs still need to submit a 2024 Financial Summary no later than Feb 1st.
- If you will not be active as a volunteer this year, please let me know.
- New Volunteers - If you have potential new volunteers interest, they can get a volunteer application packet at <https://sandusky.osu.edu/node/2262> and should start that process as soon as possible.
- Role Changes - Please Note that role changes must be approved by OSU Extension. Some changes to roles require interviews an/or specific training.

### **Club Volunteer Training January 30 and February 1st**

- January 30th (6:30pm) at OSU Extension Conference Room
- February 1 (9:00am) at OSU Extension Conference Room
- **Please bring 2024 Financial Summary and 2025 Charter Form with you.** (One per club) These are due by Feb 1 and club enrollment cannot open if we do not have them.
- See flyer with additional details in Volunteer Update Packet [HERE](#) at: <https://sandusky.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-volunteer-resources>. Every club volunteer is required to either attend in person or complete a virtual training in March.
- **At least one volunteer from each club must attend training in person every year.**
- New Volunteers and potential new volunteers are also welcome at this training, but will have additional training to complete before they can begin their roles.

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### **Shooting Sports Volunteer Training February 20**

- February 20 (6:00pm) at OSU Extension Conference Room
- This training is designed for shooting sports instructors and volunteers.
- Unless you serve in both roles, club volunteers are asked not to attend this one as the content is different.

### **Livestock QA Instructor Training (Optional)**

- This training is good for three years. If you plan to teach QA and need to check your certification date, please email Gwen at soule.12@osu.edu
- Training is done online. To request registration, please send an email to Gwen at soule.12@osu.edu from the email account you will use to access the training. Please plan ahead as they only start a new class batch once per month.
- If you are interested in becoming a new QA instructor, please contact Gwen at 419-334-6340 or soule.12@osu.edu for selection and online training information. *Hands-on experience raising livestock is a required pre-requisite.*

### **Ohio 4-H Conference - March 8 (Optional)**

- The Ohio 4-H Conference is the largest known gathering of 4-H staff, volunteers, and teens in the United States! The conference features a variety of sessions, a marketplace of promotional items and fundraising ideas, lunch, and lots of opportunities to network with others from around Ohio.
- A limited number of volunteers may attend at no cost through sponsorship from Sandusky County 4-H Committee. *If you registered last year and did not attend, you are not eligible for a free, sponsored registration and would need to pay to attend. Our county has to pay for all registrations even if they do not attend.*
- Discounted rates for teens are also available.
- For more information about the conference sessions and registration forms, please visit <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>
- **Registration is due to the Sandusky County OSU Extension Office by noon on February 6th.**

### **Thank you!!**

- We appreciate you and the time you give to make the 4-H Program the best experience possible for our youth members.

I am looking forward to a great 2025 and hope you are, too.

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