Dear 4-H Volunteer:

It's officially October and the last month of the 4-H year! Fall is the time when we set the foundation for our next 4-H year so it's important that you take care of the items listed in this email.

· **All clubs must complete the club directory survey found at the link below by October 15th.** Please discuss with your co-volunteers and only submit **ONE survey per club**. I need to know whether your club will be accepting new members, contact information, etc. Only clubs accepting new members in 2027 will be included in the club directory, however, we need this information for all 4-H clubs. Please note, **if you indicate that you will not accept new members that means that the only new enrollments from your club should be siblings of existing members. Clubs are not allowed to "screen" which members they will accept.** Thank you for completing this survey as promptly as possible: https://go.osu.edu/ath27clubdirectory

· Anyone wanting to serve as a **NEW 4-H volunteer in 2027** must **submit an online application at the following link by November 1st**. Please keep in mind that **all Athens County 4-H clubs must have at least two approved adult volunteers to reorganize in 2027.** Now is the time to be checking with your fellow volunteers so that you know whether anyone is not planning to return and you can

recruit a new applicant to fill that role! Apply online here: https://go.osu.edu/ath27newvolapp

· All organizational volunteers should have received an email on Tuesday from Missy with directions for updating your club's TEA (tax exempt authorization) form. We must have those forms back by **November 1st.** Please read the email carefully and follow the directions.

Please find attached (attachments are links at the bottom of this email) the **September financial report** from the 4-H Committee, as well as the unofficial minutes of our September Zoom meeting. The committee will be meeting next on **Zoom on Monday, November 2nd at 7 pm and all 4-H volunteers are encouraged to join us!**

Please keep in mind that **emails through 4HOnline are the best way I can communicate with all our 4-H families and volunteers.** The system is not perfect and sometimes families do not receive my weekly emails. **If you have families in your club who are not receiving the weekly updates**, please encourage them to **check their spam/junk folders first** and add 4HOnline to their "safe senders" list. If that doesn't resolve the issue they should **email me a request to be added to a separate mailing list** I maintain. That way I can make sure they receive the updates and information one way or the other!

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I appreciate everything you do for our Athens County 4-H program, and I hope you are having a good week!

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Attachments:

September 2026 4-H Committee Financial Report

September 2026 4-H Committee Minutes