

Dear 4-H Family:

Welcome to 2024! I hope you're excited about our upcoming 4-H year!

Our **2024 Athens County 4-H Calendar** is almost done and will be out next week! Until then, please check out the important reminders below.

Don't forget that if you're planning to **enter a market beef animal in the 2024 Ohio State Junior Fair** you **must have a DNA kit on file with the state fair by January 15, 2024 (this is NOT a postmark date)**. Since our county tag-in will be only 2 days prior to that deadline, you will need to pick up DNA kits ahead of time. Please email or call to let me know how many kits you will need, and to make arrangements to pick them up at the Extension Office. Please keep in mind that these **will need to be signed by me once they have been completed and the DNA sample is sealed in the envelope**, so plan accordingly to meet that January 15th deadline – you are running out of time!

Don't forget – next **Saturday, January 13th** is our **market beef tag-in** at the Athens County Fairgrounds! Tag-in will be held from noon to 1 PM and ALL market beef and dairy steers (including carcass class project animals) **MUST** come to tag-in! Please check out the flyer attached to this email (attachment is a link at the bottom of the email). Tag-in forms can be downloaded from our website at the following link:

<https://athens.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/athens-county-fair>

The rules for our new **Market Beef Carcass Class** are also attached to this email. Carcass class animals will **need to be brought to the fairgrounds on January 13, 2024 between noon and 1 PM** to be checked in/tagged in. Please read the attached document (**attachment is a link at the bottom of the email**) carefully for all of the details!

Upcoming Dates

- January 13th @ 10 AM – 4-H Volunteer Training (**must preregister**)
- January 13th 12 noon to 1 PM – Market Beef Tag-In
- January 15th – Extension Office Closed for MLK, Jr. Day
- January 15th – Market Beef DNA Kits Due to Ohio State Fair
- January 16th – Ohio 4-H Achievement Records Due to the Extension Office
- January 23rd @ 6 PM – 4-H Volunteer Training (**must preregister**)
- January 31st – 4-H Club & Affiliate Yearly Financial Summaries DUE
- February 1st @ 6 PM – New 4-H Volunteer Training
- February 1st – Ohio 4-H Conference Registrations DUE

- February 7th 5 to 6 PM – Market Turkey Registration

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns. I hope your 2024 is off to a great start, and that you have a relaxing weekend!

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