

March 2026

Ohio State University Extension

ERIE COUNTY 4-H BUZZ



We sustain life.

ARE YOU

READY?

for 4-H 2026

IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH

- 8 Camp Counselor Meeting 1-3:30p, Erie County Fairgrounds, Bldg 1
- 12 New Volunteer Orientation, 6p– please register: go.osu.edu/voltrainingsvp
- 15-21 OHIO 4-H WEEK
- 19 4-H Committee Meeting, 7p, Erie County Ext. Office
- 21 Ohio 4-H Conference
- 22 Erie Co. in-person QA 2-3p, Erie County Fairgrounds, register by 3/22: go.osu.edu/march22qa
- 24 Camp Counselor Meeting 6-8:30p, Erie County Fairgrounds, Bldg 1

ERIE COUNTY FAIR DATES!

Check in will be on **SUN, AUGUST 9TH**!

- Horse are to be brought in by 4p
 - Livestock check-in, **5-8p**
 - Non-livestock check-in, 5-8p
(except for crops, flowers & vegetables)
- FFA wood/metal and 4-H crops, flowers/vegetable judging will be on **MON, AUGUST 10TH**.
- All projects will be released **SUN, AUGUST 16TH, 9a-NOON** (exception for swine being sent to packers)

NEW PROJECTS FOR 2026

- 101 How the Herd Multiples
- Self-Determined Projects:**
 - 365 Aquaculture: Raising Seafood and Restoring Fisheries
 - 365 Backyard Fireflies
 - 365 Building the Future: Construction Careers
 - 365 No-Sew Fun
- 495 Living on Your Own
- 594 Knitting It Together
- 616 Water Matters
- 668 Field Crops and Forages

*Books have **increased to \$12** unless otherwise noted in the Project Guide

2026 QUALITY ASSURANCE

In-person Erie Co. QA Sessions -
Must register 24 hours in advance!

- Sun, March 22nd, 2-3 PM
go.osu.edu/march22qa
- Wed, April 22nd, 7-8 PM
go.osu.edu/apr22qa
- Sun, May 17th, 6-7 PM
go.osu.edu/may17qa

Scan QR Code for options in neighboring counties



Youth who are at least 15 as of January 1, 2026 are eligible to test out. Sessions will be offered 1-hour before each of the in-person QA sessions and by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment or learn more about the test out option, reach out to Mary Beth Albright: albright.75@osu.edu.

Horses & EquiSTEP

Every member taking a horse project must complete the EquiSTEP online training by **May 10th**

Instructions are posted with horse forms on our website at go.osu.edu/echorseforms



Mark Your Calendar

Dates to Remember

- April 1st—enrollment deadline
- May 1st—late enrollment deadline (w/\$25 fee)
- May 15th—drop/add deadline for projects

HELPFUL LINKS

Scholarships:

go.osu.edu/eriescholarships

Food, Clothing, & FCS

Factsheets:

go.osu.edu/fcsfs

Livestock Factsheets:

go.osu.edu/livestockfs

Stills Factsheets:

go.osu.edu/stillfs

Facebook:

go.osu.edu/erie4hfb

NEED FOOD SAFETY TRAINING?

The FCS Occasional Quantity Cooks Volunteer Training is now ONLINE! Email Kromer.53@osu.edu to get complete instructions. Deadline to complete training is April 1st.

Erie County Jr. Fair Board Apps Due April 1st

Hey 4-H'ers! Would you like to be a member of the 2026 Erie County Junior Fair Board? We are accepting applications for this year's Junior Fair Board. If you will be entering the 7th grade in the fall and are interested in being on Jr. Fair Board, please complete and submit an online application found at go.osu.edu/eriecojfb by April 1st.

Attn: Graduating Seniors!

Several scholarships are now available for eligible 4-H youth, with some application deadlines beginning as early as **April 1**. Don't miss out on these valuable opportunities! Learn more and access applications at: go.osu.edu/eriescholarships



JOIN US FOR THE

45th ANNUAL 4-H CHICKEN BBQ & BENEFIT AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

Dinner: 4:30p-6:30p
(or until sold out)
Silent Auction: 5:00p-6:30p
Live Auction: 7:00p

1/2 CHICKEN DINNER:
\$13

ERIE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
3110 COLUMBUS AVE. SANDUSKY, OH 44870

Sponsored By:
Erie County 4-H Committee
Erie County 4-H Camp
Erie County Heritage Society
Ken Bonnigson Auctioneer
Catered by Bone Boy's BBQ & Catering, LLC



All proceeds will be used to benefit residents of Erie County

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR THESE EVENTS & DEADLINES IN

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1 *4-H Online Enrollment Deadline *JFB Apps Due *New Vol. Apps Due *Erie Co. 4-H Scholarships Due	Rabbit Clinic 7p Huron Co. Fairgrounds	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 4-H BBQ & AUCTION
12	13	14 Cloverbud Advisor Training 6:30-7:30p	15	16 Camp Counselor Meeting 6-8:30p	17	18
19	20 New Volunteer Orientation 6p	21	22 Erie Co. In-person QA 7-8p	23	24	25
26 Scholarship Interviews	27	28 Camp Counselor Meeting 6-8:30p	29 Rabbit Clinic 7p Huron Co. Fairgrounds	30	1	2

