



NEWSLETTER

In partnership with the Wood County 4-H Committee and Wood County Clover Legacy Foundation

Wood County 4-H Program Update

“I’ve been involved with 4-H most of my life,” says Sharon. “I continue to devote my time as an advisor because it teaches members the values of giving, sharing, helping others, and working hard for mutual and individual goals. 4-H helps our youth strive to be their best.”



TOP: Marlene Graber
BOTTOM: Sharon Kahle, Cindy Haas

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Marlene Graber, Sharon Kahle, and Cindy Haas are Ohio State-Wood County 4-H volunteers celebrating milestones this year!

Marlene 46 years and Sharon and Cindy 45 years of service with Ohio 4-H!

THANK YOU for your  dedicated service to Wood County 4-H!

-WINTER HIGHLIGHT- HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP

The 4-H Holiday Craft Workshop made a comeback in 2023! 4-H’ers in grades 3-5 were invited for an evening of crafts, snacks, and FUN with friends this past December. Eleven holiday gifts to keep and give were the highlight of the evening.



4-H’ers and Volunteers making spirits bright at the Holiday Craft Workshop!



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Ashley Bushman Culp

Our next alumni spotlight shines brightly on Ashley Culp! Ashley was a member of the Duke's Mixture 4-H Club, a Junior Fair Board member, camp counselor, and participated on the livestock judging team during her 4-H career.

Ashley shares that "I learned lessons and tools that I use everyday " from 4-H projects that she completed. She also shares that the following life-skills are utilized on a daily basis,...

meal preparation, responsibility, preparedness, budgeting, organization, attention to detail, and a willingness to serve.

Please view Ashley's 4-H [testimonial here](#) or at the QR code below.



Thank you for your contributions to Wood County 4-H!



4-H advisors participating in activities at one of three recent trainings

4-H Advisor Training

Investing in 175+ advisors is critical to the start of a successful 4-H year...and invest we did! New this year, friend of 4-H Tim Borton, presented on engaging games and activities to share with county members at local club meetings. Advisors were on their feet, playing table games, sharing best practices, and smiling with glee! Additionally, they participated in a breakout session of their choice and received vital information for the kick-off of a new 4-H year!

Extension Educator, Liz Avers, shared at all three trainings that Wood County ranks as #12 for total member enrollment in 2023 and encouraged advisors to help us get in the Top Ten for county programs in Ohio for 2024!

There was an overwhelming positive evaluation to the new format and we **THANK all advisors for carrying out the work of "empowering young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime."**

FRIENDS of 4-H GIVE BACK

IN SUPPORT OF THE 2024 4-H CLUB ADVISOR TRAININGS...

- *The Andersons Inc.
- *Luckey Farmers Inc.
- *Farmers & Merchants Bank
- *Wood County 4-H Committee

In grateful appreciation to the many 4-H supporters that see value in the 4-H leaders of tomorrow.

"4-H gave me lifelong friends that push me to better myself everyday."

-Wood County 4-H Alum

Needs, Wants & Wishes

If you can help in any way (or know of someone who can), get in touch with us! We are seeking:

- Donors for "Grab & Go" 4-H Club Activity Kits in a bag \$30 (an up & coming resource for advisors)
- Honor Member & Distinguished Club Award Sponsors for Spirit Night 2024 (by September 1)
- Wood County 4-H Camp \$125 camp scholarship donors (by March 1)

Contact Jenny at morlock.3@osu.edu for more details



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