

OHIO 4-H - FAIRFIELD COUNTY

2026 4-H Member Handbook



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Please remember that communication is a two-way street - ask your club advisors or the Extension Office for help if you feel like you are missing something.

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The 4-H Motto “To Make the Best Better”

The 4-H Emblem

HEAD

Thinking... Mental Development, deeper knowledge, reasoning and decision making.

HEART

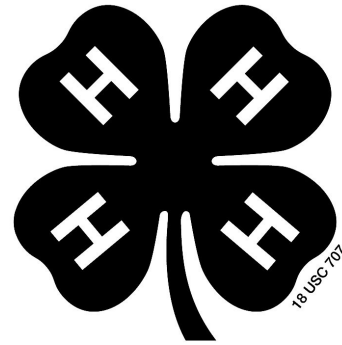
Feeling... Emotional development, developing interest, appreciation wholesome attitudes and values.

HANDS

Doing...Skills development, ability to do, skill in doing and habit of doing.

HEALTH

Physical and personal development



The 4-H Colors

WHITE— Symbolizes purity and high ideals

GREEN— is nature’s most abundant color and is emblematic of Springtime, life, youth, and growth.

The 4-H Pledge

As a True 4-H member, I pledge
My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living, for my club,
my community, my country, and my world.

The 4-H Creed

I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, to plan and to reason.

I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to become kind, sympathetic, and true.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to be helpful, useful, and skillful.

I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.

I believe in my country, my state, and my community, and in my responsibility for their development.



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2026 4-H Theme

**Building Your Own Paradise
in 4-H**

All forms referenced in the *Member Handbook*,
can be found on the 4-H website:

<https://fairfield.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development>

If you need a paper copy of any form,
please reach out to your advisor or call the office
(740-653-5419) to request it.



171 Fairfield County Fair
Lancaster, OH
October 11-17, 2026

GENERAL 4-H INFORMATION FOR FAIRFIELD COUNTY

THE JUNIOR FAIR RULES BOOK SUPERSEDES THE INFORMATION IN THIS BOOK.

Please check the Junior Fair Rules Book to verify rules and check for any ADDITIONAL requirements.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a vital part of the success of the 4-H program.

New volunteers must:

- Be 18 years of age or older, and no longer eligible to be a 4-H member.
- Complete a Volunteer application, sign a Volunteer Standards of Behavior form, Photo Release, Volunteer Waiver Release, Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement, and submit them to the Extension office by February 1.
- Provide 3 references.
- Submit to and pass a fingerprint background check
- Complete an interview with the 4-H Youth Development Educator(s).
- Complete New Volunteer Orientation.
- Complete the Youth Activities & Programs Policy required training (Policy 1.50).
- Complete annual training in the specified volunteer competencies.

Returning volunteers must:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Complete enrollment and electronically sign Volunteer Standards of Behavior form, Photo Release, Volunteer Waiver Release, Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement.
- Complete the Youth Activities & Programs Policy required training (Policy 1.50).
- Complete annual training in the specified volunteer competencies.
- Submit to and pass a fingerprint background check every 4 years.

WHO CAN JOIN 4-H?

4-H Cloverbud membership begins when a child is age 5 and is enrolled in kindergarten as of January 1 of the current year. Cloverbuds is a non-competitive, activity based program.

4-H Project club membership begins when a child is is age 8 and enrolled in 3rd grade as of January 1 of the current year. Any youth, age 9 or above as of January 1, is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. Membership requires enrollment in an authorized Ohio 4-H Club or group under the direction of an OSU Extension professional or an approved adult volunteer. 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.

CLUB REQUIREMENTS

- Complete club enrollment by April 15th.
- Enroll at least 5 members from at least 3 families each year. At minimum, three of the five club youth must be at least 8 and enrolled in 3rd grade, or age 9 and above regardless of grade level for Parliamentary Procedures to be followed.
- Plan and hold a minimum of 8 meetings
- Elect an officer team of at least a president, secretary and treasurer.
- Submit the completed Ohio 4-H Annual Financial Summary annually by January 31.
- Adopt a constitution which is provided as a template by Ohio 4-H. A signed copy must be submitted annually.
- Adopt by-laws (rules) to attach to the constitution annually, provided they do not conflict with state guidelines. A signed copy must be submitted annually.
- Pay county dues to 4-H Advisory Committee by June 1. This is paid once per **Cloverbud and Project** member/year. (Note: Each club may have club level fees as decided by the club and listed in their by-laws.)
- New clubs may be started in any year. Please contact the OSU Extension office by January 15, if you are interested in establishing a new club.

MEMBER GUIDELINES

Members are responsible for meeting all deadlines and requirements for participation. Failure to meet a deadline or requirement may result in the status of member not in good standing or ineligibility for Junior Fair participation and other opportunities. OSU Extension is not responsible for missed deadlines. All information is published in advance. If you are uncertain of a deadline or requirement, contact the Extension Office at 740-653-5419.

A 4-H member in good standing:

- Must be enrolled in a club and have project enrollment submitted via 4-H Online to the Extension Office by April 15th of the current year to participate in judging and exhibit at the county fair.
- Must attend a minimum of six meetings. Attendance at more meetings is encouraged and may be required in the club by-laws. Extenuating circumstances preventing attendance at 4-H meetings can be reviewed by the 4-H organizational club volunteer if a written request describing the circumstances is presented. Examples of extenuating circumstances include: death in the family, serious injury/illness of self/family member, and displacement from home due to natural disaster. If the case cannot be resolved in the local club, the member and volunteer can present the case to the county 4-H professional staff for review.
- Must complete at least one project in order to receive credit for the current year in 4-H.
- Must follow the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct as agreed to during online enrollment.
- Clubs may implement additional requirements in their club bylaws. (Examples: participation in a community service project, fundraiser or special activity; completion of a demonstration).
- Clubs are required to submit the Club Update Form to the Extension Office by September 1. Incomplete members are not eligible for county fair exhibition and will not receive a fair pass. Incomplete status does not prevent youth from joining 4-H or enrolling in the same project the following year

IS DUAL ENROLLMENT OKAY?

Eligible youth may be members of both a 4-H club and any other group. When a member belongs to two or more organizations, enrolled projects must be separate and different (also different animals and/or products) in an effort to broaden the member's experience and learning.

	4-H	FFA
Allowable	Breeding Gilt	Market Hog
Allowable	Market Steer	Market Hog
Allowable	Welding (door stop)	Welding (boot scraper, made for ag class)
Not Allowable	Market Lamb	Market Lamb
Not Allowable	Welding (door stop made for ag class)	Welding (door stop, made for ag class)

When project selection is a problem, a conference should be held with the member, the teacher or leader involved, the 4-H Extension Educator, the 4-H Advisor, and the parents to discuss the situation and resolve the problem for the benefit of the member involved.

MEMBERSHIP ACROSS COUNTY LINES

Youth are expected to affiliate with the 4-H program in their county of residence or receive approval for membership outside their county of residence. **The request form and full policy is available online:** go.osu.edu/FCmemberresources. **Requests must be submitted by March 15.**

In order to affirm Ohio State University Extension's position concerning 4-H cross county lines (and/or cross state lines) membership, the following philosophy and process statements are provided:

1. 4-H membership in two counties (or two states) is not permitted.
2. Cross state lines membership has the same considerations as cross county lines membership.
3. When the county of residence does not have a 4-H program (due to financial or other reasons), youth may not join 4-H in another county. Previously approved cross county/state lines memberships are revoked.
4. Consideration for membership may not be motivated by perceived competitive or sale advantage in another county, any change due to controversial issues, or other similar motivations.
5. Should families own residences in more than one county, the county of residence is determined by the public school system in which the youth would be enrolled, regardless of actual attendance.
6. Parents, guardians, and youth should become familiar with all policies, procedures, and guidelines for the county

- in which membership is requested. Some Ohio counties limit participation in the county junior fair to those who reside in the county.
7. In situations where membership in a county other than the county of residence is desired, the 4-H professionals in both counties will review the request application. The determination made by the county 4-H professionals in the county of request and the county of residence will be fully supported by the state organization.
 - a. If they believe it falls into one of the listed acceptable reasons, they can make a determination to approve the request.
 - b. If they determine the reason listed is not one listed as acceptable, or cannot agree on whether the request is considered acceptable or not, the request will move to the state review team. County professionals will NOT disapprove a request.
 8. Any consideration for membership in a county other than the county of residence, within the limits of this policy and not addressed by the above statements, should be brought to the attention of the Ohio 4-H Youth Development assistant director or associate state leader to identify a course of action in these special situations.
 9. The request for cross county membership form should be completed and submitted by the parents/guardians as soon as possible but preferably at least 30 days prior to the 4-H membership enrollment deadline in the county being requested. Late submissions will not be considered for the current program year.

GENERAL 4-H PROJECT INFORMATION

What is a 4-H Project?

A 4-H project is made up of three types of activities:

1. Hands-on activities: making, producing, practicing, observing, testing, interviewing, caring for, etc.
2. Organized activities: demonstrations, speeches, workshops, camps, county judging, project activities, exhibits, etc.
3. Leadership/Citizenship activities: conducting, planning, teaching, assisting, informing, organizing, etc.

How do I choose a project?

A member should choose a project that s/he is interested in learning more about and one that s/he is committed to completing. Ask friends about their projects and look at projects at the fair. To gather more information, review the [Ohio 4-H Project Guide](#), go to Project Central (www.projectcentral.ohio4h.org), or visit the Extension Office to look at a copy of this guide or review the books.

Project Books include background information, activities and instructions for completing a project. They are designed to be written in and completed each year. Some projects require a resource book, which is designed to be used for as many years as the project is taken, common with animal projects. Project books should be completed by the 4-H member, not a parent.

Self-Determined/Master Projects: Do not have specific project books, but provide an outline for members to design their own project.

Multi-Year Projects: Some project books are designed to be used for more than one year. The first section of each book will note if the project is designed for multiple years.

Livestock Record Books: Members taking livestock projects must complete a new record book for EACH PROJECT YEAR.

Project Level Descriptions:

- **Beginner (B):** Designed for members of any age who have little to no experience in the project area.
- **Intermediate (I):** Designed for members who have previous experience in the project area or have completed the beginner level.
- **Advanced (A):** Designed for members who have extensive experience in the project area and have completed the intermediate level.
- **All Levels (X):** Designed for all skill and age levels.

Only offered in Fairfield County: There are a few projects that are available only to members in Fairfield County.

- COP-710HC (Cloverbuds only): Cloverbud Horse Curriculum
- COP-Animal 220.21: Other Small Creatures (ex. Birds, anything that is not a Reptile or Amphibian)
- COP-Animal: Exotic Fowl (Peacock, Pheasant, anything not listed in 150)
- COP-1002: Pie Baking
- COP-1003: Pastries and Doughnuts (Advanced members only after completing Pie Baking)
- COP-1004: Cookies
- COP-1005: Candy Making
- COP-1880: Alfalfa and Mixed Hay

Step by Step Guide

1. **Make a Plan and Get Organized:** Discuss project goals, make a plan and stick to it, create a 4-H project area or container, and ask questions
2. **Know the Project Requirements:** Review the Member Project Guide at the front of the project book and the county project guidelines to learn the requirements and judging information.

3. Begin Working on the Activities in the Project Book: Begin completing the activities listed in the Member Project Guide—track your progress on the chart.
4. Complete the required Learning Experiences and Leadership/Citizenship Activities
5. Pull it all together
6. The Project Review

Project Tips

Planning:

- ◇ Order your books early
- ◇ Be organized

Completing the Project

- ◇ Take pictures to tell the project story
- ◇ Use a notebook to organize your materials
- ◇ Participate in activities and opportunities related to your project
- ◇ Show what was done and learned
- ◇ Seek out additional resources

Preparing for Evaluation

- ◇ Make sure everything is neat and organized
- ◇ Make sure all project requirements are completed
- ◇ Practice talking about your project, setting up your exhibit, etc

During Judging/Evaluation

- ◇ Dress appropriately, be friendly, smile, etc
- ◇ Remember this is where you get to share about what you have learned and done with your project
- ◇ Use your notebook/poster/exhibit to help guide what you share with the judge
- ◇ It's okay to be nervous, remember the judge wants to hear what you did and wants you to be successful

Your Project Exhibit

- ◇ Do you need a poster? A trifold display can be easier to handle—look for the 1/2-sized ones for easier transportation.
- ◇ Make sure your information is readable, neat and clear
- ◇ Make sure your poster is neat and clean—no marks or extra glue
- ◇ Use your project photos if appropriate to make your story more personal
- ◇ Choose colors carefully to organize your poster
- ◇ Ask for help—experienced 4-H members, your Advisor



ACCOMMODATIONS FOR YOUTH

4-H welcomes and encourages ALL youth to participate and will make reasonable accommodations for those youth with disabilities (physical, learning, etc.). A specific diagnosis is not required. The **Winning 4-H Plan** enables youth to tailor the 4-H project experience to their needs and helps maintain a positive relationship between the youth's family, 4-H volunteers and the county 4-H professionals. **Families should submit a Winning 4-H Plan Request Form annually to the Extension Office by April 15th.** Find it online: go.osu.edu/fcmemberresources or on page 9. A county 4-H professional will review the request and contact you with questions as needed.

Requests for accommodations are considered on a case-by-case basis and could include:

- ✎ Typed responses or use of a scribe for longer passages in a project book
- ✎ Extra time for _____. Ex. Reading, writing, answering questions, taking a test
- ✎ Break down tasks/questions to simplify

The 4-H professional will consider whether making accommodations fundamentally alters the event or provides a significant advantage or disadvantage to anyone participating.

For Still Project Judging & Livestock Skillathon, relevant information will be provided to the judge(s) during orientation. This will help the judge be better prepared to meet the member's needs during the judging experience. If the member is enrolled in a livestock project, the specie barn superintendent will be notified and will make appropriate accommodations during the fair.

Members participating in state level project judging will need to contact the Extension Office to have the 4-H professional create and sign a Winning 4-H Plan Accommodation form to be placed in the member's book before attending judging.

COUNTY ONLY PROJECTS (COP) PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Number and Name	Project Completion Requirements (See each project book for complete details)	County Requirements	Judging and Show
County Only Projects (COP)			
COP-Animal 220.21: Other Small Creatures (NOT a reptile or Amphibian)	Complete Project Book (available at OSUE Office)	Includes caged birds, hermit crabs and other animals not part of reptiles and amphibians Possession: July 1 Not a sale animal	1 animal, ½ size poster display and project book Sunday, October 11 11:30 a.m. by appointment #50 Show Arena
COP-Animal: 150E Exotic Fowl (Peacock, Pheasant, NOT in 150)	Complete Self-Determined Project Idea Starter and Record Addendum	See Poultry (page 11 in Project Guidelines)	Monday, October 12 12:30 p.m. #50 Show Arena
COP-1002: Pie Baking	Complete Project Book Beginner: 1. Prepare a pie using a graham cracker or chocolate cookie ready-made pie crust. Select a pudding filing for the pie and top with your choice of whipped topping. 2. Prepare a pie using a refrigerated, frozen or boxed crust. Select a pudding filing for the pie and top with your choice of whipped topping. 3. Prepare a pie using refrigerated rolled crust. Select a canned filling such as apple, peach, blueberry etc. to fill the pie. Use a second crust for the top. Intermediate: 1. Practice by baking three different kinds of pies (i.e./ single, double or crumb crust). Try a cream or meringue during practice. Advanced: 1. Practice by baking fruit, custard, cream or chiffon type pies with lattice or cut-out pastry on top of fruit pies, and meringue on custard, cream or chiffon pies.	Project book Bring 1 pie made per guidelines in a clear glass pan. After judging, one slice will be kept for display and you will keep remainder of pie. Project levels may be repeated: • Beginner: maximum 2 years • Intermediate: maximum 3 years • Member must show new skills each year.	Monday, October 12 3:00-6:00 p.m. by appointment Location Display barn Bring items to judging with you. Do NOT bring a pie made with egg or meringue topping to judging.
COP-1003: Pastries and Doughnuts	Complete Project Book Make at least 3 types of pastries and/or doughnuts This is an Advanced level project. It is strongly recommended that members complete the pie project prior to enrolling in the pastry project	Project book Advanced Level: Bring to judging two of the same type of homemade pastries or doughnuts to be placed on an 8-inch disposable plate. Recipe	Monday, October 12 3:00-6:00 p.m. by appointment Location Display barn Bring items to judging with you. Do NOT bring a pastry made with meat or vegetables to judging.
COP-1004: Cookies (2026)	Complete Project Book Make each type of cookie in your level: • Beginner (JR/SR) – 1-2 years – will include Drop Cookies, No Bake, and Bar (confirm safety of No Bake) • Intermediate (JR/SR) – 2-3 years - will include Rolled, Molded, and Filled • Advanced (JR/SR) – 4+ years - will include Sandwich, Fried, Pressed, and Refrigerator	Project book Bring: • Beginner: Bring 3 cookies of each type: Drop, No Bake, and Bar Cookies on a 10" plate • Intermediate: Bring 3 cookies of each type: Rolled, Molded, and Filled Cookies on a 10" plate • Advanced: Bring 3 cookies of each type: Sandwich, Fried, Pressed, and Refrigerator Cookies on a 10" plate • Recipe for each cookie	Monday, October 12 3:00-6:00 p.m. by appointment Location Display barn Bring items to judging with you.
COP-1005: Candy Making	Complete Project Book 1 & 2nd year: Make 3 different types of candy using the melting process. 3rd year & beyond: Make 3 different types of crystalline candy and 3 different types of non-crystalline candy	Project book 1 & 2nd year: bring 2 pieces of 3 different kinds of individually wrapped candy made using the malting process. 3rd year & beyond: bring 2 pieces of 4 different types of individually wrapped candy (2 crystalline and 2 non-crystalline), a total of 8 pieces	Monday, October 12 3:00-6:00 p.m. by appointment Location Display barn Bring items to judging with you.
COP-1880: Alfalfa and Mixed Hay	Complete Project Book	Completed project book and final project display that fits within a 3' area.	Project Interview Judging Tuesday, July 21, 11am-5pm (by appt). Fair Exhibit: Flake of alfalfa/hay grown in the current year and clearly labeled OR project display in club fair booth.

Beginner Level uses convenience ingredients. Members may choose to start at Intermediate level.

Winning 4-H Plan Request Form

An Accommodation Plan for 4-H Participants with Disabilities

This form must be completed by the child's parent/guardian and submitted to their county 4-H professional. A 4-H professional will contact the parent/guardian to arrange a meeting to discuss the request in more detail.

4-H Participant's Name (first & last) _____

Age (as of 1/1/current year) _____ Birth Date _____ Years in 4-H _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Parent/Guardian Name (first & last) _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Name of 4-H Club or Activity _____

Name of 4-H Volunteer(s) _____

4-H Activity or Project(s) Participants is doing this year:

Describe 4-H Participant's Present Level of Needs and Current Diagnosis:

Accommodations Being Requested to Help Meet 4-H Participant's Needs (include any special procedures the 4-H volunteer(s) or staff would need to know):

I agree to adhere to the accommodations specified in this W4HP. I (parent/guardian) give permission to share information provided on this form with Extension staff, 4-H volunteers; and Jr. Fair personnel, volunteers and judges. I understand that this information will only be shared and used as necessary to provide assistance to help my child with his/her 4-H project(s) and that additional information may be requested.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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ENROLLMENT INFORMATION FOR 2026

ALL Fairfield County families will enroll themselves for their 2025-2026 projects through Ohio 4-H Online (oh.4HOnline.com). Training materials and videos are available at <https://fairfield.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-online-information>. If you have questions concerning how to enroll or re-enroll, please contact Haley at 740-277-4622 or black.768@osu.edu.

RETURNING Families:

1. Log in to your account at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Your username is the email address where you receive messages from Fairfield County 4-H. Not sure of the email address used in previous years? Contact the Extension office at 740-653-5419
2. To re-enroll a member from a previous year, click “Enroll Now” next to the profile of the appropriate member. You will be asked to update the grade in school and confirm that you want to enroll in 4-H. Select “Enroll”.
3. Select your 4-H Club(s) for this year by choosing the “Select Units” button.
4. Verify that the county is correct at the top of the pop-up window and select the club(s) by selecting “Add” next to the club name.
5. Select your 4-H project(s) for this year by choosing the “Select Projects” button. Select the projects from the list by clicking the “Add” button next to the project name. If you are enrolling in projects for more than one club, please verify that you have selected the correct club at the top of the project pop-up window. Select all of the projects for this year before submitting your enrollment. If you need to make changes to your projects after submitting your enrollment, you will have to contact the Extension Office to request a change.
 - If you select a horse project, a shooting sports project, livestock project or a dog project, you will be automatically prompted to electronically sign the appropriate project consents for those projects. Type your names in the boxes to affirm your agreement.
 - Cloverbud members in Kindergarten through 2nd grade (as of 1/1/26) should select project number 710GPM. Cloverbud horse members should select 710HC and 710GPM.
6. Select the “Show Questions” button and complete the additional member information questions. Complete all of the required fields as indicated and click Next.
7. Affirm that you agree to the Code of Conduct, the General Permission statement, and the Photo Release. Both the member and a parent/guardian names should be typed into the boxes and click on the agreement buttons.
8. Review your enrollment and select submit.

NEW Families/Members:

1. Select the option “Don’t have an account?”
2. Select Ohio as your state and then “Ohio 4-H Youth Development”.
3. Select Fairfield county from the drop-down menu.
4. Enter an email address, phone number, and create a password. Passwords must be 10 characters long including an uppercase letter, symbol and number. Note: The email address that you use will be used by all members of your family to log into 4-HOnline in the future.
5. Verify your address by entering your address, city, state, and postal code.
6. Begin building the first member’s profile by choosing “add new member” and selecting “4-H” as the program you would like to join, entering all of the required information.
7. Select “Next” and continue through the rest of the questions, entering all of the required information. Select the option “I want to join 4-H as a new or returning member.” Then select “Finish”.
8. Choose the “Select Units” button.
9. Verify that your county is correct at the top of the pop-up window and select your club(s) by clicking “Add” next to the club name. Note: You must first contact the club for permission to enroll in it.
10. Choose the “Select Projects” button. Select your 4-H project(s) for this year by choosing the “Select Projects” button. Select the projects from the list by clicking the “Add” button next to the project name. If you are enrolling in projects for more than one club, please verify that you have selected the correct club at the top of the project pop-up window. Select all of the projects for this year before submitting your enrollment. If you need to make changes to your projects after submitting your enrollment, you will have to contact the Extension Office to request a change.
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12. Affirm that you agree to the Code of Conduct, the General Permission statement, and the Photo Release. Both the member and a parent/guardian names should be typed into the boxes and click on the agreement buttons.
13. Review your enrollment and select submit. Remember, do not hit submit until you are sure that you have selected all of your projects for this year.



STILL PROJECT INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

Still Project (Non-Livestock) Completion includes an interview or review of your 4-H project in order to be considered completed for the year. In order to have the opportunity to be selected for county awards or the Ohio State Fair, youth are required to participate in Summer Judging. Other options include: Late, Advisor, and Fair Judging.

Summer Judging:

- July 21-22, 2026 in the Levacy Center (1550 Sheridan Dr, Lancaster), by appointment only at go.osu.edu/fcsummerjudging (opens 2 weeks prior to judging)
- If you need to change you appointment time, please call 740-277-4629 or email hicks.686@osu.edu.

Style Revue

- July 22, 2026, Liberty Union High School
- Members taking a clothing project **MUST** participate in the Style Revue in order to be eligible for county awards.

Late/Make-up Summer Judging:

- July 28, 2026 at the Ag Center, by appointment, please contact the Extension Office to schedule
- Member will not be eligible for county/state awards.

Advisor Judging:

- Advisor Club Update form due to OSUE by **September 1, 2026**
- Member will not be eligible for county/state awards

State Fair:

- July 29-August 9, 2026
- Members are selected for state fair by their participation in summer judging. Criteria is different for each project area and not all projects are eligible for the state fair.

County Fair Exhibition: Projects must be displayed in the Display Barn at the fair and can be dropped off on Friday, October 9, 2026 (2:00-7:00 p.m.) or Saturday, October 10, 2026 (10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) or given to your club for display in the club booth. They must be removed on Sunday, October 18, 2026 (12:00 -2:00 p.m.) **Per Senior Fair Board, members who do not exhibit a project at the fair are not eligible to receive a pass or premium.**

Project Grade: Each member participating in project judging will receive a project grade based on project guidelines outlined in this document.

- Grade A - completed project requirements, excellent exhibit and knowledge gained. Youth must have an educational display and complete book requirements (some projects are designed to be taken over multiple years, so they may not need to complete the entire book in one year.)
- Grade B - completed some, but not all project requirements (incomplete book, no educational display, etc.), exhibit sloppily or poorly done, poor knowledge.
- Grade C - did not complete project requirements, exhibit sloppily or poorly done, poor knowledge.

Many projects are eligible for competition at the Ohio State Fair. County awards may be selected by judges for projects that are not eligible to participate in the Ohio State Fair.

What is involved in interview judging?

Interview judging is a discussion between the judge and 4-H member regarding the member's project, the member's learning experience and development and plans for the future. It is a one-on-one discussion. Members do not have to participate in interview judging to complete a project, but it is an excellent way to build skills in interviewing and provides an opportunity to compete for county awards and state fair participation. Listed below are a few statements or questions often used in making the interview meaningful to the 4-H member. These types of statements help a judge find out about the member's knowledge, accomplishments, interests, and challenges with the project.

Past Experiences and Project Selection

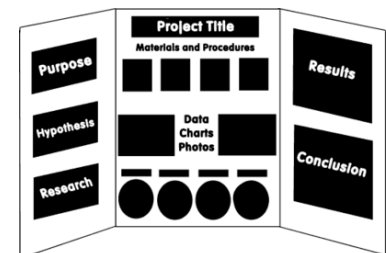
- a. What projects have you taken in 4-H?
- b. Why did you select this project this year?
- c. What did you hope to learn from the project?

The Project

- a. Knowledge of project - subject matter - use of project terms.
- b. What went well with the project? What did you do? What did you accomplish?
- c. What problems did you encounter?
- d. What assistance did you have? - 4-H Advisor, Junior Leader, Parents, Friends or Relatives.
- e. Questions related to 4-H project book content.

Plans for the Future

- a. What more would you like to learn in this project area?
- b. What project will you take next year?
- c. What are your other interests?



Personal Information and Knowledge of 4-H

- a. What 4-H activities have you participated in within your club or county?
- b. Leadership experience in local club
- c. Overall knowledge of 4-H
- d. Plans for future - schooling, career, etc.
- e. What was the biggest thing 4-H taught you this year?

Additional Tips to Prepare for Judging

This is an interview, so 4-H'ers will want to keep in mind:

- a. Wear nice clothes (dress pants/slacks, skirts, nice blouses, tops, etc.)
- b. Grooming is essential. (hair, nails, etc. should be presentable)
- c. Shake the judge's hand
- d. Be polite; use **Please** and **Thank You**
- e. Do not have gum or other food in their mouth!
- f. No phones, unless used to share project information with judge.

FOOD AND NUTRITION GENERAL PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Each Food and Nutrition Project book will list the specific requirements for that project in the front of the book. Please also review the requirements listed in the *Fairfield County Project Guidelines*.

Below are general requirements that need to be completed with all Food and Nutrition projects:

1. Knowledge of USDA guidelines found at www.realfood.gov
2. Bring completed menu planning worksheet (included in packet or online at go.osu.edu/menuworksheet). For intermediate and advanced projects – cost per serving of food prepared. Exceptions: Quick Breads, Yeast Breads.
3. Each participant will be asked to complete an activity on “Basic Table Setting”.
4. Presentation/Project Portfolio – 3-pronged folder with 8 ½ x 11” pages. Participant must create a maximum of one page per activity or interest area as designated in the front of their project book. Pages can be collage, journaling, timeline, photo, or any format that illustrates the work and knowledge of the participant. Each page can be different or a combination of styles. No points given for scrapbooking style. In addition, participant needs to include a page with pictures of a featured food item made using a recipe in the book. Be prepared to discuss this recipe during judging.
5. All county fair displays for food/nutrition projects will consist of an educational poster or display. (Presentation portfolio can be used as a fair display)

****NO FOOD to be brought to judging****

There will no longer be a Best Use of Beef or Pork contest.

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES GENERAL PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Each Clothing and Textile Project book will list the specific requirements for that project in the front of the book. Please also review the requirements listed in the *Fairfield County Project Guidelines*. **Below are general requirements that need to be completed with all Clothing and Textile projects:**

1. If a member is enrolled in two or more clothing projects, each outfit must be a complete ensemble. NO part of one outfit can be worn with additional project clothing. (i.e. A Terrific Tops blouse cannot be worn with Sundresses & Jumpers)
2. Bring to judging a standard size (3½” x 5” or 4” x 6”) color photo of 4-H'er wearing finished outfit with member's name and club name on the back.
3. Bring completed Style Revue card to judging—found in project book or online: fairfield.osu.edu under Member Resources
4. Additional opportunity: The County Wool Award

Project Number and Name	Project Completion Requirements (See each project book for complete details)	County Requirements	Judging and Show
Clothing and Textiles (To be eligible for county placement and state fair selection, member must participate in judging AND the Style Revue!)			
Additional Requirements for all clothing projects:			
1. If a member is enrolled in two or more clothing projects, each outfit must be a complete ensemble. NO part of one outfit can be worn with additional project clothing. (i.e. A <i>Terrific Tops</i> blouse cannot be worn with <i>Sundresses & Jumpers</i>) 2. Bring to judging a standard size (3½" x 5" or 4" x 6") color photo of 4-H'er wearing finished outfit with member's name and club name on the back. 3. Bring completed Style Revue card to judging—found in project book or online: fairfield.osu.edu under Member Resources Additional opportunity: The County Wool Award			
Beginner			
409 Sew Fun! (B)	All 5 project areas At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities A pin cushion and fully elastic-waisted skirt, shorts, pants, or capris Project review	Completed project book Pin Cushion Your sewing box Wear complete outfit See additional requirements above	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. By appointment LeVacy Center Style Revue July 22, 7:00 p.m. Liberty Union High School Display article(s) made at fair
410 Designed by Me (B)	All 8 activities, including Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Decorate (or embellish) a T-shirt, sweatshirt, button-down shirt, or simple jacket Project review Project record (if any materials purchased)	Completed project book Wear clothing item See additional requirements above	
413 Sundresses and Jumpers (B)	All 5 project areas At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities A sundress or jumper Project review	Completed project book Wear complete outfit Note: Jump suits are not acceptable, must be a jumper. See additional requirements above	
419 Terrific Tops (B)	All 8 activities, including Talking It over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities A top that is part of a complete outfit Project review	Completed project book Wear complete outfit See additional requirements above	
407 Accessories for Teens (B) (ages 13 and up)	All 4 interest areas At least 1 additional 4-H activity At least 1 leadership/citizenship experience Wardrobe evaluation and accessories to complement at least 1 outfit At least 1 accessory: bag/purse, belt/cummerbund, footwear/shoe covers, hat, gloves, jewelry, removable collar/dickey/jabot, scarf/tie, muffler/shawl, socks/hosiery, or suspenders to complete the appearance of an outfit Project record and evaluation	Completed project book Wear complete outfit See additional requirements above	

Project skill level indicates the project's intended audience. B = Beginning level—for members with little or no experience in a project area, or 8 to 10-year olds; I = Intermediate level, for members with some experience in a project area, or 11 to 13-year olds; A = Advanced level—for experienced members in a project area, or 14 or older; and X = All levels—for all skill and age levels. Exceptions to these age guidelines are noted.

Project Number and Name	Project Completion Requirements (See each project book for complete details)	County Requirements	Judging and Show
Clothing and Textiles, continued (To be eligible for county placement and state fair selection, member must participate in judging AND the Style Revue!)			
Additional Requirements for all clothing projects:			
1. If a member is enrolled in two or more clothing projects, each outfit must be a complete ensemble. NO part of one outfit can be worn with additional project clothing. (i.e. A <i>Terrific Tops</i> blouse cannot be worn with <i>Sundresses & Jumpers</i>) 2. Bring to judging a standard size (3½" x 5" or 4" x 6") color photo of 4-H'er wearing finished outfit with member's name and club name on the back. 3. Bring completed Style Revue card to judging—found in project book or online: fairfield.osu.edu under Member Resources Additional opportunity: The County Wool Award			
Intermediate Level			
411em•bel•lish: A 4-H Guide to Wearable Art (I)	All 10 activities and 3 journal pages At least one embellished garment At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Wear complete outfit See additional requirements above	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Style Revue July 22, 7:00 p.m. Liberty Union High School Display article(s) made at fair
412 Sew for Others (I)	All 7 activities and all Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review Construct one complete outfit for the person of your choice OR adapt three different garments for someone with a disability	Completed project book Person wearing the outfit should come to judging and the Style Review See additional requirements above	
415 Ready, Set, Sew Active! (I)	All 9 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities At least one garment that is part of an active sportswear outfit Project summary and project review	Completed project book Wear complete outfit See additional requirements above	
418 Loungewear (X)	All 11 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities A loungewear outfit to wear over garments you make or buy Project record, summary, and review	Completed project book Wear complete outfit (must be appropriate) See additional requirements above	
424 Clothing for Middle School (I, ages 10-14)	All 5 interest areas At least 1 garment with sleeves or a skirt or pants plus a top such as a vest, collarless jacket, sweater, blouse, or other top, with or without sleeves At least 1 additional organized activity, 1 leadership/citizenship activity and 1 career experience. Project evaluation and project summary	Completed project book Wear complete outfit a) at least one garment with sleeves or b) a skirt, skorts or pants plus a top such as a vest, collarless jacket, sweater, blouse or other top with or without sleeves Bring at least one item that you have repaired See additional requirements above	
430 Shopping Savvy (I)	All 8 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities An outfit, including accessories Project review	Completed project book Wear a total look for judging and bring educational display/poster to demonstrate consumer skills you have learned. See additional requirements above	

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Clothing and Textiles, continued (To be eligible for county placement and state fair selection, member must participate in judging AND the Style Revue!)			
Additional Requirements for all clothing projects: 1. If a member is enrolled in two or more clothing projects, each outfit must be a complete ensemble. NO part of one outfit can be worn with additional project clothing. (i.e. A <i>Terrific Tops</i> blouse cannot be worn with <i>Sundresses & Jumpers</i>) 2. Bring to judging a standard size (3½" x 5" or 4" x 6") color photo of 4-H'er wearing finished outfit with member's name and club name on the back. 3. Bring completed Style Revue card to judging—found in project book or online: fairfield.osu.edu under Member Resources Additional opportunity: The County Wool Award			
Advanced Level			
406 Clothes for High School and College (A, Ages 15-18))	All 5 major areas At least 2 additional organized activities At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities A wardrobe inventory At least 1 outfit with a minimum of 2 pieces or a 1-piece garment with sleeves, plus some other style detail not tried before Repair at least 3 items from your wardrobe Project summary	Completed project book Wear complete outfit See additional requirements above	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Style Revue July 22, 7:00 p.m. Liberty Union High School Display article(s) made at fair
408 Creative Costumes (A)	All 5 interest areas At least 1 learning experience At least 1 leadership/citizenship activity A costume from one of these categories: historical, ethnic/cultural, theatrical, or special interest Project record and evaluation summary	Completed project book Wear complete costume See additional requirements above	
417 Dress-Up Outfit (A)	All 5 interest areas At least 1 learning experience At least 1 leadership/citizenship activity A dress-up garment with two or more new experiences (zipper, sleeves, new trim or fabric) and coordinate/ incorporate/ integrate into your total look Project evaluation and project review	Completed project book Wear complete outfit Daywear: not formal (i.e. suit or dress for church) Formal: generally long formal gown, but may be short length or other formal wear such as cocktail dress, formal pants and tunic, tuxedos, etc. See additional requirements above	
420 Outerwear for Anywhere (A)	All 4 projects areas and activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities An advanced-level outer garment, such as a coat, jacket, raincoat, cape, or other similar outer garment, and add other clothing accessories for a total look. Project summary and project review	Completed project book Must bring test garment of project to judging. See additional requirements above	
425 Look Great for Less (A, ages 15-18)	All 5 interest areas At least 1 learning experience At least 1 leadership/citizenship activity An inexpensive outfit Project record, summary, and evaluation	Non-sewing project Wear a total look for judging and bring educational display/poster to demonstrate consumer skills you have learned. See additional requirements above	

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Project Number and Name	Project Completion Requirements (See each project book for complete details)	County Requirements	Judging and Show
Clothing and Textiles, continued (To be eligible for county placement and state fair selection, member must participate in judging AND the Style Revue!)			
Additional Requirements for <i>all clothing projects</i>:			
1. If a member is enrolled in two or more clothing projects, each outfit must be a complete ensemble. NO part of one outfit can be worn with additional project clothing. (i.e. A <i>Terrific Tops</i> blouse cannot be worn with <i>Sundresses & Jumpers</i>) 2. Bring to judging a standard size (3½" x 5" or 4" x 6") color photo of 4-H'er wearing finished outfit with member's name and club name on the back. 3. Bring completed Style Revue card to judging—found in project book or online: fairfield.osu.edu under Member Resources Additional opportunity: The County Wool Award			
Advanced Level, continued			
426 Clothing for Your Career (A)	All 5 interest areas At least 1 learning experience At least 1 leadership/citizenship activity An outfit with at least 2 pieces appropriate for a job, volunteer, work, or an interview (suit, uniform, or work outfit) At least 2 alterations A brief description of an interesting job. Job site visit or interview a professional, or both Project record and evaluation	Completed project book Wear complete outfit See additional requirements above	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Style Revue July 22, 7:00 p.m. Liberty Union High School Display article(s) made at fair
432M Sewing and Textiles (non-Clothing) Master (A)	At least one non-clothing fabric item At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project records including interview, budget, and photos Judging activity	Completed project book Item constructed in the project, completed project records and display to show what you set out to accomplish and progress you have made. See additional requirements above	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
Communication			
377 Finding Your Voice: Public Speaking Made Easy (B)	All 7 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Final project display	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
Creative and Leisure Arts			
Cake Decorating			
492 Cake Decorating Project and Record book (X)	At least 5 learning activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Record of decorating skills and techniques Project and cake records Project summary and review Project levels may be repeated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginner: maximum 2 years • Intermediate: maximum 3 years • Member must show new skills each year. 	May be judged at Summer Judging or at Fair, but only Summer Judging participants are eligible for State Fair. Completed project book Decorated cake with icing made by exhibitor within the following guidelines: Beginner: 1 layer, 8" round cake placed on 10" cardboard round, frosted and top decorated with beginning techniques—border on top and bottom, piped printed (not cursive) message on top. Intermediate: 2 layer, 8" round cake placed on 10" cardboard round, frosted and decorated with intermediate techniques, border on top and bottom, piped cursive (or continuous scrolling line) message on top. Advanced: Two Divisions: Butter Cream or Fondant icing. 2 layer or sculpted cake no more than 10" tall, including decorations, that fits on a 12" disposable round cake board. Decorations must be on the cake using advanced techniques. Color striping and gel optional. Poster (summer judging only) Must be able to demonstrate decorating techniques with icing and tools provided at fair judging.	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center or Monday, October 12 3:00-6:00 p.m. By appointment Display Barn Fair Exhibit for summer judging exhibitors—display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)

Project Number and Name	Project Completion Requirements (See each project book for complete details)	County/Judging Requirements	Judging and Show
Creative and Leisure Arts, continued			
Collecting			
496 My Favorite Things (B)	All 8 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Display Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
Fine Arts			
498 Quilting the Best Better (I)	All 8 activities & all Quilting Quotes questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Quilt blocks, a pillow to be donated, & a lap quilt (min 30"x30" and max 54"x72") Project review	Completed project book One lap quilt per requirements on page 29 of project book	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)
499 You Can Quilt! (I)	All 7 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Construct two mini quilts (Rail Fence, Four Patch, or both) Project summary and project review	Completed project book One mini quilt per requirements on page 3 of project book	
592 Get Started in Art (X)	All 11 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities A final project Project summary and project review	Completed project book One piece of art/poster	
593 Seeing Through Graphic Design (I)	All 9 activities, including a portfolio, and all of the Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review	Completed project book Project Portfolio	
594 Knitting it Together (A) (New 2026)	All 9 activities and all of the Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review	Completed project book One completed item/poster	
Genealogy			
442 Family History Treasure Hunt (X)	All 4 steps in What to Do, depending on number of years project is taken At least 1 other learning experience At least 1 leadership/citizenship activity Project review and records (Use the same book 1-6 years.)	Completed project book Correspondence log Research journal Pedigree charts (8-1/2"x11") Family group sheets	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
Photography			
584 Photography, Basics, Book 1 (B)	At least 2 activities in each of the 4 project areas and the Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review Photo journal or scrapbook (Use the same book 1-3 years.)	Completed project book/Records One of the following 3 items: 1) a single print of any size mounted at discretion of participant or 2) a collection of prints illustrating a "Photo Story", consisting of 5-10 photos mounted at the discretion of the participant or 3) a collection of prints illustrating one of the "activities" the participant completed for the project consisting of 5-10 photos mounted at the discretion of the participant.	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)

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Photography, continued			
585 Next Level Photography, Book 2 (I)	At least 2 activities in each of the 4 project areas and the Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review Photo journal or scrapbook (Use the same book 1-3 years.)	Completed Project Book/Records One of the following 4 items: 1) a single print of any size mounted at the discretion of the participant or 2) a single print illustrating an "enlargement" which shall consist of the an enlargement print, accompanied by the original print, mounted at the discretion of the participant or 3) a collection of prints illustrating one of the "activities" the participant completed for the project consisting of 5-10 photos mounted at the discretion of the participant or 4) a single original print illustrating a "News Story" which shall be an original photo mounted at the discretion of the participant and accompanied by the published news article	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)
586 Mastering Photography, Book 3 (A)	At least 2 activities in each of the 4 project areas and the Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review Photo journal or scrapbook (Use the same book 1-3 years.)		
589M Photography Master (A)	One major photography project At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 citizenship activities Project records including interview, budget, and portfolio Judging activity		
Scrapbooking			
497 Scrapbooking: A 4-H Guide to Preserving Memories (B)	All 3 project areas (the last activity is optional) At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities A scrapbook Project review	Completed project book Final Project Note: Judged as Junior & Senior categories at county level	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)
Writing			
588 The Writer in You (I)	All 11 activities (including a writing portfolio) and all of the Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project Review	Submit ONE of the following to the Extension Office by July 1. Entries will be reviewed by the judge prior to judging appointment. Categories (submit ONE): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rhymed Poetry (collection of 3 poems) •Free-Style Poetry (collection of 3 poems) •Essay (non-fiction, max 500 words) •Short Story (fiction, max. 2000 words) •Feature Story (age 14 & Older, non-fiction, max. 1000 words) •News Story (age 14 & Older, non-fiction, max. 1000 words) Entry must be original and have been written for a 4-H project. If this is in question, participant will be disqualified. Do not submit an entry you have developed or written for school, etc. Completed book and portfolio	Due July 1 Typewritten or neatly printed entry on 8-1/2"x11" paper. Stories should be double-spaced, poems may be single-spaced. Entrant's last name, category and page number should be on the bottom right corner of each page. Submit in 9"x12" envelope with entrant's name, category and age in upper left corner. Do not use a folder; a paperclip or staple is sufficient. Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)

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Food and Nutrition			
Additional Requirements all Food and Nutrition projects:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge of USDA guidelines found at www.realfood.gov 2. Bring completed menu planning worksheet (included in packet or online at go.osu.edu/menuworksheet). For intermediate and advanced projects – cost per serving of food prepared. Exceptions: Quick Breads, Yeast Breads. Each participant will be asked to complete an activity on “Basic Table Setting”. (information on table setting is found below). 3. Presentation Project/Project Portfolio – 3-pronged folder with 8 ½ x 11” pages. Participant must create a maximum of one page per activity or interest area as designated in the front of their project book. Pages can be a collage, journal, timeline, photo, or any format that illustrates the work and knowledge of the participant. Each page can be different or a combination of styles. No points given for scrapbooking style. In addition, participant needs to include a page with pictures of a featured food item made using a recipe in the book. Be prepared to discuss this recipe during judging. 4. County fair display consisting of an educational poster or display. (Presentation portfolio can be used as a fair display). No food is permitted in fair booths. <p style="text-align: center;">**NO FOOD to be brought to judging**</p>			
Beginning Level			
459 Let's Start Cooking (B)	All 8 activities, including 6 recipes At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project Review	Completed project book Portfolio See additional requirements above	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
481 Everyday Food and Fitness (B)	All 7 activities, including 5 recipes and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
484 Snack Attack! (B)	All 7 activities, including 7 recipes At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
487 Take A Break for Breakfast (B)	All 5 activities, including at least 5 recipes At least 2 learning experiences and 2 leadership/citizenship/career activities Project review		
Intermediate Level			
461 Let's Bake Quick Breads (I)	All 8 activities, including 7 recipes At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Portfolio Review General Requirements No prepared dish See additional requirements above	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
463 Sports Nutrition: Ready, Set, Go (I)	All 5 activities, including 5 recipes and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Portfolio See additional requirements above	
472 Grill Master (I)	All 6 activities, including at least 5 recipes and the Notes for Next Time At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
475 Star Spangled Foods (I)	All 7 recipe sections, including 11 recipes At least 3 learning experiences At least 3 leadership/citizenship activities		

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Food and Nutrition, continued			
Additional Requirements all Food and Nutrition projects:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge of USDA guidelines found at www.realfood.gov 2. Bring completed menu planning worksheet (included in packet or online at go.osu.edu/menuworksheet). For intermediate and advanced projects – cost per serving of food prepared. Exceptions: Quick Breads, Yeast Breads. Each participant will be asked to complete an activity on “Basic Table Setting”. (information on table setting is found below). 3. Presentation Project/Project Portfolio – 3-pronged folder with 8 ½ x 11” pages. Participant must create a maximum of one page per activity or interest area as designated in the front of their project book. Pages can be a collage, journal, timeline, photo, or any format that illustrates the work and knowledge of the participant. Each page can be different or a combination of styles. No points given for scrapbooking style. In addition, participant needs to include a page with pictures of a featured food item made using a recipe in the book. Be prepared to discuss this recipe during judging. 4. County fair display consisting of an educational poster or display. (Presentation portfolio can be used as a fair display). No food is permitted in fair booths. 			
NO FOOD to be brought to judging			
477 Party Planner: A 4-H Guide to Quantity Cooking (I)	All 8 activities, including 8 recipes At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review	Completed project book Portfolio See additional requirements above	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
485 Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals (I)	All 7 activities, including 1 recipe and the Notes for Next Time for each activity At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Portfolio See additional requirements above	Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)
Advanced Projects			
462 Yeast Breads on the Rise (A)	All 5 interest areas, including at least 6 recipes At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project record and summary (Use the same book 1-2 years.)	Completed project book Portfolio Review General Requirements See additional requirements above	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)
467 Cooking on My Own (A)	All 7 activities and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Portfolio See additional requirements above	
469 Global Gourmet (A)	All 7 activities, including preparation of meals and Notes for Next Time At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Portfolio See additional requirements above	
474 Beyond the Grill (A)	All 6 activities, including 9 recipes At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Portfolio See additional requirements above	
476 Kitchen Boss (A)	All 7 activities and all Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Portfolio See additional requirements above	

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Healthy Living			
300 You're the Athlete (I)	At least 1 (of 7) section (Play Book, Practice Field, and Big Event) Either 2 other Play Book and at least 2 Practice Field activities OR 1 other section ((Play Book, Practice Field, and Big Event) At least 2 special learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship/career applications "My Season highlights" (project summary)	Completed project book Display describing final project My Season Highlights project summary	<p>Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center</p> <p>Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)</p> <p>*New in 2026, state fair allows two Health projects based on topic.</p>
353 First Aid in Action (B)	All 12 interest areas 3 of the More Challenges activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	<p>Completed project book Display describing final project</p>	
354 Medicine Science and Safety (B)	All 5 activities and all Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review		
355 Tracking Your Health and Fitness (I)	All 10 activities, all Talking It Over questions, and a health and fitness log At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review (A fitness tracking device is recommended but not required.)		
356 Relationships (I)	All 10 activities and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
357 Alcohol and Drug Abuse (A)	All 12 activities At least 2 learning experiences All least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
359 Your Thoughts Matter (A)	All 10 activities, including Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
360 Your Feelings Matter (B)	All 7 activities and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
434 Superhero You (B)	All 5 activities and all Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		

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Home Living			
405 The Laundry Project (B)	All 11 activities & Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project Review	Completed project book Display describing final project	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)
491 It's My Home (B)	All 9 activities & Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Display (an item constructed in the project, visuals to show how it makes it more pleasing and practical living)	
494 Makeover My Space (I)	All 10 activities & 4 Talking It Over pages At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Display describing final project	
495 Living on Your Own (A) (New 2026)	All 9 activities & Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Display describing final project	
Leadership and Citizenship			
92 4-H Around the Globe (I)	All seven activities, including the Talking It Over questions At least two learning experiences At least two leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review	Completed project book Display describing final project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)
370 Mentoring: Leadership in Action (A)	All 7 activities and all Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
371 Club Leadership 1	All 10 activities 3 individualized goals At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 citizenship activities Project review		
373 My Hands to Larger Service (A)	All 9 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least two leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
375 Leadership Road Trip: Where Are You Going? (I)	All 13 activities and Rest Stop questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 citizenship activities Project summary and project review		
375i Leadership Road Trip iBook (I)	All 13 activities and Rest Stop questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 citizenship activities Project summary and project review		
376 Pantry Panic! (A)	All 7 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		

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Leadership and Citizenship, continued			
378M Leadership Master (A)	One major leadership experience At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 citizenship activities Project records including interview, budget, and photos Judging activity	Completed project book Final project display of your project.	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)
382 Am I Ready for Work? (A)	All 9 activities and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project Review		
383 Club Leadership 2 (A)	All 11 activities and Talking It Over questions At least 3 individual goals or additional activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 citizenship activities Project summary and project review		
385 Local Government: Answer the Call (A)	All 9 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review		
386 You're Hired (A)	All 8 activities and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
387 Here, There, Ag Careers Are Everywhere! (A)	All 8 activities and all Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review		
Money Management			
445 Exploring Personal Finance (B)	All 9 activities At least 2 organized activities At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review	Completed project book Money Journal	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
446 Empowering Personal Finance (A) (Revised 2026)	All 8 activities & Talking It Over questions At least 2 organized activities At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review	Completed project book A completed project book activity	Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)
Natural Resources			
Agronomy			
668 Field Crops and Forages (B) (New 2026)	All 9 activities & Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review	Completed project book. Complete project interview at Summer Judging. Display that fits in a 3 foot area.	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center

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Natural Resources			
Gardening and Plant Science			
670 Canning and Freezing (B)	All 7 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review	Completed project book. Complete project interview at Summer Judging. Display that fits in a 3 foot area. All exhibits must be grown in the current year.	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Fair Exhibit-Display that fits in a 3 foot area that was brought to summer judging or items grown in the current year.
671 How Does Your Garden Grow? (B)	4 activities, plus activity 4a, 4b, or both At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book. Complete project interview at Summer Judging. Final project display of your project. All exhibits must be grown in the current year.	
673 Edible Landscapes (I)	All 9 activities and all Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review		
691 Grow Your Own Vegetables (B)	All 11 activities (including growing vegetables) and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
692 Growing with the Seasons (I)	All 9 activities (including growing vegetables) and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
The Natural World			
611 Explore the Outdoors (B)	All 9 activities & Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project Review	Completed project book Final project display of your project. Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)
612 Geology: Can You Dig It? (B)	All 8 activities (including a collection display) & Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project Review		
613 Exploring Polar Science (I)	All 8 activities & Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review		
616 Water Matters (B) (New 2026)	All 8 activities & Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review		
617 Exploring Ponds (A)	All 9 activities & Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
620 Why Trees Matter (B)	All 6 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		

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The Natural World, continued			
621 Ohio Birds (X)	All 5 interest areas At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Observe and record at least 20 different bird species One-page summary (Use the same book 1-2 years.)	Completed project book Final project display of your project.	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)
622 Trapping Muskrats in Ohio (I)	All 7 activities At least 3 learning experiences At least 3 leadership/citizenship activities 2 of 3 projects for first year; 2 of 3 projects for second year A poster board (Use the same book 1-2 years.)		
623 Outdoor Adventurer: Beginning Fishing (B)	All 8 activities, including Talking It Over questions and the Fishing Log At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
624 Outdoor Adventurer: Intermediate Fishing (I)	All 11 activities, including Talking It Over questions and the Fishing Log At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
641 Beekeeping Project and Record Book (X)	Set at least 3 project goals and objectives At least 5 learning activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Colony Care and Management section Beekeeping Record		
644 Insect Adventures 1 (B)	All 7 activities, including an insect collection (30 specimens) and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
645 Insect Adventures 2 (I)	All 8 activities, including an insect collection (40 specimens) and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
646 Insect Adventures 3 (A)	All 7 activities, including an insect collection (50 specimens) and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		
Sustainability			
651 Be a Sustainability Hero (B)	All 9 activities At least 2 organized activities At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review	Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center

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652 Farm to Table to Career (I)	All 9 activities At least 2 organized activities At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review	Completed project book Final project display of your project. Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)			
Shooting Sports			
630 Safe Use of Guns (B)	All 11 activities, including Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project NOTE: Guns, bows, arrows, ammunition and/or firearms of any kinds are NOT permitted at judging.	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
631 Basic Archery (B)	All 6 interest areas At least 2 organized activities At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review		Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)
750 Rifle Member Record Book	All project book activities, including planning, setting goals, identifying parts, practicing safety, record keeping, evaluation, and more Must be age 9 and enrolled in a Shooting Sports program under the direction of a certified instructor	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project *Members must have a display at fair to receive a fair pass and premium*	These projects are judged within the Shooting Sports Club. To be eligible for State Fair selection, youth must attend Summer Judging, Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
751 Archery Member Record Book			
752 Shotgun Member Record Book			
756 Living History Member Record Book			
Aerospace Science			
501 Rockets Away (2-Liter Bottle Rockets) (B)	All 3 interest areas At least 2 organized project activities At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Build and launch a 2-liter bottle rocket Project review	Completed project book and 2 liter bottle water rocket Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center Fair Exhibit-display related to the project (i.e./ book, poster)
502 Science Fun with Flight (B, age 9-14)	All 7 interest areas At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Build a glider or flyer, or a plastic model airplane or jet Project review	Completed project book and model airplane or glider Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	
503 Rockets Away (Solid-Fuel Model Rockets) (B)	All 3 interest areas At least 2 organized project activities At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Build and launch a solid-fuel model rocket from a kit Project review	Completed project book and solid fuel rocket, engine and recovery system Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	
503M Solid-Fuel Rocketry Master (A)	One major solid-fuel rocketry project At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 citizenship activities Project records including interview, budget, and photos Judging activity	Completed project book and solid-fuel rocketry master Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	
549 Young Engineers in Space: Missions in Microgravity (I)	All 9 activities At least 2 organized activities At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	

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All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV)			
555 ATV Safety (X)	Safety pledge All 9 activities Practice pages Practice and riding record At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
Bicycle			
517 Bicycling for Fun, Level I (B)	At least 7 activities per year Complete the Bicycling For Fun Achievement Program on second year Complete Project Goals, Before and After, and Project Highlights sections (Use the same book 1-2 years.)	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Bring bicycle and helmet Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
Biology			
489 Microscope Mysteries (I)	All 8 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary and project review Requires the purchase of a Foldscope	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
Chemistry			
493 Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry (B)	All 11 experiments At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
Electricity			
527 Paper Circuits (B) (Revised 2026)	Complete all 10 activities in Parts 1, 2, and 3	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
528 Smart Circuits (I) (Revised 2026)	Complete all 9 activities in Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4		
531 Science Fun with Electricity (B)	All interest areas Experiments and journals for each interest area At least 2 project activities At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project summary		
Energy			
550 Young Engineers in Solar Energy (I)	All 9 activities and all of the Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book and capstone project Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
Food Science			
490 Science Fun with Dairy Foods: The Case of the Missing Milk (B)	All 6 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center

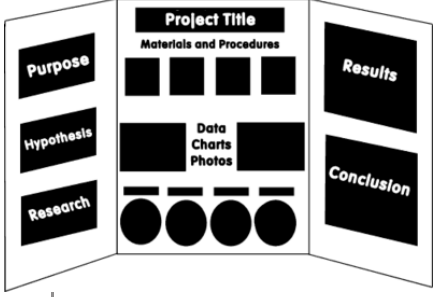
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Knots			
540 Not Just Knots (X)	All 17 activities (including a capstone project) and all of the Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project Judged as Junior & Senior Categories at State Fair	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center You may be asked to identify and tie selected knots
Physics			
500 Science Fun with Physics (B)	All 12 experiments At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project Review	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
Companion Animals/Horses			
200 All About Dogs (B)	All 8 activities and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center No animals are brought to judging.
210 Assistance Animals in Action (I)	All 8 activities and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	
173 Horseless Horse (B)	Planning Your Project section At least 4 interest areas All recommended activities in your selected interest areas At least 2 organized activities At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project *No State Fair Competition*	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
Animal/Veterinary Science			
101 How the Herd Multiplies (I/A) (New 2026)	All 9 activities & Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project Summary and project review	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
244 From Airedales to Zebras, Level 1 (B)	Set goals and record project highlights At least seven activities each year At least 21 of the activities in three years Complete the "Whaddya Know?" survey before and after activities Project evaluation (Use the same book 1-3 years.)	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	
245 All Systems Go! Level 2 (I)	Set goals and record project highlights At least seven activities each year At least 21 of the activities in three years Complete the "Whaddya Know?" survey before and after activities Project evaluation (Use the same book 1-3 years.)	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	
246 On the Cutting Edge, Level 3 (A)	Set goals and record project highlights At least seven activities each year At least 21 of the activities in three years Complete the "Whaddya Know?" survey before and after activities Project evaluation (Use the same book 1-3 years.)	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	

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Robotics (members must purchase 4-H robotic required materials)			
509 Robotics Essentials	All 10 activities (including construction of a LEGO® Spike™ Prime or VEX robot) and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Demonstrate robot Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
512M Robotics Master (A)	One major robotics project At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 citizenship activities Project records including interview, budget, and photos Judging activity	Completed project book For members who want to explore robotics with a different platform (not LEGOS®) Must bring own test platform to demonstrate their robot's task (less than 10 minutes) and print-out of program. Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	
Small Engines			
541 Crank It Up, Level 1 (B)	At least 7 activities each year in either main activities sections or Race Ahead sections Planning Guide (Use the same book 1-3 years.)	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area about uses or small engines, small engine parts, tools or safety Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	These projects are judged within the Tractor Maintenance Club. To be eligible for State Fair selection, youth must attend Summer Judging.
542 Warm It Up, Level 2 (I)	At least 7 activities each year in either main activities sections or Race Ahead sections Planning Guide (Use the same book 1-3 years.)	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area about the different types and sizes, internal parts, specialized tools, compression, seasoning your engine or starting your own business. Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	
543 Tune It Up, Level 3 (A)	At least 7 activities each year in either main activities sections or Race Ahead sections Planning Guide (Use the same book 1-3 years.)	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area about tearing down and rebuilding an engine Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
544 Ready, Set, Mow,... (A)	All 13 activities and Talking It Over questions At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Project review	Completed project book Poster or Display Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	
Tractor and Machinery Operation			
552 Gearing Up for Safety, Level B	Complete all Activities	Completed project book Poster or Display Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	These projects are judged within the Tractor Maintenance Club. To be eligible for State Fair selection, youth must attend Summer Judging.
553 Moving Out: Learning About Your Tractor & Farm Machinery, Level C	Complete all Activities	Completed project book Poster or Display Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	
554 Learning More: Learning About Agricultural Tractors and Equipment, Level D	Complete all Activities	Completed project book Poster or Display Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center

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Welding			
573 Arcs and Sparks (I)	Recommended number of areas, building skills, and developing knowledge questions for your year At least 2 organized project activities At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities Build at least 2 weldments/or other items in book One-page report	Completed project book and 2 projects, 1 recommended and 1 optional (would fit inside a 6'x6'x3' box, no larger than 8'x8'x20') All projects must be completed using Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) Member must be able to move project with a hand dolly. Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
Woodworking (Exhibitors who use tools that are listed for higher project classes than what they took will be evaluated only and not considered for awards. This is a safety issue.)			
556 Measuring Up, Level 1 (B)	At least 7 activities per year for up to three years At least 2 leadership experiences Planning Guide (Use the same book 1-3 years.)	Completed project book and project that displays what you have learned Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project Note: Exhibitors must only use tools listed for their project class, projects using tools that are listed for higher project classes will be evaluated only and not considered for awards. This is a safety issue.	Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center
557 Making the Cut, Level 2			
558 Nailing It Together, Level 3 (A)	At least 7 activities per year for up to three years At least 4 woodworking leadership experiences Planning Guide (Use the same book 1-3 years.)		
559 Finishing Up, Level 4 (A)			
560M Woodworking Master (A)	One major woodworking project At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 citizenship activities Project records including interview, budget, and photos Judging activity		
About 4-H			
91 Discovering 4-H (B)	Activities in 9 interest areas Project summary	Completed project book Display that fits in 3 foot area Fair exhibit should be a display relating to the project No State Fair competition	Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center

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Self-Determined			
<p>365 Self-Determined Note: These projects are State Idea Starters. If there is an animal, this project is judged at the fair. If habitat is the focus, the project is judged in the summer</p>	<p>Using the Self-Determined Project Guide: Topic identification At least 3 areas of interest, each with at least 3 activities At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship experiences Project summary</p>	<p>Self-Determined-General, Other 3D Printing Amateur Radio American Sign Language Aquaculture (2026) Aquaponics Astronomy Babysitting Backyard Fireflies (2026) Bats Building the Future: Construction Careers (2026) Camp Counseling Climate Change Clowning Computer Science Digital Citizenship: Being Safe Online Digital Media Disability Advocacy and Awareness Discovering Genetics Flower Gardening Get Started with Composting Miniature Gardens—Fairies, fake plants, etc. Miniature Gardens—live plants Model Railroadng Music Native American Artifacts: Arrowheads Needle Felting (2026) No-Sew Fun (2026) Paddle Water Sports Paper Craft Quilting Shale Gas Extraction Skateboarding String Art Surviving the Great Outdoors Viruses, Bacteria, and Fungi Oh My! Weather</p>	<p>Classes: Junior (ages 8-13) and Senior (ages 14-18) as of Jan. 1</p> <p>Completed 4-H 365 plan, sample of project work, table top display such as a poster or scrapbook illustrating highlights of their project experience and accomplishments</p> <p>Wednesday, July 22 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center</p>
	<p>365.01 Companion Animal: Pigeons</p>	<p>Possession: July 1 Not a sale animal</p>	<p>See Poultry</p>
<p>365.01 Companion Animal Reptiles & Amphibians Hedgehogs Ferrets Chinchillas</p>	<p>Using the Self-Determined Project Guide: Topic identification At least 3 areas of interest, each with at least 3 activities</p>	<p>Possession: July 1 Not a sale animal Ferrets must show Certificate of Vaccination for current year; Others-no health papers required</p>	<p>1 pet, poster display and completed project book Sunday, October 11 1:30 p.m., by appointment #50 Show Arena</p>
<p>365.04 Natural Resources Crop Production</p>	<p>At least 2 learning experiences At least 2 leadership/citizenship experiences Project summary</p>	<p>Completed project book. Complete project interview at Summer Judging. Display that fits in a 3 foot area. All exhibits must be grown in the current year.</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 21 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. By appointment Levacy Center</p> <p>Fair Exhibit-Display that fits in a 3 foot area that was brought to summer judging or items grown in the current year.</p>

SUMMER JUDGING SCHEDULE

July 21-22, 2026

(Email with link to schedule will be sent to enrolled members in June)
Please refer to Fairfield County Project Guide for complete judging requirements

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (by appointment)

4-H Engineering and Environmental Science, Communications, and Leadership Projects

<p><u>Horses</u></p> <p>173 Horseless Horse</p> <p><u>Companion Animals</u></p> <p>200 All About Dogs 210 Assistance Animals in Action (new 2024)</p> <p><u>Animal/Veterinary Science</u></p> <p>101 How the Herd Multiplies 244 From Airedales to Zebras, Level 1 245 All Systems Go!, Level 2 246 On the Cutting Edge, Level 3</p> <p><u>Communication</u></p> <p>377 Finding Your Voice: Public Speaking Made Easy</p> <p><u>Writing</u></p> <p>588 The Writer in You (Note: written entries are due to OSUE by July 1. Must attend judging to be considered for placement)</p> <p><u>Leadership and Citizenship</u></p> <p>370 Mentoring: Leadership in Action 371 Club Leadership I 373 My Hands to Larger Service 374 Teens on Board 375 Leadership Road Trip: Where Are You Going? 375i Leadership Road Trip iBook 376 Pantry Panic 378M Leadership Master 383 Club Leadership II</p> <p><u>Career Exploration</u></p> <p>382 Am I Ready for Work 386 You're Hired! 387 Here, There, Ag Careers Everywhere</p> <p><u>Science Fun</u></p> <p>490 Science Fun with Dairy Foods: The Case of the Missing Milk 493 Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry 500 Science Fun with Physics</p>	<p><u>Aerospace Science</u></p> <p>501 Rockets Away (2-Liter Bottle Rockets) 502 Science Fun with Flight 503 Rockets Away (Solid Fuel Model Rockets) 503M Solid Fuel Rocketry Master</p> <p><u>Robotics</u></p> <p>509 Robotics Essentials 512M Robotics Master</p> <p><u>Bicycle</u></p> <p>517 Bicycling for Fun, Level 1</p> <p><u>Electricity</u></p> <p>527 Paper Circuits 528 Smart Circuits 531 Science Fun with Electricity</p> <p><u>Knots</u></p> <p>540 Not Just Knots</p> <p><u>Small Engines</u></p> <p>541 Crank It Up, Level 1 542 Warm It Up, Level 2 543 Tune It Up, Level 3 544 Ready, Set,...Mow 551 Starting Up: Getting to Know Your Tractor, Level A 552 Gearing Up for Safety, Level B</p> <p><u>Energy</u></p> <p>550 Young Engineers in Solar Energy</p> <p><u>All Terrain Vehicles (ATV)</u></p> <p>555 ATV Safety</p> <p><u>Woodworking</u></p> <p>556 Measuring Up, Level 1 557 Making the Cut, Level 2 558 Nailing It Together, Level 3 559 Finishing Up, Level 4 560M Woodworking Master</p>	<p><u>Welding</u></p> <p>573 Arcs and Sparks</p> <p><u>The Natural World</u></p> <p>611 Explore the Outdoors 612 Geology: Can You Dig It? 613 Exploring Polar Science 616 Water Matters 617 Exploring Ponds 620 Why Trees Matter 621 Ohio Birds 622 Trapping Muskrats in Ohio 623 Outdoor Adventurer: Beginning Fishing 624 Outdoor Adventurer: Intermediate Fishing 641 Beekeeping Project & Record Book 644 Insect Adventures 1 645 Insect Adventures 2 646 Insect Adventures 3</p> <p><u>Shooting Sports</u></p> <p>630 Safe Use of Guns 631 Basic Archery 750 Rifle (for State Fair selection) 751 Archery (for State Fair selection) 752 Shotgun (For State Fair selection) 756 Living History (For State Fair selection)</p> <p><u>Gardening and Plant Science</u></p> <p>*All members must complete project book and interview at Summer Judging*</p> <p>668 Field Crops and Forages 670 Canning and Freezing 671 How Does Your Garden Grow? 673 Edible Landscapes 691 Grow Your Own Vegetables 692 Growing with the Seasons</p>
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SUMMER JUDGING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (by appointment)

All Food & Nutrition Projects, Creative Arts Projects, Family & Consumer Sciences Misc. Projects, Self Determined, Clothing

Note for CLOTHING projects: Style Revue is at 7:00 p.m. location Liberty Union High School, please arrive by 6:30 p.m.

You MUST attend Judging and Style Revue to be eligible for county placement and state fair selections

Style Revue Cards can be found in your project book or online at: fairfield.osu.edu in the Member Resource section

Food-Beginner

- Junior (ages 8-13) and Senior (ages 14-18)
 459 Let's Start Cooking
 481 Everyday Food and Fitness
 484 Snack Attack!
 487 Take A Break for Breakfast

Food-Intermediate

- (ages 11-13 unless otherwise indicated)
 Junior (ages 8-13) and Senior (ages 14-18)
 461 Let's Bake Quick Breads
 463 Sports Nutrition: Ready, Set, Go
 472 Grill Master
 475 Star Spangled Foods
 477 Party Planner: A 4-H Guide to Quantity Cooking
 485 Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals

Food-Advanced

- (ages 14 and older unless otherwise indicated)
 462 Yeast Breads On the Rise
 467 Cooking on Your Own
 469 Global Gourmet
 474 Beyond the Grill
 476 Kitchen Boss

Genealogy

- 442 Family History Treasure Hunt

Home Living

- 405 The Laundry Project
 491 It's My Home
 494 Makeover My Space
 495 Living on Your Own
 432M Sewing & Textiles (non-clothing) Master

Scrapbooking

- 497 Scrapbooking: A 4-H Guide to Preserving Memories

Photography

- 584 Photography Basics, Book 1
 585 Next Level Photography, Book 2
 586 Mastering Photography, Book 3
 589M Photography Master

Cake Decorating

- 492 Cake Decorating
 (Only Summer Judging participants are eligible for the Ohio State Fair)

Collecting

- 496 My Favorite Things

Money Management Projects

- 445 Exploring Personal Finance
 446 Empowering Personal Finance

Fine Arts

- 498 Quilting the Best Better
 499 You Can Quilt!
 592 Get Started In Art
 593 Seeing Through Graphic Design
 594 Knitting It Together

About 4-H

- 91 Discovering 4-H
 92 4-H Around the Globe

Healthy Living

- Junior (ages 8-13) and Senior (ages 14-18)
 300 You're the Athlete
 353 First Aid in Action
 354 Medicine Science & Safety
 355 Tracking Your Health & Fitness
 356 Relationships 101 (new 2024)
 357 Alcohol and Drug Abuse
 358 The Truth About Tobacco
 359 Your Thoughts Matter
 360 Your Feelings Matter
 434 Superhero You

Clothing-Beginner

- 407 Accessories for Teens
 409 Sew Fun
 410 Designed by Me
 413 Sundresses and Jumpers
 419 Terrific Tops

Clothing-Intermediate

- 411 em-bell-ish: A 4-H Guide to Wearable Art
 412 Sew for Others
 415 Ready, Set, Sew Active!
 418 Loungewear
 424 Clothing for Middle School
 430 Shopping Savvy

Clothing-Advanced

- 406 Clothes for High School and College
 408 Creative Costumes
 417 Dress-Up Outfit
 420 Outerwear for Anywhere
 425 Look Great for Less
 426 Clothing for Your Career

Self Determined (only projects listed)

Junior (ages 8-13) and Senior (ages 14-18)

- Self-Determined-General, Other
 3D Printing
 Amateur Radio
 American Sign Language
 Aquaculture
 Aquaponics
 Astronomy
 Babysitting
 Backyard Fireflies
 Bats
 Building the Future: Construction Careers
 Camp Counseling
 Climate Change

- Clowning
 Computer Science
 Creative Arts, Other
 Digital Citizenship
 Digital Media
 Disability Advocacy and Awareness
 Discovering Genetics
 Family Life, Other
 Flower Gardening
 Get Started with Composting
 Miniature Gardens-live/artificial plants
 Model Railroad
 Music

- Native American Artifacts: Arrowheads
 Needle Felting
 No-Sew Fun
 Natural Resources, Other
 Paddle Water Sports
 Paper Craft
 Quilting
 Shale Gas Extraction
 Skateboarding
 String Art
 STEM, Other
 Surviving the Great Outdoors
 Viruses, Bacteria, Fungi, Oh My!
 Weather

LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

(Junior Fair Entries will be due August 28, 2026. Please review the *Junior Fair Rules Book* for specific requirements.)

Livestock Forms, including Home Grown Market Rabbit form, Home Grown Market Wether form, Home Grown Market Lamb form, Livestock Housing form, SwineLamb/Goat MQP application, BPCQ application, Horse forms, Leases, can be found on the Fairfield County website under Livestock Information and Resources:

<https://go.osu.edu/FClivestockresources>

PROJECT COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Complete a new Project Record book each year.**
2. Complete Livestock Skillathon, see details below.
3. Complete Livestock Quality Assurance, see details below.
4. Complete the Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF):
 - This form is required for ALL market animals (market beef, dairy market beef steers, beef feeders, dairy feeders, market hog, market lamb, market goat, market poultry, market rabbits, not needed for breeding stock, unless lactating).
 - Submitted online no later than 12 noon, Friday, October 9, 2026
 - Exception: Poultry and Rabbits due no later than midnight, Saturday, October 10, 2026
5. Review additional project requirements such as possession dates, tagging/identification, weight requirements, age, breeds, etc. These requirements can be found in the project descriptions in the *Junior Fair Rules Book*. Please note that underweight and overweight animals are handled differently for each species.
6. Review General Rules and Specie Rules. Each livestock committee has specie-specific rules in place at the fair. Please refer to the *Junior Fair Rules Book* for these details.

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON REQUIREMENTS

Skillathons are a required portion of project completion for livestock projects and exhibition at the Fairfield County Junior Fair for all beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit (except Pet Rabbits), sheep, swine, dog, horse, alpaca/llama projects.

Stations may include (but are not limited to) animal anatomy/body parts, breeding and reproduction, feeds and nutrition, current events, diseases and animal health, equipment ID, feed ID, Quality Assurance, breeds, marketing, meats, and recordkeeping. Youth must complete at least one Skillathon, but may complete more than one to be eligible to exhibit at the Fairfield County Fair. If youth wishes to participate in the Premier Exhibitor contest s/he must complete the county Skillathon for that species. For more information, refer to Junior Fair Rules Book.

Ohio State Fair (OSF) Skillathons (virtual or in-person) may be used to fulfill the county requirement, unless youth is participating in Premier Exhibitor. If an OSF Skillathon is used to meet the county Skillathon requirement, completed project books must be submitted for review, see *Junior Fair Rules Book* for details.

County Skillathon dates:

- **Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Steers, Dairy Feeders, Goat, Sheep, Swine: Sept. 12, 2026**
- **Dogs, Rabbit, Poultry, Horse, Alpaca/Llama: Sept. 26, 2026**

LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA)

Quality Assurance Training is required for all members who will be exhibiting a livestock project at the Fairfield County Fair. This includes the following projects:

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| • Beef (Breeding & Market) | Dairy Breeding, Dairy Feeders, Dairy Market Beef Steers |
| • Goats (Dairy, Meat, Market & Pygmy) | Poultry (Breeding & Market) |
| • Sheep (Breeding & Market) | Swine |
| • Rabbits (Breeding & Market) | Llamas & Alpacas |

Members planning to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair must complete QA by June 1, 2026. Members planning to exhibit at the Fairfield County Fair must complete QA by June 30, 2026. Completion paperwork for member's QA training is due to the Extension Office July 1, 2026.

Members are required to attend one QA Clinic taught by a certified instructor. Members should sign in at the beginning of the clinic and complete a questionnaire at the end of the clinic. Clinics may be set up at the club level by the Advisor. Two countywide make-up dates for members who missed their club QA Clinic or have not met their requirement for the current year will be held on:

- Thursday, May 7, 2026**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Agriculture Center Conference Room (831 College Ave, Lancaster)
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Agriculture Center Conference Room (831 College Ave, Lancaster)

If members do not attend a club clinic or countywide make-up QA Clinic, they will be ineligible to exhibit and show livestock at the Fairfield County Fair. Different clinics, meetings, & livestock shows around the state may offer approved QA training. Examples of these types of sessions are: the Ohio Beef Expo, Junior Swine Day, Youth Poultry Clinic and

other counties countywide QA clinics. For a list of approved QA Training events throughout the state, contact the Extension Office. If a club member chooses to attend one of these sessions, s/he needs to provide the Extension Office with proof of attendance by July 1, 2026. Members may also complete the Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) online course. This is the only online course that currently meets the ODA standards. Information and cost can be found at go.osu.edu/yqca.

A member may test-out of the QA requirement by passing a test. Members may test-out when reaching the ages of 12-14. Once 15 years old, members may again test-out of QA until s/he completes his/her 4-H career. Test-out dates are May 4-9, 2026, by appointment, at the Extension Office. If a member does not pass this test, s/he must attend at least one QA Clinic for 2026 by June 30. Contact Leslie at Cooksey.25@osu.edu to schedule.

DOG PROJECT (#201) DEADLINES

- ◇ Dog Project Identification form and Vaccination Certificate (signed by licensed veterinarian) are due to OSUE by June 1
- ◇ Agility contest will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026 1:00-3:00 pm.
- ◇ Skillathon will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026, 12:00-3:00 p.m., by appointment in the Ed Sands building at the Fairgrounds.
- ◇ You & Your Dog Interviews and PetPALS judging will be completed during the Jr. Fair Dog Show.

2026 HOG, LAMB, AND GOAT MQP INFORMATION

Applications for the 2026 Swine, Lamb, Goat MQP program must be received through the on-line portal by 4:00 p.m. on **April 15, 2026**. The online application links are available on the Fairfield County OSU Extension website under livestock forms (<https://go.osu.edu/mqp>).

1. When submitting the applications, an essay, not to exceed 300 words, must be uploaded through the portal. The titles essays are:
 - Swine: *What breed(s) of pig will you be looking for when you choose your MQP project and what does the industry view as some pros and cons of that breed choice?*
 - Lamb: *As you select your MQP lamb what are some of the physical and genetic traits you will be looking for and why?*
 - Goat: *Why I want to participate in a livestock project that's focused on producing high quality goat that meets the consumer's demand*
2. The essays may be scored by an independent panel of judges. If scored, only the author's age, **not** their name, will be revealed to the judges. If a participant must withdraw from the program, s/he must agree to notify the OSU Extension office immediately.
3. MQP goats must be in the exhibitor's possession by **May 23, 2026** and will be weighed/tagged in at the Fairgrounds on **May 23, 2026** from 8:00-9:00 a.m. The **live MQP goats** must be delivered to the Fairgrounds for the conclusion on **Sunday, August 30, 2026**.
4. MQP hogs must be in the exhibitor's possession by **June 27, 2026**, and tagged and weighed at the Fairgrounds on **June 27, 2026, time TBD**. The **live MQP barrows** must be delivered to the Fairgrounds for the conclusion on **Sunday, September 13, 2026**, time TBD.
5. MQP lambs must be brought to the Fairgrounds for tagging and weighing on **June 27 2026**, and the **live MQP lambs** must be delivered to the Fairgrounds for the conclusion on **Monday, September 7, 2026**, between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m.
6. All MQP participants are required to market the freezer meat resulting from the harvest of their animal and ensure that it is picked up at the packing facility in a timely fashion.
7. Freezer goat, pork, and lamb cutting/processing sheets must be submitted when the animals are delivered to the Fairgrounds for the conclusion of their respective contest. These sheets will made available to exhibitors in advance.
8. Immediately following delivery on their respective dates and following any of the live evaluations that may occur, the Show Committees will transport the animals to Bay Packing for harvest on the following morning.
9. Carcass data for each contest will be collected at Bay's and the scoring of the contests will be conducted under the direction of OSU specialists or their designees.
10. The fresh frozen freezer goat, pork and lamb must be picked up at times to be determined. The fresh pork cuts will likely be available prior to the Fair, and smoked/cured pork product will be available after the Fair.
11. A concluding educational program where the placings will be announced will be scheduled at a time and place yet to be determined.

We are privileged to have a local packing house, Bay Packing, who is willing and able to help facilitate the Fairfield County MQP programs by harvesting and processing up to 30 barrows, 25 goats, and 25 lambs. We also appreciate the effort of faculty and students in the OSU Animal Science Department who are willing to help score and facilitate this unique program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the OSU Extension office, Goat MQP Superintendent Nathan Crook, Barrow MQP Show Superintendent Russell Vanhorn, or Lamb MQP Show Superintendent Kris Doyle.

Additional information and applications can be found on the Fairfield County website under Livestock Information and Resources: <https://go.osu.edu/mqp>

GENERAL LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

Class/ Project	Exhibition Limits	Possession	Pre-Fair Tagging	Entries	Quality Assurance/ Skillation Requirement	DUNF	Judging/ Show Date	Animal Requirements for Fair		
117M- Market Beef	2 Live Animals 1 Carcass Animal Max of 6 total beef animals (excluding carcass)	2nd Saturday of March	March 14	All fair entries due 8/28/2026	QA by 6/30/2026 County Skillathon 9/12/2026	Yes	Tuesday October 13 8:30 a.m. Feeder Creek Show Arena	Completed Project Book Must weigh 1100 lbs. at fair No health papers required Submit DNA sample at tagging BPQC contest: Application and essay due to OSUE by January 8th		
117B-Beef Breeding	1 Entry per class (see Junior Fair Book) Max of 6 total beef animals (excluding carcass)	July 1	N/A			No	Tuesday October 13 8:30 a.m. Feeder Creek Show Arena	Completed Project Book Registration paperwork due July 1 if not in exhibitors name DNA sample and EID Tag information due July 15th, Not a sale animal No health papers required		
117BF- Beef Feeder Calf	2 animals Max of 6 total beef animals (excluding carcass)	August 15	N/A			No	Tuesday October 13 8:30 a.m. Feeder Creek Show Arena	Completed Project Book Born by July 1 of current year Must weigh 300-850 lbs. at fair Not a sale animal No health papers required		
117DF- Dairy Beef Feeder	2 entries	Last Saturday of June	June 27 [^]			Yes	Tuesday October 13 4:00 p.m. Round Cattle Barn	Completed Project Book Must weigh 300-700 lbs. at fair No health papers required		
117 Dairy Beef Steer	2 entries	2nd Saturday of March	March 14			Yes	Tuesday, October 13 4:00 p.m. Round Cattle Barn	Completed Project Book Must weigh 1100 lbs. at fair No health papers required Submit DNA sample at tagging		
127-Dairy Calf, Heifer and Cow	1 entry per Class	July 1	N/A			No*	Wednesday, October 14th 10:00 a.m. Round Cattle Barn	Completed Project Book No health papers required Not a sale animal Registration paperwork due July 1 if not in exhibitors name		
*DUNF required for lactating females										
[^] For specific tagging information, refer to the Junior Fair Rules Book.										

GENERAL LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

Class/ Project	Exhibition Limits	Possession	Pre-Fair Tagging	Entries	Quality Assurance/ Skillation Requirement	DUNF	Judging/ Show Date	Animal Requirements for Fair
132- Llama Alpaca	1 animal per exhibitor	July 1	N/A	All fair entries due 8/28/2026	QA by 6/30/2026 County Skillathon 9/26/2026	N/A	Tuesday, October 13 10:00 am Round Cattle Barn	Completed Project/Record Book Lease due to Extension office by July 1, if required Not a sale animal No health papers required
135M- Meat/ Market Goats	2 Live Animals 1 MQP Animal	Last Saturday of June	June 27th		QA by 6/30/2026 County Skillathon 9/12/2026	Yes	Showmanship Tuesday, October 13, 6:00 pm Show Wednesday, October 14 8:00 am Feeder Creek Arena	Completed Project Book Animals must weigh must weigh 60 lbs or more at fair; must be properly castrated. Only wethers are allowed, no bucks or does Animals must show no evidence of illness, superficial abscesses, open sores or wounds, sore mouth or foot rot. Must have USDA Scrapie identification No health papers required NO BUDDY MEAT/MARKET GOATS
135BM- Breeding Doe Meat Goats	1 entry per class Max 3 meat doe entries	July 1	N/A		No*	No*	Showmanship Tuesday, October 13, 6:00 pm Show Wednesday, October 14 8:00 am Feeder Creek Arena	Completed Project Book No health papers required No Bucks; Does may or may not be dehorned; Animals must show no evidence of superficial abscesses, sore mouth or foot rot All animals must have USDA Scrapie ID NO BUDDY MEAT/MARKET GOATS
135BD- Dairy Goats	2 entries per class Max 5 dairy goat entries	July 1	N/A	QA by 6/30/2026 County Skillathon 9/12/2026	No*	Tuesday, October 13 10:00 am Ed Sands Arena	Completed Project Book No health papers required No Bucks; Must be dehorned. Must show no evidence of superficial abscesses, sore mouth or foot rot. Lease (if required) due July 1. All animals must have USDA Scrapie ID	
135PY Pygmy Goats	Max of 5 pygmy goats 1 entry per class	July 1	N/A	No*	No*	Monday, October 12 11:00 am Ed Sands Arena	Completed Project Book No health papers required May or may not be dehorned Must show no evidence of superficial abscesses, sore mouth or foot rot; No Bucks; Should be vaccinated (CD&T) and dewormed Lease (if required) due July 1. All animals must have USDA Scrapie ID	

*For specific tagging information, refer to the Junior Fair Rules Book.

*DUNF required for lactating females

GENERAL LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

Class/ Project	Exhibition Limits	Possession	Pre-Fair Tagging	Entries	Quality Assurance/ Skillation Requirement	DUNF	Judging/ Show Date	Animal Requirements for Fair
Horses 174 175 177 180 181 182 184 186 187 188 189	1 entry per exhibitor per class	June 1	N/A	All fair entries due 8/28/2026	EquiSTEP 6/1/2026 County Skillathon 9/26/2026	N/A	Wednesday October 14 8:30 am Thursday October 15 10:00 am Friday October 16 1:00 p.m.	Class registrations made with fair entries Completed Project/Record Book, with one page summary Appropriate helmet and other equipment ID 1 photo with entire horse and exhibitor visible due <u>June 1</u> (project & back up horse) Lease forms due <u>June 1</u> Must sign the Permission to Participate form annually when completing enrollment. Negative Coggins Test required by <u>June 1</u>
150CEP Layers	2 hens, same breed	July 1	N/A			No	QA by 6/30/2026 County Skillathon 9/26/2026	No
150CE Standard/ Bantam Roosters & Hens	1 bird/class; limited to a maximum of 6 entries in each, Standard and Bantam	July 1	N/A		No	Poultry- Turkeys Monday, October 12 10:00 a.m. #50 Building		Completed Project/Record Book No health papers required See Jr. Fair Book for Pullorum testing hatchery paperwork requirements.
150CM Market Chickens	1 entry-pen of 3 birds, male or female	Market Chickens- within 5 days of hatch and no later than Sept 1	N/A		Yes	Weight-in: Mkt Ducks/Chicken 2:30-4:30 p.m., 1 Sat. of fair; Requirements: Pen of three market chickens, 12-24 lbs.	Yes	Completed Project/Record Book No health papers required See Jr. Fair Book for Pullorum testing hatchery paperwork requirements.
150TM Market Turkey	1 bird	Within 5 days of hatch no sooner than May 1 and no later than July 1	N/A		Yes	Poultry- Market/ Breeding Monday, October 12 12:30 p.m. #50 Building	Yes	Completed Project/Record Book No health papers required See Jr. Fair Book for Pullorum testing hatchery paperwork requirements.
150TE Breeding Turkey	1 bird	July 1	N/A		No	Completed Project/Record Book No health papers required See Jr. Fair Book for Pullorum testing hatchery paperwork requirements.	No	Completed Project/Record Book No health papers required See Jr. Fair Book for Pullorum testing hatchery paperwork requirements.
COP 150E Exotic Fowl	1 bird	July 1	N/A		No	Completed Project/Record Book No health papers required See Jr. Fair Book for Pullorum testing hatchery paperwork requirements.	No	Completed Project/Record Book No health papers required See Jr. Fair Book for Pullorum testing hatchery paperwork requirements.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

Class/ Project	Exhibition Limits	Possession	Pre-Fair Tagging	Entries	Quality Assurance/ Skillathon Requirement	DUNF	Judging/ Show Date	Animal Requirements for Fair
150DM Market Duck	1 bird	Between August 1 and August 15	N/A	All fair entries due 8/28/2026	QA by 6/30/2026 County Skillathon 9/26/2026	Yes	Showmanship: Sunday, October 11th 6:00 pm #50 Building Poultry-Turkeys Monday, October 12th 10:00 a.m. #50 Building	Completed Project/Record Book No health papers required See Jr. Fair Book for Pullorum testing hatchery paperwork requirements. Weigh-in: Mkt Ducks/Chicken 2:30-4:30 pm, 1 Sat. of fair; Single Mkt Duck, 6-10 lbs.
150DE Fancy Duck	1 bird	July 1	N/A			No	Completed Project/Record Book No health papers required	
150GE Geese	1 bird	July 1	N/A			No	Completed Project/Record Book No health papers required	
365.01 Pigeon	1 bird	July 1	N/A			No	Complete Self-Determined Project Idea Starter and Record Addendum No health papers required	
198 Market Lamb	2 live animals 1 MQP animal	last Saturday in June Born after January 1	June 27			Yes	Completed Project/Record Book No health papers required MQP Lamb Contest: Application and essay due to OSUE by April 15 Must weigh 100-150 lbs. at fair No Rams in market classes All market lambs must be sick-shorn within 7 days of show date Must have USDA Scrapie ID	
199 Breeding Sheep	5 entries	July 1	N/A	Yes	Completed Project/Record Book No health papers required The same ewe may not be used for breeding and market. Not a sale animal Must have USDA Scrapie ID Must be free of sore mouth, foot rot and warts			

GENERAL LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

Class/ Project	Exhibition Limits	Possession	Pre-Fair Tagging	Entries	Quality Assurance/ Skillathon Requirement	DUNF	Judging/ Show Date	Animal Requirements for Fair
140MA Market Hog	2 live animals 1 MQP animal	Last Saturday in June	June 27	All fair entries due 8/28/2026	QA by 6/30/2026 County Skillathon 9/12/2026	Yes	Showmanship: Sunday, October 11 3:00 pm Market: Monday, October 12 8:30 a.m. Feeder Creek Show Arena	Completed Project/Record Book No health papers required MQP swine contest: Application and essay due to OSUE by April 15 Weight: 225 lbs.-295 lbs by fair (No maximum for MQP hogs) Any breed or cross breed; live hogs may be gilt and/or barrow
140BR Swine Breeding	Fairfield County does not have Swine Breeding Classes; however, members wishing to take a breeding gilt to the Ohio State Fair must sign up for this project in 4-H Online by April 15th, make an Ohio State Fair Entry by June 21 and complete QA by June 1. . .							
201 Dogs 201D 201O 201S 201P 201W	1 entry per class Except 201P (if different dogs)	April 1	N/A	All fair entries due 8/28/2026	County Skillathon 9/26/2026	No	Sunday, October 11 8:00 a.m. Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena Agility September 26 1:00-3:00 p.m.	Certificate of Vaccination and ID form due to OSUE by June 1. Must participate in You & Your Dog/PetPals Judging at fair to be eligible for exhibitor classes. State Fair guidelines must be followed. Completed Project/Record Book Bring dog (including water & shelter) Not a sale animal
228BR- Breeding Rabbit	2 breeding classes Exhibitors with 3 or more years may also show 1- junior animal of same breed as senior	July 1	N/A	All fair entries due 8/28/2026	QA by 6/30/2026 County Skillathon 9/26/2026	No	Thursday October 15 11:00 a.m. #50 Building Showmanship Tuesday October 13 After Market show	Completed Project Book Not a sale animal No health papers required
228MA- Market Rabbit	2 market classes Homegrown intention due May 1 online	2nd Saturday of September	Sept. 12 ALL Market Animals Max of 6 animals per exhibitor (24 animals per family)	All fair entries due 8/28/2026	QA by 6/30/2026 County Skillathon 9/26/2026	Yes	Tuesday October 13 8:30 a.m. #50 Building Showmanship Tuesday October 13 After Market show	Completed Project Book At fair, Mkt Fryers should be 90-100 days old and Mkt. Roaster should be 120-130 days old. No health papers required

GENERAL LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

Class/ Project	Exhibition Limits	Possession	Pre-Fair Tagging	Entries	Quality Assurance/ Skillation Requirement	DUNF	Judging/ Show Date	Animal Requirements for Fair
215 Cavy	1 or 2 animals	July 1	N/A	All fair entries due 8/28/2026	No	No	Sunday, October 11 11:30 a.m., by appointment #50 Show Arena	Completed Project/Record Book Not a sale animal No health papers required
Cats 216 217 218	1 entry	July 1	N/A		No	No	Sunday, October 11 11:30 a.m., by appointment #50 Show Arena	Completed Project/Record Book Not a sale animal Must show Certificate of Vaccinations given for the current year. 216: 1 cat or one poster display AND completed project book 217 & 218: 1 cat, 1-poster and completed project book
220 Pocket Pets	1 entry	July 1	N/A		No	No	Sunday, October 11 1:30 p.m., by appointment #50 Show Arena	1 pet and one poster display Completed project/record book Not a sale animal No health papers required
228PE Pet Rabbit	1 entry	July 1	N/A		No	No	Sunday, October 11 10:00 a.m., by appointment #50 Show Arena	1 pet and one poster display Completed project/record book
230 PetPALS	1 entry	July 1	N/A		No	No	Dogs - Sunday, October 11 8:00 a.m. Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena Companion Animals - Sunday October 11 #50 Show Arena Time based on animal specie.	Must be enrolled in a PetPALS program under the direction of a master 4-H PetPALS leader
								Completed Project/Record Book Not a sale animal Health papers as required per the specie. Must be enrolled in correct, corresponding Companion Animal project as well.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK AND HORSE HOUSING FORM

This is for 4-H and FFA exhibitors who house their animals on property other than where they reside, or house their animals in facilities that their parents or guardians do not own.

One form should be completed per specie/location.

Name of Exhibitor:					
Address:					
City:		Phone:		Age (Jan 1):	
Type of Project:					
Name of Club:					
Name of Advisor(s):					
Property Owner's Name (where the animal will be housed):					
Property Owner Address:					
Property Owner City:		Property Owner Phone:			
How many miles is the property from your home?					
How will you care for your animal?					
Are there other exhibitors housing their animals at this location?				_____ Yes _____ No	
Are there any other animals at this location that are not 4-H/FFA projects?				_____ Yes _____ No	
Are you willing to be responsible for the regular care of your animal(s)? (Regular Care is the daily feeding, grooming, training, health, and approved practices for your species of livestock, horses, poultry or rabbits).				_____ Yes	

By signing this form you agree that all information given is correct and you will be responsible for the regular care of your project.

Exhibitor _____	Date _____
Parent/Guardian _____	Date _____
Property Owner _____	Date _____
4-H/FFA Advisor _____	Date _____

Date Received: _____

Animal ID: _____

This form must be put on file in the OSU Extension Office by the dates listed below:

Carcass Steers	Due at tagging/weigh-in	Breeding Sheep	July 1
Market Beef	Due at tagging/weigh-in	Breeding Goats	July 1
Dairy Feeders and Steers	Due at tagging/weigh-in	Breeding Rabbits	July 1
Market and MQP Lambs	Due at tagging/weigh-in	Breeding Poultry	July 1
Market and MQP Hogs	Due at tagging/weigh-in	Market Turkey	After May 1, but before July 1 within 5 days of hatch
Market and MQP Goats	Due at tagging/weigh-in	Beef Feeder	August 15
Horses	June 1	Market Rabbits	Second Saturday of September
Breeding Beef	July 1	Market Chickens	Within 5 days of hatch and no later than September 1st
Dairy Females	July 1	Market Ducks	Within 5 days of hatch and between August 1st-15th of current year

The above dates are for Fairfield County only, please check the Ohio State Fair website for state fair deadlines.

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4-H YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

CLOVERBUD OPPORTUNITIES

Cloverbud Fair Activities: Cloverbuds have an opportunity to participate in the Fairfield County Fair by participating in the Stuffed Animal Show and Cloverbud Show-N-Tell. Cloverbuds in their last year are also invited to participate in Cloverbud Graduation to celebrate their graduation to Community Club membership. See your advisor for more information.

COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES

Member Completion Awards— Members completing the year in good-standing will receive a completion certificate. Members celebrating milestone years will have the opportunity to receive member pins.

Still Project Awards— Still Project class award winners will be recognized for their achievements at the annual Summerfest celebration held in August. Ohio State Fair award winners will be recognized at this event as well.

Skillathon Awards— Outstanding Skillathon awards will be awarded to the top 20% in each specie for Junior and Senior Age groups. Additionally, the top Junior and top Senior in each specie will receive an award.

Premier Exhibitor Awards— Awards will be given the 1 place individual in each age category. Age is as of January 1. Additionally, the top 3 overall Premier Exhibitors in each specie will receive a cash award and banner.

Livestock Judging— Currently, Fairfield County 4-H does not have an organized Livestock Judging Team. However, youth are encouraged to participate in various livestock judging contests throughout the state including the Ohio State Fair. Additionally, all Fairfield County youth are invited to participate in the Fairfield County Livestock Judging Contest at the fair. Species to be judged include beef, hogs, sheep, and goats.

Poultry Judging— Open to any Fairfield County 4-H member interested in poultry science. Practice will be held in July/ August. (see 4-H blog for current information) or contact the Extension Office.

COUNTY OLDER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Junior Leadership Club (13 years or older)— Members who are 13 years or older are invited to join this county-wide club anytime throughout the year. There is no application to complete, but members must commit to attending monthly meetings. This club organizes the advisor recognition celebration as well as leads community service projects.

4-H Camp Counselors (14 years or older)— Members may apply to become a counselor for Cloverbud, Day, Junior, and/or Senior Camps. Applications are due in January each year. Counselors are required to attend meetings and trainings to obtain the required training hours prior to camp.

Junior Fair Board (14 years or older)— Members may apply to become a member of the Junior Fair Board. Applications are due in January each year. This board assists with fair planning and events. Members are required to attend monthly meetings and activities.

Fashion and Nutrition Board (13 years or older and have completed at least 3 years in clothing or nutrition project areas)— Members may apply to become a member of the Fashion Nutrition Board by emailing Shannon Carter at carter.413@osu.edu. This board assists with planning county workshops for members as well as the 4-H Style Revue. Members are required to attend monthly meetings.

Fairfield County Junior Fair Royalty/Species Royalty— Older youth have an opportunity to apply to represent the Junior Fair as part of the fair royalty. Each year, a Junior Fair Queen is selected as well as specie ambassadors. Applications are due in September and can be found on the website under *Junior Fair Information*.

Fairfield County 4-H Scholarship— Fairfield County 4-H Scholarships were established by the Fairfield County 4-H Advisory Committee to help Fairfield County youth become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. Fairfield County 4-H recognizes and rewards individual excellence in project work, leadership, citizenship and community service. Applicant must: Be a current member of Fairfield County 4-H, must complete at least one 4-H project in the year prior to receiving the scholarship, a current year graduating high school senior, or equivalent of a college freshman. Applications are due in January. Members must attend the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet in April to receive Scholarship. Members may receive scholarship one time only.

Outstanding 4-H'er— Members who are a high school senior or above as of January 1, have completed an Ohio 4-H Achievement form, and are a current 4-H member in good standing are eligible to be considered for the Outstanding 4-H'er award. Members must submit an addendum for their Achievement form in August with all updates for the current year. Award winners will be recognized in October at the Jr. Fair Panorama.

SMALL ENGINES AND TRACTOR MAINTENANCE 4-H CLUB

The Fairfield County Tractor Maintenance Club is offered as a county-wide club to youth interested specifically in engaging in hands-on activities with small engines and tractors. **This club organizes in January** and holds weekly meetings through mid-March. If you or someone you know would like to join this club, please contact the Extension Office at 740-653-5419 for more information.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

The Fairfield County 4-H Shooting Sports Program is offered as a county-wide club to youth. Due to safety, club size is limited to ensure a proper advisor/member ratio. **This club organizes in January.** If you are interested in this type of project experience, email amy.jo.menke@gmail.com for more information. Adults are also welcome to inquire about assisting as volunteer advisors with this exciting program. Currently, we have certified instructors available for Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Living History, and Hunting & Wildlife.

DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS

Demonstration and Illustrated Talks are a wonderful way to share your knowledge while improving public speaking skills. The contests are held at the extension office at 831 College Ave., Lancaster, OH.

Demonstration Contest

When: Monday, July 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m. **Call to register by July 1**

Who: Any 4-H member

What: A contest designed to demonstrate your ability to teach about a subject or how to do something. There are Junior and Senior Divisions! For more information contact the Extension Office. Opportunity to be selected for Ohio State Fair.

4-H Pledge and Creed Event (County-only event)

When: Monday, July 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m. **Call to register by July 1**

Who: Any 4-H or Cloverbud Member

What: Creed Event, Pledge Event (Cloverbuds Only)

For more information about communications events, email Cooksey.25@osu.edu.

OFFICER BOOK CONTESTS

All books are due to the Extension Office by: **January 31**. For a copy of the rubric utilized to score the books, please visit: <https://fairfield.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/member-resources-and-information> and scroll to Officer Resources.

4-H Club Secretary Book Contest- The Contest is proudly sponsored and funded each year by the family of Robert L. Hillman who was a 4-H advisor for many years in Pickaway County. Mr. Hillman believed strongly in teaching and practicing quality record keeping within the structure of the 4-H program. He continued to support his grandchildren, Adam, Milea, and Sarah Maxwell, in their 4-H endeavors in Fairfield County until his death in 2003. To continue his long-standing commitment to the tradition of record keeping and the 4-H program, his family is proud to sponsor this competition in his memory. When the Secretary's Book is complete, it should document the activities by its members for one year. It becomes a historical document to be enjoyed for years to come as individuals review it with fondness and memories. Please submit a stamped thank you note to the sponsor of this award with your entry for **The Maxwell Family, 7495 Eversole Rd NW, Carroll, OH 43112**. Awards will be given to the top three books.

4-H Club Treasurer Book Contest- The Friendly Bremen Banking Center sponsors the annual contest. Prizes include CASH awards for you, the treasurer, not the club! To be eligible, you must complete your book and turn it in by the deadline. Employees of the bank will review the books and choose a 1, 2nd and 3rd place winner. Resources are available on the website that may help you complete your role as treasurer at: <https://fairfield.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/club-officer-resources>. Please submit a stamped thank you note to the sponsor of this award with your entry addressed to: **Jodi Motta, Vinton County National Bank, 521 E. Main St, Lancaster, OH 43130**.

Things the judges look for:

- Complete information, Neatness
- Record of Club Expenses & Receipts
- Treasurer's Annual Report
- Financial Planning Meeting (Budget)
- Club Roster
- Checkbook Balancing/Reconciliation
- Annual Audit Certificate

Resources available on our website:

- Treasurer Budget Form
- Treasurer Recommended Audit Procedures
- Treasurer Responsibilities
- Treasurer Check Balancing Reconciliation Form
- Treasurer Report
- Treasurer Yearly Summary

STATE AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

Ohio Achievement Awards- These 25 awards recognize a 4-H member's achievement in a specific area. Each **state** achievement award winner will receive a free trip to the National 4-H Congress. Must be 14 years old as of January 1. Complete Fairfield County 4-H Achievement Form by January deadline to be eligible. Form available online in December. A completion workshop will be held on December 1, 2026.

Ohio 4-H Scholarships - There are several state 4-H scholarships available and each has its own list of eligibility requirements. The State 4-H Scholarship Application Form gives a complete listing of each scholarship and its requirements. Complete the State 4-H Scholarship Application by February 15. Find it online: go.osu.edu/ohio4hscholarships.

Ohio State Fair Skillathon- All Skillathons are open to any Ohio 4-H or FFA member, age 8 and in the 3rd grade, or 9 years old and older regardless of grade level, to age 18 as of January 1. Youth do not have to be exhibitors at the Ohio State Fair to participate or be enrolled in an animal project. Placing and outstanding record book awards are given. Visit: go.osu.edu/osfskillathons for more information.

Ohio State Fair Exhibition- Youth enrolled in livestock and dog projects can exhibit at the Ohio State Fair during the summer. State Fair Market Beef DNA samples are due January 15th; other entries are due June 21. Horse members interested in showing at the State Fair must qualify at a PAS (Performance Against Standards) Show and complete registration once qualified. Visit: www.ohiostatefair.com for more information. Scholarship opportunities are also available for Ohio State Fair Exhibitors.

STATE TRIP AND CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Shooting Education Camps- Camps are held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson, Ohio. Applicants must have completed grades 3-5 (Junior Camp) or completed grades 7-12 (Senior Camp) as of January 1 of the current year to attend the camp. Open to all age eligible youth. Partial scholarship available to selected county delegates.

4-H Leadership Camp- Each county may nominate youth to attend State Leadership Camp to strengthen skills and experience personal growth at 4-H Camp Ohio. Must be 14 years of age by January 1 of the current year to attend the camp. Complete and return the Fairfield County 4-H Achievement Form in January. Form available online in December. Partial scholarship available to selected county delegates.

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp- The mission of Ohio 4-H Sea Camp is to offer teenage youth an introduction to the Great Lakes through hands-on experiences in a variety of aquatic-based programs. Sea Camp will enable participants to experience Lake Erie-based activities and culture such as aquatic science, water recreation, and fishing. It is open to youth ages 15-17. Complete and return the Fairfield County 4-H Achievement Form in January. Form available online in December. Partial scholarship available to selected county delegates. Camp takes place in July.

Citizen Washington Focus- In March, spend one week in Washington, D.C. with 4-H'ers from other states participating in workshops and touring our nation's capital. Recommended ages, 16 and older. Complete and return the Fairfield County 4-H Achievement Form in January. Form available online in December. Partial scholarship available to selected county delegates.

Ohio 4-H Conference- Held mid-March. Approximately 1,000 4-H teens from across the state participate in the teen portion of the Ohio 4-H Conference at the Columbus Convention Center. Youth select educational seminars and workshops to attend. Open to all 4-H youth ages 13 and older. Registration available in January and due in February.

Carving New Ideas- This program is held in November and is hosted by Ohio State's Collegiate 4-H Club at Camp Ohio. The workshop emphasizes recreational leadership skills and fun activities. Open to youth in 8-11th grades as of January 1.

Camp Canopy– This six day camp is held at FFA Camp Muskingum in Carroll County in June. The program combines educational sessions with instructors from Ohio’s top natural resource organizations (like the Ohio Department of Natural Resources) and industry experts from the state’s top educational institutions with adventure of the great outdoors. Plus, the traditional summer camp activities like campfire that we all know and love. Youth must be in grades 8-12 as of January 1.

Ohio Forestry and Wildlife Camp- Have you ever wondered what types of trees are in Ohio’s forests? Or, what kind of relationships organisms have with the forest? If so, Ohio Forestry and Wildlife Camp at FFA Canter’s Cave is the place for you. Open to youth completing grades 7-11. Camp takes place in April.

Other State Camping Opportunities- Visit: <http://www.ohio4h.org/camp>.

STATE OLDER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council- The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC) is a statewide group of 4-H teens and young 4-H alumni that provides a youth stakeholder perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Ohio 4-H programming. In this process, council members develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for future success. Council members share advice and recommendations to 4-H professionals in order to improve, strengthen, and expand the Ohio 4-H program. Complete an application due in August. Find it online: ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/teen-leadership-council.

Ohio 4-H Event Youth Assistant- The 4-H Event Youth Assistant program was developed to provide youth opportunities to help with 4-H events during the Ohio State Fair each year, while enhancing leadership skills and being involved in the State 4-H Program. Youth ages 13-18 with at least one year of experience in 4-H are invited to apply. They are expected to work a minimum of three events during the Ohio State Fair. Applications are due May 15. Find it online: ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/4heya.

State Junior Fair Board- The Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board is made up of our great state’s best and brightest young leaders, hand-picked to contribute to the success of the Ohio State Fair each year. Selected to represent their respective youth organizations, these students serve on behalf of thousands of students across Ohio. As ambassadors for 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Farm Bureau, FCCLA, Grange and Tech Ed, they are able to share their experiences and emphasize the value of the Junior Fair with patrons throughout the 12 days of the fair. Apply online at ohiostatefair.com/jfb (due in March).

2026 4-H CAMP INFORMATION

Camp Registration: May 1-15, 2026, available online at go.osu.edu/FCcamp

PLEASE NOTE: Once registration is submitted, there are NO refunds, substitutions or cancellations. If a campership is received and the camper does not attend camp, you will be responsible to reimburse that amount to the sponsor.

Camp and Dates	Grades	Full Fee	Campership Amount	Amount Due (by May 15th)	Camp Check-in	Camp Dismissal
Day Camp June 2-4	3,4,5,6,7,8,9	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	Daily, 9 am	Daily 4 pm
Cloverbud Day Camp June 6	K-2	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	Sat. June 6 9:00-9:30 am	Sat. June 6 4:00 pm
Junior Camp June 28-July 1	3,4,5	\$220.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	Sun, June 28 3:30-4:30pm	Wed, July 1 10:30 am
Senior Camp July 5-8	6,7,8,9	\$220.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	Sun, July 5 3:30-4:30 pm	Wed, July 8 10:30 am

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Youth may attend more than one camp if space is available.
- **NO REFUNDS** once payment is processed.
 - If a camper cannot attend camp, you are required to pay back the full price of camp within 14 days after the conclusion of camp.
 - If a camper cannot attend camp due to a documented medical reason, he/she will forfeit his/her camp fee but will not owe the full price of camp.
- **Campership:** Limit **ONE** campership per child. If attending multiple camps, the campership applies to the camp of greatest value.

- Contact Aubry Fowler, 4-H Camp Director, at fowler.443@osu.edu to discuss full campership options if a financial need exists for your child(ren) to attend camp.
- **Registrations** are on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning on May 1 and closing on May 15, 2026 (or until capacity is met) for program preparations, supply ordering, and to qualify for the Bertha Wilson Campership.
 - Complete online camp registration: go.osu.edu/FCCamp
 - Please select appropriate payment type in the registration process:
 - Credit card payments are accepted online only.
 - Checks (payable to The Ohio State University) or cash, can be dropped off or mailed to OSU Extension | 831 College Ave., Suite D | Lancaster, OH 43130.
 - Registration is considered complete upon receipt of application and payment. There will be a \$30.00 charge for all returned checks.
 - Once registration is complete, additional information will be e-mailed including required forms, items to pack, and a map to camp.
- **“Thank You” notes** are expected from each child who receives a campership. Please send to OSU Extension,
ATTN: Bertha Wilson Camp Scholarship | 831 College Avenue, Suite D | Lancaster, Ohio 43130-1081.
- Campers must provide their own transportation to and from all camps.
- **Cloverbud Camp** is held at Alley Park, 2805 Old Logan Rd, Lancaster. Camp fee includes partial lunch, a snack, a t-shirt, tie-dye item, camp photo, and supplemental health insurance.
- **Day Camp** is held at Alley Park, 2805 Old Logan Rd, Lancaster. Camp fee includes lunch, daily snacks, a t-shirt, camp photo, tie-dye item, and supplemental health insurance.
- **Junior and Senior Camps** are held at Tar Hollow State Park, on Route 327, south of Laurelville. Camp fee includes meals, cabin lodging, camp programming, camp t-shirt, tie-dye item, camp photo, and supplemental health insurance. Permanent staff at Tar Hollow, under the direction of our county staff, includes a Camp Manager, Registered Nurses, Recreation Director, Naturalist, Canteen/Activity and Crafts Director, and three Lifeguards. Fun and fellowship are the words for camp. Programs include swimming and boating at Pine Lake, nature, crafts, recreation, campfires, inspiration, and many other activities.
 - A camp bank is available at registration to drop off money if your camper would like to participate in camp crafts or visit the canteen for an extra snack during camp.

CAMP COUNSELORS: Fairfield County Camp Counselors are ages 14-18 and each one has completed 24 hours of in-person training and attended a formal counselor training camp. Each counselor has completed and passed an Ohio BCI background check if they are age 18 at the time of camp. Some counselors have additional training such as CPR, AED, and Basic First Aid.

PLACEMENT REQUESTS: To request the same cabin as a friend, the request form may be completed online, or submitted in writing to the Extension office by June 1. This is the only opportunity to request a cabin assignment with your friend. Two or 3 campers can request to be together.

Please note, if there is additional information that you feel Aubry Fowler, Camp Director, should know prior to cabin placement, please email her at fowler.443@osu.edu. It is helpful to us during placement to know of any concerns your 4-H'er has, including but not limited to: preferred counselor, preferred school or club mates or peer conflicts, etc.

BERTHA WILSON CAMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Who was Bertha Wilson? Although very little is known about Bertha Wilson, she was a young lady, roughly the age of 15, during the Great Depression in 1929. With hard times upon our country, jobs and money were difficult to find. She knew the importance of school, did very well in high school, and was concerned with helping others. Her journey through life landed her in a course learning stenography, and eventually she was hired by the Bureau of Unemployment. Through over twenty years of service, Bertha found jobs for more people than anyone else in Lancaster. She was frugal with her money yet was very generous in giving to her church. In her later years, Bertha set up a trust for people who had very little. Through the memory of Bertha, and her generosity, a scholarship was set up to assist 4-H'ers with camp costs. The trust believes that every kid should experience camp and cost should never be a deterrent. The goal of this campership is for as many kids to attend camp as possible.

2026 COUNTY CALENDAR

For a more detailed and downloadable calendar visit: <http://go.osu.edu/FairfieldCountyCalendar>

January

- 1 New Year's Day (OSUE office closed)
- 5 Tractor Maintenance meeting: 7:00 p.m., Ag Center
- 9 Deadline: Older Youth Forms
- 12 Tractor Maintenance meeting: 7:00 p.m., Ag Center
- 16-17 OFMA Conference-Columbus Convention Center
- 18 Shooting Sports Open House: 1-3 p.m., Ag Center
- 19 Martin Luther King Day: OSUE Office closed
- 20 Sr. Fair Board meeting: 7:00 p.m., Rickett's Hall, Fairgrounds
- 21 4-H Club audit materials due to OSUE for assigned clubs
- 22 Endowment Board Meeting: 6 p.m., Farm Credit (Baltimore)
- 29 4-H Advisory Committee meeting: 6:00 p.m., Donatos
- 31 BPCQ Weigh In for August 11th/25th Conclusions, Fairfield Cattle Company
- 31 2026 Club Finance Report/Audit and Equipment Inventory (if applicable) due to OSUE by 4:00 p.m. (accepted through Feb. 2nd)
- 31 2026 Secretary/Treasurer Books due for contest (accepted through Feb. 2nd)



February

- 1 Deadline: New Volunteer Application
- 2 Jr. Leader meeting: 6:30 p.m., Ag Center
- 15 State Deadline: Returning Volunteers due for Background Checks (re-enrollment and completion of background check)
- 17 Sr. Fair Board meeting: 7:00 p.m., Rickett's Hall, Fairgrounds
- 19 4-H Advisory Committee meeting: 7:30 p.m., Ag Center (6:30 pm scholarship selection)
- 19 Endowment Board meeting: 6:00 p.m., Ag Center
- 23 Fashion & Nutrition Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Ag Center
- 24 4-H Horse Advisory Committee Meeting: 7 p.m., Ag Center
- 26 Club Update: 7:00 p.m., Ag Center (one advisor from each club must attend, registration required)

March

- 2 Jr. Leader meeting: 6:30 p.m. Ag Center
- 3 Club Update: 10:00 a.m., Ag Center (one advisor from each club must attend, registration required)
- 7 4-H Day 1:00-3:00 p.m., AAA Building; 4-H Advisory Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 12:-00-4:00 p.m., Ed Sands Building, Fairgrounds
- 9 Fashion & Nutrition Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Ag Center
- 10 Cloverbud Club Advisor Training: 11:00 a.m., Ag Center
- 14 County Possession Deadline: Market Beef & Dairy Beef Steer
- 14 Market Beef/Dairy Beef Steer Weigh-In/Tagging: 8:30-11:00 a.m. (by appointment) Fairfield Cattle Co. (S.R. 22, Lancaster)
- 15 Across County Line request forms due
- 17 Sr. Fair Board meeting: 7:00 p.m., Rickett's Hall, Fairgrounds
- 21 Ohio 4-H Conference, Columbus Convention Center
- 28 Jr. Leader Cloverbud Easter Egg Hunt: 1:00-3:00 p.m., Ag Center

April

- 1 County Possession Deadline: Dogs
- 2 Endowment Board meeting: 6:00 p.m., Ag Center
- 2 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Ag Center
- 9 4-H Achievement Awards Reception (all ages): 6:30 pm registration, 7 pm program, Levacy Center, Lancaster
- 13 Jr. Leader meeting: 6:30 p.m., Ag Center
- 15 County Deadline: Advisor and Member Enrollment in 4-H Online; Swine/Lamb/Goat MQP Applications**
- 15 Winning Plan applications due to OSUE
- 20 Fashion & Nutrition Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Ag Center
- 21 Sr. Fair Board meeting: 7:00 p.m., Rickett's Hall, Fairgrounds
- 22 County Deadline: Enrollment Packets due to OSUE Office by 4:00 p.m.**
- 23 Endowment Board meeting: 6:00 p.m., Farm Credit, Baltimore
- 28 Horse Advisory meeting: 7:00 p.m., Zoom

May

- 1 County Possession Deadline: Market Turkey, after May 1, but before July 1, and within 5 days of hatch
- 1 County Forms due to OSUE: Home Grown Market Rabbit, Home Grown Market Wether, Swine MQP, Lamb MQP, Goat MQP)
- 1-15 Camp Registration open: go.osu.edu/FCCcamp (registrations taken on a first come, first served basis until camps are full)
- 4 Fashion & Nutrition Board/Jr. Leader Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Ag Center
- 4-9 Test Out week for Quality Assurance (call OSUE Office at 740-653-5419 to schedule an appointment)
- 7 4-H Advisory Committee meeting: 7:00 p.m., Ag Center
- 7 Countywide Quality Assurance Clinic: 6:30-8:30 p.m.—Ag Center
- 19 Sr. Fair Board meeting: 7:00 p.m., Rickett's Hall, Fairgrounds
- 19 Countywide Quality Assurance Clinic: 9:00-11:00 a.m.—Ag Center
- 23 Goat MQP Weigh-in, 8:00-9:00 a.m., Fairgrounds
- 25 Memorial Day: OSUE Office closed
- 26 Horse Advisory meeting: 7:00 p.m., Ag Center

June

- 1 County Possession Deadline: Horses and Non-Livestock Projects (except as noted on Project Guidelines or Jr. Fair Book)
- 1 County Deadline: Horse ID & Photos (1 photo of entire horse and exhibitor), lease form and Club Pony Form to OSUE
- 1 County Deadline: Dog License & Vaccination paperwork to OSUE; Market Rabbit/Goat Homegrown forms
- 1 County Deadline: Countywide Dues to 4-H Advisory Committee
- 2-4 4-H Day Camp: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily-Alley Park
- 6 Cloverbud Camp: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Alley Park
- 6 Fairfield County 4-H Horse Advisor's and PAS Show, Crazy Woman Ranch
- 11 Endowment Board Legacy Dinner: 5:00 p.m., Columbus Equipment Company
- 16 Sr. Fair Board meeting: 7:00 p.m., Rickett's Hall, Fairgrounds

2026 COUNTY CALENDAR

- 19 Juneteenth Day (observed): OSUE Office closed
- 25 Endowment Board meeting: 6:00 p.m., Ag Center
- 27 County Possession Deadline: Dairy Feeders, MQP/Market Hogs, Market Goats, MQP/Market Lambs
- 27 Tagging/Weigh-in: Market & MQP Hogs, Dairy Feeders, Market & MQP Lambs, Market Goats: Times TBA, Fairgrounds
- 28 Junior Camp: Camper Move-In 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 30 Fairfield County Quality Assurance Deadline

July

- 1 County Pre-Registration Deadline: Pledge/Creek Speaking and Communication Events (call OSUE Office)
- 1 Breed Association or Notarized letter to OSUE Office for members exhibiting Registered/Qualified Livestock (Beef/Dairy/Sheep) whose names do not appear on registration papers
- 1 County Possession Deadline: Breeding Beef, Dairy Females, Breeding Sheep, Non-market Goats, Breeding Rabbits, Fancy Poultry, Llamas, Alpacas, Companion Animals.
- 1 County Deadline: * Dairy/Pygmy Goat Leases to OSUE Office * 4-H Writing Project Entries to OSUE Office
- 1 Junior Camp: Camper Release/Pick-up 10:30 a.m.
- 1 County Deadline: ALL Quality Assurance Clinic Completion Paperwork due to OSUE Office
- 3 Independence Day Observed: OSUE Office closed
- 5 Senior Camp: Camper Move-In 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 8 Senior Camp: Camper Release/Pick-up 10:30 a.m.
- 11 Advisory Committee Vendor Sale: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Ed Sands Building, Fairgrounds
- 20 Communication and 4-H Pledge/Creed Events: 10 am-Ag Center
- 21 Sr. Fair Board meeting: 7:00 p.m., Rickett's Hall, Fairgrounds
- 21 Summer Judging: Communications, Engineering & Environmental Science, Leadership 12-6:00 pm, by appointment, Levacy Center
- 22 Summer Judging: ALL Food & Nutrition Projects, Family & Consumer Science, Self-Determined Projects 12.-6:00 pm, by appointment
- 22 Optional Style Revue Modeling Practice: 10:00-11:00 a.m. Location: Liberty Union HS
- 22 Style Revue: 7:00 p.m. Location: Liberty Union High School
- 29-Aug 9 Ohio State Fair
- 28 4-H Project Late Judging (by appointment only, please call OSUE to schedule) 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Ag Center

August

- 1-15 County Possession dates: Market Ducks
- 10 Jr. Leader Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Beef Performance & Carcass Quality (beef carcass contest) conclusion #1
- 14 County Deadline: Outstanding 4-H'er Applications by 4:00 p.m. to OSUE
- 15 County Possession Deadline: Beef Feeder Calves
- 16 4-H Summerfest Awards Program: 7:00-9:00 p.m, Levacy Center
- 18 Sr. Fair Board meeting: 7:00 p.m., Rickett's Hall, Fairgrounds
- 20 County Deadline: Beef Feeder identification due.
- 25 Horse Advisory meeting: 7:00 p.m., Ag Center
- 25 Beef Performance & Carcass Quality (beef carcass contest) conclusion #2
- 27 4-H Advisory Committee meeting: 7:00 p.m., Ag Center (6:00 p.m.—Outstanding 4-H'er selection)
- 28 Fair Entries due
- 30 Goat MQP: 3:00-5:00 p.m., Fairgrounds

September

- 1 County Possession Deadline: Market Chickens
- 1 County Deadline: Club Update Forms
- 7 Lamb MQP: 12:30-1:00 p.m., Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Fairgrounds
- 7 Labor Day: OSUE Office closed
- 4 County Deadline: Jr. Fair Queen applications; Commodity Representative & Ambassador & Friend of the Jr. Fair Award applications
- 12 County Skillathon: 9am-3pm by appointment only, Ed Sands/Ricketts Hall: Beef, ALL Dairy Cattle, Goats, Swine, Sheep
- 12 Market Rabbit Tattooing (**ALL Market Rabbits**): 9:00-11:00 a.m., Fairgrounds | County Possession Deadline: Market Rabbits
- 13 Swine MQP: 1:00 p.m., Swine Barn, Fairgrounds
- 14 Jr. Leader meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Sr. Fair Board meeting: 7:00 p.m., Rickett's Hall, Fairgrounds
- 17 Endowment Board meeting: 6:00 p.m., Ag Center
- 26 County Skillathon: 11am-4pm by appointment only, Ed Sands/Ricketts Hall: Alpacas, Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Dogs
- 28 County Skillathon Make-up: 4-8 pm, by appointment only, call 740-653-5419
- 29 Beef Performance & Carcass Quality (beef carcass contest) conclusion #3
- 29 MANDATORY Horse Advisory meeting: 7:00 p.m., Ag Center

October

- 6 Beef Performance & Carcass Quality (beef carcass contest) conclusion #4
- 9 4-H Display Barn Set-up, Display Barn, 2:00-7:00 p.m.
- 10 4-H Display Barn Set-up, Display Barn, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 10 Jr. Fair Panorama, 7 p.m., Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Fairgrounds
- 11-17 Fairfield County Fair
- 18 4-H Display Barn Tear-down: 12:00 –2:00 p.m.
- 19 Jr. Leader meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Endowment Board meeting: 6:00 p.m., Ag Center

November

- 7 Sr. Fair Board Reorganizational meeting (elections at 9:00 a.m.): 10:00 a.m., Fairgrounds
- 9 Jr. Leader meeting (officer elections): 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Horse Advisory meeting: 7:00 p.m., Ag Center
- 11 Veteran's Day—OSUE office closed
- 19 4-H Advisory Committee meeting: 7:00 p.m., Ag Center
- 21 Jr. Leader-Lancaster Holiday Parade
- 26-27 Thanksgiving—OSUE office closed

December

- 1 Jr. Achievement Form Workshop: 6:00-7:30 p.m., Ag Center | Achievement Form Workshop: 7:00-9:00 p.m., Ag Center
- 5 Check Day: 8:00-10:00 a.m. Ag Center (tentative)/Advisor Recognition Open House
- 15 Sr. Fair Board meeting: 7:00 p.m., Rickett's Hall, Fairgrounds
- 24-25 Christmas: OSUE Office closed

County Deadline: Club Financial Summaries, Secretary and Treasurer's Books for contest due to OSUE on January 31, 2027 by 4:00 p.m.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT

LEAVING A LEGACY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME BY INVESTING IN THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

The Fairfield County 4-H Endowment Fund provides long-term fundraising support to the Fairfield County 4-H Program for members and volunteers participating in activities, clubs, and programs at the local, state and national levels. You can support these efforts by participating in:

- **Basket Challenge** – Your club can put together a themed basket of goodies for the 4-H Endowment Legacy Dinner. The baskets are used for our silent auction held at the event. Baskets and/or unique items would be most appreciated for this effort.
- **Endowment Legacy Dinner** - Come join the fun at the 4-H Endowment Legacy Dinner hosted annually in June. All are welcome and encouraged to share an evening of good food, friends and memorable times. Follow the 4-H Legacy Dinner Blog for more information: <https://u.osu.edu/4hlegacy/>
- **Awareness Breakfast** – Join the Endowment Committee for the annual Awareness Breakfast at the Fairfield County Fair. Recommended donation is \$10 per person. Donations are used to offset the expense of the event.
- **Livestock Sale Donation**- If you would like to make a donation to the 4-H Endowment through the sale of your 4-H Livestock project(s), please contact your Junior Fair Species Superintendent for the appropriate forms or visit the Junior Fair Office on sale days.

If you would like more information or details about the 4-H Endowment in Fairfield County, please visit and subscribe to our blog page at: <http://u.osu.edu/4hlegacy>. Make checks payable to **Fairfield County Foundation with Fairfield 4-H Fund in the memo line. Checks should be sent to: Fairfield County 4-H Endowment, PO Box 564, Lancaster, OH 43130**

For a list of current Endowment Board Member visit <http://u.osu.edu/4hlegacy>.



FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This is a committee of 15 advisors and 4 Junior Leaders that work for the benefit of all 4-H members in Fairfield County. Members are selected each fall (as voted upon by all club advisors) and represent the advisors and clubs from across the county in providing advisory guidance to the 4-H Staff. This committee sponsors numerous countywide fundraising events in an effort to provide opportunities to all county 4-H'ers.

Opportunities provided by the Advisory Committee include:

- State and National Trips (most expenses paid)
 - Ohio 4-H Leadership Camp
 - Carving New Ideas Workshop
 - Camp Canopy
 - Citizenship Washington Focus Trip (Washington, D.C.)
 - Shooting Sports Camps
 - Fairfield County 4-H Camps
 - Sea Camp
 - Forestry & Wildlife Camp
- Flag sets for all new county 4-H Clubs
- Ohio 4-H Conference sponsorship
- Judges for Summer Judging
- Judging team entry fees for state contests
- Judges for Cakes, Pies, Candies and Companion Animals
- Member Handbooks & 4-H Awareness brochures
- Camp Counselor and Adult Staff camp fees
- 4-H Day, Achievement Banquet, Summerfest
- International travel for 4-H members
- American Income Life insurance coverage for members and volunteers



FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H COUNTYWIDE FUNDRAISERS

The Fairfield County 4-H Advisory Committee hosts the following fundraisers throughout the year to maintain county dues at \$7 per member. These funds also provide programming for printed member handbooks, camp counselors fees for camp, summer project judges and more. We appreciate everyone's support in making these fundraisers successful.

Kroger Community Rewards – All Year

- Help the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board raise money while shopping at no additional cost to you.
- Start at [kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com)
- Sign in with your current Kroger account or create a new one. Note: You **must** have a registered Kroger Rewards card to participate in the Community Rewards program.
- Click the Community Rewards tab and search for "Fairfield Co 4H Advisory Committee", then click Enroll.
- Once you select your charity, it will be saved, and you will support 4-H each time you shop!
- The 4-H Advisory Committee will allocate these funds to the JFB upon receipt.
- In 2025, \$767.83 was raised for the Junior Fair Board through Community Rewards!



Spaghetti Dinner – March 7, 2026, 12:00-4:00 p.m., Ed Sands Building, Fairgrounds

- Enjoy lunch or an early dinner after you visit 4-H Day
- Cost: \$8 Adults \$4 Youth (5-14) \$2 Hot Dog & Chips, to-go boxes available
- Contact our office at 740-653-5419 with any questions.

Spring Flower Sale at Lancaster Greenhouse – Spring 2026 (Date TBD)



- Coupons are distributed to all 4-H families and friends to distribute once dates are set for the Spring Sale.
- At time of checkout, customers will give the provided coupon to the cashier so the greenhouse know they are associated with our group and 15% of their transaction will be donated back to our group (not the customer).

Vendor Sale – July 11, 2026, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Ed Sands Building, Fairgrounds

- Shop for yourself or others. You can even get an early start on your Christmas shopping.
- Vendors are welcome. Contact our office at 740-653-5419 for a contract and more information.
- Club involvement Opportunities:
 - Community Service | Toy Drive
 - Collect new, unwrapped toys to donate at the July Sale
 - The Lancaster Fire Department specifically needs toys/gifts for babies – 3 years old and Teens (gift cards are a great idea)
 - Basket-Silent Auction
 - Donate a basket to be a part of the Silent Auction during the July Sale to help raise additional funds for the Fairfield County 4-H Program
 - Baskets donated by clubs receive 25% of the sale amount back to the club for their own club use

Fall Flower Sale at Lancaster Greenhouse – Fall 2026 (Date TBD)



- Coupons are distributed to all 4-H families and friends to distribute once dates are set for the Fall Sale.
- At time of checkout, customers will give the provided coupon to the cashier so the greenhouse know they are associated with our group and 15% of their transaction will be donated back to our group (not the customer).

If you have questions about any of these fundraisers, contact the extension office at 740-653-5419.

Thank you for helping "to make the best better" in Fairfield County 4-H!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT OUR OFFICE DOES AND WHO TO CONTACT?

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	Junior Fair Board Livestock Junior Fair (Show/Sale/SFB) Summer Judging Dog/Companion Animal New Club organization School Enrichment/4-H ChickQuest Ohio Achievement forms State Fair – Livestock Entries Quality Assurance Skillathon Premier Exhibitor Real Colors Endowment Fair Entry Older Youth Opportunities (scholarships,, trips)	Junior Leaders Camp/Camp Counselors Winning Plans New Volunteer questions Horse Advisory/Questions Horse PAS Show Cloverbud program Tractor Maintenance Club Shooting Sports Club School Awareness State Fair – Horse Entries State Fair – Health Day Superintendent Endowment 4-H Advisory Contact	4-H Online (enrollment, updates) New Volunteer process Volunteer education tracking New member interest Club Management QA/Skillathon Tracking Fair Entry
Ag & Natural Resources	Vacant Extension Educator	Stan Smith Program Assistant	Connie Smith Program Assistant Master Gardener Coord.
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Family & Consumer Sciences	Shannon Carter Extension Educator	Diane Sommers Program Assistant	Kacie Funk Program Assistant
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	Food Preservation Food Safety Financial Literacy Real Money Real World Gluten Free programming Mindful Wellness Real Colors 4-H Cake/Pie/Candy questions 4-H Fashion and Nutrition Board 4-H State Fair—Clothing Superintendent	Adult nutrition programing Youth nutrition programming	Adult nutrition programing Youth nutrition programming
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	Finances Invoicing Vendor setup	Publications Real Money Real World Logistics LHLW Email Challenge MGV—HOC assistance Summer Judging/Skillathon Scheduling State Fair – Still Entries	Process Soil Samples All Program Support Front Desk Service Answer/Direct phone calls