

Public Speaking. Members may prepare a demonstration, speech or skit to deliver at the club, county, regional or state level to enhance oral presentation skills. Contest opportunities include: Health & Safety, Horse and General Demonstrations. <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/statefair/index.html>

Scholarships. Members that are high school seniors and college students may apply for county and/or state 4-H scholarships to assist with their future career education goals. Apply in January <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/awards/index.html>.

Skillathon. Evaluation of livestock, horse and dog member's project knowledge through participating in hands-on skill stations that allow the member to apply knowledge/skill to real world situations. For skillathon resources visit: <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~4hansc/>

State Fair Selection & Alternates. Member(s) selected to represent the county at the Ohio State Fair for a given non-livestock project or project area. Counties may select one member per project or State Fair class to participate. <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/statefair/index.html>

Tag-In, Weigh-In, I.D. Day. Date required to tag-in, weigh-in and/or identify your project animal for Junior Fair participation. County dates and requirements vary, please contact your county office at <http://extension.osu.edu/counties.php>.

Volunteer or Club Advisor. Dedicated, enthusiastic, caring adults that have completed a selection, screening and orientation process by OSU Extension. The current Ohio 4-H Volunteer Selection process includes a written application, reference checks, BCI background check, interview with Extension Educator and volunteer orientation. http://www.ohio4h.org/adult/volunteers/selection_tool.html

Volunteer Standards of Behavior. Volunteering in 4-H is a privilege not a right. Approved volunteers agree to commit to the OSU Extension program, follow all policies and to adhere to a set of standards that insure the safety and well-being of program participants. Violations of the standards can result in suspension or termination. http://www.ohio4h.org/adult/volunteers/selection_tool.html

Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance. Annual program (LQA/PQA) required for members exhibiting market and lactating project animals by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Members can meet this requirement by attending a one hour+ quality assurance program focusing on the 10 Good Production Practices. Youth, age 12 to 18, may have the option to test out of QA attendance. Extension Educators in cooperation with local Agriculture Societies determine county QA delivery and completion requirements within the State's minimum standards. <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~4hansc/livestock/qa.htm>



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What Is The 4-H Lingo?

4-H is not a foreign language, but for many new 4-H families the "4-H Lingo" may seem like one. Common abbreviations for the seasoned 4-H family can leave new ones mystified. The spectrum of 4-H opportunities is endless and knowing where to begin can be your family's ticket to a positive and rewarding 4-H experience.

Achievement Awards. 4-H members, age 14-18 as of January 1st, may apply for one of twenty State Achievement Project Awards as well as the opportunity to serve on State Junior Fair Board and/or attend a variety of State and National Conferences. Apply in January by visiting <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/awards/index.html>.

Ambassador. 4-H members, who are High School freshmen to seniors, may apply in January <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/ambassadors/index.html>. Ambassadors assist with local 4-H and Ohio 4-H Events including State Fair and serve as a spokesperson for 4-H.

BSE Form. This form certifies that you have not fed any ruminant derived animal feed to your project animal. Fair exhibition may require exhibitors of Market Beef, Dairy Feeders, Veal, Market Goats, and Market Lambs to complete and submit.

Camp. Members enjoy outdoor fun and adventure while learning and making new friends at one of Ohio's fourteen 4-H Camps. Camping opportunities are available for cloverbuds, members and teens with some focused in a particular project area. Teens serve as Camp Counselors developing leadership and group dynamic skills. <http://www.ohio4h.org/office/camps.html>

CARTEENS. Teens, with a driver's permit or license, serve as peer facilitators and instructors to teach first time traffic offenders. They lead group discussions, role-play traffic situations, conduct interactive traffic related games and engage in informal dialog with a patrol officer. <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/carteens.html>

Charter Clubs. 4-H clubs must meet the Ohio 4-H Chartering requirements by April 2007 to use the 4-H name and emblem. A club must have a minimum of three members led by a 4-H volunteer(s) in a safe and welcoming environment with members participating in a series of experiential learning experiences. <http://advisorshandbook.ohio4h.org/clubmanagement/structure.html>

Cloverbuds. 4-H members age 5 and in Kindergarten through 2nd grade or until they reach the age and grade requirements for 4-H project membership. Cloverbuds may not enroll in 4-H Projects. <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/cloverbud/index.html>

Code of Conduct. The 4-H program expects members to model positive behavior at all sponsored events, activities, camps, contests including club meeting and Jr. Fair participation. Good sportsmanship and ethical decisions are principles valued by the 4-H organization.

Committees. Volunteers, adult and youth, may assist in the planning, conducting and evaluating of various components of the County 4-H program. Learn how you can participate – Contact your County Office. <http://extension.osu.edu/counties.php>

Community Service. Giving back to one's community through service helps 4-H'ers carry out their pledge "to larger service". Service begins in your club, but can extend into county, regional, state, national and global efforts. <http://advisorshandbook.ohio4h.org/learning/servicelearning.html>

DUNF – Drug Use Notification Form. This form indicates your project animal has met all drug withdrawal periods at time of exhibition. ODA requires this form for exhibition of market beef, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, turkeys, meat chickens, meat rabbits, lactating dairy goats or dairy cows. One per animal/pen.

Enrollment. Your child must enroll with a club and project(s) by your county's 4-H enrollment deadline to be eligible for full county 4-H opportunities including Fair participation. Contact your office - <http://extension.osu.edu/counties.php>

Exchange Programs. Participate in a great cultural experience within Ohio, the U.S. borders or abroad. Host an international participant or travel abroad yourself. Learn more at <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/international/index.html> .

Experiential Learning. Simply put is *Learning by Doing the 4-H Way* through hands-on and mind-on projects, programs and experiences. Members DO activities, QUESTION results, CONNECT to self and others, and USE experiences in daily life. <http://advisorshandbook.ohio4h.org/learning/experientiallearning.html>

Extension Educator. OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development professional(s) give leadership to the development, implementation and evaluation of the county 4-H program. These individuals manage, teach, facilitate, mediate, mentor, plan and deliver positive youth development programs through a variety of delivery methods with a volunteer core. <http://extension.osu.edu/counties.php>

Fair. Members may exhibit projects at the local or county fair. Fair exhibition is not a requirement for project completion, but a showcase for a member's 4-H project work and experiences. Teens may serve as Junior Fair Board members assisting with planning, conducting and evaluation of events, contests and activities. List of Ohio Fair dates - <http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/pubs/divs/fair/fair-index.stm>

Family Guide. Resource that lists all the 4-H projects including a brief project description, age guidelines, skill level and State Fair eligibility. <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/fg06/index.html>

Fashion Review/Style Show. Clothing project members model outfit sewn and/or purchased through their Clothing project experience. Outfit must include garment(s) sewn and/or purchased and selected accessories for a Total Look Outfit.

4-H Foundation. Established at the Ohio State University to accept contributions to benefit the educational efforts of the State and County 4-H programs. You may designate gifts to the State 4-H or a specific County 4-H Endowment. <http://www.ohio4h.org/foundation/index.html>

Horse Safety Program. 4-H horse project members and their parent/guardian must complete this program before being eligible to participate in the 4-H Horse Program. Member and his/her parent/guardian must annually sign the Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Activities Form and file with the Extension Office. <http://horse.osu.edu/>

Judging Contests. Individuals and a team of three to four members evaluate classes of four animals in a competition. Participants place the class, answer questions and give a set of oral reasons. Judging contests include: Dairy, Horse, Livestock and Poultry. <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~4hansc/>

Junior Leaders. Teens may serve as junior leaders within a club as officers and peer mentors and at the county level as members of Teen Councils, Jr. Fair Boards, Fashion Board, Advisory Committees, CARTEENS, Ambassadors, Camp Counselors and others. http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/teen_pg/index.html

ODA. The Ohio Department of Agriculture is a regulatory agency that establishes and enforces policy regarding Livestock Quality Assurance, animal health rules for Fair exhibition, and food safety procedures to protect Ohio producers and consumers. <http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/>

Officers. Members lead the club through holding office and chairing and serving on committees. 4-H officers include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, News Reporter, Recreation Leader, Safety Officer, Health Officer, Environmental Officer and Community Service Leader. <http://advisorshandbook.ohio4h.org/clubmanagement/officers.html>

PAS. Horse project members may choose to participate in Performance Against Standards (PAS) Show(s) to qualify to participate in the State Fair Horse Show. A member may show in a maximum of four classes and must qualify in two classes to show at the State Fair. Members that qualify in more than two classes must select the two classes they intend to show in at the State Fair. Visit - <http://horse.osu.edu/> .

Permission Forms. 4-H will ask members, participating in camps, overnight trips, and high-risk activities, and their parent/guardian to read, sign and submit permission forms (permission slips, informed consents and waivers). These forms help inform about potential risks. <http://advisorshandbook.ohio4h.org/managingrisks/permissionforms.html>

Project. Members use to explore a topic or interest area through hands-on activities, sequential learning experiences, goal setting and evaluation. 4-H'ers keep records and documentation of project experiences in a Project Book.

Project Judging. Evaluation of a project member's knowledge through interview with an adult judge, review of project book records and exhibit of project item and/or educational display. Contact your 4-H office - <http://extension.osu.edu/counties.php>

Project Requirements. Outlines the possession dates, deadlines, project judging/skillathon guidelines, resources, Fair rules, judging dates, county and beyond county opportunities and much more. Format and delivery varies between counties. <http://extension.osu.edu/counties.php>