



## Making the BEST Better! For Clark County Youth and Their Families

Thank you for your interest in the Clark County 4-H Program! 4-H is having **FUN**, making **FRIENDS** and learning new **SKILLS** through club involvement, project work, camping experiences and community service.

**Who Can Join 4-H?** You must enroll by **April 15** to participate in Fair!

- Any youth ages 5 and in kindergarten through age 18 as of January 1 of the current year may join 4-H.
- The Cloverbud Program, designed especially for youth aged 5 and in kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, is a fun, cooperative, and non-competitive activity-based program.
- Youth aged 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through age 18 are eligible to enroll with one or more 4-H projects and participate in a variety of competitive as well as educational and recreational 4-H programs. Youth aged 9 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> regardless of grade are eligible to enroll with projects as well.

**What Does It Cost to Join 4-H in 2026?**

- The Clark County 4-H Program has an annual activity fee. 4-H project members, youth aged 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through age 18 are required to pay a **\$30 per member fee**. Cloverbuds, youth aged 5 and in kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, are required to pay a **\$10 per cloverbud** activity fee.
- Members are responsible for the cost of project books (**\$12** or more) + sales tax, additional costs for project supplies and fees charged for special programs like 4-H Camp.
- Clubs may have additional costs associated with meetings and programs offered at the club level.

**What is the 4-H Project Guide?**

- A **4-H Project Guide** is enclosed or is available on-line at [clark.osu.edu](http://clark.osu.edu). This booklet provides you with a complete listing of 4-H project opportunities for the current 4-H year.
- We encourage you to spend some time reviewing the project offerings and connecting your project interest with a 4-H club.

**How Can You Find a 4-H Club?**

- Use the enclosed 4-H flyer for your school district to find a 4-H club. You are welcome to join anywhere in the county, however most families find it more convenient to join a club close to home. You can directly contact the club advisor listed on the flyer or contact the OSU Extension, Clark County Office for more information.
- If you are interested in starting your own 4-H club, please contact the Clark County 4-H Extension Educators, Patty House at [house.18@osu.edu](mailto:house.18@osu.edu), 937-398-7599 or Jeremy Elleman at [elleman.30@osu.edu](mailto:elleman.30@osu.edu), 937-398-7606.

**What Questions Should You Ask to Find the Right Club for Your Child and Family?**

There are more than 50 4-H clubs in Clark County from which to choose. We encourage you to contact several club volunteers and ask a few questions to find the best club for you and your family.

**Some questions to get you started:**

- When, where and how often does your club meet?
- What happens at your club meetings?
- What types of projects, activities, events and programs do you offer your members?
- What are the financial expectations of club members (club dues, fundraising, project expenses, etc.)?
- What do your club members gain from their 4-H experience?

**Questions?** We look forward to you joining the Clark County 4-H Family. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail us.

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