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Introduction to Marion County 4-H

All 4-H youth are involved in hands-on activities that allow learning by doing and each 4-H program focus on active involvement and quality experiences, which stimulate lifelong learning of values and skills.

Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child's age AND grade. Cloverbud eligibility begins when a child enrolled in kindergarten and is five years old as of January 1 of the current year. Cloverbud participation ends when a child is eligible for competitive events, 4-H projects, and other older youth activities, which is age eight and in the third grade as of January 1 of the current year. 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. A youth's 4-H eligibility ends December 31 the year they turn 19. Joining Ohio 4-H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University.

The 4-H Motto

"To Make the Best Better."

The 4-H Motto refers to each member. It means that each member will do the "Best" that he/she possibly can in whatever is attempted. The member will then strive to improve the next time so his or her initial "Best" becomes "Better." The 4-H motto encourages members to stretch their abilities and capacities to reach greater achievement within their own potential.

The 4-H Pledge

*"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 Emblem

The 4-H emblem is a highly valued mark within our country's history. As such it was granted a very unique status; it is in a category similar to the Presidential Seal and the Olympic emblem. It is protected by the federal government and is under the responsibility and stewardship of the Secretary of Agriculture. The "18 USC 707" marking that appears along the right lower left is coding that protects the use of the clover.



The 4-H Colors

Green and White

Green is nature's most common color and represents youth, life and growth.

White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

Types of Eligible 4-H Membership

4-H Community Club Program – An organized group of at least five youth from at least three different families, at least age 8 and enrolled in the 3rd grade or 9 and in any grade, led by approved adult volunteers, with a planned program that is carried on throughout the year. 4-H Clubs may meet in a variety of locations and must have elected officers and a constitution, approved by the membership, to govern the club. 4-H Club programs should include goal setting, community service, public speaking, leadership and decision making, fundraising, teambuilding, social and recreational activities and a variety of hands-on learning experiences.

4-H Cloverbud Program – Ohio youth, age 5 and in kindergarten until they reach age 8 and 3rd grade may enroll in the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Program. Through the 4-H Cloverbud Program children develop life skills of self-understanding, social interaction, decision-making, learning how to learn and physical mastery.

4-H Special Emphasis Program – A series of experiential learning activities that are delivered in a group setting that are not tied to any school curriculum and focus on a topic of particular need, issue or interest. This includes youth involved in 4-H day camp programs, 4-H interstate exchanges, 4-H international study tours and 4-H Shooting Sports.

4-H Overnight Camping Program – Extension planned educational experience of group living in the outdoors, which includes being away from home at least one night and is not restricted to members of organized 4-H Clubs.

4-H School Enrichment Group – Series of experiential learning activities that are delivered in a classroom or other educational setting and provided to achieve selected 4-H learning outcomes as well as enrich the classroom curriculum.

4-H Participants – Youth enrolled in a one-time Extension based program such as a workshop, clinic or seminar.

4-H After School – Educational programs for youth outside of school hours, usually in a school or community center.

4-H Membership Across County Lines Policy

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. **FOR 2021 ONLY: Request forms are available online or in our office. Requests must be submitted by February 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 (and/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 lines or cross state lines memberships are revoked.
4. In situations where membership in a county other than the county of residence is desired, the 4-H professionals in both counties must be in agreement regarding the application. The agreement, based on their professional judgment in accord with the mission, does not supersede item 3 above.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
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 decision to allow or deny cross county lines membership is made by the county 4-H professionals in the county of request and the county of residence and is fully supported by the state organization.

Alcohol, Tobacco and Illegal Drug Policy

- Possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs at 4-H sponsored activities is prohibited.
- Tobacco product possession and use by 4-H youth participants is prohibited at all 4-H sponsored activities.
- Tobacco use by adults during 4-H sponsored events is discouraged and should only be done in designated areas and not in view of youth participants.
- Complete details of these policies may be requested at the Extension Office.

4-H Member Guidelines

- 4-H membership begins when youth are at least 8 and enrolled in 3rd grade or 9 in any grade as of January 1 of the current year and ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.
- A 4-H member in good standing:
 - * **FOR 2021 ONLY:** Must be enrolled in a community club and have project(s) submitted to the Extension Office by **March 15** of the current year to participate in judging and exhibit at the county fair.
 - * **FOR 2021 ONLY:** Must attend a minimum of **six meetings by December 31, 2021**. 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. 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 their year in 4-H.
 - * Must follow the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct as agreed to during 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; participation in Livestock Skillathon, etc.)
 - * If clubs have members who do not meet these requirements, they are asked to turn in the Incomplete Member Form to the Extension Office by June 1. Incomplete members are not eligible for county fair exhibition.

Project Completion: 4-H projects must be judged at the county level to be completed. 4-H projects completed must be separate and different from those carried in other organizations, for a grade or credits, such as FFA, FCCLA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and school.

Non-Livestock Projects

Youth must attend one of two judging opportunities to have still projects judged.

Flipgrid Pre-Judging

June 1-18

Non-Livestock Project Judging

June 22 – TBD

See pages 8-14 for schedule, information and project requirements.

Non-Livestock projects must be completed to be eligible for exhibition at the Marion County Fair.

Dog Projects

See page 15 for details about Dog Project Requirements.

Livestock Projects

Youth can complete livestock projects in the following ways.

All members enrolled a livestock project is required to attend one skillathon of their choice to be eligible to exhibit and sale at the Marion County Fair.

- An alternative completion option is available for those that cannot attend the appropriate skillathon in June, by contacting the Extension Office to set up an appointment. Those who participate in the alternative completion option will be ineligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor.
- To be eligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor, youth must participate in each skillathon for the desired specie. For example, if Margo wants to be eligible for both market lamb and market swine OME, she must participate in both the sheep and swine skillathon.

Youth can utilize a Skillathon grade for 4-H project completion if they are unable to exhibit the animal at the county fair. See page 17 for additional details.

Cloverbud Guidelines

- 4-H Cloverbud membership begins when a child has reached age 5 and is enrolled in kindergarten as of January 1 of the current year.
- **FOR 2021 ONLY:** A Cloverbud may join any time during the year but must be enrolled by **March 15** to be eligible to take advantage of benefits offered by the Senior Fair Board.
- Aside from the county and club meetings, Cloverbud members will have the opportunity to participate in a “mini project” designed specifically for Cloverbud members, which can be completed at home. The June meeting will give Cloverbuds the opportunity to share their projects in a non-competitive environment. Then, projects can be displayed in the Cloverbud booth or a club booth during the Marion County Fair. Cloverbud participation ribbons will be provided.
- The Cloverbuds display one of their creative activities or “mini 4-H project” in the Cloverbud booth or a club booth during the Marion County Fair.
- Cloverbud members are not eligible for any competitive 4-H events or activities such as participation in projects, residential camps and fundraisers.

Marion County Cloverbud Spin Club is a countywide Cloverbud club that meets monthly and provides a non-competitive 4-H experience for youth in grade K-2. Below is the tentative schedule:

March 11: What is 4-H?
April 13: STEM Activities
May 11: Gardening
June 10: Cloverbud Project Shares
July 1: Fair Fun
August 12: Cloverbud Year Recap

Accommodations for Youth with Special Needs

4-H welcomes and encourages youth with special needs to participate and will make reasonable accommodations for these youth. The **Winning 4-H Plan** enables youth to tailor the 4-H experience to their needs and helps maintain a positive relationship between the youth’s family, 4-H volunteers and the county 4-H professionals.

Youth must submit a Winning 4-H Plan Request Form to the Extension Office by March 15 at 4 p.m. 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. The 4-H professional will consider whether making accommodations fundamentally alters the event or provides a significant advantage or disadvantage to anyone participating. Judges are expected to follow procedure for accommodations, and they may modify regular procedures to accommodate requests.

The 4-H professional will complete a Winning 4-H Plan Accommodation Form and send the completed document to the family to be stapled in the front cover of a youth’s project book. The 4-H professional will share appropriate information with judges and volunteers to help facilitate the youth’s judging experience.

Members who have previously submitted a request form do not need to submit again. Please contact the Extension Office directly to request changes for the current year. If no changes are requested, accommodations will be listed as they were the previous year.

Volunteer Guidelines

- Adults who desire to volunteer their time, energy and talents to Ohio State University Extension and the Muskingum County 4-H program must successfully complete the volunteer selection process. Applications are available on our website and at the Extension Office. All new applications are due by **October 31** of the year to begin volunteer service. Or, if you are planning to start a new club, we would appreciate, if you would return your advisor packet to our office no later than **October 1**.
- 4-H club volunteers are required to attend meetings, just as 4-H members are. Extenuating circumstances preventing attendance at 4-H meetings can be reviewed by the club organizational volunteer if a written request

describing the circumstances is presented. If the case cannot be resolved in the local club, the volunteer can present the case to the county 4-H professional staff for review.

- The Ohio State University requires volunteers to self-disclose criminal convictions within three business days of the conviction. 4-H volunteers are required to disclose their convictions to the county 4-H Educator.
- Volunteers who have a break in volunteer service will be required to complete the Volunteer Selection Process prior to working with 4-H members in the future.
- The Ohio State University Policy 1.50 requires all volunteers to complete a fingerprint rescreening process every four years and complete an annual child neglect and abuse training to maintain their approved volunteer status.

4-H Enrollment Instructions

All 4-H enrollments must be entered into the 4HOnline enrollment system. Enrollments can be entered beginning November 26. Information on how to enroll can be found on our website under [4-H Online Member Enrollment](#).

No paper enrollment forms are required or accepted. Youth and their parents should complete member enrollments, as they require electronic signatures providing legal consent for participation and serve as the official project enrollment record of the child. **Volunteers are encouraged to provide assistance but should not complete an enrollment for a child outside their own family.**

Your 4-H Club may set a deadline for their club enrollments to be submitted so they can have adequate time to review and approve. **Projects can be added and/or dropped no later than March 15.**

If you have questions about enrollment, please contact the Extension Office. If you do not have access to a computer, appointments can be made to come to the Extension Office to complete your online enrollment.

Non-Livestock Project Judging Information

Non-Livestock Project Judging – Tuesday, June 22

- **Project Completion:** In order to have the opportunity to be selected for county awards or the Ohio State Fair, youth are required to participate in Non-Livestock Project Judging. Alternate still project completion options can be found on page 5. Exhibiting at the county fair is not a requirement for membership; however, exhibition is required to take advantage of benefits offered by the Senior Fair Board. For more information can be found on our website under [4-H Youth Development > Marion County 4-H Family Handbook & Project Completion Information > Project Completion and Fair Requirements.](#)
- **Preparing for Judging:** To assist 4-H members in preparing for project judging and to provide for a positive experience during project judging and exhibiting, the following suggestions are given:
 1. Be sure members are aware of and understand what they are expected to bring to judging. Requirements are listed for all still projects. Some books are for multi-year projects. Members are only required to complete activities for one year. Members should be able to discuss/answer questions about the information in the project book as well as the items brought to judging. An educational display will depend on the project but may include items such as a poster depicting an activity from the project, scrapbook, outfit made by the youth, or food prepared from the project book.
 2. Have experienced club members discuss the process of judging and the interview process with other 4-H members and their parents, prior to judging.
 3. Member's appearance should be neat and clean, and they should dress as they would for a job interview or special presentation at school.
 4. Members are required to be present at the scheduled time of judging. If attendance is not possible, members should plan to attend Early Judging.
 5. There will be early judging opportunities at the Extension Office (see page 5 for dates). Projects evaluated at this time are not eligible for county awards or state fair selection. Members must call the Extension Office to schedule a judging time.
 6. Projects that are used for school requirements cannot be used as a 4-H project. For example: a woodworking project completed for a grade at school cannot be used as a 4-H project; a science fair project cannot be used as a 4-H project, etc.
- **Award Selection:** Each member participating in project judging will receive a project grade based on project guidelines outlined in this document. Grades will be A (Excellent), B (Satisfactory) and C (Needs Improvement). 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.
- **Preparing for County Fair Exhibition:** Projects can be registered for display in the booths on Friday (5:00-7:00 p.m.) or Saturday (9:00 a.m.– 3 p.m.) before the fair opens. They must be removed on the Sunday morning after fair between 9 – 10 a.m.
- **Project Grade:**
 - 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.
- **Project Recognition:**

The Non-Livestock Project Awards recognition will be during the Marion County Junior Fair.

Non-Livestock Project Requirements

**Denotes State Fair Project*

About 4-H

Project #91 Discovering 4-H: Bring completed book and an educational display.

Project #92 4-H Around the World: Bring completed book and educational display.

Animal Sciences

Project #135C Companion–Pet Goat: Bring completed book and educational display. Do not bring goat to judging.

Project #173 Horseless Horse: This project is designed for members that cannot take a horse for a project, but members should have access to a horse to help understand the project. Bring your completed project book and an educational display.

Project #200* All About Dogs: This project is designed for beginning -level members who may or may not have a dog. Bring your completed project book and an educational display. Do not bring a dog to judging.

Project #215* Cavy: Bring completed book, an educational display and you may or may not bring your cat. Each project can be taken three years and the same project book can be used each year.

Project #216* Purr-fect Pals, Level 1, #217* Climbing Up!, Level 2, #218* Leaping Forward, Level 3: *Use the same book 1-3 years.* Bring completed book, an educational display and you may or may not bring your cat. Each project can be taken three years and the same project book can be used each year.

Projects #244* From Airedales to Zebras, Level 1, #245* All Systems Go, Level 2, #246* On the Cutting Edge, Level 3: *Use the same book 1-3 years.* Bring completed book and an educational display. Each project can be taken three years and the same project book can be used each year.

Clothing & Textile Science

A 4-H member who takes more than one clothing project must complete separate learning experiences related to each, including creating a separate, complete, total look outfit for EACH project. Using items from two or more projects to form one outfit will not be considered as “completion” of either project; i.e.: a top for one outfit cannot be used with another project. Youth must wear the garment(s) they made for the project during judging in order for the judge to be able to properly evaluate the fit.

Project #406* Clothes for High School & College: Bring completed project book, pattern and model outfit. Construct an outfit with a minimum of two pieces or a one-piece garment with sleeves, plus some other style detail not tried before. Also bring three clothing items repaired.

Project #407* Accessories for Teens: Model accessory made for project (such as bag/purse, belt, cummerbund, footwear, shoe covers, hat, gloves, jewelry, removable collar, dickey, jabot, scarf, tie, muffler, shawl, socks/hosiery or suspenders) with assembled outfit. Bring pattern (if used) and completed project book.

Project #408* Creative Costumes: Bring completed project book, pattern and model costume.

Project #409* Sew Fun: Bring completed project book, pin cushion, pattern and model outfit with a fully elastic -waisted skirt, shorts, pants or capris.

Project #410* Designed by Me: Bring completed project book and model the sweatshirt, t -shirt, button-down shirt or simple jacket with sewn or fused decorative patch.

Project #411* em•bel•lish: A 4-H Guide to Wearable Art: Bring completed book and model one embellished garment.

Project #412* Sew for Others: Construct one complete outfit for the person of your choice or adapt three different garments for someone with a disability. Bring pattern and completed project book.

Project #413* Sundresses and Jumpers: Model sundress or jumper. Bring pattern and completed project book.

Project #415* Ready, Set, Sew Active!: Model completed outfit. You must construct at least one garment in the outfit. Bring pattern and completed project book.

Project #417* Dress Up Outfit: Model garment accompanied by appropriate accessories. Make at least one dress up garment to be worn as part of a total dress up outfit. Project will be divided into two categories: Dress Up Daywear or Dress Up Formal. Bring pattern and completed project book.

Project #418* Loungewear: Model top layer of an outfit for lounging at home (ex: robe, jumpsuit, tunic and pants, leggings, wraps or other garment suitable for lounging). Bring pattern and completed project book.

Project #419* Terrific Tops: Model top that you constructed, plus rest of assembled outfit. Halter tops are NOT acceptable. Bring pattern and completed project book.

Project #420* Outerwear for Anywhere: Model coat, jacket or cape constructed with other clothing to complete outfit. Bring pattern, completed project book.

Project #424* Clothing for Middle School: Bring completed project book, pattern and model outfit. For the outfit, youth must make either at least one garment with sleeves OR a skirt or pants plus a top, such as a vest, collarless jacket, sweater, blouse, shirt or other top with or without sleeves.

Project #425* Look Great for Less: Bring completed project book and model an inexpensive outfit that uses creativity and resourcefulness.

Project #426* Clothing for Your Career: Model outfit constructed that has a minimum of two pieces, provides several new challenges and fills a job or interview need. Bring pattern, completed project book and 2 alterations or recycled garments to show judge.

Project #430* Shopping Savvy: Wear an assembled outfit for judging based on knowledge gained from project. Bring completed project book.

Project #432M* Sewing & Textile Master (non-clothing): Bring completed project booklet and one non-clothing fabric item. Visit <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> to download the project booklet.

Communication

Project #377* Finding Your Voice: Public Speaking Made Easy: Bring completed book and an educational display.

Creative & Leisure Arts

Project #442* Family History Treasure Hunt: *Use the same book 1-6 years.* Bring Treasure Hunter's Research Journal, completed project book, copies of charts completed and correspondences. The project can be taken up to six years and the same project can be used throughout the project.

Project #492* Cake Decorating: Bring completed book and an actual cake, cupcake or Styrofoam base for a cake that is decorated and demonstrates the decorating skills and techniques for your level. *(For fair exhibit, youth may **not** exhibit real food products, youth must exhibit an educational poster, photo story or project scrapbook.)*

Project #496* My Favorite Things: Bring completed book and collection of one type.

Project #497* Scrapbooking: A 4-H Guide to Preserving Memories: Follow the project guidelines found in the front of the book. Bring completed project book and scrapbook. Be prepared to discuss any aspect of project with the judge. *(For fair exhibit, youth may exhibit scrapbook or another item, such as an educational poster.)*

Projects #498* Quilting the Best Better, #499* You Can Quilt!: Bring completed book and a quilt made during the project.

Project #584* Photography Basics, Book 1: *Use the same book 1-3 years.* Along with completed project book, photo journal or scrapbook, bring display (single mounted print, prints that tell a “photo story,” or prints that illustrate an activity. Photochemical developing and printing may be done by the exhibitor but is not required.

Projects #585* Next Level Photography, Book 2, #586* Mastering Photography, Book 3: *Use the same book 1-3 years.* Along with completed project book, photo journal or scrapbook, bring display (single mounted print, prints that tell a “photo story,” or prints that illustrate an activity or single print with the news story it illustrates. Photochemical developing and printing may be done by the exhibitor but is not required.

Project #588 The Writer in You: Writing portfolio must be submitted to the Extension Office by June 12 at 4p.m. to be reviewed by the judge. Failure to do so will result in loss of at least one letter grade at judging. Members will not receive their portfolio back before judging. Portfolios will be brought to judging by the judge. Portfolios should be in a notebook or folder and include a cover sheet with the youth’s name, 4-H age and project name, and include the items listed on page 40 of the project book (Activity 2-10). Members must bring their completed project book and an educational display to Still Project Judging.

Project 589M* - Photography Master: Along with completed project booklet, bring **at least one** print for display, mounted at their discretion, illustrating what they consider “the best” of the photographs demonstrating the area of interest they have chosen to “master” in this year’s project. Each participant may bring any extra materials they feel will demonstrate the learning experiences of the current project year but are not required to do so. Visit <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> to download the project booklet.

Project #592* Get Started in Art: Bring completed book and one original art project.

Project #593* Seeing Through Graphic Design: Bring completed project book and portfolio. Portfolios should be in a notebook or folder and include a cover sheet with the youth’s name, 4-H age and project name, and include the items listed in the project book for each activity (design a letter, create icon, sample page layout, etc.).

Food & Nutrition

All youth taking food and nutrition projects should receive a MyPlate handout in the project book if the book is not printed with MyPlate. If you do not, please contact the Extension Office as you will need to learn MyPlate for judging. You can also visit: <https://www.choosemyplate.gov/> for more information.

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| Projects: | #459* Let’s Start Cooking | #475* Star Spangled Foods |
| | #461* Let’s Bake Quick Breads | #476* Pathways to Culinary Success |
| | #462* Yeast Breads on the Rise | #477* Party Planner: A 4-H Guide to Quality Cooking |
| | #463* Sports Nutrition: Ready, Set, Go! | #481* Everyday Food & Fitness |
| | #467* You’re the Chef | #484* Snack Attack |
| | #469* Global Gourmet | #485* Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals |
| | #472* Grill Master | #486* Dashboard Dining |
| | #474* Beyond the Grill | #487* Take a Break for Breakfast |

Bring a single serving of one prepared food from those suggested in the project book, a complete written menu for one day including the prepared food, and a place setting appropriate for that meal. Bring completed project book and record sheet. Be prepared to discuss all parts of your project including food preparation, food safety, MyPlate and nutrition. *A skillathon opportunity will be optional.* #462 Yeast Breads on the Rise is a two-year project, and the same project book can be used both years.

Healthy Living

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| Projects: | #300* You’re the Athlete |
| | #351* Staying Healthy |
| | #352* Keeping Fit |
| | #353* First Aid in Action |
| | #354 Medicine Science and Safety |
| | #355 Tracking Your Health and Fitness |
| | #357* Alcohol & Drug Abuse |
| | #358* The Truth About Tobacco |
| | #359* Your Thoughts Matter |

Bring completed project book and an educational display. #355 a fitness tracking device is recommended by not required.

Home Living

Projects: #405* The Laundry Project
#491* It's My Home
#494* Makeover My Space
#495* Your First Home Away From Home

Bring completed project book and an educational display. For #495 Your First Home Away From Home, visit <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> to download the project book.

Leadership and Citizenship

Projects: #370* One on One
#371* Club Leadership
#372* Diversity
#373* My Hands to Larger Service
#374* Teens on Board
#375* Leadership Road Trip: Where Are You Going?
#376* Pantry Panic
#378M* Leadership Master
#383* Club Leadership 2

Bring your completed project book and an educational display.

For #378M Leadership Master, visit <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> to download the project booklet.

Money Management

Projects #445 Becoming Money Wise, #448 Teens...On the Road to Financial Success: Bring completed project book and an educational display. #445 Becoming Money Wise is a two-year project, and the same project book can be used both years.

Natural Resources

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| Projects: #611* Explore the Outdoors | #644* Insect Adventures 1 |
| #612* Geology: Can You Dig It? | #645* Insect Adventures 2 |
| #613* Exploring Polar Science | #646* Insect Adventures 3 |
| #617* Exploring Ponds | #670* Canning & Freezing |
| #620* Why Trees Matter | #671* How Does Your Garden Grow? |
| #621* Ohio Birds | #673* Edible Landscapes |
| #622* Trapping Muskrats in Ohio | #691* Grown Your Own Vegetables |
| #623* Outdoor Adventurer: Beginning Fishing | #692* Growing with the Seasons |
| #624* Outdoor Adventurer: Intermediate Fishing | #750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 757 - Rifle, Archery, |
| #630* Safe Use of Guns | Shotgun, Pistol, Hunting and Wildlife, |
| #631* Basic Archery | Muzzle Loading and Crossbow Projects |
| #641* Beekeeping | #756* Living History |

Bring completed project book and an educational display. For #612, display should be of a collection from the project. For safety reasons, no firearms or archery equipment are permitted at judging. 750 series Shooting Sports projects must be completed under the supervision of a State 4-H certified instructor, contact the Extension Office for more information. #621 Ohio Birds and #622 Trapping Muskrats are two-year projects, and the same project book can be used both years.

STEM

Projects #490* Science Fun with Dairy Foods, #493* Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry, #500* Science Fun with Physics: Bring completed book and an educational display.

Project #507* Robotics 1 with LEGO EV3: *(The kit for this project is available through LEGO Education for about*

\$400). Bring completed project book and LEGO EV3 robot.

Project #508* Robotics 2: EV3N More: Bring completed project book, robot, test surface to demonstrate the robot's completion of a task of your choosing (in less than 5 minutes), and a printout of the program.

Project #512M* (Robotics Master): For members who want to continue with robotics after completing existing Ohio 4-H robotics projects or who want to explore robotics with a different platform (not LEGOS). Members of any age may complete this project but should have previous robotics experience comparable to what is required for other advanced-level 4-H projects and be able to plan and complete the project on their own with minimal supervision. Bring robot and completed project booklet. Visit <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> to download the project booklet.

Project #501* Rockets Away, 2-liter bottle rocket: *(A 2-liter bottle rocket launcher is needed for this project. Launchers are available at: www.ez-launch.com)* Bring completed project book and the model rocket built for the project OR an educational display.

Project #502* Science Fun with Flight: Bring completed project book and the model built for the project.

Project #503* Rockets Away, Solid Fuel: Bring your completed project book, and the model rocket built for the project OR an educational display.

Project #503M* Solid Fuel Rocketry Master: Bring rocket and completed project booklet. Visit <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> to download the project booklet.

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| Projects | #517 Bicycling for Fun, Level 1 | #541* Crank It Up |
| | #518 Wheels in Motion, Level 2 | #542* Warm It Up #543* Tune It Up |
| | #527* Magic of Electricity #528* Investigating Electricity | #550* Young Engineers in Solar Energy |
| | #529* Wired for Power | #551* Starting Up, Level A |
| | #530* Entering Electronics, Level 4 | #552* Tractor Operations, Level B |
| | #531* Science Fun with Electricity | #553* Moving Out, Level C |
| | #540* Not Just Knots | #554* Learning More, Level D |
| | | #555 ATV Safety |
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Bring completed project book and an educational display. #517 and #518 are two-year projects. And the same project book can be used each year. #527-#530 (electricity projects), #541-#543 (small engines projects) - each project can be taken three years and the same project book can be used each year.

#556 Measuring Up, #557 Making the Cut, #558 Nailing It Together, #559 Finishing Up: Each project can be taken three years and the same project book can be used each year.

Project #556* Measuring Up: Bring completed project book and one article made for the project using some of the hand tools listed in the book including: squares (either utility, try, framing or combination), saws (either hand, crosscut, or hand saw), wood file and rasp.

Project #557* Making the Cut: Bring completed project book and one article made for the project using some of the tools discussed in the book including: t-bevel, protractor, miter box, wood chisels, hand jig saw, hand stapler, power stapler, power sanders (pad, belt, drum stationary, disc), paint brush, single and double incline planes.

Project #558* Nailing It Together: Bring completed project book and one article made for the project using tools discussed in the book including: hand plane, power stapler, circular saw, radial arm saw, table saw.

Project #559* Finishing Up: Bring completed project book and one article made for the project using the tools discussed in the book including: power router, portable planer, thickness planer, power jointer and hand scraper.

Project #560M* Woodworking Master: *(Members of any age may complete this project but must have completed the existing projects, must have woodworking experience comparable to what is required for other advanced 4-H projects and must be able to plan and complete the project on their own with minimal supervision or assistance.)* Be prepared to discuss activities in book. Bring advanced project and completed project booklet. Visit <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> to download the project booklet.

Project #573* Arcs and Sparks: Bring completed project book and two weldments/items - one should be from the recommended projects in the project book and the other will be one of an optional design. Must use shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) for this project. If repeating this project, bring two newly made items to judging (*remember school*

projects are not acceptable as 4-H projects).

Self-Determined

Project #365* Self Determined Project: Bring completed project guidebook, any item made for the project, and an educational display. *(These projects will be judged in project areas when possible.)* Youth can select one of the following projects or create their own. Visit <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> to download the project booklet and appropriate idea starter.

- #365.00 Amateur Radio
- #365.00 American Sign Language
- #365.00 Clowning
- #365.00 Computers
- #365.00 Discovering Genetics
- #365.00 Local Foods – Does it Matter What You Eat?
- #365.00 Model Railroading
- #365.00 Music
- #365.00 My Stay-At-Home Project
- #365.00 Self Determined Project, General, Other
- #365.00 Skateboarding
- #365.00 Viruses, Bacteria, Fungi, Oh My!
- #365.01 Chinchillas
- #365.01 Ferrets
- #365.01 Hedgehogs
- #365.01 Pigeons
- #365.01 Reptiles and Amphibians
- #365.01 Companion Animals, Other
- #365.02 Miniature Garden – Artificial
- #365.02 Paper Craft
- #365.02 Self Determined, Creative Arts, Other
- #365.02 String Art
- #365.03 Self Determined – Family Life, Other
- #365.03 Babysitting
- #365.04 Self Determined – Natural Resources, Other
- #365.04 Astronomy
- #365.04 Bats
- #365.04 Climate Change
- #365.04 Crop Production
- #365.04 Flower Gardening
- #365.04 Get Started with Composting
- #365.04 Miniature Garden – Live
- #365.04 Native American Artifacts – Arrowheads
- #365.04 Paddle Water Sports
- #365.04 Shale Gas Extraction
- #365.04 Water Quality
- #365.04 Weather
- #365.05 Quilts
- #365.06 Camp Counseling
- #365.06 Self Determined, Workforce Prep, Other

Workforce Preparation

Project #382* Am I Ready for Work?: Bring completed project book and an educational display, including resume.

Project #387* Here, There, Ag Careers Are Everywhere! Bring completed project book and an educational display, including resume.

Dog Project Requirements

Dog Show – Friday of Fair 10:30 a.m.

Check-in for All Classes: 10-10:30 a.m.

Required Forms

Permission to Participate Form: All youth enrolling in 4-H dog projects (except 200 All About Dogs) are required to complete and submit the Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims document before youth are allowed to participate in any 4-H dog activities with their dogs. The form can be found on our website under [4-H Youth Development > Companion Animal Project Information & Resource > Dog](#). This document must be signed each year a youth enrolls in a 4-H dog project and is to be kept on file at the county Extension Office. It is also recommended the 4-H club volunteer keep a signed copy. It was approved by Extension administration to help insure safety of 4-H members and dogs after seeing an increase in aggressive dogs at the county and state levels. **This form is due by April 30 at 4 p.m.**

Dog Registration Form & Proof of Vaccination: A Dog Registration Form must be submitted to the Extension Office by **May 1 at 4 p.m.** to be eligible to participate in the Dog Show. The form can be found on our website under [4-H Youth Development > Companion Animal Project Information & Resource > Dog](#). Proof of Vaccination for Distemper (CDV), Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza (CPI), Parvovirus (CPV), and Rabies must accompany all Dog Registration Forms. Proof means a copy of a signed record of vaccinations from a licensed veterinarian. Please turn in a copy of your vaccination record and keep the original. Bring the original with you to the judging in case it would be needed for a back-up.

Project #200 All About Dogs: See page 9.

Project #201D (You and Your Dog): Member can be judged without the dog during Still Project Judging. More details can be found on page 9. If the child wishes to bring a dog to the Dog Show, the Dog Registration Form & Proof of Vaccination must be submitted. An interview will take place and the completed project book is required.

Project #201O (Obedience): For members ready for obedience training. Members taking obedience projects need access to a knowledgeable dog obedience instructor for assistance. Members will be evaluated during the Dog Show by registering for Obedience classes. Member should bring completed project book to the show.

Dog Show Classes: Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B, Pre-Novice, Novice A, Novice B.

Project #201S (Showmanship): This project is for those who want to show their dog in the grooming and handling portion of the Dog Show and register for Showmanship classes. Members taking showmanship project need access to a knowledgeable dog instructor. Member should bring completed project book to the show.

Dog Show Classes: Junior A, Junior B, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, Senior A, Senior B.

Project #201P (Performance): For members involved in specialized training such as agility, coonhound events, drill team, freestyle, earthdog tests, field tests, herding trails, hunting tests, lure coursing, tracking. Members will be evaluated during the Dog Show by registering for Agility classes. Member should bring completed project book to the show. **Dog Show Classes:** On Lead Level, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3.

Project #201W (Working): For members taking assistance, therapy, police and rescue, military, herding and detection dogs. Members will be evaluated during the Dog Show. Bring your dog and completed project book.

Project #202 Dog Achievement: See page 9.

Project #230 4-H PetPals: Bring completed book, educational display, and PetPal if the PetPal is a dog only. All other PetPals project members should attend Still Project Judging (see page 9 for details).

For more details about Dog Show Classes, visit:

[4-H Youth Development > Companion Animal Project Information & Resource > Dog](#).

State Fair: Entry forms and State Fair information can be found on the Ohio State Fair website: <http://www.statefair.com/>. State Fair entries must be submitted by the exhibitor directly to the Ohio State Fair by June 20. Late entries will be charged a significant fee.

Horse Project Requirements

Required Forms

Permission to Participate Form: All youth enrolling in 4-H horse projects (except 173 Horseless Horse) are required to complete and submit the Permission to Participate in 4-H Horse Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims document before youth are allowed to participate in any 4-H activities with their horse. The form can be found on our website under [4-H Youth Development >Livestock Project Information & Resource > Equine](#). This document must be signed each year a youth enrolls in a 4-H horse project and is to be kept on file at the county Extension Office. **This form is due with your 4-H enrollment.**

Project #174 Beginning Horse Management: This beginning-level project is for ALL youth starting in the 4-H horse program. The basics of caring for a horse, learning to ride, and showmanship are covered in 170 pages, many with color photographs. There is no time limit to complete this project.

Project #175 Light Horse Selection: Judge Horses and classes after studying basic horse anatomy for a sound basis in the selection of pleasure or breeding stock. Use in conjunction with 190R Equine Record Book.

Project #176 Basic Horse Training: Train your horse in basic skills and discipline by becoming a disciplined teacher. Use in conjunction with 190R Equine Record Book.

Project#177 Horse Training: How to Talk to Your Horse: Train horses from birth to maturity. Understand horse behavior and how to use it to create a good relationship between horse and horseman. Includes the CD Basic Horse Training by Dr. Robert Kline. Videos are also available online at ohio4h.org/horsetrainingvideos. Use with the [190R Equine Record Book](#).

Project #179R Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows: Contains updated rules and regulations including a new division on Ranch Riding. Required for all 4-H horse shows and events throughout Ohio.

Project #181 Draft Horse: Are you fascinated with draft horses and want to know more about these magnificent giants? Learn about their care, feeding, harnessing, hitching, showing, and much more. Complete [4-H 190R Equine Record Book](#) each year project is taken.

Project #180 Learning to Jump: Want to put your horse skills to work on something new? This project starts with a foundation of proper riding techniques, and then teaches you the basics of how to jump in an easy-to-understand sequence of exercises. Expert tips and a trouble-shooting guide keep you on track to have fun and stay safe while learning to jump. Use with [190R Equine Record Book](#).

Project #182 Small Equine: This intermediate project is for a miniature horse, donkey, or mule. Learn the basics of caring for small equine, guiding in-hand and driving, and showmanship. Youth must complete [191R Horses, Safety, and You](#), and [174 Beginning Horse Management](#) before taking this project. Use with [190R Equine Record Book](#) each year project is taken.

Project #184 Standardbred Horses: Learn how to safely harness your horse to a cart and drive, whether it is a Standardbred racehorse or a pleasure driving horse. Use with [190R Equine Record Book](#).

Project #188 Trail Riding: Team up with your horse for competition or pleasure trail riding. Learn the basics of conditioning your horse. Use with [190R Equine Record Book](#).

Project #189 Dressage: By patiently developing a horse's mental and physical abilities, youth work toward a perfect understanding between horse and rider. This project asks youth to complete a "Planning Your Project" section, several activities, learning experiences, and citizenship/leadership activities; keep records; and write a one-page report. Requires access to a horse. Use with [190R Equine Record Book](#).

Project #191R* Horses, Safety, and You: This is required reading by all 4-H'ers and their parents to acquaint them with the safety issues involved with a 4-H horse project. Viewing of video on safety and ethics is required with this publication.

Project #762 Horse Nutrition: Explore digestion, nutrients, feedstuffs, rationing, and poison plant identification to protect the health of the horse you love. Use with [190R Equine Record Book](#).

For more details about Horse Show Classes, visit:

[4-H Youth Development >Livestock Project Information & Resource > Equine.](#)

State Fair: Horse exhibitors must qualify through a 4-H PAS Qualifying Show. For more details, visit [4-H Youth Development >Livestock Project Information & Resource > Equine.](#)

Livestock Skillathon Requirements

Exhibitors are required to attend and participate in at least one skillathon to meet their completion requirements. From the lessons learned in 2020, we will be tentatively scheduling a range of dates for skillathons. They will be finalized as soon as possible. Dog and Horse is tentatively scheduled for June 23 and all other livestock species will be held between June 13-18.

Remember there is a Flipgrid option for those who are unable to attend the scheduled skillathon. However, to be eligible for OME, you must meet the OME requirements (see below).

Skillathon will be broken down into divisions, similar to showmanship classes. Ages as of Jan.1 of the given year:

- Senior (16 years old and over)
- Intermediate (14-15 years old)
- Junior (11-13 years old)
- Beginner (8-10 years old)
- Fligrd (all ages)

To be OME eligible, youth must participate in the Senior Division (no matter age) and indicate that in their pre-registration. Youth must participate in each skillathon for the desired specie. For example, if Margo wants to be eligible for both market lamb and market swine OME, she must register and participate in both the sheep and swine skillathon.

Failure to attend at least one skillathon (including Flipgrid) will result in being ineligible for exhibition at the Marion County Fair. In order to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, all county requirements must be met.

For youth who select the in-person skillathon completion option, they will be expected to:

- Identify body parts of animal.
- Identify breeds and characteristics.
- Identify grains and forages.
- Record book:
 - Five or more project levels and activities in the appropriate age level. *Different from the year before.*
 - Two learning experience activities. *Different from the year before.*
 - Two leadership/citizenship activities. *Different from the year before.*
 - Record Book section
 - Project pictures
 - Age-appropriate pages as assigned.

For more information, visit [4-H Youth Development >Livestock Project Information & Resource > Skillathon.](#)

For youth who select the Flipgrid option for completion, they will be expected to create a 3 to 10--minute video demonstrating what they've learned working through their project. Flipgrid videos should include:

- Introduce themselves.
- Demonstrate their knowledge related to one of the following:
 - specie body parts,
 - breeds and their characteristics,
 - grains and forages.
- The activities I completed include...
- I learned about...
- My favorite part of the project was...
- The hardest part of the project was...
- I will use the skills I learned...
- This is my project display. [Explain it.]
- I enjoyed (or didn't) the project because...

More information will be available at [4-H Youth Development >Livestock Project Information & Resource > Skillathon.](#)

Quality Assurance for Livestock

Quality Assurance (QA) Certification is required for all youth exhibiting or selling a hog, beef (market steer, beef breeding, beef feeder calf or dairy feeder calf), lamb (market or breeding), goat (market, dairy, utility, or pygmy), poultry (broiler, fancy, pullets, turkey, or water fowl), rabbit (breeding or market), or dairy (cow or heifer) at the Marion County Junior Fair.

Certification can be obtained in three ways:

- 1) **You can participate in an approved QA program provided by an agriscience teacher in school.**
- 2) **Youth can participate in an approved QA program provided by OSU Extension at the county or state level.**

QA Program Dates

March 31 @ 6 p.m. – Coliseum
May 13 @ 6 p.m. – Coliseum

- Youth may attend any QA regardless of the animal they are exhibiting.
- Parent attendance is not required but encouraged for QA Programs.
- Youth should plan to arrive early, as youth will not receive credit for attending if they arrive more than 10 minutes after the program starts. Youth must complete and submit the attendance card at the end to receive credit.

3) Youth can participate in the test out option.

All youth 12-14 years of age (4-H age) may take a LQA test designed for their age group. If they pass the test with a score of 70% or greater, the youth will be certified in LQA until they turn 15 years old.

All youth 15-18 years of age (4-H age) may take a QA test designed for their age group. If they pass the test with a score of 70% or greater, the youth will be certified in LQA for the remainder of their Junior Fair years.

Youth are only permitted to take one test per calendar year. If a youth does not pass the QA test, they will be required to attend a QA program to gain certification.

Youth should review the Quality Assurance section of their resource handbook in preparation for the test.

QA Testing Dates

Participants must call to pre-register.

April 29 @ 5 p.m.

By appointment only. Contact the Extension Office

All Marion County Youth must have the QA Certification by May 17.

Please pay close attention to the dates and plan accordingly.

Livestock Requirement Summary

Refer to <https://go.osu.edu/marionco4hlivestock> for online entry form access and additional information.

| Project | 4-H Books Required (FFA students check with Instructor) | Quality Assurance Requirement | Possession Date | Tag-In/Requirements prior to fair | Fair Entry Due | Exhibit Limit | Fair Weight & Other Requirements | Health Requirements/Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) | Animals Check into Fair |
|------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|--|----------------|--------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 117M Market Steer | 117 Beef Project/Record Book | Quality Assurance must be completed by MAY 17, to be eligible to show and sell at the Marion County Fair | Dec 18 | Exhibitor may weigh-in/tag as many animals as desired on Dec 19 | Dec 18 | Two may be entered in the fair | Dehorned. Beef under 900 lbs not eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion or to sell | Must follow state guidelines DUNF form due at fair weigh-in | June 27 |
| 117B Beef Breeding | | | May 15 | N/A | May 15 | | | | <i>Check fair book for details</i> |
| 117BF Beef Feeder Calf | | | | | | | | | |
| 117DF Dairy Beef Feeder Calf | 117R Beef Resource Handbook | | Apr 9 | Exhibitor may weigh in up to 5 animals. Two ear tags are provided on Apr 6 | Apr 10 | Two may be entered in the fair | All calves will be given mandatory vaccines (IBR, BVD, P13 and BRSV) at weigh-in at the Exhibitor's expense | Must follow state guidelines DUNF form due at fair weigh-in | |
| 122 Dairy Calves & Heifers | 122 Dairy Heifer Project/Record Book | Quality Assurance must be completed by MAY 17, to be eligible to show and sell at the Marion County Fair | May 1 | Ownership or Lease Agreement Due May 1 | May 1 | | | Must follow state guidelines DUNF form due at fair weigh-in | <i>Check fair book for details</i> |
| 126 Dairy Cows | 126 Dairy Cow Project/Record Book | | | | | | | 127R Dairy Resource Handbook | |

Livestock Requirement Summary

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| Project | 4-H Books Required (FFA students check with Instructor) | Quality Assurance Requirement | Possession Date | Tag-In/Requirements prior to fair | Fair Entry Due | Exhibit Limit | Fair Weight & Other Requirements | Health Requirements/ Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) | Animals Check into Fair |
|----------------------|--|--|-----------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---|
| 134M Market Goats | 135 Goat Project/Record Book 135R Goat Resource Handbook | Quality Assurance must be completed by MAY 17, to be eligible to show and sell at the Marion County Fair | May 1 | Exhibitor may weigh in up to 5 animals on May 1 | Apr 30 | Two may be entered in the fair | Must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs and be born after November 1, 2020. Must have all milk teeth in place | Must follow state guidelines DUNF form due at fair weigh-in | June 27 <i>Check fair book for details</i> |
| 134D Dairy Goats | | | | Ownership or Lease Agreement Due May 1 | June 1 | | | | |
| 134S Specialty Goats | | | | | | | | | |
| 139 Market Hog | 139 Market Hog Project/Record Book 134R Swine Resource Handbook | Quality Assurance must be completed by MAY 17, to be eligible to show and sell at the Marion County Fair | May 1 | | May 1 | In as many classes as eligible | Must weigh between 220 and 280 lbs | Must follow state guidelines DUNF form due at fair weigh-in | June 27 <i>Check fair book for details</i> |
| 140 Swine Breeding | 140 Swine Breeding Project/Record Book 134R Swine Resource Handbook | | May 1 | | Skillathon Required | | | | |

Livestock Requirement Summary

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| Project | 4-H Books Required | Quality Assurance Requirement | Possession Date | Tag-In/Requirements prior to fair | Fair Entry Due | Exhibit Limit | Health Requirements/Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) | Animals Check into Fair |
|--|---------------------------------|--|---|---|----------------|--|---|---|
| 150CM Chicken, Market | 150 Poultry Project/Record Book | Quality Assurance must be completed by MAY 17, to be eligible to show and sell at the Marion County Fair | Hatched on or after the third Friday of May/ physical possession required within 48 hours of hatch | | May 24 | 2 entries per class and entries in up to eight different classes with a maximum number of poultry entries for each exhibitor is 16 | Hatch date must be verified by the NPIP Hatchery VS Form 9-3. If an exhibitor is breeding their own, a Poultry Department Superintendent or Department Advisor MUST be contacted to verify hatch date on the day of hatching and exhibitor must provide documentation according to the Ohio Exhibition Rules 901:1-18-5 | June 27 <i>Check fair book for details</i> |
| 150DM Duck, Market | | | Hatched on or after the first Friday of April/ physical possession required within 48 hours of hatch | | | | | |
| 150TM Turkey, Market | | | Hatched on or after the first Thursday of February/ physical possession required within 48 hours of hatch | | | | | |
| 150** Breeding Poultry (**see entry form for proper class numbers) | | | May 1 Birds must be at least one month old | Each Bird may only be Exhibited in ONE class/Exhibitor is responsible for entering poultry into correct classes | | | | |

Livestock Requirement Summary

Refer to <https://go.osu.edu/marionco4hlivestock> for online entry form access and additional information.

| Project | 4-H Books Required | Quality Assurance Requirement | Possession Date | Tag-In/Requirements prior to fair | Fair Entry Due | Exhibit Limit | Fair Weight & Other Requirements | Health Requirements/Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) | Animals Check into Fair |
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| 198 Market Lambs | 198 Market Lamb Project/Record Book 194R Sheep Resource Handbook | Quality Assurance must be completed by MAY 17, to be eligible to show and sell at the Marion County Fair | May 1 | Exhibitor may weigh in up to 5 animals on May 1 | Apr 30 | Two may be entered in the fair | Worming will be provided for free at weigh-in if desired | Must follow state guidelines DUNF form due at fair weigh-in | June 27 |
| 199 Breeding Sheep | 199 Sheep Breeding Project/Record Book 194R Sheep Resource Handbook | | June 1 | | June 1 | | | | <i>Check fair book for details</i> |
| 225 Breeding Rabbits | 225 Breeding Rabbit Project/Record Book 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook | Quality Assurance must be completed by MAY 17, to be eligible to show and sell at the Marion County Fair | May 15, Rabbit must be six weeks old | Tattoo Clinic (May 13) If you do not bring your rabbit you are responsible for placing your rabbits in the proper class | May 15 | | | | June 27 |
| 226 Market Rabbits | 226 Market Rabbit Project/Record Book 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook | | June 1, Must be in second year or more of the rabbit project to show a meat pen | In order to enter a meat pen, you must enter and show a breeding rabbit in the breed show also | May 15 | Two meat pens (pens of 3) and two Single Fryers See additional rules !! | Maximum weight of each meat rabbit is five pounds with a minimum weight of three pounds | | Must follow state guidelines DUNF form due at fair weigh-in |

4-H Youth Opportunities

Marion County youth have the opportunity to participate in many different opportunities at the county and state level. The details and registration/application procedures vary for each opportunity. Please read through the following carefully to determine how you can take advantage of these great opportunities! Feel free to contact the Extension Office for more details about any opportunity.

CLOVERBUD OPPORTUNITIES

- **CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP** - A one-day camping activity for Cloverbud Camp conducted by 4-H professionals, volunteers and teen camp counselors. Located in the county, group-oriented activities usually follow a theme.
- **CLOVERBUD FAIR ACTIVITIES** - Cloverbuds have the opportunity to participate in the Marion County Fair in a variety of ways, including group displays in the Booth Building and other activities hosted by the Junior Fair Board.

COUNTY CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

- **4-H CAMP** - Held at 4-H Camp Ohio Youth Education Center in St. Louisville, this camp is conducted by the 4-H professional, adult volunteers with backgrounds in education and healthcare, and trained 4-H teen counselors. Marion County staff works with the 4-H Camp Ohio staff to conduct a variety of outdoor learning experiences. 4-H Club and non-4-H Club members ages 8 and in the 3rd grade through 8th grade as of January 1 can register to attend. **Registration packets are available in April.**
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COUNTY AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

- **HONOR CLUB** - 4-H Clubs are required to submit the Club Participation Sheet to the Extension Office by August 31 for the previous club year. Clubs that accumulate 400 points or more on the club participation sheet will be recognized as an Honor Club.
- **JUNIOR FAIR ROYALTY/SPECIES ROYALTY:** In addition to the Junior Fair King and Queen, each species has a royalty/ambassador contest. Junior Fair King/Queen applications and applications for other species will be available in the spring.
- **OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR AWARD** - This award is given for all eligible species. Youth receive points based on their Skillathon score (excluding tiebreaker score), showmanship placing and live animal placing.
- **SPEAKING CONTESTS** - Youth can participate in two public speaking contests in the county - Health & Safety and Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks. Awards are given to those who participate. Youth may be selected as a County Winner in Health & Safety or State Fair Representative in Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks. Deadline to register and contests take place in the spring.
- **NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECT AWARDS** - Still project participants who are selected **and** attend the Ohio State Fair as a Marion County delegate will receive an award on at the fair. Youth participating in a still project that is not eligible for exhibition at the Ohio State Fair may be selected by the judge as the County Project Winner and will receive an award during the recognition program.
- **SKILLATHON AWARDS** - Earned by livestock project participants based on their Livestock Skillathon scores.

OLDER YOUTH COUNTY LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Most applications available in August and due in the fall.

- **JUNIOR CAMP COUNSELOR** - Camp counselors work with an Extension professional, adult 4-H volunteers, and the 4-H Camp Ohio staff to conduct a variety of outdoor learning experiences for campers ages 8-13. Counselors work with a partner to supervise a small group of campers in a cabin living environment. Camp counselors attend 24+ hours of meetings and activities from December through July to plan camp activities and learn skills needed to be an effective camp counselor. Camp counselor applicants must be ages 14 to 18. To be eligible to be a counselor, candidates must be a 4-H member in good standing. **Complete Camp Counselor Application by the deadline determined in the fall.**

- **JUNIOR FAIR BOARD** - Marion County Junior Fair Board is comprised of representatives from several youth organizations including 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts. Junior Fair Board members are responsible for the design, implementation and evaluation of many Junior Fair aspects of the Marion County Fair. **Interested applicants must complete a Junior Fair Board Application by the deadline determined in the fall.**

COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP** - Marion County 4-H recognizes and rewards individual excellence in project work, leadership, citizenship and community service. A minimum of two \$100 scholarships will be awarded. Applicant must: Be a current or alumni member of Marion County 4-H, a current year graduating high school senior, or equivalent of a college freshman or sophomore (proof of equivalent in a home school program by the end of the current year is acceptable); active in 4-H for the previous, continuous three (3) years; have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale based on the most recently completed semester; and plans to attend (or currently attending) a post-secondary educational institution. Applications due in early June.

STATE AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

- **OHIO 4-H 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 Marion County 4-H Achievement Form by November 15. Achievement Form available online year round.** Selected youth will submit an Ohio 4-H Achievement Form.
- **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 Online Application by February 15 to apply.**
- **OHIO STATE FAIR SKILLATHON** - All Skillathons are open to any Ohio 4-H 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, and FFA members. Youth do not have to be an exhibitor 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 Steer entries are due January 15; other entries are due June 20. 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.

STATE TRIP AND CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

- **4-H CAMP PIEDMONT SHOOTING SPORTS CAMP** - Shooting Sports Camp is held at 4-H Camp Piedmont in Belmont County, Ohio. Four basic disciplines are available: Archery, Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun. All disciplines are taught by Trained Certified Instructors. Participants must be 8-13 years old by January 1 of the current year to attend camp. Open to all age eligible youth.
- **4-H SHOOTING EDUCATION CAMPS** - Camps are held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson, Ohio. Applicants must be 9-12 years old (Junior Camp) or 12-18 years old (Senior Camp) as of January 1 of the current year to attend the camp. Open to all age eligible youth.
- **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 Marion County 4-H Achievement Form by November 15. Achievement Form available online year-round.** Full scholarship available to selected county delegates.
- **CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS** - 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 Marion County 4-H Achievement Form by November 15. Achievement Form available online year-round.** Full scholarship available to selected county delegates.
- **LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS** - Experience a national leadership development experience designed exclusively for 4-H'ers entering grades 7-9. Youth learn leadership skills using an experiential learning model based

in 4-H curriculum and the living classroom of Washington D.C. **Complete Marion County 4-H Achievement Form by November 15. Achievement Form available online year-round.** Full scholarship available to selected county delegates.

- **OHIO 4-H CONFERENCE** - 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 age eligible youth. **Registration available in January and due in February.**
- **OHIO FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION 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 Conservation Camp at FFA Camp Muskingum is the place for you. Youth must have completed the 8th grade and be at least 15 years old to apply. Open to all age eligible youth.
- **OTHER STATE CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES** - Visit: <http://www.ohio4h.org/camp>.

OLDER YOUTH STATE LEADERSHIP 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.**
- **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.**
- **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. **Complete Marion County 4-H Achievement Form by November 15. Achievement Form available online year round.** Interested youth will then submit an Ohio 4-H Achievement Form.

2021 4-H Calendar of Events

This calendar of events is subject to change. Please read your project information pages refer to Marion County 4-H social media accounts, OSU Extension website AND read the most recent electronic newsletters sent throughout the year.

EO = Extension Office; **MCF** = Marion County Fairgrounds; **TRCC** = Tri-Rivers Career Center; **VMC** = Coliseum

JANUARY 2021

- 1 Office Closed - New Year's Day
- 7 Camp Counselor Meeting; 6:30-8:30; EO
- 9 Ohio Fair Manager's Conference - Junior Fair Day
- 15 State Fair Market Steer Entry Deadline, Ohio State Fair
- 18 Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 24 Camp Counselor; 2:30-5:30 p.m.; EO
- 31 Volunteer Training; 2:30-4:30 p.m.; TBD

FEBRUARY

- 1 Ohio 4-H Conference Registration Due to EO
- 2 Volunteer Training; 6-8 p.m.; TBD
- 7-13 Marion County 4-H Week**
- 8 Volunteer Training; 6-8 p.m.; TBD
- 10 Camp Counselor; 2:30-5:30 p.m.; EO
- 15 Cross County Lines Request Forms Due; EO**
- 20 Ohio 4-H Conference – Virtual
- 23 Ohio 4-H Conference – Virtual
- 25 Ohio 4-H Conference – Virtual
- 28 Camp Counselor; 2:30-5:30 p.m.; MCF

MARCH

- 1 Marion County 4-H Trip Scholarship Applications Due to EO
- 6-7 MXC Counselor Camp – Virtual
- 7-13 Ohio 4-H Week
- 11 Camp Counselor; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; MCF
- 15 4-H Enrollment Deadline to Exhibit at MCF**
- 15 Wining 4-H Plan Request Forms Due**
- 15 Club Constitution (New Clubs Only), Club Bylaws, Club Information Sheet and Club Charter Due to EO
- 31 Quality Assurance; 6 p.m.; MCF**

APRIL

- 9 Dairy Feeder Fair Entries Due ONLINE**
- 10 Dairy Feeder Weigh-in; 8-11 a.m.; MCF**
- 11 Horse EquiSTEP; 2-4 p.m.; VIRTUAL**
- 15 Camp Counselor; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; EO
- 20 4-H Camp Roundup; 6 p.m., TBD
- 25 Camp Counselor; 2:30-5:30 p.m.; MCF
- 29 QA Test-Out
- 30 Horse Fair Entries Due ONLINE**
- 30 Dog Fair Entries Due ONLINE**
- 30 Market Lamb & Market Goat Fair Entries Due ONLINE**

MAY

- 1 Market Lamb & Market Goat Weigh-in, MCF**
- 1 Dairy Breeding Lease Agreement & Fair Entries Due ONLINE**
- 6 Camp Counselor; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**
- 13 Quality Assurance; 6 p.m.; MCF**
- 15 Beef Breeding and Feeder Fair Entries Due ONLINE**
- 15 Poultry Fair Entries due ONLINE**
- 16 Camp Counselor, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.; MCF
- 17 LAST DAY FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE ELIGIBILITY**
- 17 Rabbit Tattoo Clinic (excluding pet rabbit); 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.; MCF**
- 17 Market Rabbit & Breeding Rabbit Fair Entries Due ONLINE**
- 31 Office Closed – Memorial Day

JUNE

- 1 Flipgrid Pre-Judging Portal OPENS ONLINE**
- 1 Livestock Royalty & Husbandry Applications Due to EO**
- 1 Jr. Fair Royalty & Outstanding 4-H Member Applications Due to EO**
- 1 Demonstration Contest AND Health & Safety Speaking Contest Entries Due to EO**
- 1 Booth Entries Due to EO**
- 1 Breeding Sheep Fair Entries Due ONLINE**
- 1 Dairy, Specialty & Boer Goat Fair Entries Due ONLINE**
- 5 Camp Counselor; TBD
- 8 Livestock Royalty & Husbandry (excluding swine), Jr. Fair Royalty & Outstanding 4-H Member Interviews; TBD
- 13-18 Beef, Dairy, Dairy Beef, Goat, Poultry, Sheep Project Judging and Skillathon; TBD
- 13-18 Rabbit & Swine Project Judging and Skillathon; TBD
- 17 Camp Counselor; 6:30 – 9 p.m., EO
- 18 Flipgrid Pre-Judging DEADLINE**
- 22 Non-Livestock Project Judging; TBD
- 22 Demonstration AND Health & Safety Speaking Contest; TBD
- 23 Dog & Horse Project Judging and Skillathon; TBD
- 23 Horse Vet Check; 6-7:30 p.m.; MCF
- 25 Booth Set-Up; 1-7 p.m.; MCF
- 26 Booth Set-Up; 9-3 p.m.; MCF
- 27 Livestock Check-in (For list of check-in times; mandatory barn meetings, etc. refer to the 2021 Fair Book.)
- 28 Marion County Fair begins
- 28 Marion County Jr. Fair Coronation; Noon; MCF (Evers Arena)

JULY

- 4 Booth & Exhibits Released; 9-11 a.m.; MCF
- 6 Camp Counselor; 6:30-9 p.m.; EO
- 7 Carcass Contest; 7 p.m.; Link's Meats
- 13-17 Marion County 4-H Camp
- 28 Ohio State Fair begins

AUGUST

- 31 Project Excellence Applications; O.P.E.R. Members Forms & Honor Club Applications DUE
- 31 4-H Achievement Form and/or Green Book Due

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Office Closed – Labor Day

OCTOBER

- 1 Volunteer Applications DUE (starting a 4-H club); EO
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 31 All Other Volunteer Applications DUE; EO

NOVEMBER

- 11 Office Closed – Veteran's Day Observed
- 25-26 Office Closed – Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 24 Office Closed – Christmas Eve Observed

For additional dates:

Marion County Fair Book: <https://go.osu.edu/marioncofair>

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