

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.

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2025

Parent's Guide

Making the **BEST** Better for Your Child!



Fayette County 4-H
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My Child's 4-H Club Contact Info

4-H Club Name: _____

4-H Club Advisor: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Meeting Location: _____

Meeting Time: _____

Meeting Dates: _____

What is a Winning 4-H Plan?

Parents of children with special needs may request a Winning 4-H Plan for their child. This plan helps 4-H volunteers and staff to understand and plan for the accommodations fundamental for successful participation of the child in club activities, projects, skillathon, judging, shows, camp and more. A Winning 4-H Plan Request Form is available at <http://Fayette.osu.edu>. Questions, please contact Lydia Ulry, 4-H Educator, ulry.9@osu.edu.

What Are The Behavior Expectations of 4-H Participants?

4-H Code of Conduct

- 4-H members, parents/legal guardians, and other adults participating in 4-H activities will:
 1. Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
 2. Conduct themselves in a courteous, ethical, respectful manner, use appropriate language (including not using profanity), exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide positive role models.
 3. Abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, illegal or illicit drugs, tobacco in any form, and/or any vaping products during 4-H events and activities.
 4. Fully participate in scheduled activities.
 5. Respect other's property and privacy rights.
 6. Abstain from child abuse (physical and/or verbal) harassment, and actions that bully, ridicule, dominate, or display inappropriate behavior toward others.
 7. Accept personal responsibility for behavior, destruction or theft of property including any financial damage.
 8. Be responsible for any financial damage caused by inappropriate behavior.
 9. Adhere to rules of safety.
 10. I will uphold and support the responsible and lawful use of social media. In so doing, I will not create or post social media content that is abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, or creates a hostile environment.
 11. Follow the Ohio State University Standards of Behavior for Minor Participants Participating in Activities and Programs with Minor Participants.
- Consequences for violation:
 - Removal from participation in the event (at the individual's expense);
 - Sanctions on participating in future 4-H events;
 - Forfeiture of awards, financial earnings from the event;
 - Removal from offices/positions held, etc.
 - Behavior outside of 4-H activities can affect "member in good standing" or "volunteer in good standing" status.
 - It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the code of conduct and intervene when necessary to enforce the rules.



4-H members and their parents/legal guardians must agree to the 4-H Code of Conduct as part of the 4-H Enrollment process.

What Are The Special Fair Requirements for Projects?



Quality Assurance: 4-H members with Market Beef, Market Dairy Steer, Market Hog, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Turkey, Market Chicken, Market Duck, Market Rabbits, Lactating Dairy Cows and/or Lactating Dairy Goats must complete the ANNUAL quality assurance (QA) **no later than May 30** to show and/or sell at the Fayette County and/or Ohio State Fairs.

EquiSTEP: All 4-H horse project members will need to complete the on-line EquiSTEP program **no later than May 30**.

Dog, Horse and Shooting Sports Permission to Participate: Members that enroll in these projects will be prompted to read and accept these permission to participate forms as part of the on-line 4-H enrollment process **no later than March 1**.

Skillathon and Project Judging: All 4-H members **must participate in Skillathon/Project judging with an up-to-date current project book** to complete their projects and be eligible to show at the Fayette County and/or Ohio State Fairs. If you need to make-up skill-a-thon or project judging, you must request a make-up time slot **no later than June 11, 2025**. Information and study materials can be found at Fayette.osu.edu under 4-H Youth Development>Skillathons

Health Requirements: All animals must be free of any contagious or infectious disease upon arrival and throughout Fair week. For specific requirements see the Fayette County Fair Book at fayettecofairoh.com

What Does My Child Need To Do in 4-H?

4-H Club Meetings

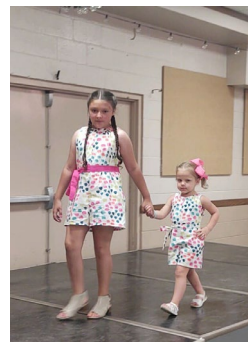
- Attend at least **six** 4-H club meetings and/or activities.
- Participate in community service, leadership, fundraising, recreational and/or educational activities.
- Come with a positive attitude eager to Learn by Doing the 4-H way through project work, public speaking and hands-on activities.
- Serve as a club officer, on a committee, as a Jr. Leader or mentor.
- Support club goals and activities.

For Projects

- Select at least one 4-H project to complete. Use 4-H Project Central on-line to get a sneak peak of each project or the 2025 4-H Project Guide. Refer to the 2025 Fayette County 4-H Requirement Guide on-line at <http://fayette.osu.edu>.
- Meet all project requirements and guidelines. Attend required programs for Fair participation, weigh-in, tag-in, notch sheet turn in, quality assurance (QA), EquiSTEP, skill-a-thon, project judging, etc.

For Skillathon & Project Judging

- **Up-to-date Project Book:** Required for all projects! Complete required sections to be eligible for County and State Fair participation. Make sure to include a feed tag/ration, quality assurance certificate & project experiences documentation. **A current up-to-date project book is a REQUIREMENT to have a completed project eligible for FAIR!**
- **Project Interview:** Prepare for a one-on-one interview with an adult to answer questions about your project and 4-H experience.
- **Skillathon:** All animal projects! Prepare to participate in four skill assessment stations. Use your project book, resource handbook, skill-a-thon study guide, quality assurance, clinics and workshops to prepare. Check out digital links at <http://Fayette.osu.edu>
- **Miscellaneous Projects:** Bring item made, created, produced, grown, or designed and/or visual educational display (tri-fold, poster, collage, etc.) to the judging & interview.
- **Be Patient and Positive!** While you wait for judging, review your project book, bring something to read or chat with a friend.



What Does My Child Need To Do in 4-H? continued.

☛ For Fair

- **Make Entries:** By deadline set, June 6, 2025, at fairentry.com
Instructions can be found at Fayette.osu.edu under Jr. Fair
- **Fair Wrist Bands:** Are distributed via your advisors, they will share how your club distributes them. You must have completed all project requirements in a **minimum of 1 project, this includes meeting attendance**, to be eligible to receive your fair wrist band
- **Club Booth Set-Up:** Saturday, July 12, 9am – 12pm. Clubs will contact the Extension office to designate booth size. No required but strongly encouraged. Items in booths are placed in at own risk.
- **Required Paperwork:** Present proof of vaccinations (dogs), NPIP (market poultry), Negative Pullorum test (fancy and production poultry), Complete Drug Use Notification Form On-line (market and lactating animals), Pedigrees/Registration Papers (breeding beef, dairy female, market breed hogs, breeding gilts).
- **Exhibition Times:** Bring 4-H projects by required times to the Fair, follow rules and information in the Fair Book.
- **Project Care:** Assure quality care for your animals at all times. Keep stalls and animals clean, fed, watered and presentable to the public.

Who Can Answer My Questions?

☎ **Club Volunteers:** Start with them first. Make sure you have a phone number and/or e-mail address to communicate with them.

☎ **OSU Extension Staff:** Call or e-mail at any time.

Main line: 740-335-1150 **Hours:** M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm

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☎ **Fair Office:** Call, e-mail with Fair Specific questions.

Office hours: Tuesday-Friday 8am-5pm

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Where Do I Go For Information?

- ☛ **OSU Extension, Fayette County Office**, 1415 US Rte 22 SW, Suite 100, Washington C.H., OH 43160
Phone: 740-335-1150 **Web:** fayette.osu.edu
Office Hours: Mon.- Fri., 8 am-4:30 pm
 - Off season book ordering
 - Drop Off 4-H Forms and Applications that are not Qualtrics Surveys
 - 4-H Camp application drop off and payments
 - Reserve & Pick Up Resources – Skillathon Kit Times, Cloverbud Kits, etc.
 - Access all forms, requirements, information on the web.
 - Get answers to all your 4-H questions and meet with 4-H staff.
 - Attend 4-H and project related committee meetings, volunteer trainings and other programs held in the Extension office.

- ☛ **Fayette County Fair Office (Mahan)**, Physical Address: 213 Fairview Avenue, Washington C.H., OH 43160
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1017, Washington Court House, OH 43160 **Phone:** 740-335-5856
Web: <http://fayettecofairoh.com/>
Make Scramble and/or Open Class Fair Entry.

- Make Jr. Fair entries on-line at <https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/18539>
- Purchase and Pick up Fair Passes
- Acquire and/or Pay for Campground Site
- Use the Web Site to access the Fair Book and information about Fair events and activities scheduled on the fairgrounds, Show & Auction Bills during the Fair.
- Register as a Jr. Fair Auction Buyer, sale related content.

- ☛ **Ohio 4-H Web** www.ohio4h.org
 - Visit for the latest information about Ohio 4-H programs, events, activities, policies, etc.

- ☛ **Ohio State Fair** www.ohiostatefair.org
 - Fair Book and Entry Forms to make entry for Livestock, Dog Poultry, Rabbit, & Horticulture Fair Schedule for All Ohio State Fair Events. Fair Results from 4-H and Open Class Shows and Contests.



What Resources Can Help You?

Skillathon Kits: Available for each of the animal projects. Clubs or individuals can schedule a time to come in and utilize the kits. Call **740-335-1150** to schedule. **Last day to study at office with kits is June 20.**

Resource Handbooks: Purchase to help you with your project and prepare for skillathons.

Web-Sites: Great way to learn with technology & practice for skill-a-thon.

- **AgriMania (Feed, Equipment, Animal I.D., Breeds, Meats, Live Animal Judging)** - <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agripedia/agmania/>
- **Breeds**
 - Dogs - <http://www.akc.org/breeds/index.cfm>
 - Livestock - <http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/> and http://www.ag.auburn.edu/~schmisp/breed_id2/index.html
 - Poultry [http://www.feathersite.com/Poultry BRKBabyChicks.html](http://www.feathersite.com/Poultry_BRKBabyChicks.html)
 - Cavies & Rabbits - <http://arba.net/Breeds.htm>
- **Livestock Quiz Bowl** - <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/equiz/>
- **Meat Cuts**
 - Learn Your Beef & Pork Retail Cuts <http://ansc-cpanel.unl.edu/meats/id2/>
 - Meat Cut I.D. Beef, Lamb, Pork <http://ansc-cpanel.unl.edu/meats/id/>
 - Meat ID Photos <http://aggiemeat.tamu/meat-identification-pictures/>
- **4-H Virtual Farm** - <http://www.sites.ext.vt.edu/virtualfarm/>
- **4-H Poultry Resources** - <http://ohio4h.org/poultryresources>

State 4-H Events, Clinics & Workshops: For details visit:

Ohio 4-H - <http://ohio4h.org>

Dairy - <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dairy>

Dog - <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog>

Horse - <https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/horse>

Livestock - <https://ohio4h.org/livestock>

Poultry - <https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/poultry>

Rabbit - <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/rabbit>

Shooting Sports - <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/ohio-4-h-shooting-sports>

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4-H Animal Skillathons & Project Book Judging

All Held at the Extension Office, Required to Show

- **June 18th Make-Up Skillathon by appointment**
- **Wed., June 25, 5-7 pm** – Rabbit Projects (A-M)
- **Thurs., June 26, 5-7 pm** – Rabbit Projects (N-Z)
- **Mon., June 30, 5-7 pm** – Goat/Cattle Projects
- **Tues., July 1, 5-7 pm** – Hog/Sheep/Dog Projects
- **Wed., July 2, 5-7pm** – Poultry/ Horse Projects

Multi-Species Skillathons: June 30-July 2, 9-3 pm by appointment only

Project Books are part of the skillathon (needs completed by skillathon)
Book Checks Only – Begin June 1 ends July 2 (for tested out youth only)

What You Should Expect From Your 4-H Advisors?

1. Club meeting notice and/or club schedule.
2. Copy of the 4-H Project Guide, 4-H Calendar and Parent's Guide.
3. Communication at meetings -- review 4-H calendar, APP, deadlines, requirements, events, etc.
4. Help in selecting, ordering & receiving 4-H project books.
5. **FUN, HANDS-ON**, experiences...project work, demos, practice skill-a-thons/judging, Quality Assurance, safety programs, field trips/tours.
6. Engagement in community service.
7. Opportunity to develop leadership skills...serve as a club officer, on a committee, lead the pledges, participate in a business meeting, mentor other members.
8. Fun with friends, new and old, through recreation, social, educational and/or competitive activities.
9. A welcoming place for you and your child to learn, grow and work together in 4-H
10. Transparency regarding club's finances & operational procedures. Budget, treasurers report & fundraising results shared with all.

How Can You Help Your Child and the Club?

1. Attend meetings, activities, events with your child.
2. Pay your child's 4-H fees, help with fundraising.
3. Transport your child to 4-H meetings/activities.
4. Encourage & guide your child's project work. Don't do the project for them!
5. Read the weekly updates, e-mails/texts from the Ext. Office & your club.
6. Visit the **Web** <http://fayette.osu.edu> and the **to** find more info about 4-H events, forms, requirements & register for events.
7. Encourage your child to keep good records & complete project(s).
8. Model a positive attitude & demonstrate good sportsmanship!
9. Offer to help plan a field trip or service project, assist with club booth or barn decorating.
10. Host a meeting, provide snacks, sponsor award.

What Dates Do I Put On My Family's Calendar?

Check the 4-H calendar - <http://fayette.osu.edu>

4-H Enrollment Deadline: March 1. All 4-H families, members and volunteers must re-enroll on-line at <http://oh.4honline.com>.

4-H Camp: May 28-June 1, 4-H Camp Clifton, youth age 8 and in 3rd grade to grade 8 as of 1/1/2024. Register by April 18, 2025 or until full.

Cloverbud Day Camp: May 29-30, 9-3 PM, Camp Clifton

Quality Assurance (QA): March 3 or 4, 6-7:30 PM, Mahan Building
April 7 or 8, 6-7:30 PM, Mahan Building; Required per the Ohio Revised Code for all market or lactating animal projects. **Must be completed by May 30, 2025**

Lamb & Goat Tag-In: May 3, 9-11 AM, Fairgrounds Required for all market projects.

Feeder Calf Tag-In: May 10, 9-11 AM, Fairgrounds Required for all market projects (Dairy and Beef)

Rabbit Tattooing: June 6, 5:30-8 PM, Fairgrounds Required for all market rabbits and breeding without a tattoo.

Miscellaneous & Special Interest Project Judging: Monday, June 23, 10:30 am Mahan and Booth Building Judging schedule will be sent to members with instructions.

Officer Judging: Monday, June 23, 2:30 PM Fine Arts Building
Optional, call Extension office to schedule time. Books available at <https://ohio4h.org/families/members>

Clothing & Nutrition Project Judging: Tuesday, June 24, 9:00 am Mahan Building Judging schedule will be sent to members with instructions.

Style Revue: Sun., July 26, approx. 8:00 pm, Sales Arena following Guys & Gals Lead. Strongly encouraged for all clothing projects.

Skillathon & Book Checks: June 25-July 2, 5-7 PM @ the Extension office. Books are due at this time. Required if you are exhibiting a livestock project.

4-H Awards Ceremony – July 7, 6:30 PM Mahan Building

Recognizing project and officer judging awards, seniors, camp, and cloverbud graduation.

What Will 4-H Cost?

- ☑ **County 4-H Activity Fee:** \$10/member & \$5/cloverbud
These are paid to your club advisors
- ☑ **Club Fees:** Some clubs charge a per member and/or family fee based on the club's activities. Fees are used for field trips, programming, club t-shirt, booth/barn decorating, etc.
- ☑ **Project Books:** Purchase through your club. Books can be purchased during off times of the 4-H year to work ahead via the Extension Office
Project Books \$8-\$21 + sales tax. Resource Books-\$12-\$20 + sales tax. Pay by check or cash. No refunds!
- ☑ **Project Items:** Every project has costs beyond the 4-H book. You may need to buy an animal, purchase special equipment, buy feed, food or supplies. Please keep this in mind when making project selections.
- ☑ **Camps:** Camp fees can range dependent on member activity selection. Base fee is ~ \$270/ 4-H camper. Cloverbud camp: ~\$65/camper
- ☑ **Fair:** If you plan to participate in Fair, you will have additional costs associated with your 4-H experience. Additional Passes or open show entries can have additional cost.
 - ☛ **Fair Passes:** Check Fair web site for current prices.
 - ☛ **Open Class Entries:** Purchase exhibitor pass & pay entry fee.