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Fayette County
September 21, 2026

Camp Counselor Applications

Applications are **available September 14 - September 26, 2026,** for the 2027 camping year. Applications are all done online and that link is available below and, on our website, Fayette.osu.edu. All specifics and links will be emailed out and posted on social media as well. Details of how to apply and the process are shown below.

TO APPLY:

Complete the application in its entirety.
Submit t**wo non-family members'** contact information into the application (email required). These could be a 4-H educator, advisor, employer, etc.; references should not be family members or personal friends.
Read and sign the Standards of Behavior and Camp Counselor Code of Conduct forms.
Submit all materials to the by September 26, 2026, by 11:59 pm.
Call and sign up for a selection day.

SELECTION PROCESS:

- Individuals who complete the application and fulfill application requirements. **Applicant must contact the Extension office (740-335-1150) and sign up for a selection time.**
- Applicants will attend one of the selections held, either Tuesday, September 29 or Wednesday, September 30, 6-7:30pm at the Extension office. You must attend one of these and it will take the whole time.

Go.osu.edu/campcounselor27

Fall Book Order

Want to get a jump start on your projects for 2027? We will be placing a book order in October to help members get ahead on their projects this fall and over their winter break. Maybe you just want that resource handbook you don't own yet, just add them to the order!

Orders must be in and paid for by 10/22/2026. We accept cash or check (this order is taxable). Books are not returnable. Visit https://ohio4h.org/projectguide to make sure you have found the right project for you.

Department of Agriculture

Animal Health

Fairs and Exhibitions FAQ and Hot Topics Edition

ODA's new Livestock Exhibition rules that were put in place May 2024, the Division of Animal Health has put together a special Fairs and Exhibitions Edition Newsletter. It covers a lot of great topics and has all of our references, rules and regulations, and FAQ documents in one place. The newsletter includes 5 of the major FAQ questions, RFID tags and wand reader information, Ringworm disease information, and who to contact if you have questions or want ODA to speak at an event (4H groups, extension agents, fair board, etc.). **ODA NEWSLETTER**

Farm Science Review

Farm Science Review is a three-day agriculture trade and education show that offers landowners, farmers and conservationists the opportunity to learn about the latest agriculture innovations and visit with over 600 exhibitors.

Tickets for the 2026 Farm Science Review are available to purchase both online and at participating Extension office. Tickets will be $15 at the gate; presale $10. Children ages 5 and under are free.

Family Guides/Project Guides

One copy, will be mailed (USPS) to each family within the 4-H Online system. Thank you to Kroger! Our copies will arrive in December/Early January.

NEW Member Enrollment - **Can BEGIN NOVEMBER 1**

4-H enrollment deadline, is March 1st here in Fayette County, to take advantage of all 4-H opportunities including participation in Fair. Must enter projects when enrolling.

- Enroll through club (no paper enrollment forms) Use4-H Online2.0

The Help Sheets and additional information on the enrollment process can be found **HERE.**

NEW Volunteer/Club Applications- **Can BEGIN NOVEMBER 1**

If you are planning to join an existing club, you must work with the current advisors and get approval prior to submitting an application.

Fingerprint background check need to be complete prior to training! Advisor approval and letter must be sent prior to working with youth. https://fayette.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/volunteers

Applications due no later than January 4, 2027

New Advisor Training January 7 at 6:00 pm

Ohio 4-H Celebration of Youth

Join the Ohio 4-H Foundation for an unforgettable evening celebrating and supporting Ohio 4-H on Thursday, October 15, 2026. All proceeds from the event help provide life-changing opportunities for youth across Ohio through Ohio 4-H programs.

Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, Columbus, Ohio
Thursday, October 15, 2026
Tickets: $125 per person
Guests must be 21 years of age or older to attend.
VIP Guest: Nina Day, Champion for The Kids Mental Health Foundation
Funds raised directly support Ohio 4-H youth and programs statewide.
Find more information and reserve your tickets today: [go.osu.edu/COY](go.osu.edu/COY)

SAVE THE DATE
Ohio 4-H Celebration of Youth
October 15, 2026 | Tickets on sale now!

NEW FOR OHIO 4-H!

CHICKEN AND TURKEY BARBECUE CONTEST

FOLLOWING NATIONAL STANDARDS
The Ohio contest will follow the rules and format of the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference for both the Chicken Barbecue and Turkey Barbecue Contests.

REPRESENT OHIO AT NATIONALS!
Following the 2026 program, one Chicken BBQ participant and one Turkey BBQ participant will be selected to represent Ohio at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference.

2026: WORKSHOP & MOCK CONTEST

For 2026, Ohio 4-H will host a workshop and mock contest to help you:

- Learn the national contest format
- Understand expectations and scoring
- Improve your food preparation techniques

This is a great opportunity to gain experience and confidence before Ohio moves into a full competitive format.

WORKSHOP & CONTEST SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

Date: October 3rd, 2026

- Check-in: 8:30a - 9:00a
- Contest Overview: 9:30a - 10:00a
- Barbecue Demonstration: 10:00a - 12:00p
- Provided Lunch: 12:00p-1:00p
- Mock Contest: 1:00p - 4:00p
- Judges Discussion: 4:00p-4:30p
- Winner Announcement: 4:45p-5:00p

ELIGIBILITY
Senior Ohio 4-H members ages 14–18

LEARN MORE
View the official National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference contest rules here:

- Chicken Barbecue Contest Rules
- national4hpoultry.mgcafe.uky.edu/content/chicken-barbecue
- Turkey Barbecue Contest Rules
- national4hpoultry.mgcafe.uky.edu/content/turkey-barbecue

To learn more and stay updated, visit **ohio4h.org/chicken-and-turkey-barbecue-contest**

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Columbus, Ohio 43210
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Fayette County 4-H Fundraiser

The Fayette County 4-H Committee are selling these awesome 4-H Signs, $40! Proceeds from this fundraiser will be put back into the program to assist youth through scholarships (senior and camping), youth who cannot afford membership dues or project books, in addition to updating the 4-H Chuckwagon that all clubs work at during the Fayette County Fair.

By purchasing one of these amazing metal 4-H signs you will be supporting a local business and the 4-H program! The signs are 13”x 14” and weigh 2lbs 8oz. They are heavy-duty, durable, and can be displayed anywhere. Whether you are a 4-H alumni of the county or a current member this sign would make a fantastic gift or keepsake to honor your time as a member or even as one of our amazing volunteers.

If your interested in purchasing your very own, please contact the Extension office 740-335-1150 or stop in and place your order today! We do ask that you pay at the time of ordering.

Follow US on Social Media

https://www.facebook.com/FayetteCounty4HOHIO

Additional Resources

Fayette County Extension Website
Enrollment Information – Due March 1, 2026
4-H Project Guide
Quality Assurance – must be completed 45 days prior to exhibition
Volunteers

Important Dates

Camp Counselor Apps DUE – Sept 26 @11:59 pm
Fall Book Orders Due – Oct 22
4-H Role Over/New Enrollment Year – Nov 1

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