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Muskingum County 4-H

Owner's Manual

Your Guide to a Successful 4-H Community Club Experience

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Failure to read and understand provided information, including this Owner's Manual and 4-H Weekly Update e-mails, is not an acceptable reason for unmet deadlines or requirements.

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4-H Youth Development	muskingum.osu.edu/4h
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Cloverbud Activities	muskingum.osu.edu/cloverbuds
Still Project/Communication Contest Resources	muskingum.osu.edu/judging
Livestock Project Resources	muskingum.osu.edu/livestock
Junior Fair Forms & Documents	muskingum.osu.edu/juniorfair
Youth Opportunities & Awards	muskingum.osu.edu/olderyouth
4-H Camp	muskingum.osu.edu/4hcamp
Club Organizational Information	muskingum.osu.edu/clubinfo
Volunteer Resources	muskingum.osu.edu/volunteers
4-H Committee	muskingum.osu.edu/4hcommittee
Friend of 4-H & Montgomery Leadership Awards	muskingum.osu.edu/awards
Muskingum County 4-H Blog	u.osu.edu/muskingumcounty4h/
New Volunteers	muskingum.osu.edu/join
New Volunteer Application - <i>Posted December 1, Due January 31</i>	go.osu.edu/musknew4hvolunteer
4-H Enrollment	
4-H Online - <i>Due April 1</i>	oh.4honline.com/
4-H Online Enrollment Help	go.osu.edu/musk4honline
Ohio 4-H Project Guide	ohio4h.org/projectguide
Deciding Which 4-H Poultry Project to Take	go.osu.edu/muskpoultry
Cross County Lines Request - <i>Posted January 15, Submit by March 1</i>	go.osu.edu/muskacl
Winning 4-H Plan Request - <i>Posted January 15, Submit by April 15</i>	go.osu.edu/muskw4hplan
Club Resources	muskingum.osu.edu/clubinfo
Year End Paperwork Survey - <i>Sent Early January, Due January 31</i>	Custom Link to Clubs
Book Order Form - <i>Sent after April 1, Due April 15</i>	Custom Link to Clubs
Club Information Survey - <i>Sent after April 1, Due April 15</i>	Custom Link to Clubs
Incomplete Member & Volunteer Form - <i>Sent Late July, Due July 31</i>	Custom Link to Clubs
Occasional Quantity Cooks Training	go.osu.edu/oqct
Fundraiser Notification Form - <i>Due two weeks before fundraiser</i>	go.osu.edu/musk4hfundraiser
Camp Registrations	
Jr. Camp	muskingum.osu.edu/4hcamp
Jr. Camp Campership Application - <i>Posted March 15, Due April 15</i>	go.osu.edu/campership
Jr. Camp Pre-Registration - <i>April 20-22</i>	go.osu.edu/campprereg
Jr. Camp Registration	Sent to Pre-Registered Families Only
Cloverbud Camp	muskingum.osu.edu/cloverbuds
Cloverbud Camp Pre-Registration - <i>May 18-20</i>	go.osu.edu/cloverbudprereg
Cloverbud Camp Registration	Sent to Pre-Registered Families Only

4-H Project/Judging Resources	muskingum.osu.edu/judging
Self Determined Project & Idea Starters	ohio4h.org/selfdetermined
Food & Nutrition Portfolio Requirements	go.osu.edu/foodportfolio
Early Judging Registration - <i>Due Day Before Early Judging</i>	go.osu.edu/earlyjudging
Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks Registration - <i>Posted June 1, Due June 30</i>	go.osu.edu/muskdemoreg
4-H Older Youth Opportunities	muskingum.osu.edu/olderyouth
Achievement Form (4-H Ambassador, State Trips & Camps, County Medals) - <i>Posted October 15, Due November 15</i> ; Citizenship Washington Focus is a separate application - <i>Due June 30</i>	go.osu.edu/musk4hachievement
Junior Leaders Enrollment Form - <i>Accepted Year Round</i>	go.osu.edu/juniorleaders
Camp Counselor Application - <i>Posted October 15, Due November 15</i>	go.osu.edu/musk4hcounselor
Junior Fair Board Application - <i>Posted October 15, Due November 15</i>	go.osu.edu/muskjfb
4-H Scholarship Application - <i>Posted December 15, Due January 31</i>	go.osu.edu/musk4hscholarship
Junior Fair	muskingum.osu.edu/juniorfair
Muskingum County Fair Book	go.osu.edu/muskfairbook
Junior Fair Page (<i>Previous Yr. Buyers, Award Donors, Show/Sale Bills, Results</i>)	go.osu.edu/mcjrfair
<i>Livestock Skillathon</i>	
Skillathon Study Kits	go.osu.edu/skillathonstudy
<i>Livestock Exhibition</i>	
Market Beef Registration Form - <i>Posted Nov. 15, Due Day of Dec. Weigh In</i>	go.osu.edu/muskmarketbeef
QA Test Registration - <i>Due Day Before Test-Out Date</i>	go.osu.edu/muskqatestout
YQCA (Online QA Instructions) - <i>Due June 1</i>	go.osu.edu/yqca
EquiSTEP (Horse Education) - <i>Due June 1</i>	go.osu.edu/equistep2026
Muskingum County Fair Entry Site - <i>Opens June 1, Due June 30, Market Rabbits Due July 21</i>	muskingum.fairentry.com
Junior Fair Entry Help	go.osu.edu/entryhelp
Breeding Livestock Lease (Beef, Non-Dairy Goat, Sheep, Swine)- <i>Due with June 30 Entry</i>	go.osu.edu/muskbreedinglease
Dairy Lease (Cattle, Goat) - <i>Due with June 30 Entry</i>	go.osu.edu/muskdairylease
Horse Lease - <i>Due with June 30 Entry</i>	go.osu.edu/muskhorselease
Online DUNF - <i>details e-mailed to exhibitors August 7</i>	go.osu.edu/muskingumdunf
Junior Fair Alternate Exhibitor Form - <i>Due at Barn Meeting</i>	go.osu.edu/altexhibitor
<i>Royalty/Ambassador Applications - Posted June 1, Due June 30</i>	
King/Queen Application	go.osu.edu/muskkingqueen
Prince/Princess Application	go.osu.edu/muskprinceprincess
Beef Ambassador	go.osu.edu/beefambassador
Dairy Representative	go.osu.edu/dairyrep
Goat Ambassador	go.osu.edu/goatambassador
Equine Ambassador	go.osu.edu/equineambassador
Poultry Ambassador	go.osu.edu/poultryambassador
Rabbit Ambassador	go.osu.edu/rabbitambassador
Pork Ambassador	go.osu.edu/porkambassador
<i>Booth & Parade Entry Form - Posted June 1, Due July 15</i>	
Booth & Parade Entry Form	go.osu.edu/boothparade
<i>Cloverbud Fair Activities - Posted July 15, Due August 1</i>	
Cloverbud Show & Tell Registration	go.osu.edu/showandtell
<i>Livestock Sale Committee Scholarships - Posted Dec. 15, Due January 31</i>	
Large Animal Sale Committee	go.osu.edu/lgsalescholarship
Small Animal Sale Committee	go.osu.edu/smsalescholarship

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Introduction to Muskingum County 4-H

- 4-H is a non-formal educational, youth development program offered to individuals age 5 and in kindergarten to age 19. Youth ages 5 and in Kindergarten through 2nd grade engage in group-oriented learning experiences as a 4-H Cloverbud. More than 200 different 4-H projects are available to members age 8 and in the 3rd grade or 9 and in any grade through age 19.
- 4-H members and program participants learn valuable lessons in leadership, communication and collaboration while increasing their knowledge related to a variety of topics.
- Youth can participate in 4-H through clubs, camps, school programs and short-term experiences.

Muskingum County 4-H Stats

- Nearly 1400 youth participate in community clubs led by approximately 250 adult volunteers. 50 4-H clubs are located throughout the county.
- More than 200 campers and counselors attend Muskingum County 4-H Junior Camp at 4-H Camp Ohio in St. Louisville, Ohio. 4-H professionals, adult volunteers and trained 4-H teen counselors conduct a variety of learning experiences for campers during a residential camping experience.

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.

Community Club Volunteer & Member Guidelines

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.

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 January 31 of the year to begin volunteer service. All steps of the volunteer selection process must be completed by March 1. Volunteers must enroll each year by April 1.
- 4-H club volunteers must attend a minimum of four meetings from January 1 through July 31. 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 club organizational volunteer if a written request describing the circumstances is presented. Examples of extenuating circumstances include: death in the family, serious injury/illness of self/family member, and displacement from home due to natural disaster. Clubs are required to submit the Incomplete Member & Volunteer Form to the Extension Office in order to pick up the club's pre-fair packet. Incomplete volunteers are not eligible for a fair wristband and will not be given credit for a year of service.
- 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. Volunteers must complete an in-county Mandatory Volunteer Training annually to remain a volunteer.

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. **The request form and full policy are available online:** go.osu.edu/muskacl. It is strongly recommended this form is submitted by March 1.

To affirm Ohio State University Extension's position concerning 4-H cross county lines (or cross state lines) membership, we provide the following philosophy and process:

1. 4-H membership in two counties (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/state lines memberships are revoked.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. In situations where membership in a county other than the county of residence is desired, the 4-H professionals in both counties will review the application and make a determination for the level of review needed and either complete a county review ("accepted") or move to the state review team. The determination made by the county 4-H professionals in the county of request and the county of residence will be fully supported by the state organization.
8. If county 4-H professionals cannot come to a mutual agreement on the review level, the membership application will move to the state level for review.
9. 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.

Winning 4-H Plan: An Accommodation Plan for 4-H Participants with Disabilities

The **Winning 4-H Plan (W4HP)** assists Extension professionals and volunteers by providing resources to aid them in developing accommodation plans to meet the needs of Ohio 4-H youth with disabilities. As a part of The Ohio State University, Ohio 4-H must make all aspects of 4-H, including programming, projects, facilities, and activities, accessible to people with disabilities. Access and inclusion are created with a combination of accessible programming, events, interactions, and spaces, with the goal of allowing the individual maximum independence and minimal intervention from others (such as advisors and educators). The learning and experiences that a member gains through 4-H are just as important, if not more important, as a “perfect” final project or a blue ribbon at the fair. Creating access is more than ensuring the member can attend 4-H events and fairs, it includes choosing an appropriate project, holding meetings and activities in accessible spaces, and including all members in all activities.

Ohio 4-H encourages youth to be actively involved, as much as they are able, in the process of communicating about their disability and finding suitable accommodations. Ohio 4-H promotes self-advocacy, which provides the opportunity for youth to represent themselves, their beliefs, and their interests. When 4-H youth advocate for themselves, they have the opportunity to advance their confidence, communication, and leadership skills, which prepares them to be college and career ready.

School vs. 4-H

There may be differences between 4-H accommodations and the accommodations received in secondary schools. Secondary school follows the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA), which is the nation’s special education law. Schools may need to alter requirements and provide accommodations, commonly with an Individual Education Plan (IEP), to ensure that students can be successful. Schools provide evaluation services to diagnose disabilities and identify accommodations.

Ohio 4-H and OSU Extension, as part of The Ohio State University, are required to provide reasonable accommodations and access through Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This civil rights law prevents discrimination on the basis of having a disability. Any organization receiving federal funding must comply with Section 504. Unlike secondary schools, the family is responsible for seeking services, and an IEP does not directly transfer to 4-H. Although 4-H participants are typically secondary school students, the accommodations process is similar to that of college students. [Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education](#) may help families set expectations for accommodations within 4-H.

Youth who need a scribe for written work should have a Winning 4-H Plan. When utilizing a scribe, the project helper should record the member’s answers in the member’s own words.

Basic Procedures for Creating a Winning 4-H Plan

1) Winning 4-H Plan Requests can be submitted at any time, but it is **strongly recommended** that the form be **submitted by April 15** to facilitate the best experience for the member. Request forms must be submitted by a parent/guardian in a time frame that is reasonable to consider the request and implement the approved accommodations. Some requests take longer than others to implement. Complete the form online: go.osu.edu/muskw4hplan.

- Members who previously had a Winning 4-H Plan do not need to submit a new request. The Extension Office will contact enrolled youth with a Winning 4-H Plan from the previous year in April to ask for any requested changes. If no changes are requested, accommodations will be listed as they were the previous year. If the member was not in 4-H last year, please contact the office so the previous plan can be updated.

2) A county 4-H professional will review the request and contact you with questions and/or to set up a meeting as needed. The family can also request a meeting to discuss accommodations.

3) The 4-H professional will determine reasonable accommodations and send notification of approved accommodations to the parent/guardian.

4) The family is strongly encouraged to communicate Winning 4-H Plan details with the member’s club volunteers. This will help the club tailor the member experience. Because requests are handled on a case by case basis, volunteers are encouraged to contact the Extension Office if they need assistance understanding or meeting accommodation requests.

5) The 4-H professional will share information with others as needed to facilitate a positive experience for the member.

- For Still Project Judging & Livestock Skillathon, relevant information will be provided to judge(s) during orientation. This will help the judge be better prepared to meet the member’s needs during the judging experience. Judging sheets at these events will have a box at the top of the judging sheet marked “Check box if youth has a Winning 4-H Plan.” Youth are still encouraged to check this box as a reminder to the judge. If the member is enrolled in a livestock project, the specie barn superintendent will be notified and will make appropriate accommodations during the fair.
- Members participating in state level project judging or Skillathon need to contact the Extension Office to have the 4-H professional create and sign a *Winning 4-H Plan Project & Exhibition Accommodations Form* to be placed in the member’s book before attending judging.
- For camps, members are also required to complete an Ohio 4-H Health Statement and are advised to make reference to the child’s Winning 4-H Plan when doing so. Information will be shared with camp staff and counselors as needed.

4-H Member Guidelines

- 4-H member project membership begins when youth are at least 8 and enrolled in 3rd grade or 9 and 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.
- Members are responsible for meeting all deadlines and requirements for participation. Failure to meet a deadline or requirement may result in the status of member not in good standing or ineligibility for Junior Fair participation and other opportunities. OSU Extension is not responsible for missed deadlines. All information is published in advance. If you are uncertain of a deadline or requirement, contact the Extension Office.
- A 4-H member in good standing:
 - * Must be enrolled in a club and have project enrollment submitted to the Extension Office by April 1 of the current year to participate in judging and exhibit at the county fair.
 - * Must attend a minimum of four meetings from January 1 through July 31. Attendance at more meetings is encouraged and may be required in the club by-laws. Youth enrolled in more than one club must attend the minimum number of meetings in each club. 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. Examples of extenuating circumstances include: death in the family, serious injury/illness of self/family member, and displacement from home due to natural disaster. 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 the 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)
 - * Clubs are required to submit the Incomplete Member & Volunteer Form to the Extension Office in order to pick up the club's pre-fair packet. Incomplete members are not eligible for county fair exhibition and will not receive a wristband. Incomplete status does not prevent youth from joining 4-H or enrolling in the same project the following year, but they are ineligible to serve as a 4-H Camp Counselor.

4-H Project Completion Guidelines

4-H projects must be judged at the county level to be completed. **There are no advisor grade options for project completion.** 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.

Still Projects

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

Early Judging

June 18 or June 23

Participants must pre-register no later than the day before judging.

Register online: go.osu.edu/earlyjudging

Still Project Judging

July 1 - Veteran's Building, Fairgrounds

See pages 10-16 for schedule, information and requirements.

Still projects must be completed to be eligible for exhibition at the Muskingum County Fair.

*Note: Youth can complete any 4-H project by participating in a county-level judging event outside of the fair, including livestock projects.

Artificial intelligence (AI) may be used to extend learning and assist in creation for Ohio 4-H projects. AI is meant to support a 4-H member's work, much like asking other 4-H members or adults for help and is not intended as a replacement for the member's original thoughts and efforts. If AI is used, it should be acknowledged as a tool when showcasing their project such as during demonstrations and judging, etc.

Livestock Projects

Youth can complete livestock projects (including horses), in the following ways. Volunteers should review livestock books within their club.

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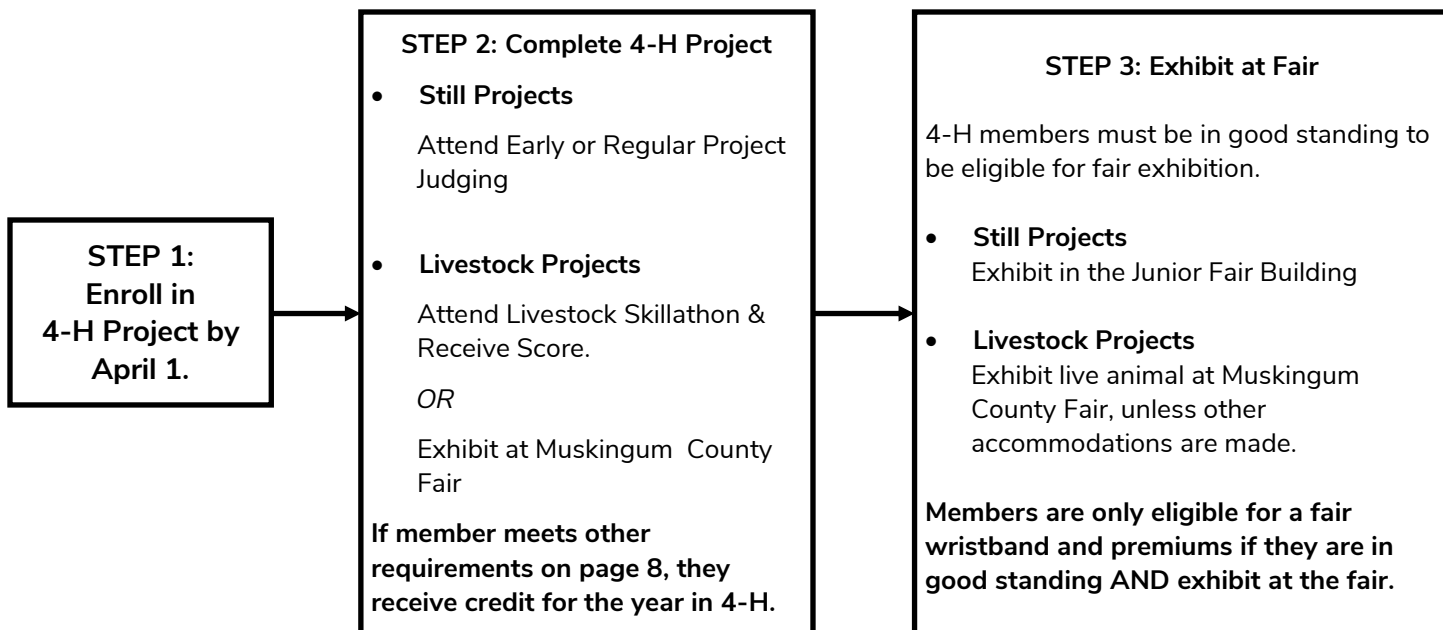
Youth can register and exhibit animals at the Muskingum County Fair. Youth must participate in the show (not showmanship) and receive a grade from the judge. Exception: Youth enrolled in a horse project can select any class as their grade class. See the Livestock Requirements Summary on pages 20-29 for more details.

Livestock Skillathon

*Youth can utilize a Skillathon grade for 4-H project completion if unable to exhibit the animal at the county fair. **Youth must do more than submit a poster for the Junior Fair Building to complete a project.***

If the youth knows the animal cannot be exhibited prior to Livestock Skillathon, Skillathon serves as the completion method for the project. Please contact the Extension Office if you will be using this option.

If an animal becomes unable to be exhibited at the fair after Livestock Skillathon, please contact the Extension Office to discuss project completion options.



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.
- A Cloverbud may join any time during the year, but must be enrolled by April 1 to be eligible to take advantage of benefits offered by the Senior Fair Board or to participate in countywide activities like Cloverbud Camp.
- Cloverbud members must attend a minimum of four meetings from January 1 through July 31 to obtain credit for one year in 4-H. Attendance at more meetings is encouraged and may be required by the club. enrolled in more than one club must attend the minimum number of meetings in each club. Extenuating circumstances preventing attendance at Cloverbud meetings can be reviewed by the club organizational volunteer if a written request describing the circumstances is presented. Examples of extenuating circumstances include: death in the family, serious injury/illness of self/family member, and displacement from home due to natural disaster. 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.
- Cloverbud members who meet the Cloverbud Guidelines may exhibit one item created at a Cloverbud Club meeting at the Muskingum County Fair. If clubs have members who do not meet these requirements, they are required to submit the Incomplete Member & Volunteer Form to the Extension Office in order to pick up the club's pre-fair packet. Incomplete members are not eligible for county fair exhibition and will not receive a wristband.
- Cloverbud members are not eligible for any competitive 4-H events or activities such as participation in projects.

4-H Enrollment Instructions

All 4-H member and volunteer enrollments must be entered into the 4-H Online enrollment system (oh.4honline.com/). Enrollments can be entered beginning February 15. Information on how to enroll can be found on our website: go.osu.edu/musk4honline.

Who should register and enroll a child into Ohio 4-H programming? Only a parent or legal guardian should register and enroll a child into Ohio 4-H programming. Whoever a parent or legal guardian identifies as the "second family" in the 4-H online system will have access to the participating child's enrollment information, so please be thoughtful on who you identify in that role. This information cannot be changed without the assistance of a county 4-H professional after the enrollment is submitted. If a parent or legal guardian originally listed in 4-H Online as a primary or secondary family can no longer legally have contact with the participating child, please contact the 4-H volunteer and county 4-H professional as soon as possible to provide updated information.

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.**

Enrollments must be entered by the April 1 enrollment deadline and include club and project enrollment in order to participate in judging and exhibit at the county fair. Families are strongly encouraged to submit enrollments well before the deadline in case there are issues in completing the process.

Still Project and Livestock Skillathon Judging Schedule

9:00 a.m.

All new clubs for 2026
FFA Chapters (Skillathon)
Adamsville Mixed Cloverleafs
Glenn Valley Corn Kickers
Meigs Junior Pioneers
Muskingum Traditions
OH 4-H Club
Richvale Boys and Girls
Rolling Plains

10:00 a.m.

Adamsville Renegades
Chandlersville Buckeye Guys & Gals
City Kids
Go N Show
Jersey Ridge Happy Hustlers
Kick N Country
On Target
Perry Merry Mixers
Show Stoppers
West Ridge

11:00 a.m.

(Must be signed in by 11:15 a.m. to be judged before lunch break)
Adamsville Mixed Farmers
Avondale
Big Muskie
Bumps & Bruises
Clever Clovers
Country Cousins
Creative Farm Kids
Eastside Community Ministry
Grand Entry

12 Noon

Break for Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Banner Chasers
Duncan Falls Helping Hands
Hoof Beats
Hooves & Paws
Panther Paw Society
Wakatomika Valley
West 40 4-H'ers
Zane Trace Riders

2:00 p.m.

Big Rascals
Branded Wranglers
Fair Play
Flocks of Fun
Flint Ridge Eagles
Highland Go-Getters
Meigs Future Farmers
Rix Mills
Siblings & Friends

3:00 p.m.

Country Cowboys
Curious Clovers
Fairview Dandy Doers
Flying R
Fun Packers
Inspirations
Tri-Valley Country Kids
Valley View

MEMBERS MUST BE SIGNED IN BY 3:30 PM TO BE JUDGED.

Youth are **STRONGLY** encouraged to come at their club time. Club times are assigned to minimize wait times by distributing projects evenly throughout the day.

Still Project Judging Information

Still Project Judging - Wednesday, July 1 - Veteran's Building, Fairgrounds Judging Schedule - above

- **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 Still Project Judging in July. Alternate still project completion options can be found on page 8. 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.
- **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 or outfit made by the youth.
 2. Youth who need a scribe for written work should have a Winning 4-H Plan. When utilizing a scribe, the project helper should record the member's answers in the member's own words. See page 7 for more information.
 3. 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. There will be early judging opportunities at the Extension Office (see page 8 for dates). Projects evaluated at this time are not eligible for county awards or state fair selection.

5. 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 can not be used as a 4-H project; a science fair project can not be used as a 4-H project, etc.
 6. Sample Judging Sheets can be found on our website: muskingum.osu.edu/judging.
- **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). Judges may select youth for Ohio State Fair judging, and county awards may be selected for projects that are not eligible for state fair. Youth must be a member in good standing to exhibit at state fair or receive a county award.
 - **Preparing for County Fair Exhibition:** Projects can be registered for display in the Junior Fair Building on Thursday (3:00-8:00 p.m.) or Saturday (9:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon) before the fair opens. They must be removed on the Saturday of fair between 7:00–8:00 p.m. OSU Extension and the Senior Fair Board are not responsible for projects left after 8 p.m. on Saturday. Per Senior Fair Board, members who do not exhibit a project at the fair are not eligible to receive a wristband.
 - **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.

Still 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 Globe: Bring completed book and an educational display.

Animal Sciences

Project #101 How the Herd Multiplies: Bring completed book and educational display.

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. This project can be taken multiple years with the same book, with members exploring different interest areas each year.

Dog Projects

Permission to Participate Form: All youth enrolling in 4-H dog projects (except 200 All About Dogs) are required to complete the Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims document. This form is completed in 4-H Online when enrolling in applicable projects.

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 #201D* You and Your Dog: Bring completed book and an educational display. Do not bring a dog to judging. Members also need *#201R Dog Resource Handbook* to complete this project.

#2010 Dog Obedience, #201P Dog Performance, #201S Dog Showmanship, #201W Working Dogs: Bring completed book and an educational display. Do not bring a dog to judging. Members also need *#201R Dog Resource Handbook* to complete these projects. Youth enrolled in these projects can enter the State Fair Dog Show. Entry forms and State Fair information can be found on the Ohio State Fair website: <https://ohiostatefair.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.

Project #202 Dog Achievement: To earn a certificate, choose 3 topic areas within one category and complete all 5 activities with each selected topic area, for a total of 15 activities. Bring completed record pages and an educational display. Do not bring dog to judging. Members also need *#201R Dog Resource Handbook* to complete this project.

Project #210* Assistance Animals in Action: Bring completed book and an educational display.

Project #215* Cavy Project: Bring completed book and an educational display.

Projects #216* Cat I – Purrfect Pals, #217* Cat II – Climbing Up, #218* Cat III – Leaping Forward: Bring project book with the parts completed as explained on pages 2-4 of the book and an educational display. Each project can be taken three years and the same project book can be used each year.

Project #220* Pocket Pets Project and Record Book: Bring book (complete the appropriate sections) and an educational display.

Project #228PE* Pet Rabbit: Bring completed project book and an educational display. Only pet rabbit projects come to Still Project Judging (not Breeding Rabbit #228BR or Market Rabbit #228MA). Does not exhibit live animal at the fair.

Project #230 4-H PetPals: Bring completed book, educational display, facility visit bag and PetPal animal. Project must be completed under the supervision of a PetPals Master Volunteer. Second year members and beyond are not required to complete the project book again, but should do after-visit journals.

Projects #244* From Airedales to Zebras, Level 1, #245* All Systems Go, Level 2, #246* On the Cutting Edge, Level 3: 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: Have person model complete outfit made for them or bring the three different garments adapted for a disabled person. 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.

Project #418* Loungewear: Construct and model outer layer or cover up of an outfit for lounging at home. 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 guide and one non-clothing fabric item. Visit <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> to download the project guide.

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: 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 quilt made for the project.

Projects #584* Photography Basics, #585* Next Level Photography, #586* Mastering Photography: Bring completed project book and a photo journal/scrapbook. Each project can be taken multiple years as long as new activities are completed each year. Members are encouraged to include photos from the "Photo Shoot" activities in the project book in their photo journal/scrapbook.

Project #588* The Writer in You: *Writing portfolio must be submitted to the Extension Office by June 30 at 4:30 p.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 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 guide, 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 guide.

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.).

Project #594* Knitting It Together: Bring completed project book and items knitted for project.

Food & Nutrition

Youth will need to learn MyPlate for judging. If it is not printed inside the project book, visit: <https://www.choosemyplate.gov/> for more information.

Projects:

#459* Let's Start Cooking	#475* Star Spangled Foods
#461* Let's Bake Quick Breads	#476* Kitchen Boss
#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* Cooking on My Own	#484* Snack Attack
#469* Global Gourmet	#485* Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals
#472* Grill Master	#487* Take a Break for Breakfast
#474* Beyond the Grill	

Bring completed project book and Food & Nutrition portfolio. View portfolio requirements: go.osu.edu/foodportfolio.

#462 Yeast Breads on the Rise is a two-year project, and the same project book can be used both years.

Healthy Living

Projects:

#300* You're the Athlete	#357* Alcohol & Drug Abuse
#353* First Aid in Action	#359* Your Thoughts Matter
#354* Medicine Science & Safety	#360* Your Feelings Matter
#355* Tracking Your Health & Fitness	#434* Superhero You
#356* Relationships 101	

Bring completed project book and an educational display.

Home Living

Projects:

- #405* The Laundry Project
- #491* It's My Home
- #494* Makeover My Space
- #495* Living on Your Own

Bring completed project book and an educational display.

Leadership and Citizenship

Projects:

- #370* Mentoring: Leadership in Action
- #371* Club Leadership
- #373* My Hands to Larger Service
- #375* Leadership Road Trip: Where Are You Going?
- #376* Pantry Panic
- #378M* Leadership Master
- #383* Club Leadership 2
- #385* Local Government: Answer the Call

Bring your completed project book and an educational display. For #378M Leadership Master, visit <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> to download the project guide.

Money Management

Projects #445 Exploring Personal Finance*, #446 Empowering Personal Finance*: Bring completed project book and an educational display.

Natural Resources

Projects:	#611* Explore the Outdoors	#641* Beekeeping
	#612* Geology: Can You Dig It?	#644* Insect Adventures 1
	#613* Exploring Polar Science	#645* Insect Adventures 2
	#616* Water Matters	#646* Insect Adventures 3
	#617* Exploring Ponds	#668* Field Crops and Forages
	#620* Why Trees Matter	#651* Be a Sustainability Hero!
	#621* Ohio Birds	#652* Farm to Table to Career
	#622* Trapping Muskrats in Ohio	#670* Canning & Freezing
	#623* Outdoor Adventurer: Beginning Fishing	#671* How Does Your Garden Grow?
	#624* Outdoor Adventurer: Intermediate Fishing	#673* Edible Landscapes
	#630* Safe Use of Guns	#691* Grown Your Own Vegetables
	#631* Basic Archery	#692* Growing with the Seasons

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. #621 Ohio Birds and #622 Trapping Muskrats are two-year projects, and the same project book can be used both years. #644-646 Insect Adventures projects need Insect Collection Guide (#644R).

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 #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 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 guide. Visit <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> to download the project guide.

Project #509* Robotics Essentials: Bring robot and completed project book.

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 guide. Visit <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> to download the project guide.

Projects	#489* Microscope Mysteries	#543* Tune It Up
	#517* Bicycling for Fun, Level 1	#544* Ready, Set, ... Mow!
	#527* Paper Circuits	#549* Young Engineers in Space
	#528* Smart Circuits	#550* Young Engineers in Solar Energy
	#531* Science Fun with Electricity	#552 Tractor Operations, Level B
	#540* Not Just Knots	#553 Moving Out, Level C
	#541* Crank It Up	#554 Learning More, Level D
	#542* Warm It Up	#555 ATV Safety

Bring completed project book and an educational display. #541-#543 (small engines projects) - each project can be taken three years and the same project book can be used each year.

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*).

Woodworking

#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 guide. Visit <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> to download the project guide.

Self Determined

Project #365* Self Determined Project: Bring completed Self-Determined Project Guide and an educational display. Youth can select one of the following projects, or create their own. Visit ohio4h.org/selfdetermined to download the project guide and appropriate idea starter. Be sure to follow the "Project Guidelines" listed in the Self-Determined Project Guide. Youth may consider developing a project portfolio or scrapbook with a page for each activity they complete to help them share the project with the judge.

- 3D Printing
- Amateur Radio
- American Sign Language
- Aquaculture
- Aquaponics
- Astronomy
- Babysitting
- Backyard Fireflies
- Bats
- Building the Future: Construction Careers
- Camp Counseling
- Chinchillas
- Climate Change
- Clowning
- Computer Science
- Crop Production
- Digital Citizenship
- Digital Media
- Disability Advocacy and Awareness
- Discovering Genetics
- Ferrets
- Field to Faucet
- Flower Gardening
- Get Started with Composting
- Hedgehogs
- Miniature Gardens—fairies, fake plants
- Miniature Gardens—live plants
- Model Railroad
- Music
- Native American Artifacts
- Needle Felting
- No-Sew Fun
- Paddle Water Sports
- Paper Craft
- Pigeons
- Reptiles and Amphibians
- Shale Gas Extraction
- Skateboarding
- String Art
- Surviving in the Great Outdoors
- Viruses, Bacteria, and Fungi, Oh My!
- Weather

Workforce Preparation

Project #382* Am I Ready for Work?, #386* You're Hired!, #387* Here, There, Ag Careers are Everywhere: Bring completed project book and an educational display.

Livestock Skillathon Requirements

Wednesday, July 8 - Veteran's Building, Fairgrounds

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This is an optional, highly encouraged activity for all youth taking a livestock project. Participants receive a species pin and ice cream coupon sponsored by the Muskingum County Dairy Promoters and Muskingum County 4-H Committee.

- Download Study Kits: go.osu.edu/skillathonstudy. To make sure these resources remain available, please do not share the link on a public website, social media, etc. or anyone outside of Muskingum County 4-H/FFA.
- Download Sample Score Sheet: muskingum.osu.edu/livestock
- Youth who need a scribe for written work should have a Winning 4-H Plan. When utilizing a scribe, the project helper should record the member's answers in the member's own words. See page 7 for more information.

Participants in Livestock Skillathon will receive scores for the following:

Two Skillathon Stations (24 points each): Youth should practice topics based on their species and 4-H age. Youth should be able to label diagrams, identify pictures, answer questions and apply knowledge regarding information on the pages listed. Feed sample kits are available for check out by 4-H clubs.

Project Book/Record Keeping (20 points): Youth should bring an up-to-date, neat and accurate record book from the current year. A new book should be used each year. *Any project book that is missing the front cover, has been marked as reviewed a previous year, or has information from a previous year will be ineligible for judging.* FFA Members should bring a print out of project records. Instructions for downloading and printing FFA records can be found on our website: muskingum.osu.edu/livestock.

Point values are assigned for activities/pages required in the book. Example: "All project levels complete this activity each year", or "Do Five or More." If an activity is not listed as optional at the top of the page, it should be up-to-date or completed as appropriate. If a youth has no entries for a required activity, write "N/A" so the judge does not consider it incomplete. Income/Expense & Feed Records for market animals should be recorded from the date you take ownership of the project animal(s). Income/Expense & Feed Records for non-market animals should begin 1/1/2026 if the animal was owned in 2024; OR should begin on the date member takes ownership of the animal if born/purchased in 2026.

Outstanding Record Book Award: Youth who achieve a 20/20 score on their record book are eligible for Outstanding Record Book (1 per species). Required pages AND optional activities are considered. Judges keep project books they want to consider for this award. Project books are available at the Extension Office the day following Skillathon.

Experiential Interview (25 points): Youth will be asked 5 experiential interview questions by a judge.

Sample Experiential Interview Question: If you took this project in the future, what would you do differently?

Interview Skills (7 points): Appropriate appearance/dress; interest in project; ability to communicate knowledge; positive attitude. Member's appearance should be neat and clean. Appropriate dress includes one of the following: jeans/khakis and a 4-H club t-shirt or clothes the youth would wear to show their animal at the fair. Shoes should be closed toed. No hats should be worn. Members are graded on their appearance and judges may deduct points if requirements are not met.

<u>Beef</u>	<u>Dairy</u>
Information can be found in #117R Beef Resource Handbook.	Information can be found in #127R Dairy Resource Handbook.
<i>Ages 8-10</i>	<i>Ages 8-10</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Ring Ethics (207-208) • Working Safely with Beef Cattle (50-52) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Ring Ethics (169-170) • Working Safely with Dairy Cattle (17-21)
<i>Ages 11-12</i>	<i>Ages 11-12</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed Samples (252-257) • Nutrition & Feeding (86-88) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed Samples (198-203) • Parts of a Feed Tag (161)
<i>Ages 13-15</i>	<i>Ages 13-15</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classifying Feed Ingredients into Nutrient Groups (91) • Parts of a Beef Animal (14) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classifying Feed Ingredients into Nutrient Groups (50) • Parts of a Dairy Cow (15)
<i>Ages 16-18</i>	<i>Ages 16-18</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male Reproductive System (64) • Beef Retail Cuts (259) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female Reproductive System (23-24) • Treatment Record Activity (163-167)

<p><u>Goat</u> Information can be found in #135R Goat Resource Handbook, unless noted otherwise.</p> <p><i>Ages 8-10</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Ring Ethics (177-178) • Working Safely with Goats (31-34) <p><i>Ages 11-12</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed Samples (75-78) • Ruminant Digestive System (49-51) <p><i>Ages 13-15</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classifying Feed Ingredients into Nutrient Groups (56) • Parts of a Goat (22) <p><i>Ages 16-18</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male Reproductive System (38-39) • Treatment Record Activity (Record Book 19-21) 	<p><u>Horse</u> Information can be found in #174 Beginning Horse Management or Downloadable Study Kit.</p> <p><i>Ages 8-10</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Ring Ethics (Study Kit) • Face & Leg Markings (77) <p><i>Ages 11-12</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Side View Conformation (Study Kit) • Tack & Equipment, choose Western or English (Study Kit) <p><i>Ages 13-15</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medication Insert (Study Kit) • Parts of a Horse (81) <p><i>Ages 16-18</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female Reproductive System (Study Kit) • Plant Identification (Study Kit)
<p><u>Poultry</u> Information can be found in the Ohio 4-H Poultry Printable Resource (page numbers listed) or Downloadable Study Kit.</p> <p><i>Ages 8-10</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Ring Ethics (Study Kit) • Bathing Poultry (126-127) <p><i>Ages 11-12</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avian Respiratory System (37-39) • Poultry Housing (78-80) <p><i>Ages 13-15</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poultry Internal Anatomy (Study Kit) • Parts of Poultry, specific to project (Study Kit) <p><i>Ages 16-18</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immune System (25-26) • Common Feed Ingredients in Poultry Diets (101-104) 	<p><u>Rabbit</u> Information can be found in #228R Rabbit Resource Handbook, unless noted otherwise.</p> <p><i>Ages 8-10</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Ring Ethics (93) • Breed Identification, Group B (Study Kit) <p><i>Ages 11-12</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breed Identification, Group A (Study Kit) • Fur Types (31) <p><i>Ages 13-15</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diseases & Health Conditions - Descriptions (56-62) • Digestive System (45) <p><i>Ages 16-18</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structural Disqualifications (32-33) • Breed Identification, Group C+D (Study Kit)
<p><u>Sheep</u> Information can be found in #194R Sheep Resource Handbook.</p> <p><i>Ages 8-10</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Ring Ethics (150) • Leg Structures - Side Views (15-16) <p><i>Ages 11-12</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed Samples (166-168) • Ruminant Digestive System (49) <p><i>Ages 13-15</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classifying Feed Ingredients into Nutrient Groups (51) • Parts of a Sheep (11) <p><i>Ages 16-18</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female Reproductive System (119-121) • Lamb Retail Cuts (162) 	<p><u>Swine</u> Information can be found in #134R Swine Resource Handbook. There is a new version of the book in 2025 - page numbers listed are for the new book.</p> <p><i>Ages 8-10</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Ring Ethics (195) • Medication Label (111) <p><i>Ages 11-12</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Nutrients (76-78) • Parts of a Pig (23) <p><i>Ages 13-15</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classifying Feed Ingredients into Nutrient Groups (81-82) • Digestive System (24) <p><i>Ages 16-18</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Parasites (126-127) • Ear Notching (147-148)

Livestock Quality Assurance

Livestock Quality Assurance (QA) Certification is required for all youth exhibiting a market animal, dairy cow or dairy goat project at the Muskingum County Fair.

Certification can be obtained in one of three ways:

1) QA program provided by OSU Extension.

Exhibitors will participate in four stations facilitated by QA volunteers. The program will take just over an hour to complete.

Program Dates

Veteran's Building, Fairgrounds

April 7, 6:00 p.m.

April 20, 6:00 p.m.

April 29, 6:00 p.m.

- Parent/guardian attendance is not required but is encouraged—especially for younger members and members on Winning 4-H Plans.
- Plan to arrive early, as youth will not receive credit for attending if they arrive more than 5 minutes after the program starts. Youth must complete and submit the attendance card at the end to receive credit.

2) YQCA Online Course

The online module completed must be for the correct 4-H age. Only the YQCA courses currently meet ODA standards. BQA, PQA, BEST and other online programs do not meet this requirement. The cost is \$12 per youth.

Program details: go.osu.edu/yqca

If youth complete YQCA, they need to forward the completion certificate to muskingum4h@osu.edu.

3) Test-Out

All youth 12-14 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 QA 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 QA for the remainder of their Junior Fair years.

Youth will either take the Large Animal (Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Swine) test or Small Animal (Poultry, Rabbit) test. QA certification is good for all animal projects taken no matter which test is passed.

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.

QA Test-Out Dates

Participants *MUST* pre-register no later than the day before the test-out: go.osu.edu/muskgatestout

April 7, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Veteran's Building

April 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Veteran's Building

- Youth may arrive to take the test anytime in the testing window, but must submit the test by the end time.
- Youth complete the test at their own pace. It is 50 questions multiple choice.

All Muskingum County Youth must have QA Certification by June 1.

Please pay close attention to the dates and plan accordingly.

Horse Education Program

All youth enrolled in a horse project (except Project #173 Horseless Horse) must complete a Horse Education Program, even if they do not plan to exhibit at the fair.

Youth must complete Ohio 4-H's EquiSTEP program.

The online course is housed on ScarletCanvas and is run by the State 4-H Office. Access the course once it is available: go.osu.edu/equistep2026.

- Each member must sign up for the course with a unique e-mail address.
- Select 'Modules' to see the 5 steps.
- Watch the video(s) that correspond with each step.
- Complete the quiz associated with the training. You need to score at least a 7 out of 10 to pass the training.
- After scoring at least a 7 out of 10 on the quiz, complete the Certificate of Completion/Course Evaluation Survey. Both you and your county 4-H professional will be emailed a certificate that notes you have completed the EquiSTEP training.

All Muskingum County Youth must have EquiSTEP Certification by June 1.

Please pay close attention to the dates and plan accordingly.

Livestock Fair Requirement Summary

- Note: Youth may sell a total of one lot from his or her projects through a Junior Fair Sale: market beef, market hog, market lamb (or pen of two), market poultry, market goat, market rabbit, Bossy's Jug (sale for dairy exhibitors) and Derby Bucks (sale for horse exhibitors), unless they have more than one overall grand or reserve grand champion animals.
- This is a summary, NOT a complete list of fair rules. Complete Junior Fair Rules can be found in the Fair Book, which can be downloaded from the Muskingum County Fair website when it is available. Link: go.osu.edu/muskfairbook
- Ohio State Fair Exhibition Note: Youth must be enrolled in the correct 4-H project by the county 4-H enrollment deadline (April 1) to be eligible to exhibit the project at the state fair.

Beef	
PROJECT:	117B Beef Breeding
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	117 Beef Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 117R Beef Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Not required
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30; submit lease agreement if applicable: go.osu.edu/muskbreedinglease
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	No limit
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	N/A
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m. or 8/19 by 10:00 a.m.
PROJECT:	117BF Beef Feeder Calf, 117DF Dairy Beef Feeder Calf
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	117 Beef Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 117R Beef Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Not required
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	Calf born on or after 1/1/2026.
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	Limit 2 feeder calves total per exhibitor.
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	Castrated/dehorned prior to June 1. Beef: Min. weight 300 lbs., Max. weight 700 lbs. Dairy Beef: Max. weight 650 lbs.
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. DUNF form required.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m. or 8/19 by 10:00 a.m.
PROJECT:	117M Market Beef
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	117 Beef Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 117R Beef Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Must complete by June 1.
POSSESSION DATE:	12/8/2025
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	12/8/2025; Exhibit one steer or heifer. May register two animals in exhibitor name or one and one household back-up. Must be castrated (steers)/dehorned.
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30; purebred must submit registration papers by 1/31/2026
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	Exhibit one; Can sell one
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	900 lbs. by fair weigh-in to sell
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. DUNF form required.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m.

Livestock Fair Requirement Summary (continued)

Dairy

PROJECT:	122 Dairy Heifer and Cow
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	127 Dairy Calf, Heifer, and Cow Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 127R Dairy Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Dairy Cow must complete by June 1.
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30; submit lease agreement if applicable: go.osu.edu/muskdairylease
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	No limit
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	Heifer Classes: Born 9/1/24-3/1/26, must enroll in 127HE Dairy Heifer Project. Cow Classes: Born prior to 9/1/24 (even if cow has not had a calf), must enroll in 127CO Dairy Cow Project.
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. DUNF form required for lactating animal(s) exhibited.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m.

Goat

PROJECT:	135BD Breeding - Dairy Goats
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	135 Goat Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 135R Goat Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Must complete by June 1.
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30; submit lease agreement if applicable: go.osu.edu/muskdairylease
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	No limit on dairy goats; Limit of 5 goats total from all projects
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	N/A
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. DUNF form required for lactating animal(s) exhibited. Must be Scrapie tagged, tattooed or have implant. No Blue Scrapie Tags.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m.
PROJECT:	135BM Breeding - Meat Goats
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	135 Goat Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 135R Goat Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Not required
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30; submit lease agreement if applicable: go.osu.edu/muskbreedinglease
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	Limit 2 per class; Limit of 5 goats total from all projects.
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	N/A; Breed Standards: abga.org/abga-education/breed-standards/
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. Must be Scrapie tagged, tattooed or have implant. No Blue Scrapie Tags.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m.

Livestock Fair Requirement Summary (continued)

PROJECT:	135M Market Goats
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	135 Goat Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 135R Goat Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Must complete by June 1.
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	Wethers must have their milk teeth intact. Any wether missing milk teeth will be disqualified. Tag up to two goats or one and one shared household back-up goat on 6/1. Must be castrated.
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	Exhibit one; sell one. Limit of 5 goats total from all projects.
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	Minimum of 60 lbs. to sell.
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines; DUNF form required. Must be Scrapie tagged, tattooed or have implant. No Blue Scrapie Tags.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m.
PROJECT:	135P Pack Goats; 135H Harness Goats
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	135 Goat Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 135R Goat Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Not required
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30; submit lease agreement if applicable: go.osu.edu/muskbreedinglease
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	1 per class. Limit of 5 goats total from all projects.
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	No Bucks, must be castrated and healed by fair. Supplements on our website: muskingum.osu.edu/livestock
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. Must be Scrapie tagged, tattooed or have implant. No Blue Scrapie Tags.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m.
PROJECT:	135PY Pygmy Goats
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	135 Goat Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 135R Goat Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Not required
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30; submit lease agreement if applicable: go.osu.edu/muskbreedinglease
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	2 per class. Limit of 5 goats total from all projects.
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	Males must be properly banded or cut. Breed Standards: npga-pygmy.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/BREED-STANDARD1-20.pdf
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. Must be Scrapie tagged, tattooed or have implant. No Blue Scrapie Tags.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m.

Livestock Fair Requirement Summary (continued)

Horse	
PROJECT:	Horses
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	190R Equine Record Book required with all horse project books. (Need new each year, except 174)
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	All horse youth must participate in Horse Education Program. Must sign Permission to Participate in 4-H Horse Activities with 4-H enrollment.
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	5 way vaccination administered by a veterinarian completed by 8/1 (documentation due Day 1 of fair) & Body Condition Score by fair vet on Day 1 of fair.
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30; submit lease agreement if applicable: go.osu.edu/muskhorselease
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	Youth are permitted to exhibit up to 2 horses, but must designate their project horse to be graded at the county fair by June 30 entry deadline.
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	Must wear state approved helmet during all 4-H equine activities. 187 Roping must compete in the Ground Roping class at the Tuesday fair show to receive their project grade.
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m.

Llama & Alpaca	
PROJECT:	132 Llama & Alpaca
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	132 Llama and Alpaca Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 132R Llama Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Not required
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	No limit
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	May not exhibit male over 18 months of age.
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m.

Livestock Fair Requirement Summary (continued)

Poultry	
PROJECT:	150M Chicken, Market
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	150 Poultry Project/Record Book (Need new each year) Ohio 4-H Poultry Printable Resource available at: muskingum.osu.edu/livestock
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Must complete by June 1.
POSSESSION DATE:	6-8 weeks at fair
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	1 pair of birds, same breed (can bring one extra bird to fair as backup)
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	Division 1 - 4-7 pounds per bird; Division 2 - 7.1-10 pounds per bird Min. of 8 lbs./pen; Max. 20 lbs./pen to sell
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. DUNF form required. Must be Pullorum/Fowl Typhoid Free.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/15 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
PROJECT:	150TM Turkey, Market
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	150 Poultry Project/Record Book (Need new each year) Ohio 4-H Poultry Printable Resource available at: muskingum.osu.edu/livestock
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Must complete by June 1.
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1; Recommended hatch date first week of March.
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	1 turkey; hen or tom; recommended breed: Broad Breasted White Turkey
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. DUNF form required. Must be Pullorum/Fowl Typhoid Free
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/15 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
PROJECT:	150DM Duck, Market
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	150 Poultry Project/Record Book (Need new each year) Ohio 4-H Poultry Printable Resource available at: muskingum.osu.edu/livestock
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Must complete by June 1.
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1; 12-14 weeks at fair
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	1 pair White Pekins
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. DUNF form required. Must be Pullorum/Fowl Typhoid Free.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/15 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Livestock Fair Requirement Summary (continued)

PROJECT:	150GM Goose, Market
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	150 Poultry Project/Record Book (Need new each year) Ohio 4-H Poultry Printable Resource available at: muskingum.osu.edu/livestock
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Must complete by June 1.
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1; 16-20 weeks at fair
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	1 male or 1 female goose
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. DUNF form required. Must be Pullorum/Fowl Typhoid Free.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/15 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
PROJECT:	150CE Chicken, Exhibition <i>Youth interested in 150 CEP: Chicken Egg Production should enroll in this project for the purpose of fair classes.</i>
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	150 Poultry Project/Record Book (Need new each year) Ohio 4-H Poultry Printable Resource available at: muskingum.osu.edu/livestock
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Not required
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	1 pair (male/female) Standard Fancy; 1 pair (male/female) Bantam Fancy; 1 female pair Egg Layers; 1 pair (male/female) Dual Purpose. Must be same breed. Review Deciding Which 4-H Poultry Project to Take for breed list: go.osu.edu/muskpoultry .
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	N/A
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. Must be Pullorum/Fowl Typhoid Free.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/15 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
PROJECT:	150DE Duck, Exhibition (Breeding)
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	150 Poultry Project/Record Book (Need new each year) Ohio 4-H Poultry Printable Resource available at: muskingum.osu.edu/livestock
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Not required
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	1 pair (male/female), same breed; Breed or Bantam Duck. Review Deciding Which 4-H Poultry Project to Take for breed list: go.osu.edu/muskpoultry .
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	N/A
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines; Must be Pullorum/Fowl Typhoid Free.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/15 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Livestock Fair Requirement Summary (continued)

PROJECT:	150TE Turkey, Exhibition
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	150 Poultry Project/Record Book (Need new each year)
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Not required
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	1 pair (male/female), same breed. Review Deciding Which 4-H Poultry Project to Take for breed list: go.osu.edu/muskpoultry .
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	N/A
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines; Must be Pullorum/Fowl Typhoid Free.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/15 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
PROJECT:	150GE Goose, Exhibition
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	150 Poultry Project/Record Book (Need new each year)
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Not required
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	1 pair (male/female) Goose, same breed. Review Deciding Which 4-H Poultry Project to Take for breed list: go.osu.edu/muskpoultry .
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	N/A
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines; Must be Pullorum/Fowl Typhoid Free.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/15 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
PROJECT:	150H Helmeted Guinea Fowl
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	150 Poultry Project/Record Book (Need new each year)
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Not required
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	1 pair (male/female) any age Review Deciding Which 4-H Poultry Project to Take for breed list: go.osu.edu/muskpoultry .
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	N/A
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines; Must be Pullorum/Fowl Typhoid Free.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/15 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Livestock Fair Requirement Summary (continued)

Rabbit

PROJECT:	228BR Rabbit Breeding
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	228 Rabbit Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Not required
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	Must be tattooed. Can be tattooed at Breeding Rabbit Registration, if needed.
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	Exhibit up to two purebred rabbits.
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	N/A
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/15 from 11:00 a.m.-8 p.m.
PROJECT:	228MA Rabbit Market
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	228 Rabbit Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Must complete by June 1.
POSSESSION DATE:	7/18
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	Must be tattooed at Market Rabbit Registration on July 16.
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	7/21
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	Exhibit one pen of three fryers or a single fryer. Those wishing to exhibit a single fryer can register and bring two rabbits to fair. If an exhibitor brings two rabbits, one will show/sell and one will serve as a back-up. Those wishing to exhibit a pen of three can register up to six rabbits and bring four rabbits to fair. If an exhibitor brings four rabbits, three will show/sell and one will serve as a back-up. Exhibitors can share one household back-up rabbit.
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	Must also exhibit a breeding rabbit. Each fryer must be between 3.5-5.5 lbs. to sell, recommended not over 69 days old at fair weigh-in.
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. DUNF form required.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/15 from 11:00 a.m.-8 p.m.

Livestock Fair Requirement Summary (continued)

Sheep

PROJECT:	198 Market Lamb
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	198 Market Lamb Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 194R Sheep Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Must complete by June 1.
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	May tag three singles or two singles and a household back-up on 6/1. May tag up to 5 lambs for pairs.
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	Exhibit one single or one pair; Can sell one single or one pair.
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	Minimum of 90 lbs.
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. DUNF form required. Must be Scrapie tagged, tattooed or have implant. No Blue Scrapie Tags.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m.
PROJECT:	199 Breeding Sheep
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	199 Sheep Breeding Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 194R Sheep Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	N/A
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30; submit lease agreement if applicable: go.osu.edu/muskbreedinglease
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	No limit
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	N/A
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. Must be Scrapie tagged, tattooed or have implant. No Blue Scrapie Tags
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m.

Livestock Fair Requirement Summary (continued)

Swine

PROJECT:	140 Market Hog
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	140 Swine Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 140R Swine Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	Must complete by June 1.
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	May tag three hogs or two hogs and a household back-up on 6/13.
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	One
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	Minimum 220 lbs and maximum 290 lbs. Must be castrated and healed prior to weigh-in.
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines. DUNF form due at fair weigh-in.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m.
PROJECT:	140 Swine Breeding
4-H PROJECT BOOKS REQUIRED:	140 Swine Project/Record Book (Need new each year) 140R Swine Resource Handbook
QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:	N/A
POSSESSION DATE:	6/1
TAG-IN REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FAIR:	N/A
FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE:	6/30; submit lease agreement if applicable: go.osu.edu/muskbreedinglease ; purebred must submit registration papers with 6/30 entry.
EXHIBIT LIMIT:	No limit
FAIR WEIGHT & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	Crossbred Division: Minimum 200 lbs and maximum 335 lbs. Purebred Division: Born after 12/1/25
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS / DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF):	Must follow state guidelines.
ANIMALS IN PLACE FOR FAIR:	8/16 by 8:00 a.m.

4-H Youth Opportunities

Muskingum 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. Feel free to contact the Extension Office for more details about any opportunity.

CLOVERBUD OPPORTUNITIES

Details posted when available: muskingum.osu.edu/cloverbuds

- **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. **Registration information is available in May with a May pre-registration deadline.** Please see 4-H calendar on pages 34-35 for specific dates.
- **CLOVERBUD NIGHT** - Cloverbuds can bring an item to share with a member of Junior Leaders. This event provides a one-on-one show and tell opportunity for Cloverbuds to practice interview skills. It may include additional activities.
- **CLOVERBUD FAIR ACTIVITIES** - Cloverbuds have the opportunity to participate in the Muskingum County Fair in a variety of ways, including group displays in the Junior Fair Building, the Junior Fair Parade, Cloverbud Show and Tell and other activities hosted by the Junior Fair Board. If required, registration is typically due August 1.

COUNTY CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Details posted when available: muskingum.osu.edu/4hcamp

- **JUNIOR CAMP** - Held at 4-H Camp Ohio Youth Education Center in St. Louisville, this camp is conducted by 4-H professionals, adult volunteers with backgrounds in education and healthcare, and trained 4-H teen counselors. Muskingum 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 age 13 as of January 1 can register to attend.
 - Camperships (scholarships to assist youth in paying camp fees) are available to Muskingum County 4-H members through donations from local sponsors. **Campership application available March 15 with an April 15 Deadline.**
 - **Camper registration information is available in April with an April pre-registration deadline.** Please see 4-H calendar on pages 34-35 for specific dates.

COUNTY AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

- **MEMBER COMPLETION PINS** - Members completing 10-14 years of 4-H will receive a member pin at the completion of each year. No application necessary.
- **COUNTY MEDAL AWARDS** - 4-H members who demonstrate exemplary achievement in a specific project area over a period of three or more years can apply to earn one of five potential County Medal Awards in any of the over 25 project areas. Youth are eligible to win more than once. Winners over 14 years of age may be nominated for a State 4-H Achievement Award. **Complete and submit the Muskingum County 4-H Achievement Form by November 15.** Form available online October 15: muskingum.osu.edu/olderyouth.
- **HONOR CLUB** - 4-H Clubs are required to submit the Club Participation Sheet to the Extension Office by January 31 for the previous club year. Honor Clubs are recognized for meeting specific requirements.
- **JUNIOR FAIR ROYALTY/SPECIES ROYALTY** - In addition to the Junior Fair King, Queen, Prince and Princess, each species has a royalty/ambassador contest. Lamb & Wool Ambassador applications are sent directly to sheep exhibitors by the Muskingum County Sheep Improvement Association in the spring. Applications are available in May and due June 30. Interviews will take place in July. Applications posted when available: muskingum.osu.edu/juniorfair.

- **OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR AWARD** - This award is given in two categories, market and non-market, for all eligible species. Youth receive points based on their Skillathon score (excluding tiebreaker score), showmanship placing and live animal placing. Four age division winners and an overall winner in each category receive awards.
- **COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST** - Deadline to register is in June and contest takes place in July. Details posted when available: muskingum.osu.edu/judging. **Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks Contest** - Youth can do a demonstration/illustrated talk on a topic of their choice. Divisions are Junior Individual/Team (ages 8-10), Intermediate Individual/Team (ages 11-3), Senior Individual/Team (ages 14-18). Junior Divisions are without the use of computer technology, Intermediate and Senior Divisions can be with/or without technology. Youth may be selected for the Ohio State Fair.
- **STILL PROJECT AWARDS** - Still project participants who are selected **and** attend the Ohio State Fair as a Muskingum County delegate will receive an award on Sunday evening of 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 on Sunday evening of the fair.
- **SKILLATHON AWARDS** - A **Superior Skillathon award** is earned by livestock project participants based on their Livestock Skillathon scores. Participants with a score of 90 or greater will receive this award. Youth will only receive one superior award per species no matter how many projects are judged at Skillathon. Four age division winners and an overall species winner with Superior awards will receive awards during the fair. **Outstanding Record Book:** Youth who achieve a perfect 20/20 on their record book will be eligible for Outstanding Record Book (1 per species). Required pages AND optional activities will be considered.

OLDER YOUTH COUNTY LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Details posted when available: muskingum.osu.edu/olderyouth

- **COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR** – The purpose of the 4-H Ambassador is to promote 4-H in Muskingum County and develop leadership skills. Ambassadors assist with various activities throughout the year. Priority will be given to 14 – 18 year olds; however, 13 year olds may apply. Interviews take place in December. **Complete Muskingum County 4-H Achievement Form by November 15.** Form available online October 15.
- **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 20+ hours of meetings and activities from December through June 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 November 15 and participate in Counselor Selection Night if applicant has not served as a counselor.** Application available online in October 15.
- **JUNIOR FAIR BOARD** - Muskingum County Junior Fair Board is comprised of representatives from several youth organizations including 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Youth Grange. Junior Fair Board members are responsible for the design, implementation and evaluation of many Junior Fair aspects of the Muskingum County Fair. **Interested applicants must complete a Junior Fair Board Application by November 15. Youth who have not been on Junior Fair Board previously must participate in an interview.** Application available online in early to mid-October.
- **JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CLUB:** 4-H teens have the opportunity to participate in leadership development beyond their club. The group meets year round at various locations throughout the county and state with a focus on career opportunities, leadership, citizenship and developing relationships among its members. Members must be at least age 13 by January 1 of the current year. **Enrollment form for the new year available online October 15 and accepted year round.**

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **MUSKINGUM COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP** - Muskingum County 4-H Scholarships were established in 2015 by the Muskingum County 4-H Committee in order to help Muskingum County young people become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. Muskingum County 4-H recognizes and rewards individual excellence in project work, leadership, citizenship and community service. A minimum of two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Applicant must: Be a current or alumni member of Muskingum County 4-H, graduated in the previous year or graduating this year; 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 Two types of applicants will be considered: Youth enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution, trade school, or certificate/apprenticeship program; OR youth who started a career directly out of high school who need tools, uniforms, or other supplies to support them in their career. **Application due January 31.** Application available online in mid-December : muskingum.osu.edu/olderyouth.
- **MUSKINGUM COUNTY LARGE ANIMAL SALE COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP** - Available to 4-H or FFA members who exhibit a market goat, hog, lamb or steer project at the Muskingum County Fair. Application available online: muskingum.osu.edu/juniorfair. **Application due January 31.**
- **MUSKINGUM COUNTY SMALL ANIMAL SALE COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP** - Available to 4-H or FFA members who exhibit a market poultry or rabbit project at the Muskingum County Fair. Application available online: muskingum.osu.edu/juniorfair. **Application due January 31.**

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 Muskingum County 4-H Achievement Form by November 15.** Form available online October 15: muskingum.osu.edu/olderyouth. Selected youth can submit an Ohio 4-H Achievement Form.
- **NEW IN 2026! OHIO 4-H CLOVER AWARDS** - The Clover Awards were created to encourage 4-H members to engage in a variety of projects and activities, to enable members to refine their record keeping abilities, and to enhance their leadership skills. The Clover Awards program also is designed to recognize youth for their continued involvement and growth through the 4-H program.
 - Applications for Levels 1-4 are submitted to and reviewed by the county. **Complete County Clover Awards Application by November 15.** More information: muskingum.osu.edu/olderyouth.
 - Applications for Level 5 are submitted to and reviewed by the state. **Complete Level 5 Award form by December 1.** More information: go.osu.edu/OhioCloverAward.
- **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 Application by February 15.** Find it online: go.osu.edu/ohio4hscholarships.
- **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. Scholarship opportunities are also available for Ohio State Fair Exhibitors: go.osu.edu/osfscholarships.

STATE TRIP AND CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

- **4-H FORESTRY WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CAMP** - The Ohio 4-H Wildlife Forestry Conservation Camp is a fun-filled weekend for campers in grades 7-11. The camp is held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp near Jackson, Ohio. Campers participate in hands-on educational sessions on invasive species, wildlife and tree ID, tree climbing, operating a portable wood mill, outdoor survival, hunting & trapping and much more! **Complete Muskingum County 4-H Achievement Form by November 15.** Form available online October 15: muskingum.osu.edu/olderyouth. Full scholarship available to selected county delegates.
- **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 Muskingum County 4-H Achievement Form by November 15.** Form available online October 15: muskingum.osu.edu/olderyouth. Full scholarship available to selected county delegates.
- **OHIO 4-H SEA CAMP** - The mission of Ohio 4-H Sea Camp is to offer teenage youth an introduction to the Great Lakes through hands-on experiences in a variety of aquatic-based programs. Sea Camp will enable participants to experience Lake Erie-based activities and culture such as aquatic science, water recreation, and fishing. It is open to youth ages 15-17. **Complete Muskingum County 4-H Achievement Form by November 15.** Form available online October 15: muskingum.osu.edu/olderyouth. 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. Takes place during Ignite by 4-H in March. Recommended ages 16 and older. **Complete Citizenship Washington Focus Application due June 30.** Form available online June 1: muskingum.osu.edu/olderyouth. 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.**
- **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.** Find it online: ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/teen-leadership-council.
- **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.** Find it online: ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/4heya.
- **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. Application available online: ohiostatefair.com/jfb. **Due March 1.**

2026 4-H Calendar of Events

THIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

EO = Extension Office; **VBF** = Veteran's Building at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds; **MCF** = Muskingum County Fairgrounds

Livestock Sub Committees = Goat Committee, Horse Committee, Livestock Committee, Poultry Committee and Rabbit Committee

January	April
1 Office Closed, New Year's Day Observed	1 4-H Enrollment Deadline
10 Junior Leaders Ice Skating, Newark	7 Quality Assurance Test-Out Opportunity, VBF, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
15 State Fair Market Beef Entry Deadline, Ohio State Fair	7 Livestock Quality Assurance, VBF, 6:00 p.m.
19 Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	13 4-H Camp Registration Information Available
24 Junior Leaders Fundraiser @ Roger's Auction Barn	13 4-H Committee Meeting, EO, 6 p.m.
31 Deadline for New Volunteer Applications	15 Club Information Survey Due
31 Club/Affiliate Year End Paperwork Due (Participation Sheet, Financial Summary and Bank Statement)	15 Campership Applications Due
31 Scholarship Applications Due - Muskingum County 4-H, Junior Fair Sale Committees	15 Winning 4-H Plan Request Forms Due
31 Registration Paperwork Due for Purebred Steers to Exhibit at Muskingum County Fair	15 State Fair Scholarships Due
	16 Camp Team Meeting, 6-8 p.m., VBF
	20-22 Junior Camp Pre-Registration, begins 8 a.m. on April 20 - first come, first served, must reserve spot/add to wait list during this time frame!
February	20 Junior Leaders, Musk. Co Courthouse Tour
9 4-H Committee Meeting, EO, 6 p.m.	20 Livestock Quality Assurance, VBF, 6:00 p.m.
15 4-H Online Opens for Enrollment	20 Quality Assurance Test-Out Opportunity, VBF, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
15 Deadline to Complete Returning Volunteer Training & Background Checks	27 Junior Fair Board Meeting, VBF, 6-7:30 p.m.
15 State 4-H Scholarships Due to State 4-H Office	29 Livestock Quality Assurance, VBF, 6:00 p.m.
16 New Volunteer Orientation, EO, 6-8:30 p.m.	
24 New Volunteer Orientation, EO, 6-8:30 p.m.	May
28 Junior Leaders, Snow Trails Tubing and Skiing	7 4-H Camp Registration Due
28-1 Making eXtreme Counselors Workshop, Columbus	11 Cloverbud Camp Information Available
	11 Junior Leaders @ Brent Porteus Farm
March	14 Camp Team Training, 6-8 p.m., VBF
1 Deadline to Complete New Volunteer Application Process	18-20 Cloverbud Camp Pre-Registration, begins 8 a.m. on May 18 - first come, first served, must reserve spot/add to wait list during this time frame!
1 Complete Cross County Lines Requests by Today	18 Junior Leaders @ Sunrise Bowl
5 Camp Team First-Timer Training, EO, 6-8:30 p.m.	25 Office Closed - Memorial Day
7 Junior Leaders Fundraiser @ Roger's Auction Barn	26 Junior Fair Board, VBF, 6-7:30 p.m.
15 Campership Application Available	28 ALL Livestock Subcommittees, Large/Small Animal Sale, VBF
19 Camp Team Meeting, 6-8 p.m. VBF	28 Cloverbud Camp Registrations Due
15-21 Ohio 4-H Week	
21 Ohio 4-H Conference, Columbus Convention Center	
21 Junior Leaders @ Plowboy Prom, Ohio 4-H Center	
26 ALL Livestock Sub-Committees, Large Animal Sale Committee, VBF	

June

- 1 Deadline to receive Livestock Quality Assurance and Horse Education Program Certification
- 1 Fair Entry Opens for all entries but Market Rabbits
- 1 Market Lamb Registration, Hog Barn @ MCF, 4-7 p.m.
- 1 Market Goat Registration, Hog Barn @ MCF, 4-7 p.m.
- 1 Breeding Rabbit Registration & Rabbit Clinic, Rabbit Barn, 6-8 p.m.
- 4 Camp Team Meeting, 6-8 p.m., VBF
- 5 PAS Show, Horse Arena @ MCF, 5 p.m.
- 9 Counselors/Staff Move into 4-H Camp
- 10-13 4-H Junior Camp, 4-H Camp Ohio
- 13 Market Hog Registration, 7-11 a.m., 7-10 p.m., MCF
- 18 Early Still Project Judging, by appointment
- 19 Office Closed, Juneteenth Observed
- 20 Junior Leaders @ Lake Isabella
- 21 Deadline for Ohio State Fair Livestock Entries, Columbus
- 22 Junior Fair Board Meeting, VBF, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 23 Early Still Project Judging, by appointment
- 25 Camp Team Meeting, 6-8 p.m., VBF
- 26 Cloverbud Day Camp, McDonald's Greenhouse
- 30 Junior Fair Livestock & Showmanship Entries Due (except Market Rabbits)
- 30 Royalty & Species Ambassador Application Deadline
- 30 Citizenship Washington Focus Application Deadline
- 30 Writing Project Portfolios Due, EO
- 30 Friend of 4-H & Montgomery Leadership Nominations Due

July

- 1 Still Project Judging, VBF (Schedule on page 10)
- 1 Communications Contest, VBF, 9 a.m.
- 3 Office Closed, Independence Day
- 8 Livestock Skillathon, VBF (Schedule on page 10)
- 13 Junior Leaders @ Vernon Farms
- 15 Junior Fair Parade & Booth Entries Due, EO
- 16 Market Rabbit Registration, Rabbit Barn @ MCF, 6-8 p.m., Fair Entry Opens for Market Rabbits
- 16 Rabbit Committee, Rabbit Barn @ MCF, 8 p.m.
- 21 Fair Entry Deadline for Market Rabbits
- 22 Royalty & Species Ambassador Interviews, VBF
- 23 Livestock Subcommittees: Livestock, Horse, Goat, Poultry, Large/Small Animal Sale, VBF
- 27 Junior Fair Board Meeting, VBF, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 29 Ohio State Fair Starts, Columbus
- 31 Club Incomplete Member & Volunteer Form Due

August

- 1 Deadline for Junior Fair Horses 5-way vaccination by a veterinarian (documentation must be submitted on Day 1 of fair)
- 1 Cloverbud Fair Activity Registration Due
- 3 Club Pre-Fair Packets Available
- 9 State Fair Ends
- 13 Junior Fair Building Set Up/Project Drop Off, 3-8 p.m.
- 15 Junior Fair Building Set Up/Project Drop Off, 9 a.m-12 noon
- 16-22 Muskingum County Fair

September

- 7 Office Closed, Labor Day
- 14 4-H Committee Meeting, EO, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 15 Large Animal Livestock Committee Applications Due
- 21 Junior Leaders, Etiquette Dinner
- 24 ALL Livestock Sub-Committees, Small/Large Animal Sale Committee, VBF

October

- 15 Older Youth Opportunities Applications Available
- 19 Junior Leaders , Wiener Roast

November

- 11 Office Closed, Veteran's Day
- 15 Youth Opportunities Applications Due
- 15 4-H Committee Applications Due
- 16 Junior Leaders, Nothing But Chocolates Tour
- 21 Junior Leaders Fundraiser @ Roger's Auction Barn
- 26-27 Office Closed, Thanksgiving

December

- 1 New Volunteer Applications Available
- 3 New Camp Counselor Selection Night, 6-8 p.m.
- 14 4-H Committee Meeting, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 14 Market Beef Weigh In, Muskingum Livestock, 6-8 p.m.
- 14 Junior Leaders Holiday Party
- 17 Youth Opportunities Interviews, by appointment
- 17 Junior Fair Board Interviews, by appointment
- 24-1 Office Closed, Holidays and OSU Winter Recess

Notes

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