

2021 Van Wert County 4-H Family Guide



Guidelines and Requirements for Van Wert County 4-H Members Program & Jr. Fair Exhibition



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Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

Van Wert County Jr. Fair, August 31st – September 6th, 2021 Jr. Fair Livestock Sale September 7th, 2021 at 9:00am

- Make Jr. Fair still projects and livestock entries no later than first Saturday in August.
<http://www.vanwertjf.fairentry.com>
- Pick up Fair books & Information
- Fair premiums

The Ohio State Fair, www.ohiostatefair.com

- Fair book & entry forms to make entry for livestock, poultry, rabbit etc.TBD
- Fair schedule for All Ohio State Fair Events
- Fair Results for 4-H and Open Class Shows
- 2021 Ohio State Fair Dates are July 29-Aug. 9

With the cooperation of the Van Wert County Commissioners:
Thad Lichtensteiger, Stan Owens, and Todd Wolfrum

ALL ABOUT 4-H

The 4-H Emblem

The official 4-H emblem is a clover with four leaves and an “H” on each leaf. The clover’s stem must point to the right as you look at the image. The 4-H Emblem is not a plain four-leaf clover. The 4-H Emblem should appear in specific colors and in its entirety.

The 4-H Colors

White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

Green is nature’s most abundant color and is emblematic of springtime, life, youth, and growth.

4-H Motto

To Make the Best Better

4-H Slogan

“Learn by Doing”

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 Creed

- I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.
- I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, plan and to reason.
- I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true.
- I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to be helpful, skillful, and useful.
- I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.
- I believe in my country, my state, and my community and in my responsibility for their development. In all these things
- I believe and am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

MEMBERSHIP IN VAN WERT COUNTY 4-H

4-H Member Eligibility

Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child's age AND grade as of January 1 of the current calendar year. Eligibility for Cloverbud participation begins when a child is age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten. Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and in third grade. Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. Membership requires enrollment in an authorized Ohio 4-H club or group under the direction of an OSU Extension professional or an approved adult volunteer. A youth's 4-H eligibility ends December 31 the year he or she turns 19.

Joining Ohio 4 H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University

4-H is open to all boys and girls without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, gender, or disability status. Local clubs may elect to have dues to help pay for any expenses of the club. Clubs may choose to meet year-round or at least the months of March-August.

4-H MEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE AND PROJECT COMPLETION

Adopted March 22, 1999 Revised January 2014

4-H Membership Requirements include:

- Eligible as of January 1 of current year per guidelines listed above.
- Choose a project, completing a planned series of educational experiences.
- Be an active member of a 4-H Club with at least five youth members and one volunteer adult advisor, which meets at least 6 times per year. Recognized by the Ohio State University Extension as in good standing.
- Members must attend 50% of club meetings.

4-H Attendance Guidelines:

- Members must attend 50% of their club's meetings (other 4-H activities can be used a substitute meeting credit for up to 25% of meetings with approval of 4-H advisor overseeing club).
- County 4-H Clubs develop their own attendance rules and regulations if they meet the above requirements. (Clubs can require meeting attendance over and above the 50% required by county guidelines)
- Those members not meeting the above requirements would lose 4-H privileges such as fair exhibition.

4-H Project Work:

- Each 4-H member should register and complete at least one 4-H project per year for a youth to be considered a member in good standing.
- Projects must be registered on your 4-H enrollment form, signed by parent and returned to the Extension Office by the enrollment deadline.
- Members must finish their projects and be judged for completion. Those judged incomplete or those not meeting requirements will lose 4-H benefits such as fair exhibition.
- All youth selected for county positions, (CarTeen, Jr. Fairboard, 4-H Camp Counselor, Buckeye Ambassador, Fashion Board and other opportunities) must complete at least one project, be judged at interview judging and remain members in good standing of a local 4-H Club.

4-H COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP ACROSS COUNTY LINES POLICY

Youth are expected to affiliate with the 4-H program in their county of residence. However, in some circumstances, it is appropriate for a youth to participate in 4-H in a county other than their county of residence, which can be done with the approval of the 4-H professionals in both the county of residence and the county of request.

Once granted, the permission for membership across county lines is expected to be permanent and stable, for the duration of the youth's 4-H membership. However, once granted, the 4-H family can request changes again, using the same process. This privilege is extended only for those youth who maintain membership in good standing.

Procedures

Ohio State University Extension administers the Ohio 4-H Youth Development program whose mission is to develop youth to reach their fullest potential as capable, competent, caring, and contributing citizens. Each county in Ohio conducts the 4-H youth development program to accomplish this goal.

In order to affirm Ohio State University Extension's position concerning cross county (and/or cross state line) 4-H membership and to establish guidelines in this area to fulfill the above mission, the following philosophy and process statements are provided.

1. 4-H membership in two counties simultaneously is not permitted.
2. Cross state line membership will be considered the same as for cross county membership.
3. In situations where 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 or cross state membership will be revoked.
4. In situations where membership in a county other than the county of residence is desired, the Educators in both counties must agree regarding the application. The agreement will be based upon their professional judgment in accord with the mission of the organization and is not to supersede #3.
5. Consideration for membership may not be motivated by perceived competitive or sale advantage in another county, any change due to controversial issues, or other similar motivations.
6. Should families own multiple residences in more than one county, the permanent county of residence will be determined by the public school system in which the youth would be enrolled.
7. Parents, guardians, and/or youth should become familiar with all policies, procedures, and guidelines for the county in which they wish to be members. Some Ohio counties may limit participation in the county Junior Fair to those that reside in the county.
8. Any consideration for membership in a county other than the county of residence, within the limits of this policy and not addressed by the above statements should be brought to the attention of the County Extension Director by the County Extension 4-H Educator. This team will work with the Assistant Director, 4-H Youth Development or Associate State 4-H Leader to identify a course of action in these special situations.
9. The decision to allow or deny Cross County Line Membership will be made by the county 4-H professionals in the County of Request and the County of Residence, and fully supported by State.

Prior revisions approved by OSU Extension Administrative Cabinet: 12/93; 4/07. Current document 2013.

4-H and FFA Membership

Ohio 4-H members are sometimes also FFA members, often within the same county or in an adjacent county. These members especially need to keep in mind the 4-H policy about 4-H projects being separate from school projects. To keep work in both organizations clearly separate, 4-H members are advised to take different species in the two organizations or, at the very least, to take market animals in one and breeding animals in the other. The idea is to refrain from exhibiting the same project more than once. Exhibitors should check their junior fair exhibition rules about exhibiting both 4-H and FFA projects and animals.

	4-H	FFA
Allowable	Breeding Gilt	Market Hog
Allowable	Market Steer	Market Hog
Not Allowable	Market Lamb	Market Lamb

4-H CLOVERBUDS

Ohio youth age 5 **AND** in Kindergarten through 2nd grade may enroll in the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud program. The Cloverbud program is designed with specific educational objectives and is non-competitive. Cloverbuds are encouraged to take part in “SHOW & TELL” 4-H judging offered at both judging’s in the Summer.

Cloverbuds are not permitted to take any regular 4-H projects. However, they may complete #715 My 4-H Cloverbud year or a coloring/activity book as provided from the Extension Office.

Fair participation is used for positive reinforcement and consists of an exhibit that can be hand-carried by the participant, with **no** competition and **no** scoring. Cloverbuds cannot take or show horses, steers, or large animal projects. They may opt to participate in Open Class divisions thru the Senior Fair.

Not all clubs in the county accept Cloverbuds as they require one-on-one instruction. It is not always possible in clubs with too few advisors.

The following clubs currently accept Cloverbuds:

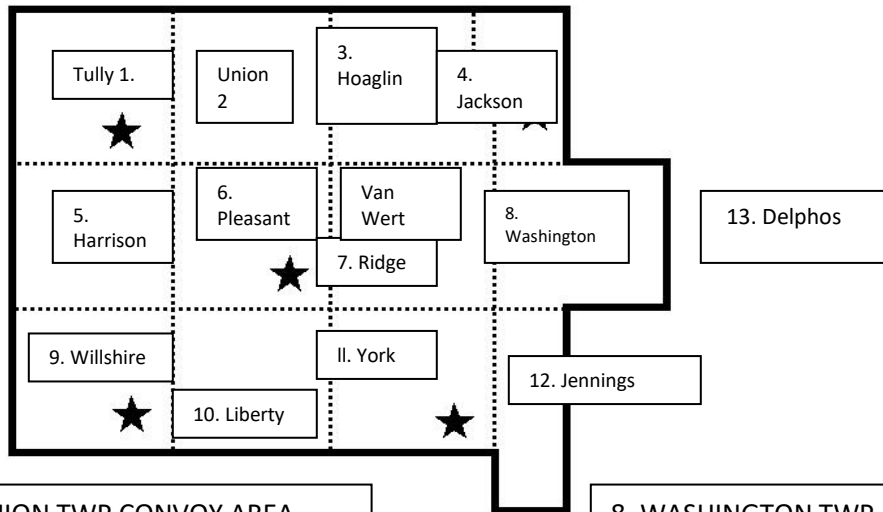
- Venedocia Lads and Lassies
- Bunny Hoppers
- Barnyard Buddies
- Ohio City Blue Ribbon Workers
- Leaders of the Future
- Clever Clovers
- Ohio Challengers
- Hoaglin Farmers
- Udder Dairy

More information about Cloverbuds and curriculum can be found at www.ohio4h.org/4h-youth/cloverbuds or www.go.osu.edu/cbc

ACCOMMODATIONS THROUGH THE WINNING PLAN

We strive to make quality 4-H Programming accessible to all youth in Van Wert County. With this in mind we can make accommodations in judging events and other activities so that every child can have a successful experience. In order to make sure that we know what accommodations are necessary, I am making a form available for parents to complete. We can use this information to communicate to judges and volunteers as needed. It will also help us to formalize our process so that we do not miss anyone. If 4-H member needs accommodations for a show or project judging, please contact the office for a form and instructions.

4-H CLUBS IN VAN WERT COUNTY



1-2 TULLY-UNION TWP CONVOY AREA
Ohio Challengers
 Judy Wortman – 419-238-9830
judywortman1@gmail.com

3. HOAGLIN TWP AREA
Hoaglin Farmers
 Beth Evans – 419-203-2974
evansbeth.1979@gmail.com

4. JACKSON TWP AREA
Jackson Lively
 Ernie and Molly Welch 419-302-9529
ggmolly2@gmail.com

5. HARRISON TWP AREA
Harrison Jolly Boosters
 Mandi Scarlett – 419-203-2531
mscarlett5@gmail.com

6. PLEASANT TWP- VW CITY
Clever Clovers
 Marie Markward 419-238-5957
m_markward@vwcs.net

8. WASHINGTON TWP
Leaders of the Future
 Lindi Coil -419-771-9221

9. Willshire Township
Barnyard Buddies
 Kendra Heffelfinger-419-203-9012
kendra_heffelfinger@yahoo.com

10. LIBERTY TWP Ohio City
Ohio City Blue Ribbon Workers
 Brenda DeLong 419-203-3598
B_delong@hotmail.com

11. YORK TWP
York Commanders
 Lori Williams – 419-667-4995
nicklori82@gmail.com

12. JENNINGS TWP – Venedocia
Venedocia Lads and Lassies
 Kristina Pohlman 419-305-1476
kkessen@hotmail.com
 Michelle Kroeger 419-223-7316
Shellykroeger79@yahoo.com

**Specialty Clubs on
 Following Page**

4-H CLUBS IN SPECIFIC AREAS

Specialty clubs concentrate on a specific project category to give more extensive training in that area. Some of these meet the entire year and others for only a few weeks. If you are interested in joining or receiving more information, please contact the advisor listed.

- **Bunny Hoppers** - Learn to care for and raise rabbits. Club meets monthly, Feb through Nov, Contact Chris Heizman, Van Wert, OH (419-238-4554) ccheizman@aol.com
- **Udder Dairy** – Learn to care for, raise and show dairy calves, heifers and cows. Contact Dennis & Jill McCoy, Convoy, OH (419-708-3972) MACABOBFarm@yahoo.com
- **Farmtastic** - Focus in this club is 4-H Livestock projects. Contact Deb Pohlman (419-235-4976) butchdeb@watchtv.net, or Pat Hoersten, (419) 231-0410, 1965hoersten@gmail.com
- **Van Wert Exchange-** - Travel to other States one year and host groups from out of state. Learn leadership, fund raising skills. Christmas lights at the Fairgrounds) Must be 13 years of age. Contact Jay Gamble (419-203-2234) or Cindy Harting: (419-203-1413) hartvan@onlyinternet.net

4-H VOLUNTEER BOARDS

Interested in joining? Contact the Extension Office or membership chair of the committee.

Van Wert County 4-H Council Membership Chair: Jill McCoy, 419-771-8644

The purpose and objective shall be as follows:

1. To represent the 4-H members, parents and advisors on matters of direct concern with the Extension /4-H Staff;
2. To explore ideas, methods, and programs to strengthen the 4-H Program throughout the county;
3. To provide a means for communication of 4-H program's needs,
4. Developments, and plans among those working to maintain and improve the 4-H program in the County;
5. To assess and evaluate the educational merit and performance of 4-H programs and personnel in the County; and
6. To promote and support 4-H within the community.
7. *To work with and encourage the development of the youth in Van Wert County.*

2021 4-H Council Meetings 7:00pm

Jan 26	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 27
May 25	June 22	July 27	Aug 24
Sept 28	Nov 23		

2021 4-H Endowment Meetings 5:30pm

Jan 26	Mar 23	April 27
July 27	Sept 28	Nov. 23

WHAT IS THE 4-H LINGO?

- **Camp-** Members enjoy outdoor fun and adventure while learning and making new friends at 4-H Camp Palmer. 4-H Camp is July 5-9.
- **DUNF – Drug Use Notification Form.** This form indicates your project animal has met all drug withdrawal periods at time of exhibition. ODA and Van Wert Co. requires this form for exhibition of market beef and feeders, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, market poultry, market rabbits, lactating dairy goats or dairy cows. One per animal/pen.
- **Enrollment-** Your child must enroll or fill out an enrollment form to join 4-H with project(s) by March 15th for early enrollment, April 1st for regular Enrollment to be eligible for 4-H competition including fair participation.
- **Entry-** Make Fair entry On-Line for Van Wert County Fair. Must be done by first Saturday in August.
- **Fair Premium Check-** Paid by the Agricultural Society for completed projects based on participation and Fair exhibition.
- **Fashion Review/Style Show-** Clothing project members model outfit sewn and/or purchased through their Clothing project experience at judging and at fair. Outfit must include garment(s) sewn and/or purchased and selected accessories for a Total Look Outfit.
- **Livestock Sale Check-** Paid by the Junior Fair Livestock Sales for premium and packer bids received with animals sold through the Jr. Fair Livestock Auction. Paid 4-6 weeks after the sale.
- **PAS-** Horse project members may choose to participate in Performance Against Standards (PAS) Show(s) to qualify to participate in the State Fair Horse Show. A member may show only one horse in a maximum of four classes and must qualify in two classes to show at the State Fair.
- **Project-** The members explore a topic or interest area through hands-on activities, sequential learning experiences, goal setting and evaluation. 4-H'ers keep records and documentation of project experiences in a Project Book.
- **Project Judging-** Evaluation of a project member's knowledge through interview with an adult judge, review of project book records and exhibit of project item and/or educational display.
- **Project Requirements-** Outlines possession dates, deadlines, project judging/skillathon guidelines, resources, Fair rules, judging dates, county and beyond county opportunities and much more.
- **Skillathon-** Evaluation of livestock, llama and alpaca, and horse member's project knowledge through participating in hands-on skill stations that allow the member to apply knowledge/skill to real word situations. Mandatory and held during livestock book judging.
- **State Fair Selection-** Member(s) selected to represent the county at the Ohio State Fair for a given project or project area. Most projects may select one member per project to represent the county. Non-state fair projects will be awarded county awards. Animal projects can enter to attend the Ohio State Fair.
- **Tag-In, Weigh-In, I.D. Day.** Date required to tag-in, weigh-in and/or identify your project animal for Junior Fair participation.
- **Volunteer or Club Advisor.** Dedicated, enthusiastic, caring adults that have completed a selection, screening and orientation process by OSU Extension. The current Ohio 4-H Volunteer Selection process includes a written application, reference checks, BCI background check, interview with Extension Educator and volunteer orientation.
- **Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA or QA)** required for members exhibiting project animals by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Members can meet this requirement by attending a quality assurance program focusing on the 10 Good Production Practices. Youth, age 12 to 18 and with more than 2 years with a project, have the option to test out of QA attendance. Extension Educators in cooperation with local Agriculture Societies determine county QA delivery and completion requirements within the State's minimum standards. Note: Online completion (not test out) is available with a cost for those ages that are eligible.



WHAT IS A 4-H PROJECT?

A 4-H project is made up of three types of activities: Hands-on activities: making, producing, practicing, observing, testing, interviewing, caring for, etc. Organized activities: demonstrations, speeches, workshops, camps, county judging, project activities, exhibits, etc. Leadership/Citizenship activities: conducting, planning, teaching, assisting, informing, organizing, etc.

- **How does a member select a project?** When choosing a project, consider your interests, background, what is necessary to start your project, and what is available to help you complete it. Review this guide as a family, club, or group. A good rule of thumb is to select no more than two projects as a first-year member.
 - **Some good questions to ask yourself when choose a project are:**
 - What things do you like to do for fun?
 - What would you like to learn how to do?
 - How much time do you have to spend?
 - Who can help you with your project?
 - How many projects can you complete in a year?
 - What hobbies do you have?
- **Where does a member begin when planning a 4-H project?** Once a member has selected a project, he/she should start by reading the section of the project book called the Member Project Guide, usually located near the front. The Member Project Guide offers step-by-step instructions for conducting the activities that make up the 4-H project.
- **How much time can be spent on a project?** It can be a matter of days, weeks, or even months, depending on the size and scope of the member's plan. Some projects also can be repeated to accomplish additional project goals.
- **Is it necessary to attend county-level judging to complete a project?** Yes. Members should be sure to read over the requirements listed on their loose-leaf sheet of paper that comes in the project book. Club projects are exempt from this requirement.
- **How can a 4-H member qualify to compete at the Ohio State Fair?** For non-animal and non-livestock events, qualifying for the state fair involves competing at the county level and being selected as state fair representative. In addition, if you are taking a project with age guidelines and are outside of the recommended age range, be sure to double-check county and state fair regulations about participating (ohio4h.org/ohiostatefair).
- Generally speaking, youth outside the recommended age range are not eligible for competition. For animal and livestock events, be sure to check state fair guidelines at [ohio4h.org/animal sciences](http://ohio4h.org/animal%20sciences). Please note Ohio State Fair eligibility, as indicated by a green ribbon, is current at time of printing but is subject to change. Eligibility for the coming year is usually available in February at ohio4h.org/ohiostatefair.

4-H PROJECT JUDGING GUIDELINES

Project Judging & Fair Exhibition Rules

- All 4-H projects must be evaluated through the 4-H project judging system to take part in the Van Wert County Junior Fair.
- Only members participating in 4-H project judging or makeup judging (uncontrollable circumstances not withstanding) will have Jr. Fair privileges. These include passes , exhibition, and premium and sale privileges.
- Only those members who are judged on July 16 are eligible for still project awards and Ohio State Fair competition (non-livestock).
- Members must receive a Complete Grade to exhibit at the Van Wert County Fair. 1st year members receiving an “Incomplete” have 1 week to complete Project requirements and be re-evaluated to exhibit.

2021 Judging Schedule

- **Still Project Judging: July 14 & 15th, from 2-7 pm**, on the fairgrounds in the Jr. Fair Building. Times will be available to sign up for appointments online by July 1st. To be eligible to be a State Fair Qualifier with your project you must be judged on **July 14th or 15th**.
- **Livestock Judging:** Interview and Project Book judging will be held **August 9th 2:00pm-7:00pm** and **August 10th from 9:00am – 7:00 p.m.** on the Fairgrounds in the Jr. Fair Building.
- **Make Up Judging:** for those who cannot attend county judging dates will be done by your 4-H Advisor – Grades must be complete no later than Friday, August 13, 2021.
- Be sure to check your schedules if you play sports, for vacations, etc. A big part of 4-H is being responsible.

Still Project Judging Jr. Fair Building (Fairgrounds) July 14th & 15th 2:00pm-7:00pm By appointment	Livestock Judging Jr. Fair Building (Fairgrounds) August 9th, 2021 2:00pm-7:00pm August 10th, 2021 9:00am-7:00pm	Make Up Judging Not State Fair Eligible Completed by Advisor <u>Due by August 13</u>
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Judging Tips:

1. Be well groomed, dressed appropriately, (No beach flip flops) with clean hands and hair.
2. Don't chew gum.
3. Use good posture, sit and stand straight and tall.
4. Be polite and courteous.
5. Be prepared to talk about your project. Know what you did and how you did it, what you learned, and what you might do to improve the next time.
6. When answering the questions, speak clearly and distinctly.
7. Look at the Judge when answering your questions.
8. Thank the Judge at the conclusion of your interview.
9. Smile and be enthusiastic.
10. Be proud of your accomplishment, you worked hard!

Dress Code for 4-H Judging Events

These are considered interviews and you are expected to dress appropriately for these occasions. No torn, worn, or stressed jeans or skirts will be permitted. No shorts will be accepted (as all areas for judging are air conditioned). Skirts should be at least knee length or longer. Close-toed shoes or nice sandals must be worn, no beach flip flops. Exhibitor's shirts may not bare midriff, halter tops, cut off t-shirts, or tank tops. You are not permitted to wear a hat of any type to these events, unless it is part of your clothing project. For livestock judging, we encourage youth to wear their show clothes to show the judge professionalism. It also helps everyone have their show clothes ready for the fair!

4-H Judging Awards

4-H judging gives the 4-H member the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned while completing projects and attending club events. Personalized interviews allow 4-H'ers to develop skills in communication as well as gaining information about their performance. The member is judged on the knowledge attained as much as the final product.

4-H Grading System

The following ribbons will be awarded at the member's respective project judging (Livestock or Still Project) but not in the fair show ring. Please see below for the expectations of each rating.

SUPERIOR- 4-H member went above and beyond the project requirements. They had superior knowledge of the project and developed an extensive exhibit.

OUTSTANDING- 4-H member met all project requirements. They had basic knowledge of subject matter and a nice exhibit.

GOOD- 4-H member met only some of the requirements. They needed more project knowledge and more extensive exhibit.

NEEDS IMPROVEMENT- 4-H member did not meet any of the project requirements.

Awards – Still Project (Non-Livestock)

- **State Fair Selection-** Member(s) selected to represent the county at the Ohio State Fair for a given project or project area. Most projects may select one member per project to represent the county. Non-state fair projects will be awarded county awards. Animal projects can enter to attend the Ohio State Fair.
- **County Awards** - The Van Wert County Junior Fair Board distribute contracts each year for various trophies and awards from local businesses and individuals. The 4-H judge is responsible for choosing the award winners in the categories listed in the Junior Fair Book. Again, not all are awarded if the judge feels none qualify. It is very possible to be a State Fair qualifier and not receive a county award, or vice versa. These awards are handed out during the Special Awards Ceremony at the Van Wert County Fair.
- **Outstanding Awards-** The judge has the option of awarding an "Outstanding" interview/project. Outstanding, as the name implies are those projects that "standout" from the rest. Only a small percentage (10-25%) is chosen for this designation. A rosette is given for recognition.
- **County Fair Livestock Awards** – Recognized at the County fair for placement in ring.

Those selected for State Fair participation or alternate categories for still projects will be offered the opportunity to participate in the Still Project Auction during the Fair (one item per child). They will be notified directly following still judging in July as to allow time for full participation and planning.

Looking to Become an Award Sponsor?

You can support the Jr. Fair by sponsoring trophies and awards for a small amount.

Most are around \$25.00! All Categories are available from Clothing to Livestock. Everyone loves to get recognition, please help the Jr. Fair Board to recognize as many youth as possible by sponsoring trophies. **Contact: Ericka Priest, Jr. Fair Board Advisor (419) 262-1664**

4-H SUMMER CAMPS

Residential Camp

4-H CAMP PALMER IS JULY 5-9, 2021

Van Wert County 4-H camp is held annually at 4-H Camp Palmer (26450 County Rd Mn, Fayette, OH 43521). Camp Palmer is 150 acres of woods, streams and fields. Programs include swimming, canoeing, indoor/outdoor recreation, nature hikes, sports of all sorts, crafts and fishing. 4-H Camp is five days spent with friends while learning new skills and having fun! For more information about the camp facilities please check out <http://www.camppalmer.org/>

4-H Camp is open to all youth ages 9-14 or the Summer following 8th grade. The Camp fee for 2021 is **\$195.00**. The registration deadline is Friday, June 11th. Camp fee includes lodging, 3 meals + 1 snack per day, all activities, and camp insurance. Camper scholarships are available for 4-H members in Van Wert County through the Van Wert County Foundation and generous local donors. Scholarship forms are due no later than June 4, 2021 to allow time for processing.

If you have any questions about your child attending, the facilities, or accommodations, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to ensure that we do everything possible to get your child to come to camp, be comfortable, and have a great time! Many youth past and present will tell you that the highlight of their summer was 4-H Camp.

Day Camps

Day camps are offered during the summer to give youth an opportunity to further their learning and have fun with friends! Held in Van Wert these camps are low cost and topics change every year. Day camps are also a great opportunity for the shy member to meet the counselors who attend 4-H Camp Palmer.

Day Camp information will be released as it is confirmed. For more information please contact the OSU Extension Office closer to summer months. **Cloverbud camp is June 11th**.

Teen Opportunities

The **Jr. Fair Board** is a group of 4-H teens selected to assist in being responsible for Jr. Fair activities. As a result of participation, Jr. Fair Board members will develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and aspirations needed for adult success, and the Van Wert County Jr. Fair program will be strengthened and expanded. **Deadline to apply is usually in November.**

The **4-H Camp Counselors** are a group of 4-H teens selected to assist in being responsible for campers ages 9-14 during 4-H Camp. As a result of participation, counselors will develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and aspirations needed for adult success, and the Van Wert County 4-H program will be strengthened and expanded. **Deadline to apply is usually in December.**

Older members have a variety of opportunities to compete for **Jr. Fair Royalty** representing specific project areas as well as the overall Jr. Fair program. These opportunities include: Jr. Fair King and Queen, Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Poultry, Swine, Horse and Still project. Application deadlines vary, usually the middle of July with interviews to follow.

4-H members who are seniors in high school may want to apply for **county and state scholarships**. County level scholarships for High School Seniors sponsored by the Friends of 4-H are due on **March 5th** with interviews to follow at the Extension Office on Wednesday, **March 15, 2021**. Information regarding the interviews will be sent to Seniors in the month of January. There are more than 36 state 4-H Scholarships to apply for as well. Deadline for this scholarship is **January 31, 2021** apply. For more information please visit <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships> for more information and to apply.

NO APPLICATION REQUIRED:

4-H Fashion Board plans and facilitates the 4-H sewing fashion show and judging. Members interested should be 13 years of age and have two years of prior sewing experience. Contact Jill McCoy at 419-749-2740

CarTeens members help teach traffic safety school to your peers. Scholarships available to those who participate in sessions. CarTeens should be 16 years of age or older. Interested members should contact the Extension Office at (419) 238-1214 for more details on the next meeting.

The 4-H Exchange Group explore new states and makes friends with 4-H'ers from around the country! Contact Cindy Harting (419) 203-1413 for more details on how to get involved!

The Endowment/Van Wert County Friends of 4-H group is looking for youth representatives to help guide 4-H fundraising and support dollars for 4-H Clubs and youth. To find out more information contact the Extension Office.

Do you like Gardening? We are looking for older 4-H members who might be interested in taking on a summer gardening learn and serve project! Contact Rachel at the Extension Office.

Looking for Community Service hours to fulfill your requirements for High School graduation or your sports team? Look no further! All of the teen groups conduct some type of service during the year. You can use these towards your required community service hours. The Extension Office has a variety of things you could do including: filing, collating, and putting mailings together. Call our office for more information. We'd like your help!

STATE OPPORTUNITIES:**Achievement Awards**

4-H members 14 to 18 years of age as of December 31, may apply for one of several State 4-H Achievement Awards. Awards are given based on a 4-H member's total leadership, community service, and project experiences in a given project or program area. 4-H members may also use the Achievement Form to apply for several state and national conferences and to become a member on the State Junior Fair Board. **Application deadline is Jan. 31, 2021 to the Extension Office.**

<https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>

Ohio State Jr. Fair Board

[4-H members who are 16 years of age as of January 1, and eligible.](https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships) The Ohio State Junior Fair Board is comprised of outstanding individuals from each of the youth organizations represented at the Ohio State Fair, and serves to strengthen and help coordinate State Fair activities each year. Two 4-H representatives (one male and one female) are selected annually to serve a two-year term on the Ohio State Junior Fair Board. <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>

Ohio 4-H Fashion Board

This is a small group of outstanding 4-H youth involved in 4-H textiles and clothing projects. State Fashion Board members are selected from across the state to: a) Assist in conducting Ohio State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue; b) Assist with educational programming efforts related to textiles and clothing at county, regional, and state-wide events; c) Serve as an advocate for Ohio's 4-H textiles & clothing projects & programs. **Due at the time applicant competes in the State 4-H Fashion Revue at the Ohio State Fair.**

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 the process, council members develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for future success. Applicants must be ages 14-18 as of Jan 1. **Applications are due the Friday following the Ohio State Fair.**

International Opportunities- Not offered for 2021

4-H not only is wide-spread in the United States. It can take you to a whole new world! Through the 4-H Exchange programs (LABO and IFYE), youth and adults alike can host students from other countries, as well as take trips themselves to learn about 4-H in other places. It's exciting to think 4-H exists in over 88 different countries! If you are interested in traveling abroad to study in another country, or would be willing to host a student in your home, please check out the following link: <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/international-program>

Trip Opportunities- Not offered for 2021

4-H members, 14 to 18 years as of January 1, 2021, may apply for one of several state trip and leadership opportunities partially funded by the Friends of 4-H and the 4-H Council. Contact the Extension Office for Application.

State 4-H Leadership Camp

The premiere leadership development opportunity available to Ohio 4-H members. The focus of the five-day leadership experience is the development of concrete peer leadership skills that will enable participants to have an immediate impact in their home 4-H club, county, community, or school. Free for first county nomination, date is July 9-13 (immediately following our 4-H county level camp) **Nominations are due April 1, 2020**

FINANCIAL NEED FOR TEEN OPPORTUNITIES?

Those interested in grants/scholarships to attend any of these opportunities should answer the question, "Why would I like to attend this opportunity, and what would I like to learn?" along with their name, club, and contact information no later than March 1, 2021 to the Extension Office. If interviews for these scholarships are needed, they will be held Wednesday, March 17, 2021 and appointment times will be scheduled.

These grants are not for residential 4-H Camp Palmer (as we have separate funding for that opportunity).

Contact the Extension Office with questions regarding grants for camps and teen opportunities.

JR. FAIR EXHIBITION at the Van Wert County Fair

August 31st – September 6th, 2021

Jr. Fair Coordinator:

- **Ryan Mohr (419) 203-8566**- General Questions & Barn Maintenance

4-H Council Representatives for Jr. Fair Board

- **Sue Hempfling (419) 236-6429**- Coronation & Exhibits
- **Phil Sorgen (260) 433-5104** – Livestock Clinics & Promotion
- **Cheyenne Oechsle (419) 910-1243**

Extension Representatives for Jr. Fair Board

- **Sarah Jackson (419) 238-1214**

At-Large Representative for Jr. Fair Board

- **Nick Wolford (419) 302-5055**- Livestock Sale, Finance & Fundraising
- **Mandi Scarlett (419) 203-2531**- Livestock Clinics & Promotion
- **Brett Schumm (567) 259-9716**- Barn Maintenance

Rules for 4-H Members

- All 4-H exhibitors in the Junior Fair, as well as each project exhibited, must be registered with the Ohio State University Extension, Van Wert County Office by enrollment deadline.
- All 4-H projects entered in the Junior Fair must meet all project completion requirements including registration, project book completion and interview judging.
- Van Wert County 4-H'ers who exhibit in the Van Wert County Junior Fair may not exhibit in the same project areas in any other county fair during the current year.
- All 4-H project books are to be turned in to local club advisor(s) to be evaluated or turned on at 4-H Judging day and be displayed in the fair booth
- Members must be eligible for 4-H membership through age and grade guidelines.
- No substitution of livestock (dairy, dairy feeders, sheep, swine, horse or goats) may be made after June 1. Steers must be selected and on feed by January 1. (Exceptions are given for the following classes: Beef feeder calf – August 1st. Rabbits effective date is 35 days for Market Rabbits. No changes can be made after this time.
- All animal livestock projects must be owned and cared for by the 4-H member. Breeding stock may be leased. Paperwork for lease due June 1st.
- Although reasonable effort will be made to protect your 4-H exhibit from damage or theft during the County fair, neither the Van Wert County Fair Board nor OSU Extension are responsible for exhibits.
- Members and their parents are responsible for any damage or injury their livestock may cause to other individuals or property. Please check your home owner's liability policy to see if it covers your animals on display at the fairgrounds.
- All exhibits must meet established fire regulations.
- All non-livestock exhibits must be in the Junior Fair Building by the day before the start of the fair; remain there until the last day of the fair: and be removed after 7:00 p.m. the last day of the fair.
- Each 4-H member participating in the Junior Fair must also abide by ANY and ALL RULES that are in place in the current Jr. Fair Book.

JR. FAIR LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Please note that changes may be communicated at any time.

Simplified Check Off List

- I have joined 4-H and have signed up for my projects by the April 1st Deadline.
- I have attended 1 Quality Assurance Meeting. (Required for all Jr. Fair Livestock exhibitors planning to exhibit any livestock at the 2021 Van Wert County Fair.)
- I have gone to weigh in or have my animal tagged on time (if applicable)
- Completed project book judging, skillathons, or other required judging items.
- I have filled out my project entry online to the Senior Fair board Office by the deadline.
- Have filled out and turned in DUNF form for all Market and lactating animals being brought into the Van Wert County Fair.
- Have my animal on the Van Wert County Fairgrounds on time for the Van Wert County Fair.
- I have sent Thank you note to Livestock Buyer, trophy donors and to those who have helped me with my project and club activities.
- Displayed Thank You poster to livestock Buyer of 2020 Fair or thanked Jr. Fair Supporters.

Livestock Quality Assurance (QA) Policy

- Due to regulations from the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Quality Assurance (QA) training is required of youth livestock exhibitors across the state of Ohio for the duration of one hour. All ten areas of QA must be covered while focusing on three areas as specified by the state animal sciences department.
- All livestock exhibitors (rabbits, beef, swine, poultry, dairy, goats and sheep) are required to meet the above QA guidelines.
- Those passing the available pre-test will “test-out” of QA. The test is ONLY available to exhibitors who are 12-14 years may test out, but once they turn 15 they must test out again. If you are 15 or older pass the test, you will be done with Quality Assurance for the rest of your time as a 4-H member.

**ALL TESTS AND TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETED
NO LATER THAN 45 DAYS BEFORE THE START OF FAIR.**

- Parents with Youth in their first or second year are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend Quality Assurance.
- There will be a brief county program update for all junior fair exhibitors during Quality Assurance sessions. This printed handout will explain any new rules or changes.

Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF)

- Animals are to be drug residue legal the **FIRST** day of fair. The Junior Fair Board and official Junior Fair Veterinarian shall approve any treatment administered at the start of the fair.
- DUNF's are **REQUIRED** for all market animals to cross scales for weigh.
- Lactating animals can turn their DUNF into the Jr. Fair Board office upon arrival to the Fair.
- Those individuals who do not complete and turn in DUNF's will not be permitted to sell through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- Those with incomplete or incorrect forms will have 24 hours' notice to return corrected forms. Exhibitors failing to return corrected forms will not be allowed to sell their animal(s) through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

ONLINE CERTIFICATION FOR QA

The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) has endorsed the following option for youth who are officially enrolled in a 4-H and/or FFA livestock/food animal project.

Youth who intend to show their project animal(s) for exhibition (e.g., county or state fair) have the option to complete an on-line YQCA session. For the training to meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA requirement for the project year:

1. Youth MUST be 12 years of older as of January 1, of the current year (4-H Age).
2. The on-line module completed MUST be the correct 4-H age for the youth.
3. The on-line session must be completed at least 45 days prior to the start of exhibition.
4. Youth must complete the on-line session within the QA calendar year (October 1-September 31)

Other Notes:

- The other online courses do NOT meet the Ohio Youth Food Anima QA Certification (i.e. BQA, PQA, BEST, etc.)
- You can go to the following website to take the age-appropriate online module for \$12.00 (for each child).
- <http://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>
- Youth will need their 4-H Online login and password, or they can create their own login and password (Please use 4-H Online if you are a 4-H Member). Youth must register using 4-H Online for their results to automatically show up.
- YQCA test-outs are NOT an option currently.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING & SKILLATHON

Please see your individual sheet for any specific resources and information. Judging will take place on **August 9th from 2:00pm-7:00pm & Aug 10th from 9am-7pm at the Jr. Fair Building** by appointment only. Instructions for making appointments will be available by July 1.

Age divisions for judging are as follows: (Your age as of January 1 of the current year)

- Juniors 8-10
- Intermediate 11-13
- Senior 14-18

Station 1: Project Book

20 points

Present your completed 2021 Livestock Project Book to the judge. The judge will review your records and completed project book. Point values for each section are included in the front of your project book. Judges will award points for degree in which the book is completed. The

entire book (with exception of any bonus sections) must be completed. Age/experience will be taken into consideration when giving points.

Station 2: Interview Station 20 points

You will have an interview for the project you are exhibiting. You will be asked 5 questions based on your project. You will earn 4 points for each correct question. Sample questions can be found in your packet or online. All questions are based on your project books and the Resource Handbook. Interviewers may ask additional questions based on knowledge of project to help exhibitor succeed.

Station 3: Quality Assurance 20 points

Information for this station will be based on 2020 QA topics GPP #1 Vet/Client/Patient Relationship, GPP #3 Antibiotics, and GPP #6 ID and Records. This information will be/was covered in Quality Assurance Sessions and those who have tested out should study accordingly.

Station 4: Skillathon – Year C 20 points

Station 5: Skillathon – Year C 20 points

Total Grade is out of 100 points. Incomplete grades are not eligible for exhibition in the Jr. Fair.

A: 100-80	B: 79-60	C: 59-40	I: 39 and Under
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Information can be found in species-specific livestock requirements handout. If you do not have a copy in your book, it can also be found at <http://vanwert.osu.edu>

FAIR PREMIUMS AND RIBBONS

A fair premium will be paid by the Van Wert County Senior Fair Board for all projects other than market animals exhibited at the fair (See Junior Fair Book for amount). Premium monies will be paid during the fair, at the Senior Fair Board Secretary’s window. Premiums for each fair show, pre-judged projects, and displays will be paid. Keep track of your projects and make sure you have picked up ALL premiums. Ribbons are provided by the Senior Fair Board or donor and reflect the judging or show ring grade only, not the final premium grade.

The member’s final grade, and consequently the fair premium is based on the judging interview. Livestock projects shown at the fair are given a premium based on the interview grade, and the show ring grade given by the Junior Fair show judge. Exhibition at the County Fair is NOT required for 4-H’ers. However, it is a chance to showcase many of the opportunities in 4-H.

FAIR ENTRIES DUE AUGUST 1, 2021

All members taking any project must submit a separate project entry, for each division entered, by August 1, 2021. These entries are made online on the Van Wert County Fair Web site. Entries will be conducted by FairEntry and can be done at <http://www.vanwertif.fairentry.com>

Members not meeting this deadline may not be allowed to exhibit their projects. All projects, even ones displayed in booths must make an entry online at the Van Wert County Fair Website. **The Junior Fair Board, as indicated in the Junior Fair Book, will assess late fees, if an entry is late.**

POSSESSION & IDENTIFICATION RULES

All livestock, rabbits, and poultry must follow identification and possession rules as state in the fair book. For more information about these guidelines please check your species-specific guidelines with your book (loose leaf paper in packet) or contact the Extension Office with questions.

<p>Steer Weigh In/ID Saturday, January 9, 2021 9:00am-11:00am</p>	<p>Horse ID, Lease & Permission to Participate Forms Due to Extension Office by June 1, 2021 http://horse.osu.edu or packet mailed in May</p>	<p>Dairy Feeder, Goat & Sheep Weigh In/ID <i>June 5th 8-10am</i></p>
<p>Hog ID Tag Pick Up June 5th 8-10am <i>(Possession June 1, of current year)</i></p>	<p>Rabbit ID TBD <i>(Possession June 1, of current year for breeding, and TBD for Market)</i></p>	<p>Chickens/Fowl <i>(Possession June 1, of current year for Breeding Stock or within 5 days of hatch for Market)</i> To be offered. Date TBA</p>
<p>Turkeys Order Deadline April 19, 2021 Pick Up Day May 7, 2021 <i>No Breeding Stock Permitted at this time.</i></p>	<p>Commercial Market Chickens Order Deadline TBD</p>	

BLACK INC. AWARDS FOR 2021<http://go.osu.edu/21blackinc>

(Sponsored by a grant through the Van Wert County Foundation)

	Description	Application	Age/Experience	3D Display or Poster	Interview	Award	Note(s)
Livestock Development	<p>This award is designed to encourage youth to continue with their livestock project and expand their knowledge base as they work with their livestock project.</p> <p><i>The display/poster should focus on a special area of the species that is on interest to the exhibitor.</i></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Available June 1st</p> <p>Due by August 2</p>	<p>All Ages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Junior: 8-10 ❖ Intermediate: 11-13 ❖ Senior: 14-18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef ❖ Horse ❖ Dairy ❖ Dairy Beef ❖ Swine ❖ Rabbit ❖ Goat ❖ Sheep ❖ Poultry ❖ Llama/alpaca 	Yes	<p>August 12, 2021</p> <p>No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.</p>	<p>Senior 1st → \$150.00 2nd → \$100.00 3rd → \$50.00</p> <p>Intermediate 1^s → 100.00 2nd → 50.00 3rd → 25.00</p> <p>Junior: 1st → 50.00 2nd → 25.00 3rd → 15.00</p> <p>One for each species/area listed in the Experience column.</p>	<p>1st place winners are ineligible for one year following winning.</p> <p><i>(i.e.: if you won first in 2019 you can only win 2nd or 3rd place in 2020)</i></p>
Livestock Bred & Fed	<p>Each individual exhibiting a livestock project that was born in Van Wert County and bred by a local breeder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Steer ❖ Dairy Feeder ❖ Beef Breeding ❖ Hogs (Farrow to Finish Only) 	No	N/A	No	No	\$20.00	<p>Limited to one award per exhibitor, per species. <i>(i.e.: if you take both bred and fed steers and dairy feeders you will get \$40.00, but if you take 2 bred and fed steers you will only get \$20.00)</i></p>



<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Livestock Incentive</p>	<p>Each individual exhibiting an animal project that received a satisfactory grading "A" in the following animal areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Horse ❖ Dairy 	<p>No</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Horses - \$25.00 Dairy - \$20.00</p>	<p>Limited to one award per exhibitor, per species.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Doris Limbach Purmort Food & Nutrition Development</p>	<p>Youth in Food & Nutrition related projects are eligible to apply.</p> <p><i>(Project # 459,481,484,487,461,463,472,475,477,485,486,462,467,469,474,476,or #365 related to food, Nutrition)</i></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Available June 1st</p> <p>Due by August 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Junior: 8-10 ❖ Intermediate: 11-13 ❖ Senior:14-18 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>August 12, 2021</p> <p>No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.</p>	<p>Senior: 1st → \$150.00 2nd → \$100.00 3rd → \$50.00</p> <p>Intermediate: 1st → \$100.00 2nd → \$50.00 3rd → \$25.00</p> <p>Junior: 1st → \$50.00 2nd → \$25.00 3rd → \$15.00</p>	<p>1st place winners are ineligible for one year following winning.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Showmanship</p>	<p>Exhibitors who complete their appropriate showmanship class will be eligible for this award.</p>	<p>No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Junior: 8-10 ❖ Intermediate: 11-13 ❖ Senior:14-18 			<p>Junior: \$30</p> <p>Intermediate: \$40.00</p> <p>Senior: \$50.00</p> <p>Champion overall: \$50.</p>	

Mary Shackley Clothing Development	Youth in Clothing and Textiles projects are eligible to apply. (Project #407,409,410,413,419,411,412,415,418,424,430,406,408,417,420,425,426,432M)	Yes Available June 1 st Due by August 2	❖ Junior: 8-10 ❖ Intermediate: 11-13 ❖ Senior:14-18	Yes	August 12, 2021 No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.	Senior: 1 st → \$150.00 2 nd → \$100.00 3 rd → \$50.00 Intermediate: 1 st → \$100.00 2 nd → \$50.00 3 rd → \$25.00 Junior: 1 st → \$50.00 2 nd → \$25.00 3 rd → \$15.00	1 st place winners are ineligible for one year following winning.
Leadership Development	This award is designed to encourage youth to continue with leadership related projects and to expand their knowledge base as they work with others in their clubs and community. (Project # 370,371,383,372,373,374,375,382,376,378M, Camp Counselors, Carteens, Jr Fair Board)	Yes Available June 1 st Due by August 2	❖ Junior: 8-10 ❖ Intermediate: 11-13 ❖ Senior:14-18	Yes	August 12, 2021 No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.	Senior: 1 st → \$150.00 2 nd → \$100.00 3 rd → \$50.00 Intermediate: 1 st → \$100.00 2 nd → \$50.00 3 rd → \$25.00 Junior: 1 st → \$50.00 2 nd → \$25.00 3 rd → \$15.00	1 st place winners are ineligible for one year following winning.
Natural Resources / Garden Plant Science Development	This award is designed to encourage youth to continue with natural resources/gardening related projects and to expand their knowledge base as they work within the outdoor environment. (Project 670,671,691,692,611,612,617,620,621,622,623,624,641,644,645,646)	Yes Available June 1 st Due by August 2	❖ Junior: 8-10 ❖ Intermediate: 11-13 ❖ Senior:14-18	Yes	August 12, 2021 No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.	Senior: 1 st → \$150.00 2 nd → \$100.00 3 rd → \$50.00 Intermediate: 1 st → \$100.00 2 nd → \$50.00 3 rd → \$25.00 Junior: 1 st → \$50.00 2 nd → \$25.00 3 rd → \$15.00	1 st place winners are ineligible for one year following winning.

<p style="text-align: center;">STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math)</p>	<p>This award is designed to encourage youth to continue with STEM projects and to expand their knowledge base as they work within their project areas. Those with 3 years or greater in STEM related projects.</p> <p><i>(Project #517,518,493,528,529,530,504,531,550,490,540,500,507,508,512m,541,542,543,551,552,553,554,573,556,557,558,559,560m,630,555,631,501,502,503,503m)</i></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Available June 1st</p> <p>Due by August 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Junior: 8-10 ❖ Intermediate: 11-13 ❖ Senior:14-18 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>August 12, 2021</p> <p>No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.</p>	<p>Senior: 1st → \$150.00 2nd → \$100.00 3rd → \$50.00</p> <p>Intermediate: 1st → \$100.00 2nd → \$50.00 3rd → \$25.00</p> <p>Junior: 1st → \$50.00 2nd → \$25.00 3rd → \$15.00</p>	<p>1st place winners are ineligible for one year following winning.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Creative and Leisure Arts Development</p>	<p>This award is designed to encourage youth to continue with creative and leisure arts related projects and to expand their knowledge base as they work within these areas.</p> <p><i>(Project #588,492,496,K497,498,499,592,593,584,585,586,589m, Note: Cake Décor. Scrapbooking, Photography)</i></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Available June 1st</p> <p>Due by August 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Junior: 8-10 ❖ Intermediate: 11-13 ❖ Senior:14-18 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>August 12, 2021</p> <p>No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present..</p>	<p>Senior: 1st → \$150.00 2nd → \$100.00 3rd → \$50.00</p> <p>Intermediate: 1st → \$100.00 2nd → \$50.00 3rd → \$25.00</p> <p>Junior: 1st → \$50.00 2nd → \$25.00 3rd → \$15.00</p>	<p>1st place winners are ineligible for one year following winning.</p>

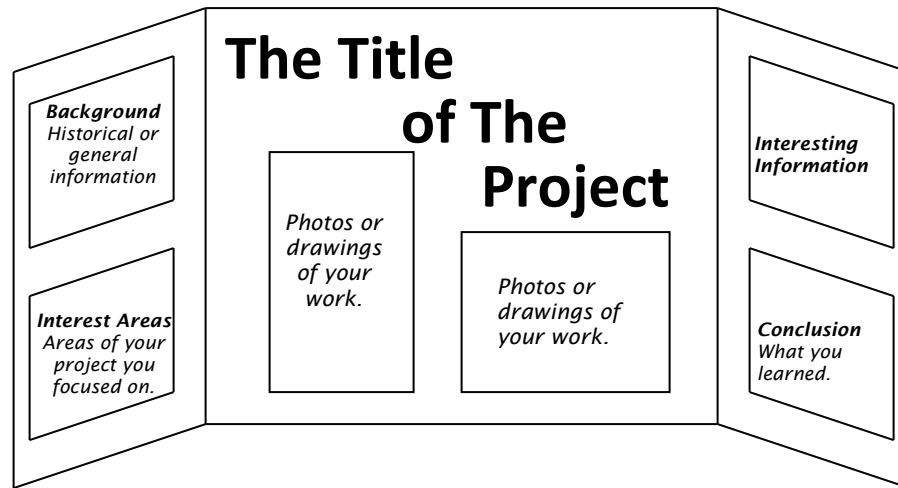
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Family and Consumer Sciences Development</p>	<p>This award is designed to encourage youth to continue with family life related projects and to expand their knowledge base as they work with those in the home environment.</p> <p><i>(Project #442,300,351,352,353,357,358,359,405,491,494.495,445,448)</i></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Available June 1st</p> <p>Due by August 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Junior: 8-10 ❖ Intermediate: 11-13 ❖ Senior:14-18 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>August 12, 2021</p> <p>No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.</p>	<p>Senior: 1st → \$150.00 2nd → \$100.00 3rd → \$50.00</p> <p>Intermediate: 1st → \$100.00 2nd → \$50.00 3rd → \$25.00</p> <p>Junior: 1st → \$50.00 2nd → \$25.00 3rd → \$15.00</p>	<p>1st place winners are ineligible for one year following winning.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Small Animal / Veterinary Science</p>	<p>This award is designed to encourage youth to continue with small animal and vet science related projects and to expand their knowledge as they work with animals.</p> <p><i>(Project # 200,216,244,201,217,245,202,218,246,215,220)</i></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Available June 1st</p> <p>Due by August 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Junior: 8-10 ❖ Intermediate: 11-13 ❖ Senior:14-18 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>August 12, 2021</p> <p>No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.</p>	<p>Senior: 1st → \$150.00 2nd → \$100.00 3rd → \$50.00</p> <p>Intermediate: 1st → \$100.00 2nd → \$50.00 3rd → \$25.00</p> <p>Junior: 1st → \$50.00 2nd → \$25.00 3rd → \$15.00</p>	<p>1st place winners are ineligible for one year following winning.</p>

Teen Leadership Awards	Given to members of the following teen organizations. ❖ Camp Counselor ❖ Fashion Board ❖ Ambassadors ❖ Jr. Fair Board Carteens	No	N/A	No	N/A	\$20.00	N/A
Table Setting Contest	Any youth in the 4-H program are eligible for this award. Members will design a table setting with a theme using proper table setting techniques and design a menu to go along with the setting.	No – but must make appointment for judging.	❖ Junior: 8-10 ❖ Intermediate: 11-13 ❖ Senior: 14-18	Table Setting is your Display	August 12, 2021 No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.	Seniors: 1 st → \$150.00 2 nd → \$100.00 3 rd → \$50.00 Intermediate 1 st → \$100.00 2 nd → \$50.00 3 rd → \$25.00 Junior: 1 st → \$100.00 2 nd → \$50.00 3 rd → \$25.00	
Special Achievers	Up to 25 youth will be nominated and selected based upon their performance in the club, or perseverance in overcoming a life obstacle.	No	N/A	No	No	\$25.00	Chosen by club advisors, volunteers or by OSU Extension Office. Nominations due to the office no later than Monday, August 2, 2021

SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT INTERVIEWS FOR BLACK INC.

- Members participating in Black Inc. should take something from their project and expand upon it (i.e.: types of stitches in sewing project, or specific cooking methods, genetics or animal diseases) Black Inc. projects should not be exactly the same as your 4-H project.
- Posters made for Black Inc. are usually made using the 3-panel boards in the table top size (most commonly used in science fair projects). 3D displays are also encouraged.
- Members should ensure that their display has their name and year on it.

Example of Display (Display not scored by example below, only an idea starter)



Displays or information may be displayed digitally. Please use the appropriate categories as outlined above to help you make a complete presentation.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please note that calendar is subject to change. All dates are current as of publication of this document.

For an updated calendar of events please contact the Extension Office or visit us online at

<http://vanwert.osu.edu>

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Jan 1	New Year's Day	OFFICE CLOSED	
Jan	Ohio Fair Manager's Conference	Virtual	
Jan 21	Camp Counselor Interviews	Zoom	5:00-8:00
Jan 9	Steer Weigh In	Fair Grounds	9-11:00
Jan 18	Martin Luther King Day	OFFICE CLOSED	
Jan 26	4-H Council Meeting	EMR	7:00
Feb 8	Camp Counselors	EMR	7-9:00
Feb 22	Camp Counselors	EMR	7-9:00
March 2	Advisor Kickoff	EMR	6:30
Mar 6-7	Making Extreme Counselors	Zoom	TBD
Mar 13	Regional Camp Counselor Training	4-H Camp Palmer	9:00-3:00
Mar 15	Camp Counselors	EMR	7:00-9:00
Mar 16	Senior Scholarship Interviews	Extension Office	5:30
Mar 18	Open Office Hours- Leadership Books	Extension Office	6:30
Mar	4-H State Conference	Virtual	
Mar 22	Camp Counselors	EMR	7-9:00
Apr 1	4-H Enrollment Deadline		
Apr 1	4-H Summer Intern Applications Due	Extension Office	By 4:00
Apr 9	Turkey Orders Due	Extension office	By 4:00
Apr 11	Senior and Volunteer Banquet	Jr. Fair Building	5:30
Apr 12	Camp Counselors	EMR	7-9:00
April 12	County Quality Assurance Training	EMR & Annex	5-6pm
Apr 10	Spring Clean Up Day	Fair Grounds	9am- 2pm
Apr 15	Final Add/Drop Project Deadline		
Apr 26	Camp Counselors	EMR	7-9:00
Apr 27	4-H Council	EMR	7:00
May 7	Turkey Pick Up	Extension Office	4-6:00
May 10	County Quality Assurance Training	EMR & Annex	5-6
May 10	Camp Counselors	EMR	7-9:00
May 25	4-H Council	EMR	7:00
May 28	Camp Counselors at 4-H Camp Palmer	CAMP	9:30-3:30
May 31	Memorial Day	OFFICE CLOSED	
June 4	Camp Scholarship Forms are Due	Extension Office	By 4:00
June 7	Camp Counselors	EMR	7-9:00
June 8	4-H Chicken BBQ	Fair Grounds	3-7:00
June 11	4-H Cloverbud Camp	Fair Grounds	TBD
June 11	4-H Camp Registrations Due	Extension Office	By 4:00
June	Ohio State Fair Livestock Entry Deadline	TBD	
June 22	County Quality Assurance Training	Jr Fair Building	6-7
June 22	4-H Council	EMR	7:00



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June 28	Camp Counselors	EMR	7-9:00
July 5	Independence Day (Celebrated)	OFFICE CLOSED	
July 5-9	Van Wert County 4-H Camp	4-H Camp Palmer	
July 14 & 15	4-H Still Project Judging	Jr. Fair Building	2-7pm
July 27	4-H Council	EMR	7:00
July 28- Aug 8	Ohio State Fair	Ohio Expo and State Fair	
Aug 1	Jr. Fair Entries Close	Online	5:00
Aug 2	Black Inc. Applications Due	Extension Office	By 4:00
Aug 9	Livestock Judging	Jr. Fair Building	2-7
Aug 10	Livestock Judging	Jr Fair Building	9am- 7pm
Aug 12	Black Inc. Judging	Jr Fair Building	TBD
Aug 13	Final Make Up Judging Due	By Advisors	By 4:00
Aug	Rabbit ID	TBD	
Aug 24	4-H Council Meeting	EMR	7:00
Aug 26-27	Booth Set Up	Jr. Fair Building	5-8:00
Aug 28	Booth Set Up	Jr. Fair Building	9:00-3:00
Aug 29	Celebration Sunday- Jr. Fair Coronation, Cloverbud Graduation, Fashion Review and Modeling Contest	TBD	TBD
Aug 31- Sept 6	2021 Van Wert County Fair		
Sept 7	Jr. Fair Livestock Sale	Farm Focus Arena	9:00
Sept 28	4-H Council	EMR	7:00
Oct	Celebrate Camp Palmer	TBD	TBD
Nov 23	4-H Council Meeting	EMR	7:00