

# 2025 Van Wert County 4-H Family Guide



## Van Wert County 4-H Guidelines and Requirements



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**Van Wert County Jr. Fair August 26<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**  
**Jr. Fair Livestock Sale September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025, at 9:00am**

**The Ohio State Fair**, [www.ohiostatefair.com](http://www.ohiostatefair.com)

- 2025 Ohio State Fair Dates are July 23-Aug. 3

With the cooperation of the Van Wert County Commissioners:  
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# 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.
- 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 aged 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

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#### 4-H Membership Requirements include:

- Eligible as of January 1 of current year per guidelines listed above.
- Choosing a project and 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)
- Members not meeting the above requirements will 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 Online enrollment form, checked and signed by a parent, and submitted 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, (CarTeens, Jr. Fair board, 4-H Camp Counselor, 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 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 acceptable for a youth to participate in a county other than their county of residence. This 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 shall be permanent and stable for the duration of the youth's 4-H membership. If the youth's circumstances change (e.g., residence, school, or custody), the cross-county lines membership can be reevaluated. This privilege is extended only when a fully funded 4-H program is present in both counties and the youth maintains membership in good standing. If county financial support for Ohio State University Extension ceases to exist, 4-H membership status already established in that county will end on the date the funding ends (established by Extension Administration). 4-H membership of youth, residing in a county that has lost funding, who have pre-established cross-county line 4-H membership agreements in place will be permitted to continue participation in their non-resident county through December 31 of that 4-H membership year.

### **PROCEDURES**

Ohio State University Extension administers our 4-H Youth Development program. Our mission is to empower young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. We help youth thrive so that they are supported in reaching their fullest potential as capable, competent, caring, and contributing citizens. 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.
10. The request for cross county membership form should be completed and submitted by the parents/guardians as soon as possible but preferred at least 30 days prior to the 4-H membership enrollment deadline in the county being requested. Late submissions will not be considered for the current program year.

**Acceptable situations/reasons regarding a transfer of membership include:**

- The school district, including homeschool co-op meeting location, in which the child attends is located across multiple counties. The child’s school friends may therefore be members in a county other than where the child resides.
- The county of residence does not offer the specific 4-H program being sought, such as shooting sports. In such cases, a youth can request membership across the county lines to participate in a program not available in the county of residence.
- The parents of a child are separated or live in two different counties. A request for membership in the county in which the 4-H project work will be completed is reasonable. Parents may be asked to provide court documentation which verifies custody agreements.

*If the reason is deemed acceptable by both the county of request and county of residence, across county/state line membership may be granted and counties can process the application without further consultation from the state office.*

**Unacceptable situations/reasons for the transfer of membership include:**

- The Junior Fair Livestock auction prices are typically higher in the other county.
- The 4-H member is banned or suspended in the county of residence. Suspended membership is suspension of Ohio 4-H membership, and thus the suspended member is not eligible to transfer membership to another county.

*If the request is considered to be 'not acceptable,' the county of request will forward it to the state level (emailed to 4hinformation@osu.edu). The Assistant Director/Associate State 4-H Leader will review the request and make the determination the request will be denied. The state office will then notify the county professionals of the decision, who will then send the final determination letter to the family.*

**How to Request Cross County Lines Membership**

Parents seeking 4-H membership for their child in a county in which they do not reside must complete the Request for 4-H Membership Across County Lines form. It should be submitted to the county OSU Extension 4-H professional in the county of request as soon as possible and preferred no later than 30 days prior to the 4-H membership enrollment deadline of the county being requested. That professional then contacts the 4-H professional in the county of residence, discusses the circumstances and context of the request and then takes appropriate action given their determination. Please allow at least 30 days from submission for final notification.

**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, 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.

	<b>4-H</b>	<b>FFA</b>
<b>Allowable</b>	Breeding Gilt	Market Hog
<b>Allowable</b>	Market Steer	Market Hog
<b>Not Allowable</b>	Market Lamb	Market Lamb

## 4-H CLOVERBUDS

Ohio youth aged 5 **AND** in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Still Project judging in July. **Cloverbuds are not permitted to take any regular 4-H projects.** However, they may complete #715 My 4-H Cloverbud year. 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 animal projects unless they opt to participate in Open Class divisions thru the Senior Fair.

### The following clubs currently accept Cloverbuds:

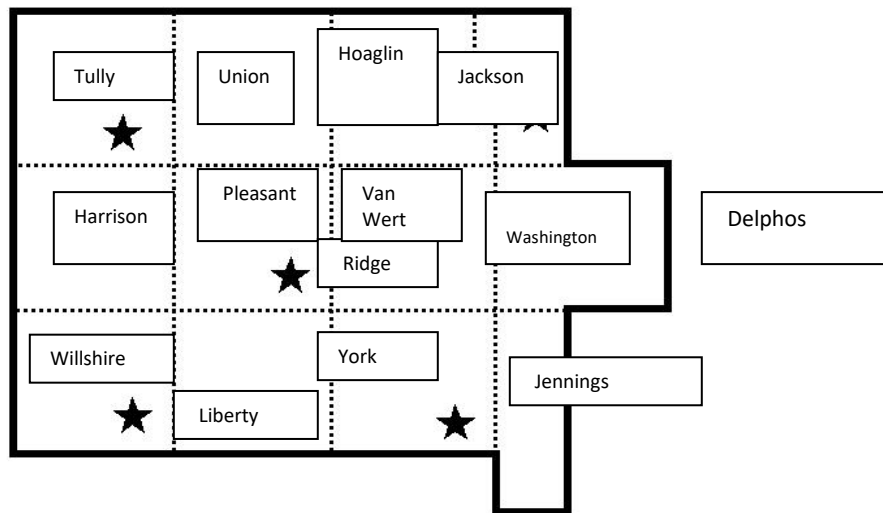
- Venedocia Lads and Lassies
- Bunny Hoppers
- Barnyard Buddies
- Ohio City Blue Ribbon Workers
- Jackson Lively
- 24 Carrots 4-H Club
- Clever Clovers
- Ohio Challengers
- Hoaglin Farmers
- Udder Dairy
- York Commanders

More information about Cloverbuds and curriculum can be found at [www.ohio4h.org/4h-youth/cloverbuds](http://www.ohio4h.org/4h-youth/cloverbuds) or [www.go.osu.edu/cbc](http://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. We can make accommodations in judging events and other activities so that every child can have a successful experience. To make sure that we know what accommodations are necessary, a form is available for parents to complete. We can use this information to communicate to judges and volunteers as needed. If 4-H members need accommodations for a show or project judging, please contact the office for a form and instructions

## 4-H CLUBS IN VAN WERT COUNTY



- **24 Carrots 4-H Club-** Mostly Horse projects. All townships. Leah Lichtensteiger 419-771-0698 [coolhorse2014@yahoo.com](mailto:coolhorse2014@yahoo.com)
- **Barnyard Buddies-** All projects. Willshire twp. Kendra Heffelfinger 419-203-9012 [kendra\\_heffelfinger@yahoo.com](mailto:kendra_heffelfinger@yahoo.com)
- **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](mailto:ccheizman@aol.com)
- **Clever Clovers-** Mostly special interest (non-livestock). Pleasant twp. Marie Markward 419-238-5957 [m\\_markward@vwcs.net](mailto:m_markward@vwcs.net)
- **Harrison Jolly Boosters-** All projects. Harrison twp. Mandi Scarlett 419-203-2531 [mscarlett5@gmail.com](mailto:mscarlett5@gmail.com)
- **Hoaglin Farmers-** All projects. Hoaglin twp. Beth Evans 419-203-2974
- **Jackson Lively-** All projects. Jackson twp. Molly Welch 419-302-9529 [ggmolly2@gmail.com](mailto:ggmolly2@gmail.com)
- **Van Wert County Model Train SPIN Club-** Special Interest Club focusing on model trains and model railroads. Open to any age. Rodney Price 419-203-9387 [rodprice48@gmail.com](mailto:rodprice48@gmail.com)
- **Ohio Challengers-** All projects. Tully-Union twp. Judy Wortman 419-238-7111

- **Ohio City Blue Ribbon Workers-** All projects. Liberty twp. Brenda Delong 419-203-3598 [b\\_delong@hotmail.com](mailto:b_delong@hotmail.com)
- **Muddy Boots 4-H Club-** All projects. York Twp. Homeschool group. Samantha Miller 419-303-9562
- **Udder Dairy** –Mostly Dairy projects/all projects. Dennis & Jill McCoy, Convoy, OH (419-771-8644) [macabobfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:macabobfarm@yahoo.com)
- **Van Wert Exchange-** Travel to other States and host groups from out of state. Learn leadership and fund-raising skills. Christmas lights at the Fairgrounds. Must be 13 years of age. Contact Joy Sharp [joy.short@ymail.com](mailto:joy.short@ymail.com) or Cindy Harting: (419-203-1413) [hartvan@onlyinternet.net](mailto:hartvan@onlyinternet.net)
- **Venedocia Lads & Lassies-** All projects. Jennings twp. Kristina Pohlman 419-305-1476 [kkessen@hotmail.com](mailto:kkessen@hotmail.com) or Michelle Kroeger 419-233-7316 [shellykroeger79@yahoo.com](mailto:shellykroeger79@yahoo.com)
- **York Commanders-** All projects. York twp. Lori Williams 419-203-3210 [nicklori82@gmail.com](mailto:nicklori82@gmail.com)

#### **4-H VOLUNTEER BOARDS**

Van Wert County 4-H Council contact: Sarah Jackson 419-238-1214

**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 4-H Extension 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. To assess and evaluate the educational merit and performance of 4-H programs and personnel in the County
5. To promote and support 4-H within the community
6. To work with and encourage the development of the youth in Van Wert County.

2025 4-H Council Meetings- 4th Tuesday of every month @ 6:30pm

2025 4-H Endowment Meetings-as scheduled at 5:30pm

## 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 June 29-July 3.
- **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 County requires this form for exhibition of market beef and Dairy feeders, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, market poultry, market rabbits, lactating dairy goats or dairy cows. One per animal or pen (poultry & rabbits). These forms are done electronically.
- **Enrollment-** Enrollment into the 4-H program includes updated personal info and specifies what project(s) the youth plans to complete for the current 4-H year. Your child must complete an online enrollment by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Corrections and changes to enrollment can be made up to April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Fair Entry-** Online sign-ups for all exhibitors to specify what projects will be brought and exhibited at the fair. For Livestock, all animals must have an entry into the class(es) in which they will be shown. These must be done by mid/late August to participate in the exhibition. Please see the current year Junior Fair Book to complete entries.
- **Jr. Fair Premiums-** Paid by the Agricultural Society for completed projects based on participation and Fair exhibition.
- **Fashion Review/Style Show-** Clothing exhibitors model outfits 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 Sale for premium and packer bids received with animals sold through the Jr. Fair Livestock Auction. Every effort is made to send checks 6-8 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 member's project knowledge through an 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, resources, Fair rules, judging dates, county and beyond county opportunities, and much more.
- **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. Animal projects can enter to attend the Ohio State Fair.
- **Tag-In, Weigh-In, I.D. pick up.** Date required to tag-in, weigh-in and/or identify your project animal for Junior Fair participation.

- **Volunteer or Club Advisor.** Dedicated, enthusiastic, and 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, and volunteer orientation.
- **Quality Assurance (YQCA 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.

### 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 when choosing a project:**
    - 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 to begin when planning a 4-H project:** Once a member has selected a project, they 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 should 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-livestock events, qualifying for the state fair involves competing at the county level and being selected as a 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](http://ohio4h.org/ohiostatefair)).

## 4-H PROJECT JUDGING GUIDELINES

**Project Judging & Fair Exhibition-** 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 their final product.

- All 4-H projects must be evaluated through the 4-H project judging system to take part in the Van Wert County Junior Fair. Jr. Fair exhibition is not mandatory to complete a 4-H project.
- Only members participating in 4-H project judging or makeup judging (uncontrollable circumstances notwithstanding) will have Jr. Fair privileges. These include passes, exhibition, and premium and sale privileges.
- Only those members who are judged on regularly scheduled judging day are eligible for still project awards and Ohio State Fair competition (non-livestock).
- Members must receive a score higher than 70% to exhibit at the Van Wert County Fair. Members receiving a 70% or less will have one opportunity to re-interview in order to get a higher score.

### 2025 Judging Schedule

- **Still Project Judging: July 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-6pm.** At Van Wert Elementary school. Appointment times can be made starting June 17<sup>th</sup>. To be considered for State Fair Delegation, your project must be judged on **July 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Livestock Judging: August 4<sup>th</sup> 1-6 pm,** in the Jr. Fair Building.
- **Make Up Judging:** *For those who cannot attend county judging, projects will be judged Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Extension Office. Appointments can be made from 9am-3:30pm by calling the Extension Office.*
- **Be sure to check your schedules if you play sports, plan for vacations, etc. A big part of 4-H is being responsible.**

### Judging Tips:

1. Be well groomed, dressed appropriately.
2. Do not chew gum.
3. Be polite and courteous.
4. Be prepared to talk about your project. Know what you did and how you did it, what you've learned, and what you might do to improve the next time.
5. When answering questions, speak clearly and distinctly.

6. Look at the Judge when answering your questions.
7. Thank the Judge at the conclusion of your interview.
8. Smile and be enthusiastic.
9. Be proud of your accomplishment, you've worked hard!

### **Awards – Special Interest (non-livestock) & Livestock**

- **A, B, C Ribbons-** 4-H members will either receive an A, B, or C grade based on their project interview and project book
- **State Fair Delegates-** Member(s) selected and accepting the delegation to represent the county at the Ohio State Fair for a given project or project area. Most projects allow one representative per project, per age category.
- **County Awards -** The 4-H judge is responsible for choosing the award winners in the categories they are asked to judge. Not all awards are assigned if the judge feels none qualify. It is possible to be a State Fair qualifier and not receive a county award, or vice versa. These awards are handed out during the 4-H Awards Ceremony on Celebration Sunday.
- **Outstanding Awards-** The judge has the option of awarding an “Outstanding” interview/project to all exhibitors receiving a 90% and above. These projects “standout” from the rest, meets all project requirements, has extensive project knowledge, and an organized display of learning. A rosette is given for recognition.
- **Livestock Awards –** Recognized at the County fair for placement in ring.

### **Looking to Become an Award Sponsor**

You can support the Jr. Fair by sponsoring trophies and awards for a small amount. 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 Gibson Jr. Fair Board Advisor (419) 262-1664**

## **4-H CAMP PALMER**

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 8-14 or the summer following 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The Camp fee for 2025 is **\$225.00**. The registration deadline is Thursday, **June 5th**. Camp fee includes lodging, 3 meals + 1 snack per day, all activities, and a camp t-shirt. 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 **May 28, 2025**, to allow time for processing.

If you have any questions about your child attending, the facilities, or accommodation, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to encourage your child to come to camp, be comfortable, and have a great time!

### **Cloverbud Day Camp**

Cloverbud Day Camp is a **FREE** opportunity for our youngest 4-Her's to experience what a day would be like at 4-H Camp. Held at the fairgrounds, our cloverbuds will be grouped together with camp counselors leading each group through the day's sessions. Similar to camp, the sessions will include crafts, line dancing, camp songs, games, snacks, and more. Cloverbud camp is June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Registration will be taken through the office, deadline is June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Teen Opportunities**

The **Jr. Fair Board** is a group of teens selected to help plan, organize, and implement Jr. Fair activities before, during, and after fair. Jr. Fair Board members will develop knowledge and skills needed to help make the Van Wert County Jr. Fair program successful.

The **4-H Camp Counselors** are a group of 4-H teens selected to assist in the planning, organizing, and implementing of camp activities. Counselors are responsible for campers ages 9-14 during 4-H Camp. As a result of participation, counselors will develop the knowledge and skills needed for success.

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 Royalty. Application deadlines will be posted in the summer.

High School Seniors enrolled in 4-H, are eligible 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 17**. Applicants will be contacted with interview information following the due date. Scholarships will be awarded on April 6th at the 4-H Banquet.

For more information on State level scholarships please visit <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>.

## **ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **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 419-708-3972

**CarTeens** members help teach traffic safety school to your peers. Scholarships are 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!

## **STATE OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **Achievement Records**

4-H members 14 to 18 years of age as of December 31, who have completed a State Achievement Record, 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 each project or program area. 4-H members must use the Achievement Record Form to apply for several state and national conferences and to become a member on the State Junior Fair Board. **Application deadline is Feb. 5th, 2025, to the Extension Office.** <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>

### **Ohio State Jr. Fair Board**

4-H members 16 years of age as of January 1 and have completed a State Achievement Record are eligible to apply. 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 assist in conducting Ohio State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue and promote the Ohio 4-H clothing program. Visit [go.osu.edu/statefashionboard](http://go.osu.edu/statefashionboard) for more info.

### **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. Visit [go.osu.edu/TLC](http://go.osu.edu/TLC) for more information.

### **International Opportunities**

Many international trip opportunities for varying amounts of time are available each for teen to immerse themselves in a new culture. Visit [go.osu.edu/4Hinternational](http://go.osu.edu/4Hinternational) for more information/restrictions

## **Trip Opportunities**

4-H members, 14 to 18 years as of January 1, 2025, may apply for one of several state trip and leadership opportunities partially funded by the Friends of 4-H and the 4-H Council. Trips include Ohio 4-H Conference (Feb. 7th, 2025), Ohio Youth Capital Challenge, Buckeye Leadership Workshop, Citizenship Washington Focus (June 7-13, 2025) and Leadership Washington Focus.

## **State 4-H Leadership Camp**

The Ohio 4-H State Leadership Camp is a premier leadership development opportunity that offers participants engaging sessions in topics such as motivation, courage, teamwork, and more! While at camp, participants are actively learning AND teaching their peers. Camp is June 1-5, 2025. **Nominations are due March 15, 2025**

## **Van Wert County Jr. Fair Exhibition**

**August 26<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

### Extension Representatives:

- **Sarah Jackson (419) 238-1214-** General Questions, Livestock Sale, Fundraising

### 4-H Council Representatives:

- **Cheyenne Oechsle (419) 910-1243-** Coronation
- **Hanna Scaggs-**Promotion, Barn Maintenance

### FFA Representatives:

- **Jordan Dues-** General Questions, Barn Maintenance
- **Ericka Gibson-** Awards & Sponsorships, Livestock Judges

### At-Large Representative:

- **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 through 4-H Online and approved by the Extension office by enrollment deadline of the current year.
- 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 displayed in the Club fair booth in order to receive premiums.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- All 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 homeowner'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 and remain there until the last day of the fair. They must be removed after 8:00 p.m. on the last day of the fair.
- Each 4-H member participating in the Junior Fair must abide by 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 Quality Assurance Training. (Required for all Jr. Fair Livestock exhibitors planning to exhibit any livestock at the Van Wert County Fair.)
- ✓ I have weighed-in my animal or have tagged my animal (if applicable)
- ✓ I have completed my project book judging.
- ✓ I have filled out my online project entry(ies) on FairEntry
- ✓ I have filled out and submitted my online DUNF for all Market and lactating animals being brought into the Van Wert County Fair.
- ✓ I have completed and turned in my Ractopamine affidavit to the Jr Fair Office (Market Hogs only, handed out at Fair.)
- ✓ I have checked animals into the Van Wert County Fairgrounds before the deadline stated in the Junior Fair rule book.
- ✓ I have sent Thank you note to Livestock Buyer, trophy donors and to those who have helped me with my project and club activities.
- ✓ I have displayed Thank You poster to livestock Buyer of 2024 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 “test-out” option of QA, will not be required to attend the hour-long training. The test is ONLY available to exhibitors who are 12-14 years old but once they turn 15 they must test out again. If you are 15 or older and pass the test, you will be done with Quality Assurance for the rest of your time as a 4-H member.

**QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETED  
AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE START OF FAIR.**

- Parents with first year youth are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend Quality Assurance.
- There will be a brief county program update for all junior fair exhibitors during Quality Assurance sessions. A 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-in.
- Those individuals who do not complete an online DUNF will not be permitted to sell through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. NO EXCEPTIONS!

**LIVESTOCK PROJECT BOOK JUDGING**

Please see your individual sheet for any specific resources and information. Judging will take place on **August 4<sup>th</sup> 1-6pm.**

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

- Beginning 8-10 (3<sup>rd</sup>,4<sup>th</sup>,5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Intermediate 11-13 (6<sup>th</sup>,7<sup>th</sup>,8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Senior 14-18 (grades 9 and above)

**Station 1: Project Book (25pts) & Interview (25pts)                      station total                      50 pts**

Project book must be brought to judging. The judge will review records and completed project book. Judges will award points for degree in which the book is completed. Exhibitors will be interviewed for the project they are exhibiting. Questions may include exhibitors' individual experiences with the animal(s), caring for animals, animal safety, or other Quality Assurance topics covered during training.

**Station 2: Skill-a-thon** **station total** **50 pts**

Skill-a-thon will consist of selecting and labeling 10 parts of the animal in the exhibitors' respective species.

**Total Grade is out of 100 points. Exhibitors receiving a score of 90 or above will receive an Outstanding Interview, a score of 89-71 will be considered a passing grade, and those receiving 70 or below will be contacted and asked to reinterview.**

**FAIR ENTRIES DUE AUGUST 11, 2025**

All members planning to exhibit a project at the upcoming fair must submit an online entry by August 11, 2025. Junior Fair entries should reflect what the exhibitor plans to show at the Fair. *For instance, if the exhibitor has completed 4-H project books & interviews for market hogs, a breeding gilt and a clothing project, the exhibitor will enter each animal into classes to be shown (market and breeding hog classes), as well as the clothing project to be displayed in a booth.*

Entries can be completed at <http://www.vanwertif.fairentry.com>

Members not meeting this deadline may not be allowed to exhibit their projects. All projects, livestock, or special interest must have 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><b>Steer Weigh In/ID</b> Saturday, January 11, 2025 9:00am-11:00am</p>	<p><b>Horse ID, Lease &amp; Permission to Participate Forms</b> Due to Extension Office by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025</p>	<p><b>Dairy Feeder, Market Goat &amp; Market Sheep Weigh In/ID</b> June 7<sup>th</sup> 8-10am</p>
<p><b>Hog ID Tag Pick Up</b> June 7<sup>th</sup> 8-10am <i>(Possession June 1, of current year)</i></p>	<p><b>Rabbit ID</b> August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 7:30 Farm Focus Arena <i>(Possession June 1, of current year for breeding)</i></p>	<p><b>Market Chickens Or Fowl</b> <i>(Possession June 1, of current year for Breeding Stock)</i> <b>Commercial Order Deadline- TBD</b> <b>Pick up- early July (Actual date TBD)</b> Pullorum Testing Aug.4<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm.</p>
<p><b>Market Turkeys Commercial Order Deadline- April - TBD</b> <b>Pick Up - May TBD</b></p>		

**BLACK INC. AWARDS FOR 2025**  
Awards funded by The Van Wert County Foundation

	Description	Application	Age/ Years of Experience	Display or Poster	Interview	Award	Note(s)
<b>Livestock Development</b>	<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><b>Available</b> June 1<sup>st</sup></p> <p><b>Due by</b> July 28<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>All Ages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Junior: 8-10 (0+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Intermediate: 11-14 (2+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Senior: 15-18 (3+ yrs. of experience)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Beef</li> <li>❖ Horse</li> <li>❖ Dairy</li> <li>❖ Dairy Beef</li> <li>❖ Swine</li> <li>❖ Rabbit</li> <li>❖ Goat</li> <li>❖ Sheep</li> <li>❖ Poultry</li> </ul>	Yes	<p><b>August 5, 2025</b></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><b>Senior</b> 1<sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2<sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00</p> <p><b>Intermediate</b> 1<sup>s</sup> → 150.00 2<sup>nd</sup> → 100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> → 50.00</p> <p><b>Junior:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> → 150.00 2<sup>nd</sup> → 100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> → 50.00</p> <p>One for each species/area listed in the Experience column.</p>	<p><i>Years of experience in each age division does NOT have to be consecutive.</i></p>
<b>Livestock Bred &amp; Fed</b>	<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"> <li>❖ Market Beef</li> <li>❖ Dairy Feeder</li> <li>❖ Rabbits</li> </ul>	No	N/A	No	No	<p>\$40.00</p> <p>\$20-Rabbits</p>	Limited to one award per exhibitor, per species.

Livestock Incentive	<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"> <li>❖ Horse</li> <li>❖ Dairy</li> </ul>	No	N/A	No	No	<p><b>Horses</b> - \$50.00</p> <p><b>Dairy</b> - \$50.00</p>	Limited to one award per exhibitor, per species.
Doris Limbach Purmort Food & Nutrition Development	<p>Youth in Food &amp; Nutrition related projects are eligible to apply.</p> <p><i>Project #'s:</i> 459,481,484,487,461,463,472 475,477,485,486,462,467 469, 474,476</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p><b>Available</b> June 1<sup>st</sup></p> <p><b>Due by</b> July 28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Junior: 8-10 (0+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Intermediate: 11-14 (2+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Senior:15-18 (3+ yrs. of experience)</li> </ul>	Yes	<p><b>August 5, 2025</b></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><b>Senior:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2<sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00</p> <p><b>Intermediate:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2<sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00</p> <p><b>Junior:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2<sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00</p>	Years of experience in each age division does NOT have to be consecutive.
Showmanship	Showmanship classes in each species.	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Junior: 8-10</li> <li>❖ Intermediate: 11-13</li> <li>❖ Senior:14-18</li> </ul> <p><b>Age categories reflect Jr Fair exhibition rules</b></p>			<p><b>Junior:</b> \$50</p> <p><b>Intermediate:</b> \$100</p> <p><b>Senior:</b> \$150</p> <p><b>Champion overall:</b> \$200.</p>	

<b>Mary Shackley Clothing Development</b>	Youth in Clothing and Textiles projects are eligible to apply.  <i>Project #'s:</i>  407,409,410,413,419,411 412,415,418,424,430,406,408 417,420,425,426,432M	Yes  <b>Available</b> June 1 <sup>st</sup>  <b>Due by</b> July 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Junior: 8-10 (0+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Intermediate: 11-14 (2+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Senior: 15-18 (3+ yrs. of experience)</li> </ul>	Yes	<b>August 5, 2025</b>  No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.	<b>Senior:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00  <b>Intermediate:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00  <b>Junior:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00	<i>Years of experience in each age division does NOT have to be consecutive.</i>
<b>Leadership Development</b>	<i>Project #'s:</i> 370,371,383,372,373,374,375 376,378M, 91,92,377, 365.06,382,387	Yes  <b>Available</b> June 1 <sup>st</sup>  <b>Due by</b> July 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Junior: 8-10 (0+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Intermediate: 11-14 (2+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Senior: 15-18 (3+ yrs. of experience)</li> </ul>	Yes	<b>August 5, 2025</b>  No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.	<b>Senior:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00  <b>Intermediate:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00  <b>Junior:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00	<i>Years of experience in each age division does NOT have to be consecutive.</i>
<b>Natural Resources /Shooting Sports / Garden Plant Science</b>	<i>Project #'s:</i>  670,671,673,691,692,611,612 613,617,620,621,622,623,624 641 644,645,646,630,631,651,652 365.04	Yes  <b>Available</b> June 1 <sup>st</sup>  <b>Due by</b> July 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Junior: 8-10 (0+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Intermediate: 11-14 (2+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Senior: 15-18 (3+ yrs. of experience)</li> </ul>	Yes	<b>August 5, 2025</b>  No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.	<b>Senior:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00  <b>Intermediate:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00  <b>Junior:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00	<i>Years of experience in each age division does NOT have to be consecutive.</i>

<b>STEM</b> <b>(Science Technology Engineering and Math)</b>	<i>Project #'s:</i> 517,518,493,527,528,529,530 504,531,550,489,490,540,500 507,508,512m,541,542,543, 549,551,552,553,554,573,556 557,558,559,560m,555,501, 502,503,503m	Yes  <b>Available</b> June 1 <sup>st</sup>  <b>Due by</b> July 28	❖ Junior: 8-10 (0+ yrs. of experience)  ❖ Intermediate: 11-14 (2+ yrs. of experience)  ❖ Senior:15-18 (3+ yrs. of experience)	Yes	<b>August 5, 2025</b>  No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.	<b>Senior:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00  <b>Intermediate:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00  <b>Junior:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00	<i>Years of experience in each age division does NOT have to be consecutive.</i>
<b>Creative and Leisure Arts</b> <b>Development</b>	<i>Project #'s:</i> 588,492(B,I,A),496,497,498, 499,592,593,584,585,586, 589M,442, 365.02	Yes  <b>Available</b> June 1 <sup>st</sup>  <b>Due by</b> July 28	❖ Junior: 8-10 (0+ yrs. of experience)  ❖ Intermediate: 11-14 (2+ yrs. of experience)  ❖ Senior:15-18 (3+ yrs. of experience)	Yes	<b>August 5, 2025</b>  No makeups are permitted. However, you may record your interview for a judge to watch that day if you are unable to be present.	<b>Senior:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00  <b>Intermediate:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00  <b>Junior:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00	<i>Years of experience in each age division does NOT have to be consecutive.</i>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Family and Consumer Sciences Development</b></p>	<p><i>Project #'s:</i> 300,351,352,353,354,355,357 358,359,385,405,434,491,494 .495,445,448,442</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p><b>Available</b> June 1<sup>st</sup></p> <p><b>Due by</b> July 28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Junior: 8-10 (0+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Intermediate: 11-14 (2+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Senior: 15-18 (3+ yrs. of experience)</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p>	<p><b>August 5, 2025</b></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><b>Senior:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2<sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00</p> <p><b>Intermediate:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2<sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00</p> <p><b>Junior:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2<sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00</p>	<p><i>Years of experience in each age division does NOT have to be consecutive.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Small Animal / Veterinary Science</b></p>	<p><i>Project #'s:</i> 200,216,244,201,217,245,202 218,246,215,220,227,173</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p><b>Available</b> June 1<sup>st</sup></p> <p><b>Due by</b> July 28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Junior: 8-10 (0+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Intermediate: 11-14 (2+ yrs. of experience)</li> <li>❖ Senior: 15-18 (3+ yrs. of experience)</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p>	<p><b>August 5, 2025</b></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><b>Senior:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2<sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00</p> <p><b>Intermediate:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2<sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00</p> <p><b>Junior:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> → \$150.00 2<sup>nd</sup> → \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> → \$50.00</p>	<p><i>Years of experience in each age division does NOT have to be consecutive.</i></p>

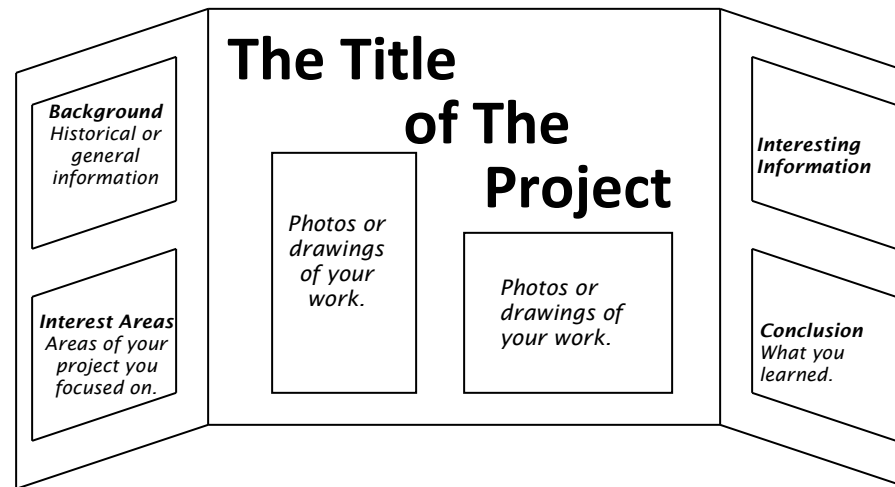
Teen Leadership Awards	Given to members of the following teen organizations.  ❖ Camp Counselor ❖ Fashion Board ❖ Jr. Fair Board	No	N/A	No	N/A	\$20.00- Fashion Board  \$50.00- Camp Counselor	N/A
Table Setting Contest	Any youth in the 4-H program are eligible for this award. Members will design a table 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: 11-14 ❖ Senior:15-18	Table Setting is your Display	<b>August 5, 2025</b>  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 <sup>st</sup> → \$60.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$40.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$20.00  Intermediate 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$60.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$40.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$20.00  Junior: 1 <sup>st</sup> → \$60.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$40.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$20.00	

***No pictures of applications will be accepted. Applications must be printed and turned into the Extension Office or sent via email with attached application in PDF format.***

## BLACK INC. INTERVIEWS

- Members participating in Black Inc. must elaborate or expand on a topic from their original 4-H project (i.e.: types of stitching, cooking methods, genetics, or animal diseases)
- Black Inc. projects should be more in-depth than your 4-H project.
- 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.**

## 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Jan. 6	Camp Counselor Meeting- <i>Parent Meeting 6-7pm</i>	EMR	6:00-8:00pm
Jan. 11	Steer Weigh-In	Fairgrounds	9:00-11:30am
Jan.20	Martin Luther King Jr Day	Office Closed	
Jan. 27	Camp Counselor Meeting	EMR	6:00-8:00pm
Jan. 28	4-H Council	EMR	6:30pm
Feb. 5	4-H Volunteer Training	EMR	6:00-8:00pm
Feb. 10	Camp Counselor Meeting	EMR	6:00-8:00pm
Feb. 24	Camp Counselor Meeting	EMR	6:00-8:00pm
Feb. 25	4-H Council	EMR	6:30pm
Mar. 1	Regional Camp Counselor Training	Camp Palmer	9:00am-3:00pm
Mar. 2-8	Ohio 4-H Week		
Mar 10	Camp Counselor Meeting	EMR	6:00-8:00pm
Mar. 17	Senior Scholarship Applications Due	Ext. Office	By 4:30pm
Mar. 24	Camp Counselor Meeting	EMR	6:00-8:00pm
Mar. 25	4-H Council	EMR	6:30pm
Mar. 25	Senior Scholarship Interviews	Buckeye Rm	TBD
Apr. 1	4-H Online Enrollment Deadline		
Apr. 6	4-h Senior & Volunteer Banquet	Jr Fair Building	5:30pm
Apr. 8	Quality Assurance Training	Jr Fair Building	5:00-6:00pm
Apr. 14	Camp Counselor Meeting	EMR	6:00-8:00pm
Apr. 15	Final Add/Drop Project Deadline		
Apr. 22	4-H Council	EMR	6:30pm
Apr. 26	Clean Up, Green Up-Community Service	Fairgrounds	9am-Noon
May 12	Quality Assurance Training	Jr Fair Building	5:00-6:00pm
May	Market Turkey Pick-up	Ext. Office	TBD
May 20	4-H Council	EMR	6:30pm
May 26	Memorial Day	Office Closed	
May 28	Camp Scholarships Due	Ext. Office	4:30pm
May 29	Camp Counselor Team Building	4-H Camp	9:00am-3:00pm
Jun. 3	4-H Chicken BBQ	Fairgrounds	3:00-7:00pm
Jun. 5	4-H Camp Registration Due	Ext. Office	4:30pm
Jun. 7	Jr. Fair Sheep, Goat, Dairy Feeder Weigh-in & Hog tag Pick up	Fairgrounds	8:00-11:00am
Jun. 10	Quality Assurance Training	Jr Fair Building	6:00-7:00pm
Jun. 1	Rabbit Fun Show	Rabbit Barn	2:00pm
Jun.	Market Chicken orders Due	Ext. Office	TBD
Jun. 18	Cloverbud Day Camp	Fairgrounds	9:00am-3:00pm
Jun. 19	Juneteenth	Office Closed	

Jun. 21	Jr Fair Tag ID Registration Due (Sheep, Goats, DB Feeders)	EMR	6:00-8:00pm
Jun. 23	Camp Counselor Meeting	EMR	6:00-8:00pm
Jun. 24	4-H Council	EMR	6:30pm
Jun. 29 - Jul. 3	VW Co. 4-H Camp	4-H Camp Palmer	
Jul. 1	Jr Fair Entries Open	Fair Entry	
Jul. 1	Jr Fair Royalty Applications Due	Online	
Jul. 4	Independence Day	Office Closed	
Jul.	Market Chicken Pick-Up	Ext. Office	TBD
Jul. 8	Emergency Quality Assurance (\$20 per exhibitor)	EMR	5:00pm
Jul. 13	4-H Day @ Camp Clay	Camp Clay	2:00-5:00pm
Jul. 15	Special Interest Project Judging (including Cloverbuds)	VW Elementary School	1:00-6:00pm
Jul. 22	4-H Council	EMR	6:30pm
Jul. 23- Aug. 3	Ohio State Fair	Columbus	
Jul. 28	Black Inc. Applications Due	Ext. Office	4:30pm
Aug. 3	Jr. Fair Royalty Interviews	Buckeye Rm	TBD
Aug. 9	Rabbit Tattooing	Farm Focus Arena	7:30-10:30am
Aug. 4	Livestock Project Book Judging	Jr. Fair Building	1:00-6:00pm
Aug. 5	Black Inc. Judging	Jr. Fair Building	1:00-5:00pm
Aug. 8	Office Closed	Ext Office	
Aug. 11	4-H Project Make-up Judging	Ext. Office	By appointment
Aug. 11	Jr Fair Entries Close		
Aug. 17	Celebration Sunday	The Marsh Foundation	3:00-4:00pm
Aug. 22	Booth Set up	Jr. Fair Building	2:00-7:00pm
Aug. 23	Booth Set Up	Jr. Fair Building	9:00am-2:00pm
Aug. 26- Sept. 1	2025 Van Wert County Fair	Fairgrounds	
Aug. 27	Style Show	Jr. Fair Building	4:00pm
Sept. 2	Jr Fair Livestock Sale	Farm Focus Arena	9:00am
Oct. 28	4-H Council Meeting	EMR	6:30pm
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day	Office Closed	
Nov. 27-28	Thanksgiving Day/Break	Office Closed	
Dec. 2	Giving Tuesday	VW Co. Foundation	
Dec. 24-25	Christmas Eve & Day	Office Closed	
Dec. 31- Jan. 1	New Year's Eve & Day	Office Closed	

# Online Task Timeline

**4-H Online Enrollment:** Sign-up for 4-H and select the projects you want to complete. This allows us to know what project books to order and what materials you may need to complete your book or project requirements.

Below is a general timeline of our yearly online sign-up's, enrollments or registrations.

**Green- 4-H**

**Orange- Jr. Fair**

**Special Interest Judging:** Sign-up for a judging time for each special interest project you completed and want to display at the fair.

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.

*\*Please keep in mind, these are only online tasks. There are other project obligations such as, Quality Assurance, January/June weigh-in, Turkey/Market Chicken ordering & pick-up, Rabbit Tattooing and Livestock Interviews that do not require an online sign-up.*

**Market Beef ID Registration:** Animal tag ID & EID need to be registered in the FairEntry system in order to appear as the exhibitors animal when completing Fair Entries for the VW Co. Jr. Fair.

**Sheep/Goat, DB Feeder & Hog ID Registration:** Animal tag/scrapie & EID need to be registered in the FairEntry system in order to appear as the exhibitors animal when completing Fair Entries for the VW Co. Jr. Fair.

**Fair Entries:** Each Exhibitor participating in the Jr Fair will need to create an entry for each project they wish to display/show at the fair. Livestock will need an entry into every class the exhibitor intends to show in.

