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Logan County

4-H Handbook

Your Guide to a Successful 4-H Community Club Experience



Disclaimer

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

Please remember that communication is a two way street - ask your club volunteers or the Extension Office for help if you feel like you are missing something.



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Introduction to Logan County 4-H

4-H is an informal, educational program offered to youth age 5 and in kindergarten to age 19. We help kids “learn by doing” through hands-on activities. All 4-H programs focus on active involvement and quality experiences which stimulate lifelong learning. Members learn valuable lessons in leadership, communication and collaboration.

Youth can participate in 4-H by joining a community club, attend camps, participate in 4-H sponsored school activities, and our summer programs, including Logan County Fair. These interactions increase their self-confidence and personal life skills while learning about everything from farm animals or computers to public speaking, cooking, art, gardening and environmental sciences, just to name a few project topics. Logan County 4-H also offers a variety of school enrichment and community outreach programs, including Chick Quest, Real Money. Real World., 4-H CARTEENS and workforce development activities.

The 4-H Motto

"To Make the Best Better."

The 4-H Motto refers to each member. It means that each member will do the "Best" that he/she possibly can in whatever is attempted. The member will then strive to improve the next time so his or her initial "Best" becomes "Better." The 4-H motto encourages members to stretch their abilities and capacities to reach greater achievement within their own potential.

The 4-H Emblem

The 4-H emblem is a highly valued mark within our country's history. As such it was granted a very unique status; it is in a category similar to the Presidential Seal and the Olympic emblem. It is protected by the federal government and is under the responsibility and stewardship of the Secretary of Agriculture. The "18 USC 707" marking that appears along the right lower left is coding that protects the use of the clover.



The 4-H 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 Colors

Green and White

Green is nature's most common color and represents youth, life and growth.

White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

Community Club Volunteer & Member Guidelines

Alcohol, Tobacco and Illegal Drug Policy

- Possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs at 4-H sponsored activities is prohibited.
- Tobacco product possession and use by 4-H youth participants is prohibited at all 4-H sponsored activities.
- Tobacco use by adults during 4-H sponsored events is discouraged and should only be done in designated areas and not in view of youth participants.

Volunteer Guidelines

Adults who desire to volunteer their time, energy and talents to Ohio State University Extension and the Logan County 4-H program must successfully complete the volunteer selection process.

- All new applications are due by December 31.
- Volunteers must complete an in-county mandatory Volunteer Training annually to remain a volunteer. This training is held in January at our Extension office.
- All steps of the volunteer process must be completed by March 1 (Volunteer Training, Background Check, Interview, References) and approved enrollment by April 9, 2024
- 4-H club volunteers must attend a minimum of four meetings from January 1 through July 31. Attendance at more meetings is encouraged and may be required in the club by-laws. Extenuating circumstances preventing attendance at 4-H meetings can be reviewed by the club organizational volunteer if a written request describing the circumstances is presented.
- The Ohio State University requires volunteers to self-disclose criminal convictions to the county 4-H Educator within three business days of the conviction.
- Volunteers who have a break in volunteer service will be required to complete the Volunteer Selection Process prior to working with 4-H members in the future.
- The Ohio State University Policy 1.50 requires all volunteers to complete a fingerprint re-screening process every four years and complete an annual child neglect and abuse training to maintain their approved volunteer status.

4-H Member Guidelines

- 4-H member project eligibility begins when youth are at least 8 and enrolled in 3rd grade or 9 and in any grade as of January 1 of the current year and ends December 31 of the year in which an individual reaches the age of 19.
- Members are responsible for meeting all deadlines and requirements for participation. Failure to meet a deadline or requirement may result in the status of member not in good standing or ineligibility for Junior Fair participation and other opportunities. OSU Extension is not responsible for missed deadlines.
- There will be no enrollment additions after April 9, 2024. Project additions are due to the office before April 30, 2024 utilizing the county add/drop form. We encourage you to be sure to only enroll in projects you intend to complete.
- The drop deadline for projects is June 14th. Any projects that are not completed and not dropped prior to the June 14th deadline will result in an incomplete on the youths project record.
- Members who fail to complete at least one project are not eligible for county fair exhibition and will not receive a wristband even if they have ordered one and the fee has been paid. The fee paid to order a wrist band is not refundable if the youth fails to complete a project. Purchasing a \$5 fair wrist band is a privilege given to Jr. Fair exhibitors and volunteers.
- Incomplete status does not prevent youth from joining 4-H or enrolling in the same project the following year.

4-H member in good standing:

- Must be enrolled in a club and have project enrollment through 4-H Online by April 9 of the current year to participate in judging and exhibit at the county fair.
- **Youth must display a still project or a likeness at fair. In 2024 every club will have a booth at the Logan County Fair.** Members should know the privilege of displaying a project at the county level with their club.
- **Must attend a minimum of 4 meetings, or minimum required by club, from January 1 through July 31.** Extenuating circumstances preventing attendance at 4-H meetings can be reviewed by the 4-H organizational club volunteer if a written request describing the circumstances is presented. Examples of extenuating circumstances include: death in the family, serious injury/illness of self/family member, and displacement from home due to natural disaster. If the case cannot be resolved in the local club, the member and volunteer can present the case to the county 4-H Educator for review.
- Must attend Project Judging or Livestock Evaluation for current year to compete at County Fair level and be considered complete.
- Must follow the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct as agreed to during enrollment.
- Clubs may implement additional requirements in their club bylaws. (Examples: participation in a community service project, fundraiser or special activity; completion of a demonstration; participation in Livestock Skillathon)

4-H Membership Across County Lines Policy

Youth are expected to affiliate with the 4-H program in their county of residence or receive approval for membership outside their county of residence.

The request form and full policy are available on our website, logan.osu.edu

Requests must be submitted by March 14.

In order to affirm Ohio State University Extension's position concerning 4-H cross county lines (and/or cross state lines) membership, the following philosophy and process statements are provided:

1. 4-H membership in two counties (and/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 lines or cross state lines memberships are revoked.
4. In situations where membership in a county other than the county of residence is desired, the 4-H professionals in both counties must be in agreement regarding the application. The agreement, based on their professional judgment in accord with the mission, does not supersede item 3 above.
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 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.
7. 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.
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 Ohio 4-H Youth Development assistant director or associate state leader to identify a course of action in these special situations.
9. The decision to allow or deny cross county lines membership is made by the county 4-H professionals in the county of request and the county of residence, and is fully supported by the state organization. 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, the across county lines membership can be reevaluated.

Accommodations for Youth with Special Needs

4-H welcomes and encourages youth with special needs to participate and will make reasonable accommodations for these youth. The **Winning 4-H Plan** enables youth to tailor the 4-H project experience to their needs and helps maintain a positive relationship between the youth's family, 4-H volunteers and the county 4-H professionals.

Youth should submit a Winning 4-H Plan Request Form to the Extension Office by April 15, 2024. Both the printable and fillable PDF versions are available on our website on our Enrollment page. Please feel free to call the Extension Office with any questions. 937-599-4227

A county 4-H professional will review the request and contact you with questions as needed. Requests for accommodations are considered on a case-by-case basis. The 4-H professional will consider whether making accommodations fundamentally alters the event or provides a significant advantage or disadvantage to anyone participating.

For Still Project Judging & Livestock Evaluations, relevant information will be provided to judge(s) during orientation. This will help the judge be better prepared to meet the member's needs during the judging experience. Judging sheets will have discreet marking to indicate a Winning Plan exists, we will also speak with Judges before event. If the member is enrolled in a livestock project, the specie barn superintendent will be notified and will make appropriate accommodations during the fair.

Members participating in state level project judging will need to contact the Extension Office to have the 4-H professional create and sign a Winning 4-H Plan Accommodation form to be placed in the member's book before attending judging.

**STEP 1:
Enroll in
4-H
Project
by April
9th.**



**STEP 2: Complete
4-H Project**

- **Still Projects:
Attend Project
Judging**
- **Livestock Projects:
Complete Livestock
Evaluation**



STEP 3: Exhibit at Fair
*4-H members must be in good standing to be eligible for fair

- **Still Projects:**
Exhibit in the Youth Building
- **Livestock Projects:** Exhibit live animal at Logan County Fair

4-H Project Completion Guidelines

4-H projects must be judged at the county level to be considered complete. 4-H projects completed must be separate and different from those carried in other organizations, for a grade or credits, such as FFA, FCCLA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and school.

Still Projects
Youth must attend the scheduled judging day in order to be eligible for State Fair. There will be scheduled make up judging days but if youth do not attend the scheduled judging days State Fair competition is not an option. Projects or project likeness must be displayed in club booth after judging.

Still Project Judging
June 26th and 27th at the Logan County Extension Office
See pages 12-13 for schedule, information and project requirements.

Livestock Evaluations
Livestock Evaluations are required in order for a 4-H's livestock project to be eligible for showing at the county fair & considered complete.

Livestock Evaluations will take place on June 22nd at the Logan County Fairgrounds. If unable to attend this Livestock Evaluation date due to extenuating circumstances, then accommodations may be granted, **YOU MUST CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE JUNE 12, 2024 IF YOU CAN NOT ATTEND ON JUNE 22.** *Advisor judging will not be accepted.* Livestock evaluations are made up of three parts: Book completion check, Interview, and one section of the Skillathon kit. More information can be found on page 14.
Youth can register and exhibit animals at the Logan County Fair if they have completed Livestock Evaluations. Showing at fair is not required in order for youth to complete their Livestock Project.

Cloverbud Guidelines

- 4-H Cloverbud membership begins when a child has reached age 5 AND is enrolled in kindergarten as of January 1 of the current year.
- A Cloverbud may join any time during the year.
- Cloverbud members are not eligible for any competitive 4-H events or activities such as participation in projects.
- Cloverbud members must attend a minimum of four meetings from January 1 through July 31 to obtain credit for one year in 4-H. Attendance at more meetings is encouraged and may be required by the club. Extenuating circumstances preventing attendance at Cloverbud meetings can be reviewed by the club organizational volunteer if a written request describing the circumstances is presented. Examples of extenuating circumstances include: death in the family, serious injury/illness of self/family member, and displacement from home due to natural disaster. If the case cannot be resolved in the local club, the member and volunteer can present the case to the county 4-H professional staff for review.
- Cloverbud members who meet the Cloverbud Guidelines will have an opportunity to exhibit one item created at a Cloverbud Club meeting at the Logan County Fair. They will also have access to contest specifically created for Cloverbud members.
- Cloverbud members are not eligible to take part in any Shooting Sports program.
- Cloverbuds have the opportunity to attend Clover Days as events as well as Cloverbud Day Camp.
- Cloverbuds eligible for Cloverbud Graduation may participate at the Logan County Fair upon completion of last Cloverbud year.

4-H Enrollment Instructions

All 4-H member and volunteer enrollments must be entered into the 4-H Online enrollment system (v2.4honline.com/). Enrollments can be entered beginning November 1st. Enrollment for the 2024 year will close on April 9, 2024. Information on how to enroll can be found on our website.

Contact the Logan County Extension Office at 937-599-4227 at any time if you have any questions at all.

No paper enrollment forms are accepted. Youth and their parents should complete member enrollments, as they require electronic signatures providing legal consent for participation and serve as the official project enrollment record of the child.

Volunteers are encouraged to provide assistance, but should not complete an enrollment for a child outside their own family.

Enrollments must be entered by the April 9th enrollment deadline and include club and project enrollment in order to participate in judging and exhibit at the county fair.

Families are strongly encouraged to submit enrollments well before the deadline in case there are issues in completing the process. 4-H Online Enrollment Workshops can be found on YouTube for assistance. Please feel free to reach out to your club leader or the Extension Office with any questions about enrollment.

Logan County Club Guidelines

We want to ensure that all 4-H clubs offer youth similar experiences. We strive to provide consistency within Logan County 4-H. In order to accomplish this please be sure that as a club you are aware of the following advisor/club specific deadlines:

- ◇ New Volunteer Applications– December 31, 2023
- ◇ Annual Financial Summary & Inventory– January 31, 2024
- ◇ Charter Checklist, Review Constitution & Bylaws– April 1, 2024
- ◇ 4-H Enrollment Deadline for all returning volunteers & members/cloverbuds– April 9, 2024
- ◇ 4-H Project Additions Due– April 30, 2024
- ◇ Project Drop Deadline– June 14, 2024
- ◇ All clubs must hold a minimum of 6 meetings (this is a state standard), but we encourage you to host more in order to support your club members
- ◇ All clubs must complete 4 hours of booth watch at the fair. These hours can be completed by advisors or parents of youth. Sign up for booth watch hours will be available in late June. The Youth Building is open from 9am-8pm each day of the fair.
- ◇ **All clubs must create a booth in the youth building.** Smaller clubs may share a booth space, please indicate your plan to do so on your Jr. Fair Booth Form, due June 3, 2024. Booth set up will be all day Friday, July 5th & Saturday, July 6th from 9am - 8pm. Please make arrangement early in the year to set your booth up during these hours on Friday & Saturday. Booth judging will be before Youth Building opening on Sunday, July 7th.
- ◇ A 'Peoples Choice' ballot box will be available in youth building for the public to vote until 8pm on July 11th. Peoples Choice award will be placed in winners booth before Youth building opens on the 12th.
- ◇ Clubs are encouraged to complete a fairground beautification project, no matter how large or small, but not required.

Still Project Judging Information

Wednesday, June 26th & Thursday, June 27th 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Extension Office

- **Project Completion:** In order to have the opportunity to be selected for county awards or the Ohio State Fair, youth are required to participate in Still Project Judging. You must contact the Extension Office at 937-599-4227 to discuss alternate still project completion options. You must complete evaluations on June 26th & 27th to compete at the fair. Make up judging is not eligible for the State Fair entry.

- **Preparing for Judging:** To assist 4-H members in preparing for project judging and to provide for a positive experience during project judging and exhibiting, the following suggestions are given:

- Be sure you are aware of and understand what you are expected to bring to judging. Some books are for multi-year projects. Members are only required to complete activities for one year. Members should be able to discuss/answer questions about the information in the project book as well as the items brought to judging. An educational display will depend on the project but may include items such as a poster depicting an activity from the project, scrapbook or outfit made by the youth. You can find the requirements for Still Projects for both County level judging and State Fair judging on our website.

- Have experienced club members/ club leaders discuss the process of judging and the interview process with you and your parents, prior to judging.

- Member's appearance should be neat and clean and you should dress as you would for a job interview or special presentation at school.

- Members are required to be present at the scheduled time of judging.

- Projects used for school requirements cannot be used as a 4-H project. For example: a woodworking project completed for a grade at school can not be used as a 4-H project; a science fair project can not be used as a 4-H project, etc.

- Food Projects : DO NOT BRING FOOD. Companion/ Pet Animal Projects: DO NOT BRING ANY ANIMALS. Gardening Projects: THERE WILL BE NO OFFSITE JUDGING. Woodworking Projects: SKILLS TEST WILL BE PART OF YOUR EVALUATION

*If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call the office or email Allison for clarification at rison.8@osu.edu

Still Project Judging Schedule

Leading up to project judging we will send out a project specific timeline to youth so that they have a more defined time for judging. We ask that you please hold the day of your project judging.

Wednesday, June 26 9:00 am– 4:00 pm

Project Categories

- About 4-H
- Animal Science
- Cake Decorating
- Communication
- Food & Nutrition
- Healthy Living
- Leadership & Citizenship
- Money Management
- Photography
- Workforce Preparation
- Self Determined General
- Self Determined Companion Animals
- Self Determined Workforce Prep

Thursday, June 27 9:00 am– 4:00 pm

Project Categories

- Clothing
- Creative & Leisure Arts
- Gardening
- Home Living
- Natural Resources
- Quilts
- Self Determined Creative Arts
- Self Determined Family Life
- Self Determined Natural Resources
- Shooting Sports
- STEM
- Welding
- Woodworking

Still Project Judging

• Award Selection:

Each member participating in project judging will receive a project grade based on judging rubrics. Grades will be A (Excellent), B (Satisfactory) and C (Needs Improvement). You will be notified by the Extension Office if you are eligible for competition at the Ohio State Fair. County awards may be given for completed projects.

• Project Grade:

Grade A - completed project requirements, excellent exhibit and knowledge gained. Youth must have an educational display and complete book requirements (some projects are designed to be taken over multiple years).

Grade B - completed some, but not all project requirements (incomplete book, no educational display, etc.), exhibit sloppily or poorly done, poor knowledge.

Grade C - did not complete project requirements, exhibit sloppily or poorly done, poor knowledge.

- **No Advisor judging is permitted.** If youth is not able to attend assigned judging date, please contact the Extension office. Make up dates will be planned for project evaluation. If you do not attend Project Judging on scheduled date, you will be ineligible to compete at the State Fair level.

Livestock Evaluation Requirements

Saturday, June 22, 2:00-7:00 p.m.

***Livestock Evaluations are required
in order for Livestock to be exhibited at the Logan County Fair***

Do NOT bring Livestock to the evaluation.

****Order of arrival will be announced closer to date, Please reserve the
entire time above for your evaluation. Thank you.***

- Grading Scale
 - A Ribbon = 80 + Points
 - B Ribbon = 20 - 79 Points
 - C Ribbon = 0 - 19 Points
- If a youth is not able to attend county wide Livestock evaluations on June 22nd, then accommodations **must be made by contacting the Extension Office ASAP**. Make up judging will only be allowed in circumstances approved by the Extension Office. If make up judging is granted, then that judging must be completed in the Extension office prior to June 12th. Advisor Judging is NOT available for Livestock Evaluation.

Livestock Evaluations Components:

Skillathon Station: (25 possible Points) Youth should practice topics listed *based on their species and 4-H age*. The Skillathon topic for 2024 will be **Equipment** for all animal species.

Project Book/Record Keeping: (50 possible Points) Youth should bring an up-to-date, neat and accurate record book from the current year. While some project books can be reused from year to year, at a minimum new completed record pages for this program year must be added to the book.

If an activity is not listed as optional at the top of the page, it should be up-to-date or completed as appropriate. If a youth has no entries to make on a required activity, write "N/A" so the judge does not consider it incomplete.

Experiential Interview: (25 possible Points) Youth will be asked experiential interview questions by a judge. Youth should practice interview technique with their club advisor or older club members prior to Livestock Evaluations.

Sample Experiential Interview Questions:

- *What lessons have you learned this year that will help you in the future?*
- *If you took this project in the future, what would you do differently?*

Part of the interview also includes appropriate appearance/dress; interest in project; ability to communicate knowledge; positive attitude. Member's appearance should be neat and clean. Appropriate dress includes one of the following: jeans/khakis or clothes the youth would wear to show their animal at the fair.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVMENT IN LIVESTOCK AWARD:

This award will be selected by the judges for each species based on interview skills, project book and skillathon. The top 2% - 5% of youth, in each specie, will receive this award and will be displayed at the Logan County Fair.

Livestock Quality Assurance

All Logan County Youth must have the QA Certification by April 30, 2024

Please pay close attention to the dates and plan accordingly.

Livestock Quality Assurance (QA) Certification is required for all youth exhibiting a market animal, dairy cow or dairy goat project at the Logan County Fair. You may obtain your certificate 2 ways.

1) Youth can participate in an QA program provided by OSU Extension. Youth may attend any QA regardless of the animal they are exhibiting.

QA Program Dates

February 12th @ Benjamin Logan High School 3:30-5:30 pm

February 27th @ Indian Lake High School 6:00-8:00 pm

March 5th @ Riverside High School 6:00-8:00 pm

March 23rd @ Logan County Fairgrounds 10:00 am-12:00 pm

- Parent attendance is not required, but encouraged.
- Plan to arrive early, as youth will not receive credit for attending if they arrive more than 5 minutes after the program starts. Youth must complete and submit the attendance card at the end to receive credit.

2) Complete the Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) Online Course. The online module completed must be for the correct 4-H age. Only the YQCA courses currently meet ODA standards. BQA, PQA, BEST and other online programs do not meet this requirement. Families use their 4HOnline log in to complete the course. The cost is \$12 per youth.

Program details: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

When youth complete this online course, they need to forward the completion certificate to logan4h@osu.edu.

Horse Education Program

All youth enrolled in a horse project (except Project #173 Horseless Horse) must complete a Logan County Horse Education Program.

Certification must complete the Horse Education Program requirement by April 30, 2024. Please plan accordingly.

- All first-time horse project participants should read 191R Horses, Safety and You. Books are available for purchase by club volunteers at the Extension Office.
- Certification can be obtained by completing EquiSTEP.

You can access the link to enroll in the course here

<https://cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/equistep-2024>

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

4-H Youth Opportunities

Logan County youth have the opportunity to participate in many different opportunities at the county and state level.

The details and registration/application procedures vary for each opportunity. Feel free to contact the Extension Office for more details about any opportunity.

Updates about the Logan County 4-H Program can always be found on our website. It is frequently updated & shares both local and state wide opportunities for involvement.

CLOVERBUD OPPORTUNITIES

Cloverbud Connections found here: <https://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/>
Logan County is working to build our Cloverbud Program.

- **CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP** - A one day camping activity for Cloverbud Camp conducted by 4-H professionals, volunteers and teen camp counselors. Located in the county, group-oriented activities usually follow a theme.
- **CLOVERBUD DAYS** - Throughout the year, we will host short one day events open to all Logan County Cloverbud members.
- **CLOVERBUD FAIR ACTIVITIES** - Cloverbuds have the opportunity to participate in the Logan County Fair in a variety of ways, including group displays in the Junior Fair Build-ing, Marshmallow Creation competition, Cloverbud Graduation, and other activities hosted by the Junior Fair Board.

COUNTY CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Details posted on our website logan.osu.edu under
Logan County 4-H/ Camp Info

- **JUNIOR CAMP** - Held at 4-H Camp Clifton in Yellow Springs OH, this camp is conducted by 4-H professionals, adult volunteers with backgrounds in education and healthcare, and trained 4-H teen counselors. Logan County staff works with the 4-H Camp Clifton staff to conduct a variety of outdoor learning experiences. 4-H Club and non-4-H Club members ages 8 and in the 3rd grade through age 13 as of January 1 can register to attend.

Registration information is available in April with a May 17, 2024 deadline.

COUNTY AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

- **MEMBER COMPLETION AWARDS** - 4-H members will receive an award upon completion of specific years in 4-H. These awards are given after a member completes year 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. This award excludes Cloverbud years.
- **STILL PROJECT AWARDS** - Still project participants who are selected **and** can commit to attend the Ohio State Fair as a Logan County delegate will be notified at the awards ceremony at the Logan County Fair. Clothing project delegates will be selected at the Style Revue at the Fair. Youth participating in a still project may be selected by the judge as the County Project Winner and will receive an award for their project at the Logan County Fair.

OLDER YOUTH COUNTY LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **CARTEENS** - The Logan County CARTEENS program is a court mandated program for first-time juvenile traffic offenders. CARTEENS is a peer education program which simply means the program is taught by "TEENS." Teens must be 15 years of age and have an Ohio's learner's permit or driver's license. **Applications available and accepted year round.**
- **JUNIOR CAMP COUNSELOR** - Camp counselors work with an Extension professional, and adult 4-H volunteers, to conduct a variety of outdoor learning experiences for campers ages 8-13. Counselors work with a partner to supervise a small group of campers in a cabin living environment. Camp counselors attend 20+ hours of meetings and activities from January through July to plan camp activities and learn skills needed to be an effective camp counselor.
- **JUNIOR FAIR BOARD** - Logan County Junior Fair Board is comprised of representatives from several youth organizations including 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts. Junior Fair Board members are responsible for the design, implementation and evaluation of many Junior Fair aspects of the Logan County Fair. Starting in 2024, applications are distributed pre-fair and are due at the end of the fair-week.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **LOGAN COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP** - Logan County 4-H recognizes and rewards individual excellence in project work, leadership, citizenship and community service. Applicant must: Be a current or alumni member of Logan County 4-H, a current year graduating high school senior, (proof of equivalent in a home school program by the end of the current year is acceptable); active in 4-H for the previous, continuous three (3) years; and plans to attend (or currently attending) a post-secondary educational institution.
- **LOGAN COUNTY 4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIP**– If your youth is interested in attending 4-H camp and needs financial assistance in order to attend, please be sure to complete applications found online.
- **LOGAN COUNTY 4-H MINI GRANTS**- Logan County 4-H Advisory Council awards mini grants to 4-H Clubs to support goals and initiatives for local clubs.

STATE AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

- **OHIO 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS** - There are several state 4-H scholarships available and each has its own list of eligibility requirements. The State 4-H Scholarship Application Form gives a complete listing of each scholarship and its requirements. **Complete the State 4-H Scholarship Application by February 15.**
- **OHIO STATE FAIR SKILLATHON** - All Skillathons are open to any Ohio 4-H member, age 8 and in the 3rd grade, or 9 years old and older regardless of grade level, to age 18 as of January 1, and FFA members. Youth do not have to be an exhibitor at the Ohio State Fair to participate or be enrolled in an animal project. Placing and outstanding record book awards are given. Visit: go.osu.edu/osfskillathons for more information.
- **OHIO STATE FAIR EXHIBITION** - Youth enrolled in livestock and dog projects can exhibit at the Ohio State Fair during the summer. State Fair Steer entries are due January 15; other entries are due June 21. Horse members interested in showing at the State Fair must qualify at a PAS (Performance Against Standards) Show and complete registration once qualified. Visit: www.ohiostatefair.com for more information. Scholarship opportunities are also available for Ohio State Fair Exhibitors.

STATE TRIP AND CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

- **4-H CAMP PIEDMONT SHOOTING SPORTS CAMP** - Shooting Sports Camp is held at 4-H Camp Piedmont in Belmont County, Ohio. Four basic disciplines are available: Archery, Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun. All disciplines are taught by Trained Certified Instructors. Participants must be 8-13 years old by January 1 of the current year to attend camp. Open to all age eligible youth.
- **4-H SHOOTING EDUCATION CAMPS** - Camps are held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson, Ohio. Applicants must be 12 years old (Junior Camp) or 12-18 years old (Senior Camp) as of January 1 of the current year to attend the camp. Open to all age eligible youth.
- **4-H LEADERSHIP CAMP** - Each county may nominate youth to attend State Leadership Camp to strengthen skills and experience personal growth at 4-H Camp Ohio. Must be 14 years of age by January 1 of the current year to attend the camp.
- **OHIO 4-H SEA CAMP** - The mission of Ohio 4-H Sea Camp is to offer teenage youth an introduction to the Great Lakes through hands-on experiences in a variety of aquatic-based programs & will enable participants to experience Lake Erie-based activities and culture such as aquatic science, water recreation, and fishing. Camp will be July 19-23, 2024 and will cost \$450. Scholarships may be available to select members.
- **CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS** - Spend one week in Washington, D.C. with 4-H'ers from other states participating in workshops and touring our nation's capital. Recommended ages 16 and older. Full scholarship available to selected county delegates.
- **OHIO 4-H CONFERENCE** - Approximately 1,000 4-H teens from across the state participate in the teen portion of the Ohio 4H Conference at the Columbus Convention Center. Youth select educational seminars and workshops to attend. Open to all age eligible youth. **Registration available in January and due in February.**
- **OHIO FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION CAMP** - Have you ever wondered what types of trees are in Ohio's forests? Or, what kind of relationships organisms have with the forest? If so, Ohio Forestry and Conservation Camp at FFA Camp Muskingum is the place for you. Youth must have completed the 8th grade and be at least 15 years old to apply. Open to all age eligible youth.

OLDER YOUTH STATE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **OHIO 4-H TEEN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL** - The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC) is a statewide group of 4-H teens and young 4-H alumni that provides a youth stakeholder perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Ohio 4-H programming. In this process, council members develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for future success. Council members share advice and recommendations to 4-H professionals in order to improve, strengthen, and expand the Ohio 4-H program. Complete an application due in August. Find it online.
- **STATE JUNIOR FAIR BOARD** - The Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board is made up of our great state's best and brightest young leaders, hand-picked to contribute to the success of the Ohio State Fair each year. Selected to represent their respective youth organizations, these students serve on behalf of thousands of students across Ohio. As ambassadors for 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Farm Bureau, FCCLA, Grange and Tech Ed, they are able to share their experiences and emphasize the value of the Junior Fair with patrons throughout the 12 days of the Fair. Contact the Extension Office in January if you are interested, as applicants must submit an Ohio 4-H Achievement Form.

Volunteers

Volunteers train, mentor, and provide individuals fun & unique learning experiences. There are many different volunteer opportunities within OSU Extension. Prior to assuming any of these volunteer roles you must complete the Ohio 4-H Volunteer selection process outlined below. To continue serving as a 4-H volunteer, you must maintain good standing with both the county and state 4-H program.

All volunteers will:

1. Complete a volunteer application, in its entirety (including three non-family reference contacts, written on application, of which a minimum of two must complete a reference form sent by Allison) and submit to the appropriate OSU Extension office. Applications are due December 31, 2023.
2. Receive, at the time of application or change of position, a written volunteer position description outlining the responsibilities.
3. Read, agree to, and sign the OSU Extension Volunteer Standards of Behavior form annually.
4. Complete an interview with the appropriate OSU Extension professional. Reminder, all steps must be complete by March 1, 2024.
5. Submit to a criminal history fingerprint background check at the time of application and every four years thereafter. These are due February 15, 2024
6. Participate in an orientation and annually required volunteer training. These are held in January at our Extension Office.

ALL STEPS in the volunteer process must be complete before March 1, 2024 AND have approved enrollment on 4-H online by April 9, 2024.

If you have any question or need to schedule the interview portion of your application, please call 937-565-6065 to schedule with Allison Rison (rison.8@osu.edu) Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development.

Logan County 4-H Updates

All updates for the Logan County 4-H program can be found here:

logan.osu.edu

This website is updated often with posts to keep the community informed about things happening in the program. Often updates are posted & reminder emails will also be sent directly to registered 4-H families through "broadcasts" from 4-H Online.

There are many benefits to utilizing our website format as opposed to pdf documents. On the right hand side of the page, there is a search box that you can use to search all the posts to find information you are looking for. You can find many resources and have many of your questions answered simply by "digging" on our website.

Logan County 4-H Facebook

If you are on Facebook, I encourage you to also like and follow us on Facebook. We post reminders on this page to help inform everyone about deadlines. This is also utilized to talk about events.

<https://www.facebook.com/logancounty4h>

2024 4-H Calendar of Events

THIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Please check our website calendar often for information on times and locations as well as new opportunities that may become available.

<https://logan.osu.edu/events/calendar>

JANUARY

- 01 Office Closed - New Year's Day
- 10 Sn. Fair Board Meeting 6:30
- 11 New Volunteer Training 6:00-8:00 pm
- 13 Volunteer Training 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
- 14 Camp Counselor Meeting
- 15 State Fair Market Steer DNA kits Due
- 15 Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 15 Carteens 5:00 pm
- 15 Jr. Fair Bd. Meeting 6:30 pm
- 16 Horse Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
- 23 Current Vol. Training 10:30-11:30 am
- 25 Advisory Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 27 State Horse Advisor Training - TBD
- 31 Club/Affiliate Year End Paperwork Due

FEBRUARY

- 12 QA at Ben Logan HS 3:30-5:30 pm
- 14 Sn. Fair Board Meeting 6:30
- 18 Camp Counselor Meeting

- 19 Carteens 5:00 pm
- 19 Jr. Fair Bd. Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20 Horse Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
- 21 Club Audit items due to Extension
- 27 QA at Indian Lake HS 6:00-8:00 pm

March

- 01 New Volunteer Completion Due Date
- 05 QA at Riverside HS 6:00-8:00 pm
- 09 Ohio 4-H Conference
- 10 Camp Counselor Meeting
- 13 Sn. Fair Board Meeting 7:30
- 14 4-H Club Open House 4:00-7:00 pm
- 14 Cross County Lines Due Date
- 18 Carteens 5:00 pm
- 18 Jr. Fair Bd. Meeting 7:00 pm
- 19 Horse Committee 6:30 pm
- 23 QA at Fair Grounds 10:00 am -Noon
- 28 Advisory Council

APRIL

01 Early Book Orders Due
07 Camp Counselor Meeting
08 Last Day for 4-H Enrollment
08 LoCo Solar Eclipse
10 Sn. Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
15 Carteens 5:00 pm
15 Jr. Fair Bd. Meeting 7:00 pm
15 Winning Plan Due
16 Horse Committee 6:30 pm
27 Rabbit Tagging
30 Quality Assurance Due Date
30 Project ADD Due Date
30 Equistep Due Date

MAY

01 Mini Grant Application Due
01 Fair Entry Due Date
05 Camp Counselor Meeting
08 Sn. Fair Board Meeting 6:30
17 Camp Registration Due
19 Camp Counselor Meeting
20 Carteens 5:00 pm
20 Jr. Fair Bd. Meeting 7:00 pm
21 Horse Committee 6:30 pm
23 Advisory Council 5:30pm
27 Office Closed - Memorial Day

JUNE

03 Booth Entries/ Beautification Due
04-05 Camp Counselor Work Days
07 Youth Camp at Camp Clifton
08 PAS Show
12 Sn. Fair Board Meeting 6:30
14 Project DROP Due Date
15 Cloverbud Day Camp
17 Carteens 5:00 pm
17 Jr. Fair Bd. Meeting 7:00 pm
18 Horse Committee 6:30 pm
19 Office Closed - Juneteenth
20 Advisory Council Chicken Dinner
21 State Livestock Entry Due by 1:00 pm
22 Livestock Evaluations 2:00-7:00 pm
26-27 Still Project Evaluations
27 Jr. Fair Bd. Workday 9:00am - 3:00pm

JULY

01 Extension moves to Fairgrounds 01
State Horse Entry Due by 1:00 pm
04 Office Closed - Independence Day
05-06 Booth Move In 9:00am-8:00pm
05 Jr. Fair Bd. Meeting - time TBD
06 Livestock Move-in
07 Logan County Jr. Fair
07 Booth Judging
08 4-H Awards
09 Style Review
10 Dog Show
11 Cloverbud Graduation
12 Skillathon
12 Showman of Showman
14 Booth Removal by 1:00 pm
15 Jr. Fair Bd. Workday 10:00 am
24 OSU State Fair

AUGUST

12 4-H Advisor Post Fair Meeting 5:00pm
14 Sn. Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
19 Carteens 5:00 pm
20 Horse Committee 6:30 pm
22 Advisory Council Meeting 5:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

02 Office Closed - Labor Day
11 Sn. Fair Board Meeting 6:30 pm
16 Carteens 5:00 pm
17 Horse Committee 6:30 pm
30 Jr. Fair Board Applications Due

OCTOBER

09 Sn. Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
15 Horse Committee 6:30 pm
21 Carteens 5:00 pm
21 Jr. Fair Bd. Meeting
24 Advisory Council Meeting

NOVEMBER

07 Advisory Council Retreat 5:30 pm
11 Office Closed - Vetern's Day
12-13 4-H Professionals Retreat
13 Sn. Fair Bd. Meeting 6:30 pm
18 Carteens 5:00 pm
28-29 Office Closed - Thanksgiving

Notes

**For more information or questions,
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