



Ohio 4-H Family Guide Now Available



The 2024 Family Guide is your place to review the entire collection of Ohio 4-H project books for the year. When choosing a project, consider your interests, background, what is necessary to start the project, and the resources available to help you complete it. All project selections must be included in your 4-HOnline enrollment before you submit it.

4-H Project Requirement Guide



Do you know what you need to do in order to complete your project? Make sure you check out the Franklin County 4-H Project Requirement Guide [HERE](#). The project requirement guides explain what is required to complete each project.

2024 4-H Calendar

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4-H Council Meetings

Luncheon for Board Meetings

Horse Committee Meetings

Livestock Quality Assurance

Walk & Serves, Clover 36

Adoptive Enrollment Night

Senior Fair Board Meetings

Camp Coordinator Meetings

4-H Camp - 4-H Camp Ohio

Horse Clinic

Ohio State Fair

Flag Show - June 20 & 29

Franklin County Fair

Teen Leaders Council Meetings

New Volunteer Orientation

Enrollment Deadline

Achievement Form / Trip Awards Due - Jan

Livestock Evaluations

Are you filling out your 2024 family calendar? Make sure that you get all of Franklin County 4-H's events and opportunities on your calendar now. A Google Calendar and a 1-Page Calendar can be found here: <https://franklin.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/newsletters-updates>

Winter Project Fair & Officer Training



The annual Winter Project Fair is approaching quickly! This event is a great opportunity for members to explore the different 4-H projects or for new families that are interested in joining 4-H. Lots of project displays and activities will keep participants engaged.

Officer training will be incorporated into the Winter Project Fair again this year. There will be stations for each officer position.

Members who participate in one of the officer stations will receive an officer pin as well as a certificate of participation.

What: Winter Project Fair & Officer Training Day

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Where: Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

Club Fundraising Opportunity



Each year, a club usually provides food concessions during the Winter Project Fair. The club offering concessions provides complete leadership to the planning and facilitating of the concession stand, but also get to keep all of the proceeds from it. If your club is interested in this opportunity, please contact Beth at boomershine.10@osu.edu

Annual Club Financial Summaries



Attention 4-H Club Leaders: Every club must submit the annual financial summary by January 31. You can find the summary in two different versions:

1. [From the state website](#)
2. [From the county website](#) (download, save, and email)

Dog Club Accepting New Members



K9 Wonderdogs

Attention All Dog Lovers!

Are you interested in dog training? Does your family own a (non-reactive) dog that gets along with other people and dogs? It's not too late to join the K-9 Wonder Dogs 4-H Club! The club still has a few slots available for this year. They meet twice a month on

Friday evenings from January through July. Meetings are held from 6:30-8:30 pm at Agility & Rally for Fun in Gahanna where members learn how to train their dogs from experienced dog trainers. Over the year, members will learn about dogs and about various dog sports such as: Agility, Obedience, Rally, and Showmanship. You will also make lots of new human and canine friends along the way!

The K-9 Wonder Dogs also have a 4-H PetPALS therapy dog program where members and their dogs visit libraries and nursing homes. This is all great experience for anyone interested in vet science or just really enjoys their canine friend. For more information, contact Jennifer Clingman (Club Advisor) at 4h.wonderdogs@gmail.com. Don't wait too long - the next club meeting is Jan 26th!

Ohio 4-H Conference



The 2024 Ohio 4-H Conference is designed to bring together 4-H **volunteers and teens** (age 13 and older) from across the State of Ohio. The objective of this event is to learn together and from each other in order to improve our abilities to deliver the Ohio 4-H Program to its members. The educational selections offer something for everyone and have the ability to satisfy every taste and need.

When: March 9, 2024

Where: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Registration Deadline: February 1

Cost: FREE for Franklin County 4-H Members & Volunteers

Registration information can be found here: <https://franklin.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/teen-opportunities>

New 4-H Volunteer Orientation



Volunteers help make 4-H possible and are an essential part of the overall program. More than 300,000 youth and adult volunteers participate in the Ohio 4-H program each year. 4-H volunteers have the opportunity to contribute their time, energies, talents, and knowledge to help develop youth in a positive, educational way.

The Franklin County 4-H program is dependent on its incredible adult volunteers to reach the youth of our county. Each time a new volunteer gets involved with the 4-H program, the number of children that benefit from 4-H programs increases!

Is someone you know interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer advisor? All 4-H volunteers must complete the Ohio 4-H volunteer screening process, which includes an [application](#), a completed background check, and a volunteer orientation. The orientation session for new 4-H volunteers for the 2024 4-H season will be held on February 12, 2024. If you know someone planning to attend, please have them register by emailing Rachel Stoneburner at stoneburner.31@osu.edu.

Fabric Swap Sponsored by 4-H Fashion Board

**March 23
2024**

Sewing De-Stash Fundraiser

Franklin County 4-H Fashion Board

Fabric

Notions

and more!

Purchase a table and clear out your fabric stash or come shop around for some treasures!



9 AM - 1 PM

**BUY A TABLE TO SELL
OR
DONATE TO SHOP**

GANYARD BUILDING

Franklin County Fairgrounds
Hilliard, OH

**More information on
registering coming soon!**

franklincountyfashionboard@gmail.com

4-H Walk & Serve



The 2024 Franklin County 4-H Walk & Serve will be held on Saturday, April 13. Mark your calendars and invite all of your family and friends! For more information and previous impact reports, check out www.4HCouncil.org

- Area 4-H clubs adopt a local non-profit organization.
- The club members learn about that organization, how it serves the community, and how they can help meet some of those needs.
- The clubs purchase and prepare all of the supplies needed to make/assemble a cool project to be completed at the event by the public that comes to the event.
- Example: K9 Wonder Dogs 4-H Club adopts GiGi's Dog Shelter. They purchase supplies to make tie blankets and dog toys for the rescue dogs. Then at the event, the club members help the public assemble them.
- Grant funds are available to help clubs purchase supplies.

All Franklin County 4-H Clubs are encouraged to consider working with a non-profit organization and participating in the Walk & Serve this year. Contact Amy Fleshman with questions at amy1peter3.4@gmail.com

Clover 5K



Get your walking shoes ready. The annual walk/run has been a valuable fundraiser for the Franklin County 4-H program and we're excited to announce its return for 2024! The Clover 5K will be held the morning of the Walk & Serve on April 13.

This year, clubs are asked to contribute to the Clover 5K in two ways:

1. Help provide items for the Clover 5K runner goodie bags! Clubs can find donors for these items or purchase themselves. Many company's are happy to supply some of their branded items for the bags. You just have to ask. Great ideas include pens, lip balm, small lotions, etc. Consider asking nursing homes, hospitals, insurance companies, stores, or almost any place that gives out free items at trade shows and events. Items should need to be in quantities of 100-150.
2. Provide a \$25 gift card to be given as part of the age category awards after the 5K. These can also be donated by a local company.

Registration for the run and more information can be found here:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Hilliard/Clover5K>

4-H Enrollment Now Open

You can now re-enroll in 4-H for 2024. Remember to log in with your family's email and password to find your family profile. Watch the videos below for a guide to the enrollment system.

[Re-Enrollment Instructions](#)

2021 RE-Enrolling in 4-H

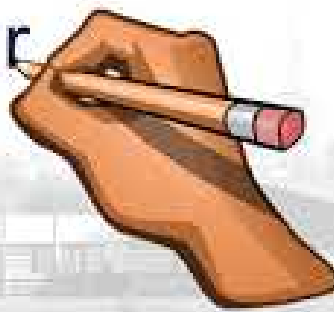


The banner features the text "Ohio 4-H" in large black font, with "4-H Online" in green and blue to the right. Below "Ohio 4-H" is a graphic of a hand holding a pencil, with the letters "Ho" visible. The background shows a blurred cityscape. In the bottom left corner is the "CFAES" logo, and in the bottom right corner is the "The Ohio State University" logo with the text "COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES".

[New Member Enrollment Instructions](#)

Ohio 4-H

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AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Livestock Project Requirement Guide

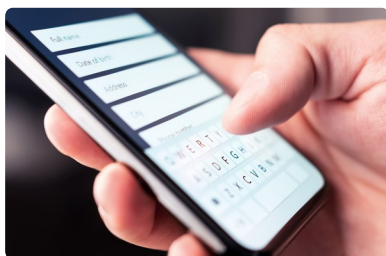


Livestock Possession Dates & Requirements

All 4-H members taking livestock projects to the Franklin County Fair should download the LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENT SUMMARY which has information regarding deadlines for possession and other requirements.

Find it here: <https://www.fcfair.org/juniorfair-livestock>

Required Livestock ID Forms - NOW ONLINE!



New Livestock ID Form

Are you planning on exhibiting a livestock project at the fair? New in 2024, the Market Livestock ID Form, Rabbit ID Form, Poultry ID Form, and the Breeding Animal ID Form have been combined into one ONLINE Livestock ID Form. Be sure to check the Livestock Requirement Summary for the dates of when the forms are due

(10 days following the possession deadline).

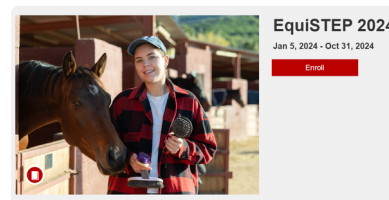
Depending on your animal, you will need to upload various photos and documents to complete the form. Have photos of your animals, Scrapie Tag/Tattoo Numbers, NPIP hatchery paperwork, bills of sale, and breed registration paperwork ready to upload. This can even be done on your phone or mobile device.

You will need to complete one form for each animal. For example: if you have 2 market lambs, you will complete the form twice.

Annual Training Requirement for Horse Project Members

EquiSTEP - Equine Safety, Training, and Education

EquiSTEP is an annual statewide requirement for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H Horse Program activities. EquiSTEP replaces the statewide requirement of reading the *Horses, Safety, and You* (191R) resource and viewing the *Every Time, Every Ride*



and *Horses, Kids, and Ethics* videos for youth and their families who are new to the 4-H horse program. The EquiSTEP curriculum focuses on helmet safety, equine safety & handling, equine health & nutrition, and sportsmanship and is designed to rotate topics every year. The topics for the EquiSTEP program are shared below and will rotate as the member completes the course annually.

- STEP 1: Head (Helmet Safety)
 - Helmet Safety Video (Every Year)
- STEP 2: Hands (Equine Safety & Handling)
 - YR 1 Equine Behavior
- STEP 3: Health (Equine Health & Nutrition)
 - YR 1 Assessing Horse Health
- STEP 4: Heart (Sportsmanship)
 - YR 1 Winning & Losing
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- **Here is the link to enroll in/access EquiSTEP:**
<https://cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/equistep-2024>
- To complete EquiSTEP individually, a participant must enroll using their own unique email address. (Participants should not use their school email addresses as the course enrollment invitation will be blocked by the school's email system.) Participants must view all five videos (introduction and STEPS 1-4) which last approximately one hour in total. Once the videos are completed, participants will be able to access the 10-question quiz. Participants must complete the quiz associated with the training and achieve a minimum score of 7 (out of 10) in order to pass the training. Once the quiz is successfully completed, participants will need to complete the course survey to trigger a certificate of completion. The certificate will be emailed to the participant's email address as well as their county's 4-H email address (countyname4h@osu.edu). The participant must select their correct county to trigger the email to the correct email address and they must click on the submit button at the end of the survey to trigger the email.

The EquiSTEP Program is required for **ALL** 4-H Horse members beginning in 2023! Failure to complete the online course will result in the members' inability to participate in the Franklin County Fair.

2024 4-H CAMP

Save the Date!

2024 Franklin County 4-H Camp

June 13-17, 2024
4-H Camp Ohio
St. Louisville, Ohio



All youth, ages 8 and in 3rd grade through 13, are invited to join the adventure at Franklin County 4-H Camp. Campers will have fun meeting other youth while participating in a variety of camp activities like canoeing, disc golf, bottle rockets, creeking, nature exploration, swimming, hiking, team challenges, high ropes, a climbing wall, zip line, campfires, crafts, and so much more!

Registration opens on February 17. Anyone who registers at the Winter Project Fair will receive \$20 off of their registration fees.

Date: June 13-17, 2024 (Thursday-Monday)

More Information: go.osu.edu/camp

Support Franklin County Farm Bureau

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Did you know that Franklin County Farm Bureau is a generous financial supporter of 4-H members and the Franklin County Fair? Please consider reciprocating that support and become a member of Franklin County Farm Bureau. You don't have to be a farmer - just someone that cares about where their food comes from. Join Today <https://ofbf.org/membership/>



JOIN THE HERD!



Ohio Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization that works to support our state's food and farm community.

It doesn't matter if you grow food or purchase it, Ohio Farm Bureau is there to advocate and educate on current issues, equip landowners, provide a network and more.



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State 4-H Opportunities



4-H Sew Ohio Event

4-H members taking clothing and textile projects should mark their calendars for Saturday, April 27, 2024, for the 4-H Sew Ohio event at the 4-H Center. 4-H Master Clothing Educator Volunteers will be offering sessions for beginner, intermediate, and advanced level projects. More information to come soon.

Ohio 4-H Spark EXPO



From June 12-15, teens at the Spark EXPO will learn about agriculture and related STEAM fields from industry experts, and faculty and staff of the Ohio State College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). Open to all Ohio students who have completed the eighth grade or ninth grade at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. Participants do not need

to be enrolled in the 4-H program. The event includes on-campus accommodations, meals, program materials, and transportation. Supervision is provided by adult program staff.

As part of Spark EXPO, students visit Ohio State's Columbus and Wooster campuses and learn from Ohio State students, teachers, scientists, and researchers. Students explore careers, hear from Ohio 4-H alumni who share their career stories, and learn about the college and career-readiness program: Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future.

The deadline to register is April 17, and details are at go.osu.edu/4hsparkexpo.



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