

# Hocking County 4-H Youth Opportunities Summary

## CAMPS & TRIPS:

### **Ohio 4-H Forestry Wildlife Conservation Camp**

Join Ohio 4-H, Hocking College and ODNR professionals at Canters Cave 4-H Camp for a weekend of learning about forestry and wildlife education, fishing, hiking, tree climbing, outdoor survival, ODNR careers, college opportunities and more!

<https://ohio4h.org/camp/forestry-and-wildlife-conservation-camp>

**The Ohio 4-H State Leadership Camp** is the premiere leadership development opportunity available to Ohio 4-H members. The focus of the five-day leadership experience is the development of concrete peer leadership skills that will enable participants to have an immediate impact in their home 4-H club, county, community, or school. The camp is active and engaged—there's very little sitting and listening, and much opportunity for group interaction. Participants leave the camp ready to take on new challenges—after they take an afternoon nap.

<https://ohio4h.org/camp/leadership-camp>

**Camp Canopy** comes to life the second week of June each year at Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum located on Leesville Lake in the picture-perfect rolling hills of Carroll County, when high school students-turned-explorers delve into our educational-yet-oh-so-fun activities and become masters of forestry and wildlife. As camp progresses over the course of the week, campers will use the knowledge and experience they gained the day before to take the next step in understanding how it all fits into the bigger picture. By the end of camp week, they'll be experts on Ohio's great outdoors!

<https://campcanopy.com/>

**Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)** is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, ages 14-19, from across the country. Citizenship Washington Focus gives 4-H youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need to be outstanding leaders in their home communities and at the national level. Through sightseeing tours in the living classroom of Washington, D.C. and hands-on educational workshops, youth will learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it, and how they can apply the leadership and citizenship skills they have learned at CWF when they return home. **\*Applications will be available in the fall.**

<https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/citizenship-washington-focus>

The mission of **Ohio 4-H Sea Camp** is to offer teenage youth an introduction to the Great Lakes through hands-on experiences in a variety of aquatic-based programs. Sea Camp will enable participants to experience Lake Erie-based activities and culture such as aquatic science, water recreation, and fishing. The program is a supervised, educational environment fostered by Ohio 4-H and The Ohio State University.

<https://ohio4h.org/camp/sea-camp>

**4-H Space Adventure Camp** give youth the opportunity to explore the world of flight and science as they build and test flying machines, conduct computer flight simulations, learn about the principles of aerodynamics and gain an overview of the development of the space flight program.

<https://spaceadventurecamp.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/>

**4-H STEM Camp** focuses on the topics of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in ways that are unique and fun. Youth explore the outdoors and learn about the science of the world around them through interactive sessions. Campers enjoy traditional camp activities with a STEM spin, such as campfire, with a fire science or chemistry focus.

<https://4hcantercave.osu.edu/events/calendar/specialty-camps/4-h-stem-camp>

**Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports Camps** focus on the safe, responsible, ethical use of firearms and archery equipment. Shooting instruction is led by trained, experienced 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors. Campers will select one shooting discipline to focus on while at camp. They will also have opportunities to sample other disciplines along with fun traditional camping activities such as crafts, boating, fishing, hiking and more. All activities are conducted under the direct supervision of our trained instructors and 4-H staff.

<https://ohio4h.org/families/members/events-opportunities/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-ed-camp>

## **LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **4-H Camp Counselor**

The 4-H Camp Counselors are a group of 4-H teens selected to assist in being responsible for campers ages 5-13 during 4-H camp. As a result of participation, counselors will develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and aspirations needed for adult success, and the Hocking County 4-H program will be strengthened and expanded.

*Roles and Responsibilities of 4-H Camp Counselors include:*

- ▶ Attend required trainings prior to camp
- ▶ Conduct self in an appropriate manner before, during, and after camp while serving as a role model to campers and peers
- ▶ Market and promote camp
- ▶ Serve in a leadership and teaching role to other counselors
- ▶ Serve on committees or groups to plan camp programs
- ▶ Assist staff and other counselors with camp activities; work as a team to implement the activities
- ▶ Know and understand all safety guidelines, including emergency procedures, associated with the camp and program areas
- ▶ Follow and enforce camp rules
- ▶ Assure the safety of campers at all times - including in cabins, sessions, and large group activities
- ▶ Be aware of child protection regulations and report any child abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect in accordance with university policy
- ▶ Identify and respond to camper behavior issues
- ▶ Ensure campers' health and hygiene, e.g., brushing teeth, eating meals, taking medication, etc.
- ▶ Promote camper participation during camp
- ▶ Lead and supervise campers in activities at camp including, but not limited to songs, teambuilding challenges, group activities, challenges, etc.
- ▶ Teach and lead campers at workshops or during other components at camp (table setting, song leading, etc.)
- ▶ Mentor and give guidance to campers to encourage positive youth development and enhancement of life skills

### **CARTEENS**

The "Car" in CARTEENS stands for "Caution And Responsibility", and "Teens" refers to the teenagers who help prepare and present the program. In CARTEENS programs, 4-H teen leaders teach traffic education safety programs to first-time teen traffic offenders, while also building offenders' self-esteem and interpersonal skills. Teen traffic offenders attending this program have typically been cited for speeding, stop sign violations, reckless operation, and other, similar moving violations. CARTEENS program topics include excessive speed, driving under the influence, seat belt safety use, consequences of unsafe decisions, dealing with peer pressure, understanding traffic laws, and recognizing and reacting to traffic signs and signals.

The Hocking Co CARTEENS program takes place on the last Wednesday of every other month beginning in January, with the exception of November.

<https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/healthy-living/carteens>

### **Hocking County Junior Leaders**

Junior Leaders is a program lead by approved 4-H Volunteers and OSU Staff that support positive youth development. Youth acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes related to leadership, citizenship, and community through planning, participating in, and partnering with other organizations in community service-based projects in Hocking County.

Meetings are generally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

### **Hocking County Youth Board** *(4-H membership is not required.)*

Mission Statement:

To empower youth to serve as trustees of their community and to demonstrate this service by promoting and participating in community service work and by seeking appointments for youth on boards of directors or trustees.

Purpose:

- To involve youth in meaningful volunteer community service.
- To introduce the community to the valuable youth resources they have in their community and to encourage and support using youth as volunteers.
- To provide opportunities for youth to serve on the board and/or committees of local organizations and to promote this idea to organizations in and away from our community.

Youth Board meets January thru May and August thru December. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month, except in November and December. Approved 4-H Volunteers and OSU Staff manage the Youth Board program.