

What Is The 4-H Lingo?

4-H is not a foreign language, but for many new 4-H families the “4-H Lingo” may seem like one. Common abbreviations for the seasoned 4-H families can leave new ones mystified. The spectrum of 4-H opportunities is endless and knowing where to begin can be your family’s ticket to a positive and rewarding 4-H experience.

Achievement Awards. 4-H members may apply for local Junior and Senior Achievement Awards. The Achievement Award applications are posted at www.hocking.osu.edu. The deadline to apply, typically in late September, is listed in the 4-H calendar. 4-H’ers age 14-18 as of January 1st, may also apply for one of twenty State Achievement Project Awards as well as the opportunity to serve on State Junior Fair Board and/or attend a variety of State and National Conferences. Apply in January by visiting <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/awards/index.html>.

Ambassador. 4-H members, who are High School freshmen to seniors, may apply in January <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/ambassadors/index.html>. Ambassadors assist with local 4-H and Ohio 4-H Events including State Fair and serve as a spokesperson for 4-H.

Camp. Members enjoy outdoor fun and adventure while learning and making new friends at one of Ohio’s fourteen 4-H Camps. Camping opportunities are available for Cloverbuds, members and teens with some focused in a particular project area. Teens serve as Camp Counselors developing leadership and group dynamic skills.

CARTEENS. Teens, with a driver’s permit or license, serve as peer facilitators and instructors to teach first time traffic offenders. They lead group discussions, role play traffic situations, conduct interactive traffic related games and engage in informal dialog with a patrol officer.

Charter Clubs. 4-H clubs must meet the Ohio 4-H Chartering requirements by April 2007 to use the 4-H name and emblem. A club must have a minimum of five members led by a 4-H volunteer(s) in a safe and welcoming environment with members participating in a series of experiential learning experiences.

Cloverbuds. 4-H members age 5 and in Kindergarten through 2nd grade or until they reach the age and grade requirements for 4-H project membership. Cloverbuds participate in cooperative activities. They may not enroll in 4-H projects.

Clovergram. The *4-H Clovergram* newsletter contains information about upcoming 4-H events and opportunities in Hocking County. A new issue is available bi-monthly or seasonally. It is e-mailed or sent through U.S. mail to all 4-H families and volunteers, and, it is posted at www.hocking.osu.edu. Contact the Extension Office if you do not receive a copy.

Code of Conduct. The 4-H program expects members to model positive behavior at all sponsored events, activities, camps, contests including club meetings and Jr. Fair participation. Good sportsmanship and ethical decisions are principles valued by the 4-H organization.



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Community Service. Giving back to one's community through service helps 4-H'ers carry out their pledge "to larger service." Service begins in your club, but can extend into county, regional, state, national and global efforts.

Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF). This form indicates your project animal has met all drug withdrawal periods at time of exhibition. The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) requires this form for exhibition of market beef, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, turkeys, meat chickens, meat rabbits, lactating dairy goats or dairy cows. One per animal/pen.

Enrollment. Children must enroll with a 4-H club and a project(s) by the county's 4-H enrollment deadline to be eligible for full county 4-H opportunities including Fair participation. Families in Hocking County should be enrolled by mid-March.

Exchange Programs. Participate in a great cultural experience within Ohio, the U.S. borders or abroad. Host an international participant or travel abroad yourself.

Experiential Learning. Simply put is *Learning by Doing the 4-H Way* through hands-on and mind-on projects, programs and experiences. Members DO activities, QUESTION results, CONNECT to self and others, and USE experiences in daily life.

Extension Educator. OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development professional(s) give leadership to the development, implementation and evaluation of the county 4-H program. These individuals manage, teach, facilitate, mediate, mentor, plan and deliver positive youth development programs through a variety of delivery methods.

Fair. Members may exhibit projects at the county fair. Fair exhibition is not a requirement for project completion, but a showcase for a member's 4-H project work and experiences. Teens may serve as Junior Fair Board members assisting with planning, conducting and evaluation of events, contests and activities.

Family Guide. A booklet that lists all the 4-H projects including a brief project description, age guidelines, skill level and State Fair eligibility.

Fashion Review/Style Show. Clothing project members model the outfit sewn and/or purchased through their clothing project experience. The outfit must include garment(s) sewn and/or purchased and selected accessories for a total look outfit.

4-H Foundation. Established at The Ohio State University to accept contributions to benefit the educational efforts of the State and County 4-H programs. You may designate gifts to the State 4-H or a specific County 4-H Endowment.

Horse Safety Program. 4-H horse project members and their parent/guardian must complete this program before being eligible to participate in the 4-H Horse Program. Each member and his/her parent/guardian must annually sign the Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Horse Activities Form and submit it to the Extension Office.

Junior Leaders. Teens may serve as junior leaders within a club as officers and peer mentors and at the county level as members of Jr. Fair Boards, the Hocking County Youth Board, Fashion Board, Advisory Committees, CARTEENS, Ambassadors and Camp Counselors.

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). The Ohio Department of Agriculture is a regulatory agency that establishes and enforces policy regarding Livestock Quality Assurance, animal health rules for Fair exhibition, and food safety procedures to protect Ohio producers and consumers.

<http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/>

Officers. Members lead the club through holding office and chairing and serving on committees. 4-H officers include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, News Reporter, Recreation Leader, Safety Officer, Health Officer, Environmental Officer and Community Service Leader.

Performance Against Standards (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 in a maximum of four classes and must qualify in two classes to show at the State Fair. Members that qualify in more than two classes must select the two classes they intend to show in at the State Fair.

Permission Forms. 4-H will ask members, participating in camps, overnight trips, and high-risk activities, and their parent/guardian to read, sign and submit permission forms (permission slips, informed consents and waivers). These forms help inform about potential risks.

Project. 4-H members enroll in projects to explore a topic or interest area through hands-on activities, sequential learning experiences, goal setting and evaluation. 4-H'ers keep records and documentation of project experiences in a Project Book.

Project Judging. Evaluation of a project member's knowledge through an interview with an adult judge, review of project book records, and exhibit of a project item and/or educational display.

Project Requirements. Outlines the possession dates, deadlines, project judging/skill-a-thon guidelines, resources, Fair rules, judging dates, county and beyond county opportunities and much more. The format and delivery varies between counties.

Public Speaking. Members may prepare a demonstration, speech or skit to deliver at the club, county, regional or state level to enhance oral presentation skills. Contest opportunities include: Health & Safety, Horse and General Demonstrations.

Scholarships. Members that are high school seniors and college students may apply for county and/or state 4-H scholarships to assist with their future career education goals. The application for the county scholarship sponsored by the Hocking County 4-H Committee is on-line and available through high school guidance counselors. Contact the Extension Office for a state scholarship application. Apply by January for a state scholarship.

Shooting Sports. The Hocking County Young Guns 4-H Club is the local shooting sports club. The club focuses on a different fire arm each year. In 2015, their focus is on shotguns. 4-H'ers must be 9 years of age as of January 1 or older to participate in Shooting Sports.

Skillathon. Evaluation of livestock, horse and dog member's project knowledge through participating in hands-on skill stations that allow the member to apply knowledge/skill to real word situations. The skillathon is part of the evaluation process which also includes talking to a judge and submitting the 4-H project book for review.

State Fair Selection and Alternates. Member(s) selected to represent the county at the Ohio State Fair for a given non-livestock project or project area. Counties may select one member per project or State Fair class to participate. To be eligible, 4-H'ers must participate in the county project judging day.

Tag-In, Weigh-In Day. Date required to tag-in, weigh-in and/or identify your project animal for Junior Fair participation. There is one opportunity to do this. Check the 4-H calendar for the date, time and location.

Volunteer or Club Advisor. Dedicated, enthusiastic, caring adults that have completed a selection, screening and orientation process by OSU Extension. The current Ohio 4-H Volunteer Selection process includes a written application, reference checks, BCI background check, interview with Extension Educator and volunteer orientation.

Volunteer Standards of Behavior. Volunteering in 4-H is a privilege not a right. Approved volunteers agree to commit to the OSU Extension program, follow all policies and to adhere to a set of standards that insure the safety and well-being of program participants. Violations of the standards can result in suspension or termination.

Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance (QA). Quality Assurance (QA) is an annual program required for members exhibiting market and lactating project animals by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Members can meet this requirement by attending a one hour+ quality assurance program focusing on the 10 Good Production Practices. The Hocking County Fair Board requires 4-H'ers to attend training in Hocking County.

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