Dear Parents:

To join 4-H:

- Children in K-2nd grade may join as a Cloverbud! A child at least eight years of age and currently in the third grade may join a traditional 4-H community club. 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.
- Choose a club which meets in your area, a club your child's friends are in, or call the Extension Office for more information on the various clubs in the county.
- Contact the club advisor or the Extension Office to get more details about club meetings and enrollment. Youth may join 4-H at any time, however to participate in the Medina County fair, they must be enrolled by April 15th. Enrollment Fees are $15/member, with a $45 maximum per family.
- 4-H membership develops skills and knowledge youth need to succeed! There are over two hundred projects to choose from and summer is full of exciting experiences in 4-H! Many 4-H clubs take special trips and OSU Extension Office sponsors activities for members and families.

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What is 4-H?
4-H is a non-formal educational youth development program offered to individuals ages 5-19.

Among all the fun things to learn about in 4-H are animals, computers, public speaking, cooking, art, gardening, natural sciences, and much more.

Membership age
4-H project membership may start when a youth is 8 years old and in 3rd grade on January 1 of the current year. A youth’s eligibility ends December 31 the year they turn 19.

What is a Cloverbud?
Cloverbuds are 5 years old and in kindergarten through 8 years old and in 2nd grade on January 1 of current year.

4-H volunteers lead activities that explore topics such as health, earth and the environment, citizenship, plants and animals, science and technology, personal development, creative arts, and more!

What is a 4-H Project?
A 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.
- Members can take up to 10 projects each year.

Can a school project be used as a 4-H project too?
No. In order for a member to achieve the progression of knowledge, attitudes, skills and aspirations necessary for positive youth development, all 4-H experiences in which a 4-H member is involved must be separate and different from previous or simultaneous experiences in other programs, groups, businesses, and organizations.

4-H membership expectation
The expectations for 4-H membership are a balance of 4-H project work, involvement in a 4-H club, participation in 4-H activities and events, and working towards improving one’s personal growth. 4-H members and their parents/guardians are also expected to abide by the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct throughout the year, and sign off on this Code as part of the annual membership process.

Opportunities available