

MEDINA 4-H

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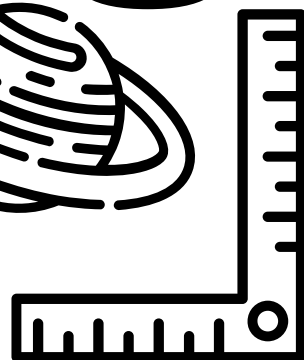
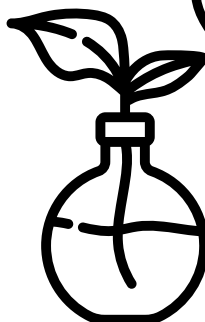
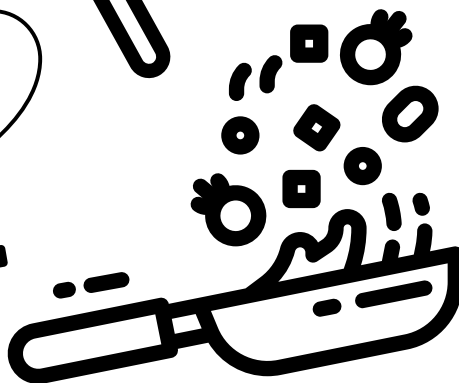
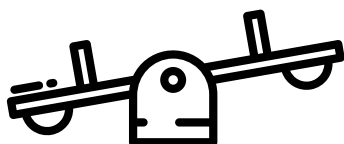
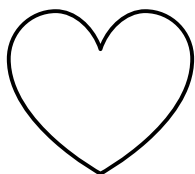
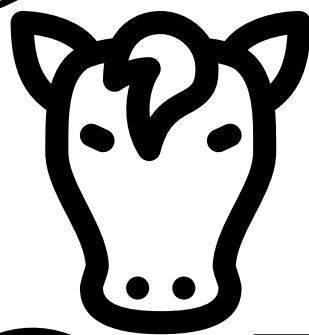
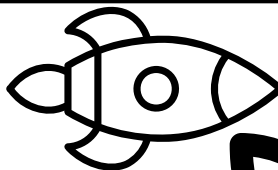
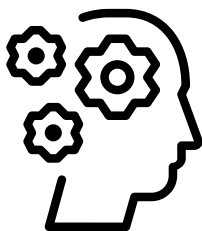
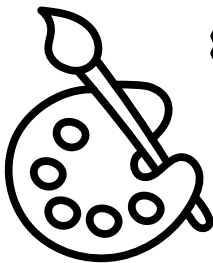
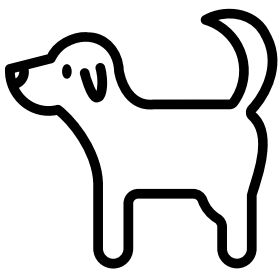


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***All information in this handbook is subject to change due to state policy and date changes.
For the most up to date calendar and information, please check the website or download the
Medina County 4-H NOW App to your mobile device***

Please note: if a due date falls on a weekend it will shift to the next available business day.

Welcome to Medina County 4-H

This *4-H Family Handbook* has been prepared as a resource for you and your family. It contains valuable information that can help your family members get the most out of the 4-H year. We hope you have an enjoyable year and take part in the many 4-H activities planned for your experience. If you have any questions or ideas for the future, please let us know.

What is 4-H?

- 4-H is America's largest youth development program! In 4-H, youth learn by doing projects that are designed to fit their needs at different ages. Through a variety of projects—from food and forestry to rockets and rabbits—4-H gives children and teens opportunities to learn life skills, to practice them, and become confident in their ability to use them in the future.
- The purpose of 4-H is to provide hands-on learning experiences and opportunities for youth that will help them grow and develop to the fullest of their potential through projects, programs, and activities.
- The 4-H Positive Youth Development model is based on these key elements:
 - Belonging
 - Mastery
 - Independence
 - Generosity
 - Learn more at: www.ohio4h.org/about
- **Medina County 4-H Community Club members may exhibit their 4-H projects at the Medina County Fair, and Ohio State Fair.** Although competition is a part of the 4-H program, **the real benefit comes from learning, not from winning.** Skills learned and friendships made in 4-H will long outlast any ribbons and trophies won.

4-H Membership Eligibility

- 4-H membership is based on a child's age AND grade as of January 1 of the current calendar year.
- Membership begins when a child is 5 AND in Kindergarten and ends the year, they turn 19. Younger members participate in age-appropriate Cloverbud programs and older youth are eligible to take any of over 200+ 4-H projects.
- Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is 9 years old or age 8 AND in third grade. Any youth aged 9 OR ABOVE is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level.
- A youth's 4-H eligibility ends December 31 the year they turn 19.
- No individual may be a 4-H member in two or more counties at the same time. Youth are expected to participate in the 4-H program of their county of residence. However, in situations where youth live out of the county, membership considerations will be given by the 4-H Educators in the county of residence and county of participation when a positive educational experience will result. **An Across County Line Application Form must be on file for members residing outside of Medina County. Resubmit if changes. Due March 15.**

Ways to Participate

In Medina County there are four ways to participate in 4-H:

- **Community Club Membership:** This is the most common way members participate. Membership in a community club allows youth to take individual 4-H projects, compete at the county fair, and join a year-round 4-H Club.
- **SPIN Club Membership:** This stands for SPecial INterest Club. In this short-term club youth will learn by doing about one specific topic and complete a single 4-H project as a group.
- **4-H Camp Attendance:** We have three camping opportunities in Medina County, Cloverbud Day Camp, Junior Day Camp and Kelleys Island over night camp. You do not have to be enrolled in a 4-H Club to attend 4-H camp. Older youth may apply to serve as a 4-H camp counselor. *See below for more details.*
- **School Enrichment Programs:** The Medina County Extension Office has a variety of school programming available for grades K-12. Learn more about school programming here: <https://medina.osu.edu/program-areas/school-programming>

Enrollment

- 4-H Online enrollment is required for all Community Club Members by April 15th.
- Summer enrollment is open for Community Clubs from April 16th to June 1st and is intended for new 4-H members. Members who join during summer enrollment will be restricted to taking only ONE non-livestock project that 4-H year.
- Eligible members must select and complete **at least one** project from the current years Ohio 4-H Family Guide.
 - New members are encouraged to select ONLY 1 project their first year.
 - Returning Community Club members may enroll in up to 10 projects. Those who wish to take more than 10 projects, must seek written permission from the 4-H Educator.
- 4-H Online enrollment is not required for SPIN Club members but is encouraged <https://oh.4honline.com> enrollment in a SPIN Club will allow members to receive the family newsletters, and track 4-H progress. Enrollment in a SPIN Club can be done at any time during the 4-H year Nov 1st to October 15th.
- Enrollment in 4-H online is not required for 4-H Camps or School Enrichment Program but program registration may be required.

Individual Project Completion Requirements

- The completion of 4-H projects is an important part of the Community Club learning model. Projects are completed primarily independently at home with the assistance of a project helper. Through these projects, members learn about topics that are of interest to them, at a pace that is set by them. The project is a way for youth to learn to set and accomplish goals. The projects offer a learn-by-doing approach for the youth to master skills at different levels. All 4-H project books are designed to be comprehensive hands-on lessons that walk a child through the learning experience step by step. You can learn more about 4-H Project Learning here: <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/4h-50>
- Completion of any individual 4-H project requires the use of a 4-H project book, which can be purchased from the Extension Office, through your club, or online at www.extensionpubs.osu.edu
- A project helper may be a parent, older sibling, neighbor, club advisor etc. who is knowledgeable in the project topic and can help the member complete their book.
- Project guidelines and judging/exhibit requirements for livestock projects are listed in the Medina County Junior Fair Rule Book. It is YOUR responsibility to be familiar with the information listed in that rule book. The current years rule book will be posted on the Median County 4-H Web page here: <https://medina.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/junior-fair-livestock-projects>
- Non-livestock Projects guidelines and judging/exhibit requirements are listed in the Medina County Pre-Fair Rule Book. It is YOUR responsibility to be familiar with the information listed in that rule book. The current years rule book will be posted here: <https://medina.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/pre-fair-resources>
 - Each project will have a specific project judging date listed on the web pages linked above.
 - Any project made for completion or for a grade in any other activity such as FFA, FCCLA, school, or similar organization cannot be entered as a 4-H project at the county fair or used for any other 4-H judging.
 - ALL 4-H projects need to be the work of the individual 4-H member. Help from parents, advisors, and other interested adults is encouraged if it is of an educational nature. The final exhibit must be the work of the member.
 - 4-H work may add to existing work such as a science fair project, but it cannot be a duplication.

To Complete in the County Fair:

- Join a 4-H Community Club
- Enroll in 4-H online and pay the Community Club Member Dues.
- Complete all the requirements of at least one of the projects enrolled in.
- Complete Fair Entry by June 1
- Read and follow all rules for your project as specified in the Junior Fair Rule Book or Pre-Fair Rule Book It is your responsibility to be familiar with Jr. Fair policy if you choose to exhibit at the fair.
- Complete project judging

4-H Costs

- **Camp Fees**- there is a registration fee for all 4-H camps that covers the cost of running the camp. Scholarships are available each year to support members who need help covering the cost of camp.
- **Community Club Member Dues**- the county fee is \$15 per member per year with a maximum of \$45 per family. There is one charge regardless of the number of community clubs enrolled in.
- **Club Fees** – Some clubs may charge per member or family fee based on their club's activities. SPIN Clubs often charge a fee to help purchase supplies for group projects and activities.
- **Project Books** – You can purchase a project book anytime at the OSU Extension Office or order your books through your club or purchase them online from www.extensionpubs.osu.edu. Most books cost \$8.00, although some cost a little more. Books order online cost \$10 plus shipping.
 - Project books are designed to be used for one year, though some can be taken multiple years.
 - Some projects require an additional resource handbook (\$8.00 to \$25.00) and these are purchased once by the family and can be used for all the projects covered by that handbook.
- **Project Supplies** – Every project has some cost beyond the book(s). For some projects, this may be supplies and materials that you already have at home. For other projects, your child will be required to invest in an animal & supplies for its care, specialized equipment and/or other items. *Please keep this in mind when selecting projects with your child.* For help understanding the cost of your project reach out the Medina County Extension office or your club leader.
- **If your family needs help covering the cost of participating in 4-H please reach out the Medina County Extension Office for assistance 330-725-4911.**

4-H Volunteers

Volunteers are the foundation of the 4-H program without whom the program would not be possible. They do not get paid to run the 4-H program, but they volunteer their time because they believe in the 4-H mission and want to help Medina County youth grow. In Medina County we have several types of Volunteers who play important roles in our clubs, camps, and committees. All approved 4-H volunteers have completed a selection, screening, and orientation process through 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. In addition, all volunteers are required to complete 2 hours of yearly training and a background check every 4 years.

Community Club Volunteer

May be the Club Leader, Financial Steward, Cloverbud leader, or serve another role within your Community Club. These volunteers, plan your club meetings, help you with enrollment and are your primary contact in the 4-H program.

Here are some of the things you can expect from your 4-H Community Club Volunteers:

- **Uphold the volunteer standards of behavior.** This includes treating others with respect, handling animals and equipment responsibly, providing a safe environment for youth to learn and grow, follow duties as a mandated reporter, and represent OSU, and 4-H in a positive way.
- Provide notice of 4-H club meetings and/or a printed schedule of club meetings for the year.
- Information provided at all meetings:
 - Review of the 4-H Calendar and any additional information received by the Extension Office
 - Reminders of upcoming deadlines, requirements, etc.
 - What's coming up in the club and how my child and I can get involved?
- Help in selecting, ordering, and receiving Project Books for my child.
- Hands-on learning opportunities for my child this could include* project work, demonstrations, practice skill-a-thons and/or project judging, field trips/tours, etc.
- Opportunity for my child to give back to the community through service projects which could include* flower gardens at the fairgrounds, adopt a highway, food drives, etc.
- Opportunity for my child to build leadership skills which could include* serving as a club officer, on a committee, leading the American or 4-H pledges, participating in a business meeting, etc.
- Opportunity for my child to have FUN with friends (new and old) through recreational, social, educational and/or competitive activities.
- A welcoming place for my child and me to learn and grow through the 4-H program and work together to "Make the Best Better."

*It is not a requirement for clubs to hold any of these specific events listed only to provide opportunities for hands on learning and personal growth. Each club runs differently and will have different opportunities. You can change clubs any time prior to the April 15th enrollment deadline.

SPIN Club Volunteers

These volunteers run our short-term Special Interest clubs. Their duties are very similar to that of a Community Club volunteer however members in SPIN Clubs do not take individual projects and are not eligible for competitive events. Therefore, the expectations of a SPIN Club volunteer are focused on group learning experiences.

You can expect your SPIN Club Volunteers to:

- **Uphold the volunteer standards of behavior.** This includes treating others with respect, handling animals and equipment responsibly, providing a safe environment for youth to learn and grow, follow duties as a mandated reporter, and represent OSU, and 4-H in a positive way.
- Provide notice of 4-H club meetings and/or a printed schedule of club meetings for the 6 to 10 week season.
- Hands-on learning opportunities for my child related to the SPIN Club theme/topic.
- Opportunity for my child to build life skills through hands on group learning projects.
- Opportunity for my child to have FUN with friends (new and old)
- Provide a welcoming and safe environment for all.

Livestock and Pre-Fair Committees Volunteers

Committee volunteers work year-round mostly behind the scenes planning for and running our 4-H project judging events. This includes Pre-Fair Judging week, livestock clinics, Skillathons, and the Junior Fair. They play key roles

in the creation and enforcement of junior fair rules and policy. They also provide assistance to 4-Hers who may need help with projects and animal care.

What can I expect from a committee member?

- **Uphold the volunteer standards of behavior.** This includes treating others with respect, handling animals and equipment responsibly, providing a safe environment for youth to learn and grow, follow duties as a mandated reporter, and represent OSU, and 4-H in a positive way.
- **Communicate dates and deadlines through one consistent channel.** Some committees may use multiple forms of communication such as email, newsletters, and social media posts but this is not a requirement. Only one form of communication is required, and it is YOUR responsibility to find out how your animal committee will send out information.
- **Answer questions related to their committee within one week.** Our committee members are busy people do not reach out to them and expect answer that day. Plan ahead and be familiar with all the deadlines for your project.
- **Run livestock skillathons**
- Committees may hold additional clinics, but this is NOT a requirement.

Other Volunteer Types

Most volunteers serve in either a Club or on a committee however some fall into other categories.

- **Camp Volunteers-** Help with the training of camp counselors and running of our 4-H camps.
- **4-H Advisory Council Volunteers-** serve on the 4-H Advisory Council which helps to advise the 4-H program on the needs of the community. Applications are taken yearly for the council.

4-H Family Expectations

Just as you have expectations of volunteers, your club and committee will have expectations for your participation and involvement. Each club has their own bylaws and general way of doing things, but here are some of the things that may be expected of your family:

- Make sure that all members understand and agree to the Member Code of Conduct which includes treating others with respect, being responsible for your actions, and adhering to county and state 4-H rules. This is signed in 4-H online each year during enrollment and all members will be held to these standards.
- Attend club meetings, activities, and events. Notify the club advisor if your child cannot attend a meeting/activity. Each member must attend 50% club meetings to be considered in good standing. (with a minimum of 4 meetings for Community Club members and 6 for SPIN Club members)
- Transport your child to all club meetings and activities.
- **Read the 4-H emails**, the monthly 4-H Family Newsletters contain important information. Your club may also send emails, and the Extension Office/ 4-H Staff may contact you directly by email.
- **Update your contact information** in 4-H online when it changes. It is YOUR responsibility to ensure that 4-H staff and volunteers have the correct contact information for your family.
- Use the Medina County 4-H Website or App to find answers to questions.
- Community Club members: Enroll in 4-H online by April 15th and Fair Entry by June 1 each year.
- Help with the club and/or county fundraising events and pay your child's club fee and/or book fees.
- Model a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, respect, and cooperation.
- Support the club by cooperating with club advisors and exhibiting a positive attitude towards your child's personal and club 4-H goals. Parents/ guardians are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and respect for all 4-H volunteers, youth members, and county staff.

Project Expectations

- Read the Junior Fair and Pre-Fair Rule Book sections relevant to your 4-H project.
- Most 4-H project work will be completed at home. Encourage and guide your child's project work at home. Do not do their work for them!
- 4-H projects take time to complete correctly and thoroughly, keep this in mind when selecting projects with your child. You are expected to know your project requirements and plan ahead. 4-H projects are intended to be learning experiences and should be started several months prior to fair.
- In 4-H project work you get out what you put in. The more time your child spends working on and understanding their project the more they will gain in the form of life skills, knowledge, and mastery.
- 4-H projects may require the purchase of supplies, and the care of live animals understand the financial investment of your project prior to selecting it.

Instructions for Online Enrollment- Community Clubs

NEW MEMBERS – with no previous 4-H experience in the immediate Family

- ☐ Due by April 15th for general enrollment or June 1 for summer enrollment.
- ☐ If you live out of Medina County, you must complete a Cross County Lines Request form. The form is available from your 4-H Advisor or at <http://Medina.osu.edu>.
- ☐ Go to <http://oh.4honline.com>
- ☐ Below the sign in section, select "Don't have an account?" You will create a Family account at this point. *(please note that the email entered here will be your primary point of contact and your username for log in)*
- ☐ Once you have created your Family Account select "add member"
- ☐ Enter the following for each child:
 - Personal information
 - Select your club.
 - Select your project(s).
 - Answer question section.
 - Sign all consent forms.
 - Submit enrollment.
- ☐ If you have multiple members select "add member" again and follow the steps listed above.
- ☐ Once submitted, you can NOT go back and edit you will need to contact the Median County Extension Office to make corrections at 330-725-4911.

RETURNING MEMBERS or NEW MEMBERS in Families with previous 4-H experience

- ☐ Due by April 15th
- ☐ DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE
- ☐ Login to <http://oh.4honline.com> with your family email. (if you cannot remember your username or password contact the extension office for help DO NOT create a new profile 330-725-4911)
- ☐ Select "View" to update, personal information on the Profile tab. New Members, select "Add Member".
- ☐ On the Enrollment tab, select "Not Enrolled – Enroll Now"
 - Select your club.
 - Select your project(s)..
 - Answer question section.
 - Complete the consents section.
 - Submit enrollment.
- ☐ Once enrolled, you can go back and edit any Family information using the Family tab on the left.
- ☐ Once submitted, you can NOT go back and edit and individual profile you will need to contact the Median County Extension Office to make corrections at 330-725-4911

Fair Entry

The Medina County Fair is separate from Medina County 4-H. While we work closely together participating in the Fair is not a requirement for 4-H nor are 4-Hers the only ones who show in the Junior Fair. For this reason, 4-H enrollment and Fair Entry are separate. If you want to show at the Medina County Fair you must enter your projects in Fair Entry.

Due by June 1

Instructions for Fair Entry

- ☐ Due by June 1
- 1. Go to www.fairentry.com
- 2. Select "find your fair" and type in "Medina."
- 3. Select "Median County Jr. Fair" for all livestock entries showing during the week of fair.
- 4. Select "Median County Pre-Fair Judging" for all non-livestock projects judged prior to the week of fair.
 - If you have entries in both Junior Fair and Pre-Fair you will need to enroll in both separately.
- 5. Sign in with 4-H online, use the same username and password.
- 6. Click "Individual" and then the name of who you are registering then "continue."
- 7. Click "entries" then "Add an Entry" then the project and class you are entering.
 - For livestock you will enter your animal(s) as well
- 8. Repeat step 7 until you have entered all projects for that exhibitor/member.
- 9. Click "Exhibitors" to select any additional people and repeat steps 6 and 7.
- 10. Click "review/complete outstanding records" fill in any missing information.
- 11. When finished Click "Payments" which will show \$0.00 and hit "continue".
- 12. Finally click "Submit". Once you submit you can NOT make any more changes.

County Opportunities for 4-H Members

4-H believes healthy competition is an excellent motivator. A member recognition system has been implemented that offers appropriate recognition for all members.

1. **4-H SPIN Clubs-** Special Interest clubs are offered at the state and local level for members looking to dive deep into a specific topic. You can learn how to start one and find all the current Median County SPIN Clubs here: <https://medina.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/spin-clubs>
2. **4-H Educational Workshops and Activities** – A variety of workshops are held each year to enhance learning & project work. Look for a workshop schedule and announcements in the monthly family newsletter, your email, and on our Facebook page.
3. **4-H Camps** – Medina County has three camping opportunities Cloverbud Day Camp, Junior Day Camp and Kelleys Island overnight camp. Registration for camp opens mid-May and is done on a first come first serve basis. There are also camping opportunities at the state level for both campers and counselors. Look for camping opportunities at the state and local level in the 4-H Family Newsletter. And on our website <https://medina.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/medina-county-4-h-camp>
4. **Medina County Fair-** There are many opportunities for members to be involved at the county fair but participating in the Medina County Fair is NOT a requirement. The fair is an opportunity to share the accomplishments of members and clubs. Look on the Medina County Fair website for open class entry opportunities and more!

County Opportunities for TEENS

1. **Advisory Council-** Youth can serve a 1-year term, for up to two consecutive terms on the Medina County Advisory Member. Support and advise 4-H professionals about the current and future needs of county youth, volunteers, and families to promote and foster involvement in 4-H Youth Development Programs.
2. **Camp Counselors** – Members who are 14 and up and in good standing may apply applications are due December 1. Camp Counselors are a group of 4-H teens who plan and conduct our 4-H camps. Counselors are trained and selected to assist in being responsible for campers aged 5-8 or 9-13 during our 4-H camps.
3. **Counselor in Training (CIT)** – Members who do not meet the age requirement or who do not complete training may participate in the Counselor in Training education program to prepare to apply for the position of camp counselor the following year. CITs have some added responsibility and leadership training during camp.
4. **CARTEENS-** This traffic safety program by teens for teens is designed to save lives and decrease repeat offenses while teaching volunteers valuable public speaking skills and earning community service hours.
5. **Junior Fair Board** – Community Club Members who are between 11 and 18 years as of January 1 of the upcoming year may apply. Members assist in planning and conducting Junior Fair activities, community service projects and fundraising. Applications are due November 1.
6. **Junior Leaders-** This activity group for Community Club members ages 13-19 collaborates on a variety of activities and projects each year. Members learn a sense of responsibility and have fun completing volunteer work, donating money earned from working in the Milkshake and bonding as a group through events yearly mystery dinners and biyearly trips around the Midwest.
7. **Ohio 4-H Achievement Record** – Older members (14 years and older) are eligible to complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record to be selected to represent Medina County at Leadership camp, Sea camp, Buckeye Leadership Workshop, and Citizenship Washington Focus, as well as state achievement awards. Due January 31, 2023.
8. **Ohio 4-H Conference** – Teens may attend Ohio 4-H Conference on Saturday of 4-H Week in March. This one-day conference in Columbus brings together 4-H youth and volunteers from across the state to learn about new 4-H projects, programs, and leadership.
9. **Ohio 4-H Teen Hall of Fame & Teen of the Year** – these state awards recognize the top 4-Hers in Ohio each year. Applications are due on December 1 of the current year.
10. **Scholarship** – There are many scholarships available to 4-H members at a state and local level. Scholarship opportunities will be shared in the Family Newsletter, on the Median County Extension website and, 4-H Facebook page.

4-H Glossary

4-H Educator- Person in charge of 4-H at the county level.

4-H Winning Plan- 4-H is proud to be an inclusive organization where ALL youth can find belonging. The Winning 4-H Plan allows parents, youth members, and 4-H staff to work together to find appropriate accommodations when needed. If your child needs any accommodation to enjoy their 4-H experience, please contact the 4-H Education to begin the process.

Advisor – Another name for a club volunteer.

Achievement Awards – 4-H members, age 14-18 as of January 1, may apply for one of the more than 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

Achievement Record Book- a logbook where members can track their progress in 4-H over the course of their entire career. Copies are available free of charge in the Extension Office.

Camp – Members enjoy outdoor fun and adventure while learning and making new friends at 4-H Camp. Members aged 9 and older may attend Jr camp, which is held overnight at Kelleys Island 4-H Camp or Jr Day Camp which is a partnership with Lorain and Medina County. Youth 5-8 years old can attend Cloverbud Day Camp held at the Medina County Fair Grounds. Teens who are 14 or older can serve as camp counselors at the local and state levels. Camps are offered at the state level for younger and older 4-Hers.

Cloverbuds – 4-H members aged 5 and in kindergarten through 9 or in 3rd grade as of January 1. Cloverbuds participate in age-appropriate group learning experience instead of competitive individual 4-H projects.

Demonstration- often held at club meetings a Demonstration allows members to share what they are learning from their project with other members. They are typically 5 minutes long and cover one specific aspect of the project. Participation helps members build their public speaking skills and introduce their project to others.

DUNF (Drug Use Notification Form) –This form indicates your project animal has met all drug withdrawal periods at time of exhibition. ODA requires this form for exhibition of market steers, dairy feeders, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, turkeys, meat chickens, meat rabbits, lactating dairy goat or dairy cows.

Enrollment- to enroll in 4-H Online. This is required every year for all community club members and volunteers who wish to participate in 4-H that year.

EquiSTEP – This training is required for all Horse project members and their parents/guardians. This annual requirement ensures that all horse members are safe and following program expectations.

Fair Entry- the online system used to enter 4-H projects into the Medina County Junior Fair and Pre-Fair.

Family Guide – Resource that lists all the 4-H projects including a brief project description, age guidelines, skill level and State Fair eligibility. <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>

Horse Safety & Ethics Program – 4-H horse project members must complete this program before being eligible to participate in the 4-H Horse Program.

Junior Fair Board – the junior fair board is a group of teen leaders that helps plan and implement the Medina County Junior Fair, Pre-Fair Judging and other community service activities. The board is made up of representatives from 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA.

Livestock Animal – Goats, pigs, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, cows, sheep, horses, market or breeding rabbits.

PAS Show – Horse project members may choose to participate in Performance Against Standards (PAS) classes 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.

Pre-Fair – any project which is judged prior to the start of the Medina County Fair. This includes all projects that are not a livestock animal, horse, or dog agility project. Ohio 4-H has over 150 of these Pre-Fair projects available in topics such as leadership, STEM, food & nutrition, clothing, and creative arts.

Project – The members use a project to explore a topic or interest area through hands-on activities, sequential learning experiences, goal setting and evaluation. 4-Hers keep records and documentation of project experiences in a Project Book.

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

Project Requirements – Everything you need to successfully complete your 4-H project this includes deadlines, project judging guidelines, resources, judging dates, what to bring to judging, county and beyond county opportunities and much more.

Quality Assurance Training (QA) – mandatory training for all members enrolled in market and milk projects. This training assures that all members know how to produce a product that is safe to enter the food chain.

Self-determined Project – If youth have a great idea for a project that does not yet have a project book, they may take this project and create their own. Must have competed at least one 4-H project book prior to taking a self-determined. Youth must create their own project, set learning objectives, and demonstrate specific learning.

Senior Fair Board- This group of adult voting members runs the Medina County Fair. While Medina County 4-H works closely with the Senior Fair Board this is not a part of OSU or 4-H.

Skill-a-thon – Evaluation of livestock member's project knowledge through participating in hands-on skill stations that allow the member to apply knowledge/skill to real world situations.

Spark- When we say 4-H helps youth “find their spark” what we mean is that thing that they are truly passionate about, that makes them excited and want to learn more. In 4-h we believe all children are naturally curious and ready to learn and that they do this best through hands on experience. A child's spark could become a degree, a career, or lifelong hobby. However, they decide to pursue it we know that when they have something they are passionate about it makes life more fulfilling and rewarding.

State Fair Selection & Alternates – Member(s) selected to represent the county at the Ohio State Fair for a given project or project area. Counties may select one member per special interest project or State Fair class to participate.

Tag-In/ Weigh-In– Date required to tag-in (place an ear tag in your animal) or weigh-in (record the weight of your animal) and/or identify your project animal for Junior Fair participation.

Youth Activities and Programs Policy (YAPP)- An OSU policy that outlines what is required of university community members who work in activities and programs with youth participants and informs individuals of their reporting obligations in instances of known or suspected child abuse or neglect. A yearly training on YAPP is required for all 4-H Volunteers.

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