



Clover Communicator

Lorain County - Where 4-H is Great!

Nov/Dec 2023

Dates & Deadlines

NOVEMBER

- 10** Holiday-Extension Office Closed
- 14 SFB 7pm (FG)
- 15 Advisory Committee (AC)
- 16 Endowment Board (AC)
- 20 Educational Board (AC)
- 23-24** Holiday – Extension Office Closed
- 30 Early Beef Tagging

DECEMBER

- 2 Beef Weigh-in & Tagging (FG)
- 14 Board Exec Training (AC)
- 25-26** Holiday – Extension Office Closed

The **TENTATIVE 2024 4-H Calendar**
Is available at the end of this
newsletter and on our website!



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Thank you to the following Lorain County 4-H supporters. It is the generosity from organizations such as yours that ensures **Lorain County 4-H is Great!**





Notes from Jacki

These past few weeks have been full of professional development, Ohio 4-H State Updates, and planning for 2024.

We had a great Think Tank event that included representatives from 4-H Advisory, Endowment, Educational Board, and Jr. Fair Board leadership. This group worked together to review the results from our end-of year survey and identify our program priorities for 2024.

Priorities include:

- Communication
- Accountability
- Animal Project Book Evaluation

The four county entities that provide leadership for our 4-H program and Jr. Fair have been challenged to keep these priorities in mind as they plan for the 2024 program year.

Things to look forward to in 2024:

- Expanded Assuring Quality Care of Animals (AQCA) opportunities
- Expanded Animal Project Book Evaluation opportunities
- New Volunteer Training Format
- Lorain County 4-H Family Guide
- Additional learning opportunities

Our new leadership from 4-H Advisory, 4-H Endowment, 4-H Educational Boards, and the Jr. Fair Board have been invited to a special training and planning meeting in December to continue the work accomplished at the Think Tank. Be on the lookout for more details in the next Clover Communicator.



Have a beautiful, safe and healthy end of 2023!

Jackie L. Baker



Headline News

Lorain County Jr. Fair- CHAMPIONS of Fight the Hunger Challenge

23,840 pounds of nonperishable food items were collected at this year's Stock the Trailer project!

-over 10,000 more than last year!!!

Lorain County holds the Regional, and Statewide CHAMPIONS title of Fight the Hunger Stock the Trailer two years in a row!! This service challenge is sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1st. Thank you to everyone for their time in this project and helping to make this a success. This would not have been possible without our Lorain County Junior Fair Board, our 4-H extension agent, clubs, and volunteers, FFA Advisors/chapters, or a caring community. Thank you to ALL that participated in this year's efforts!!





Headline News

Congratulations to all award winners at this year's Volunteer Recognition Banquet.



Meritorious Award Winner

Laura Smirz

4-H Service Accomplishments include:

- 19 Years of service
- 4-H Organizational Leader
- Past Endowment & Advisory Board member

4-H Alumni Award Winner

Becky McDonnell

4-H Service Accomplishments include:

- 34 Years of service
- Past 4-H Organizational Leader
- County Cloverbud Coordinator
- County Scholarship Program Co-Coordinator



Youth Leadership Award Winners

Amy Gerber
Holden Harker
Emma Lewis



Headline News

Congratulations to all 4-H Volunteer Service Award Winners!

5 Years

Adam Wilson
Adele Flynn
Amy Wysocki
Jennifer McDowell
Jennifer Wyatt
Michele Suhie
Rebecca Reed
Stephanie Wilson

10 Years

Andrea Harris
Ashley Canfield
Cevin Milas
Kelley Roach
Lynne Berkley
Sarah Lowery

15 Years

Andrea Richardson
Karen Gorka

25 Years

Christina Howard
Donna Kearns
Jim Klier
Pam Loy
Sandra Denes

35 Years

Linda Husk

40 Years

Faye Handrosh
Renee Burns

60 Years

Carolyn Knapp





Headline News

Congratulations to this year's Banner Club Award Winners!

4th Year	Helping Hands (Silver)
7th Year	Forward Bound (Emerald)
19th Year	Grafton Grangers (Emerald)
20th Year	Elyria Precious Pups & Projects (Gold)
27th Year	Amherst Critters & Such (Emerald)
28th Year	Another 4-H Club (Emerald)
30th Year	North Ridgeville Ridge Kids (Emerald)
31st Year	4-H Homegrowers (Emerald)
33rd Year	Saddle-Lites (Emerald)
39th Year	Penfield Partners (Emerald)

Special thank you to the Elyria VFW Post 1079 for the donation of the American Flags awarded to each of our banner clubs.

For more information on how your Club can apply for [Banner Club](#) visit our 4-H website!

Congratulations to this year's Secretary & Treasurer Book Winners!

Secretary Book Contest

Junior Division (Ages 9-13 yrs old on Jan 1)

- 4th Place – Dakota Nicoloff of 4-H Homegrowers
- 3rd Place – Rylee Howard of Saddle-Lites
- 2nd Place - Elizabeth Trimble of Penfield Partners
- 1st Place – Duncan McDowell of North Ridgeville Ridge Kids

Special thank you to the Lorain County Agricultural Society for sponsoring the premium reward for this contest!

Senior Division (Ages 14-18 yrs old on Jan 1)

Elijah Kyser – Forward Bound

For more information about this contest visit our 4-H website!

Treasurer Book Contest

Junior Division (Ages 9-13 yrs old on Jan 1)

- 3rd Place – Delaney Reed of Saddle-Lites
- 2nd Place – Andrew Trimble of Penfield Partners
- 1st Place – Jillian Farman of North Ridgeville Ridge Kids

Senior Division (Ages 14-18 yrs old on Jan 1)

Meredith Wysocki – Forward Bound



County News



4-H Advisory Board

Congratulations to our 2024 elected 4-H Advisory members:

3-Year Term Members

Sheila Nash LC 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor
Melanie Broud Rochester Winning Workers
Angela Crawford Back to Basics 4-H Club
Stephanie Parola Desperados 4-H Club

One-year appointed positions:

Cherie Parrish 4-H Volunteer Master Clothing Educator
Kim Polen Country Shamrocks 4-H Club
Kimberly Jayjohn Saddle-lites 4-H Club
Rabekah Beaver Elyria Precious Pups & Projects

Congratulations to the 2024 4-H Advisory Board Officers

President Rebecca Rollin
Vice President Kim Polen
Secretary Becky Reed
Treasurer Sue Malik

*Request these funds to assist with educational efforts in these project areas!
See page 10 for additional details.*

Project line item	Amount available
Beef	\$1,282.94
Dog	\$992.83
Family & Consumer Sciences	\$2,511.80
Saddle Horse	\$4,107.06
Shooting Sports	\$1,634.22
Small Equine Small Pony	\$2,793.85





County News

4-H Endowment Board

End of year giving

As 2023 comes to an end, please consider including Lorain County 4-H youth development in your giving plans.

You are part of a special 4-H community. As volunteers, alumni, and supporters, you have the power to change the lives of youth across Ohio by providing them with opportunities to inspire curiosity, fuel adventure, develop lifelong skills, and grow into true leaders. People like you, who believe in 4-H, equip young Ohioans with the tools they need to be successful long after they age out of the program. During this giving season, reflect on what 4-H has done for you and others you know. Would you consider donating to help ensure this program continues to grow and thrive for future generations?

Gifts to Lorain County 4-H will qualify for a tax deduction in this calendar year, meaning that any donation made before Dec. 31 is deductible for 2023. A gift to Ohio 4-H is an investment in our youth and in our community's future.

Please consider giving to our county's 4-H fund at:



Thank you for helping to make the best better!

4-H GROWS TRUE LEADERS

Donate today at <https://go.osu.edu/loraincounty4hgift>





THE OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY

Lorain County

4-H ENDOWMENT

DINNER & AUCTION



Hosted by: German's Villa

Proceeds to benefit: Lorain County 4-H

Saturday, April 6, 2024

NEW LOCATION

German's Villa

3330 Liberty Ave., Vermilion 44089

5:00 p.m. DOORS OPEN

Silent Auction Preview & Bidding

5:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner

*Enjoy silent and live auction items
of great goods and services conducted
throughout the evening.*

CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a
nondiscriminatory basis. For more information: <http://go.osu.edu/cfaesdiversity>.

COST: \$25.00 per person

PRE SALE TICKETS ONLY

Seating limited to 400

No ticket sales at the door

- All persons attending must be 21 & over
- Must present dinner ticket at the door

**MENU: German's Honey Glazed Ham,
Baked Chicken, Vegetable Lasagna,
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed
Salad and Dinner Rolls**

DRINKS: Coffee & Iced Tea

Soft Drinks will be available to purchase

Purchase Tickets by March 15, 2024

OSU Extension, Lorain County
42110 Russia Rd., Elyria or from any
4-H Endowment Board Member

TICKET ORDER FORM – TICKET ORDERS MUST BE PURCHASED BY MARCH 15, 2024

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Table Sponsor Name _____

_____ Number of tickets ordered at **\$25.00** each. Total enclosed for tickets \$_____

Checks for dinner tickets can be made payable to: Lorain County 4-H Endowment Board

_____ Table Sponsor **\$250.00** per table with a total of 8 tickets, name in program and thank you gift!

_____ I would like to donate an item/service to the auction. Please have a 4-H Endowment Board member contact me.

TICKET MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE DOOR

4-H Educational Board

Event Request Proposals

Calling all clubs!! The 4-H Educational Board would like to assist you in planning a county-wide event for Lorain County. Hands-on workshops, clinics, guest speakers, and animal shows for a particular 4-H project or topic are welcome. Events may be planned as club fundraisers or service to our 4-H program.

1. Complete the [4-H Educational Board Event Request Form](#).
2. If interested in 4-H funding:
 - a. Include a letter (addressed to 4-H Advisory), a budget, and amount you are requesting and from what project line item. (available project line items and balances on page 7)
 - b. [4-H Endowment Board offers grant opportunities](#) twice a year- April 15 and October 15.
3. If interested in utilizing the Fairgrounds facilities, include a [completed fairgrounds facility request form](#). Be sure to check that the date you want is available on the [fairgrounds calendar](#). If your event is approved, the Extension office forwards this to the Senior Fair board office.
4. If interested in offering an activity related to the program at Lorain County Fair, complete a [Jr. Fair activities form](#) and submit to Sherry Nickles.
5. You will be notified shortly after each board meets of their decision.
6. If approved, you will receive the following:
 - a. Insurance: Your event(s) will be added to our insurance policies: liability through Marie St. John and medical through American Income Life (AIL).
 - b. Promotion of the event(s) through the 4-H Clover Communicator monthly newsletter, direct e-mail to 4-H families taking projects associated with your event, posts of the OSU Extension/4-H Face Book page. Additionally, you may be able to request flyers, registration materials, etc. be posted on the 4-H page of the OSU Extension website.
 - c. You may request to borrow 4-H supplies and equipment if needed. (We are working on finalizing a complete list of equipment to share with the 4-H community).
7. If your event(s) includes non-4-H members, you may submit for event insurance through AIL
8. At the conclusion of your event(s) you will need to submit:
 - a. a completed [Event Report Form to the 4-H Educational Board](#).
 - b. If you received funding from 4-H Advisory, submit a financial accounting of how the funding was used. If there is a remaining balance, please include a check for the remaining balance to 4-H Advisory.
 - c. If you received funding from 4-H Endowment, you are required to submit a follow-up report regarding your event and how the funds were used.

County News



4-H Educational Board

Teen Ambassador Pilot Program

Congratulations to the following 4-H TEEN Ambassadors!!

FirstName	LastName	Primary Club Name
Franklin	Abbey	Brighton Buckeyes of Lorain County
Aspen	Baca	North Ridgeville Ridge Kids
Addison	Beal	Four Leaf Clovers
Zachary	Bibb	North Ridgeville Ridge Kids
Wyatt	Broud	Rochester Winning Workers
Kail	Callihan	Helping Hands 4-H Club of Lorain County
Jeanette	Crawford	Back to Basics
Payten	Frye	Helping Hands 4-H Club of Lorain County
Olivia	Heiman	It's A Cinch
Lilly	Horner	Wildcat Wanderers 4-H Club
Josalynn	Jason	Country Shamrocks
Sebastian	Johns	Infinity 4-H Club
Conner	Lake	Lorain County Dairy Club
Emma	Lewis	Penfield Partners
Samantha	McDonough	Forward Bound 4-H Club
Arabella	Ortiz	21st Century Farmers
Isadora	Ortiz	21st Century Farmers
Peyton	Pickering	Rochester Winning Workers
Teagan	Rambo	Forward Bound 4-H Club
Natalia	Rogers	Amherst Critters & Such
Jordyn	Simpson	Desperados 4-H Club
Jocelyn	Wyatt	It's A Cinch
Anthony	Zifcak	Next Generation 4-H Club

Teen Ambassadors may assist with:

*Skillathon
Animal Schools
Project Committees
and More!*





Club News

End of Year Reports

Due December 15th!!!!

[Internal Audit Form](#) – tool required by State 4-H office

Due ASAP!!- Deadline is January 31, 2024

[2023 Financial Summary](#)

This form is used to file Club 990's with the IRS

[Club inventory List](#)

This form is updated and added to your club file kept at the OSU Extension office.

[4-H Club Information Survey](#)

This information is used to build 2024 Lorain County 4-H Promotional items

[Projected 2024 Club Activities](#)

This ensures your club activities are covered under our county 4-H insurance policy!! All clubs must continue to update calendars on file in our office throughout the year as meetings and events are added.

Please keep in mind, failure to turn items in on time will place your club under review. When a club is under review, members are not able to enroll in the 4-H online system.



Club News

4-H Club Audits

The term audit can bring on anxious feelings for many. Lorain County 4-H utilizes audits to provide an educational opportunity for 4-H youth and to ensure club funds are managed appropriately.

When clubs are utilizing the recommended management processes and Club Officer record books, the word audit should not make anyone anxious.

All 4-H Clubs will come up for audit every three years. Please refer to the schedule on the next page.

Club Financial Leaders will turn in the following items no later than January 31 of the year they are called for audit.

All documentation from the date of the last audit (for most this will be three-years worth of documentation:

- Secretary's minutes
- Treasurer reports
- Check registry
- Bank Statements
- Supporting documentation for expenditures
- Supporting documentation for income

Please keep in mind, failure to turn audit items in on time will place your club under review. When a club is under review, members are not able to enroll in the 4-H online system.

Should a club fail an audit, they will be called up for audit the following year. Financial management must be improved, or the club is in jeopardy of having their financial privileges revoked.



Club News

4-H Club Audits

The county audit committee has created a schedule for all club audits. Clubs will be called for audit on a 3-year rotation as outlined below.

2024	2025	2026
21st Century Farmers	4-H Homegrowers	1st Class Kids & Kriters
American Made	Back to Basics	Brownhelm Perfection & B.B's
Amherst Critters & Such	Brighton Buckeyes	Farm Strong
Another 4-H Club	Desperados	Four Leaf Clovers
Barnyard Buddies	Elyria Family of 4-H'ers	Infinity 4-H Club
Born In A Barn	Forward Bound	L.C. Hoof & Hide
Carlisle True 4-H'ers	Heart and Soil	L.C. Shooting Sports Club
Country Shamrocks	Huntington Highlighters	L.C. Steer Club
Easy Riders	L.C. Dairy Club	LaGrange Sodbusters
Eaton Twp. Blue Ribbon 4-H'ers	Lighthouse Carnations	Midview Clover Critters
Elyria Precious Pups & Projects	LoCo Kids	Northern Stars
Grafton Grangers	Next Generation	Penfield Partners
Helping Hands	North Ridgeville Ridge Kids	Ready Set Grow
Henrietta Country Dreamers	Pitchfork Pals	Rochester Winning Workers
It's A Cinch	Raider Rowdies	Saddle-lites
L.C. 4-H Band	Trail Blazers	Sunset Riders
Wildcat Wanderers	Wellington Happy Farmers	Wellington Creative 4-H'ers

Project News



The 4-H Educational Board will be organizing project area committees to provide volunteers, youth, and parents additional project support. The five committees that will be offered include:

Large animal- Cattle, Dairy, Sheep, Goat, and Swine Projects

Small animal- Fowl, Rabbits, Dogs, Cavies, Cats, and Pocket Pets Projects

Horse- Saddle, Draft, Small Equine and Ponies Projects

Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS)- Clothing and Food & Nutrition Projects

Ag and Still-Life Projects- Leadership, Natural Resources, STEM, Shooting Sports and all other Projects not previously listed.

Please be watching for more information on Lorain County 4-H Project Committees in future newsletter!

Lorain County 2024 Assuring Quality Care of Animals

Any youth exhibiting AND housing an animal at the Lorain County Jr. fair is REQUIRED to attend an Assuring Quality Care of Animals (AQCA) program.

Deadline to meet this requirement is June 1, 2024.

There are four options to complete this year's AQCA requirement:

1. **Test Out**
2. **Simulation Event**
3. **Online program**
4. **Attend an approved state program**

Test-out

Complete an AQCA state test and pass with a 70% or higher. Youth may only take the test once per year. If they do not pass with a 70% or higher they will be required to participate in an in-person program to meet the annual requirement.

When: Thursday, January 4, 2023, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. at The Ag Center (42110 Russia Rd. Elyria)

Tests are published by OSU AQCA Specialist and proctored by OSU Extension staff. Study materials are available at <https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Quality%20Assurance%20Test%20Study%20Guide.pdf>

This option is available to youth ages 15 and older that have completed at least three years in an animal project.

Registration: Interested individuals must e-mail Julie Mackey at mackey.181@osu.edu to schedule. Be sure to indicate what time you would like to arrive.

Fee: None

Simulation Event

Attend and complete an in-person simulation. Youth will select an animal situation card to determine what animal(s) they will be caring for as they progress through the simulation activity stations.

When:

- Monday, February 19 10:00 a.m. –Noon & 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Lorain County fairgrounds
- Wednesday, April 17 1:00-6:00 p.m. for youth on a Winning 4-H Plan
- Thursday, April 18 6:00-8:00 p.m. for 1st year animal project members ONLY
- Tuesday, March 19 6-8 at the Medina County fairgrounds
- Tuesday, May 7 6:00 – 8:00 at the Lorain County fairgrounds
- Tuesday, May 14 6-8 at the Medina County fairgrounds

Registration: online registration coming in January

Fee: None. Program costs are covered by an Ohio 4-H Foundation grant.



Online programs

- Register for and complete the YQCA online training. (livestock, rabbit, and fowl)
- Register for and complete the EquiStep online training. (horse project members)

It is recommended that youth with fewer than three years completed in an animal project attend the in-person training.

Registration- visit <https://yqcaprogram.org> and click on the *register/sign in* button.

Fee- Cost is \$12 per person paid online. All funds remain with YQCA national program.

Participation- Youth must complete all training modules for their age group. There is a quiz to be completed once you have gone through all of the required modules. This quiz must be passed in order to receive your completion certificate.

Completion- Upon completion of the online program, log back in to print your completion certificate. This completion certificate **MUST** be e-mailed to Julie Mackey, Area 4 AQCA coordinator at mackey.181@osu.edu

State approved programs

A list of approved state events coming soon!

Lorain County Junior Fair



Jr. Fair Board is recruiting!!

Think you have what it takes to be a Junior Fair Board Member?
We're always looking for hard-working young people to join our team!

Visit: <https://lorain.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/lorain-county-junior-fair> to access all applications. Updated applications will be posted soon!

Opportunities to serve on Junior Fair Board include the following:

- Jr. Fair Board Member- deadline November 30, 2023
- Jr. Fair Board Assistant- deadline February 1, 2024
- Jr. Fair Board Adult Consultant- deadline January 3, 2024

Congratulations to the 2024 Jr. Fair Officers

President	Jillian Stannard
Vice President	Andrew Krupka
Secretary	Kyleigh Klingshirn
Treasurer	Scotty Hook

Exec Board Members:
Nate Sword
Amy Gerber
Nolan Norman
Holden Harker

Attention 2024 Steer Project Members

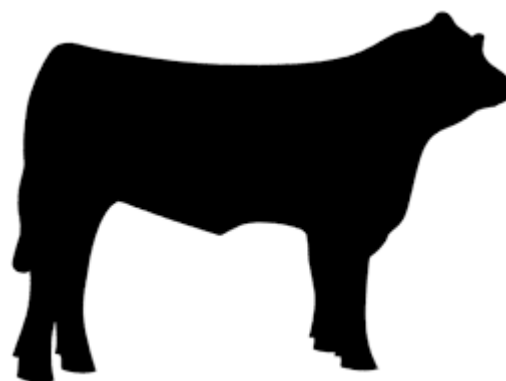
All market beef animals (this includes finished market beef, steers and heifers) must be weighed and tagged by the Jr. Fair Board at the fall/winter weigh-in

Beef Tagging Only*

November 30, 2023, 5-8 pm
Lorain County Fairgrounds

Beef Tagging AND Weigh-in

December 2, 2023, 8 -11 am
Lorain County Fairgrounds



*Animals that attend the Tagging only will be ineligible for the rate of gain contest.

Lorain County Junior Fair



Activity Request Forms

Ever wonder how the “Extra” activities at fair occur? Parades, cupcake decorating contests, fun shows, and Jr. Fair fun night are all examples of past extra activities. These events are included in the Jr. Fair premium book, supported by the Jr. Fair (in terms of assistance with securing location, equipment, etc.), and organized and conducted by an outside 4-H Advisor, group, or club.

If you or your 4-H Club are interested in offering an activity at the 2024 fair, request forms are available on our website! Deadline is March 1, 2024.

Jr. Fair Additional Ownership and Possession Rules

All animals entered as Lorain County Junior Fair exhibits must meet the following guidelines for ownership and possession:

OWNERSHIP:

Exhibit ownership must meet one of the following criteria:

- A bill of sale which includes the seller’s name, address, purchase date, purchase price, and signature of seller & buyer.
- A written lease agreement for the project animal which includes name and address of lessor (owner of project animal), the dates of start and termination of lease with signature of lessee (exhibitor), parent/guardian, club head advisor and lessor. (see FFA enterprise or 4-H project agreement included in the record book).

POSSESSION:

Exhibit possession must adhere to all of the following:

All animals must be:

- Housed at exhibitor’s family property or per a facility lease agreement within Lorain County or a bordering county (remember that part of the club experience is close project supervision by 4-H or FFA advisor).
- Under exhibitor’s responsibility for care, feeding, training, cleanliness and quality assurance.
- The financial burden and responsibility of the exhibitor.

All market animals defined by Junior Fair rules can only be exhibited by the exhibitor or immediate family member at other county/state fairs or open shows.

All documents must be dated before current year’s possession dates and any weigh-in, tagging and possession date requirements must be strictly followed.

MARKET ANIMALS:

Prior to fair all market animals will be tagged for each family member but can be switched within a family i.e.. brothers/sisters by law or by marriage with approval of Junior Fair Board by August 1. Ownership and possession rules apply and animals must have been housed at same facility/location.

Upcoming LOCAL Opportunities

Save the Date!

2024 4-H Summer Camp Opportunities:

- Cloverbud Day Camp June 11 & 12, 2024
- Sew Fun Day Camp June 11-13, 2024
- Jr. 4-H Day Camp June 18-20, 2024
- Intermediate Sewing Camp June 25-27, 2024
- Jr. 4-H Residential Camp July 1-5, 2024

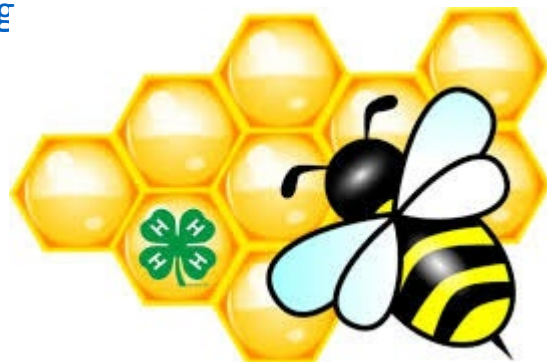


Lorain County Beekeepers Association

Are you interested in becoming a beekeeper?

Are you between the ages of 11 and 18?

Then check out LCBA's Youth Education Program. Information and details on the selection criteria, the process, and the application are on the LCBA website: www.loraincountybeekeepers.org



Ohio 4-H Achievement Record



The gateway to state and national 4-H opportunities, trips, and experiences!

The Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is a comprehensive record of a 4-H member's career, accomplishments, and achievements. It is a great way to capture all the experiences they have had in 4-H, practice for filling out future job or college applications, and get a head start on applying for scholarships.

There are 27 project area categories in which to apply, such as individual animal projects, citizenship, community service, clothing, creative arts, woodworking, shooting sports, leadership, and more! 4-H members can submit multiple achievement records in different categories based on their 4-H involvement. State winners in each category win a trip to events such as National 4-H Congress, National Dairy Conference and the Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute. These events encourage members to expand their skills, engage with other 4-H members, and inspire them to make an impact in their communities!

How do I get started?

Start by filling out the Achievement Record. The Ohio 4-H Achievement record can be found at ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships. Sections include 4-H project work, 4-H participation, major 4-H honors, 4-H community service and citizenship activities, 4-H educational leadership, office and committee leadership, and non-4-H experiences, in addition to a written 4-H story and photo page reflecting on the member's 4-H experiences and impact.



1. Contact your county office

Contact your county 4-H professional for information about county deadlines, review process, and what local opportunities may be available through completing the achievement record!



2. Complete the Achievement Record

Complete all sections of the achievement record form. Be sure to follow the guidelines and show a cumulative record of your 4-H career! Applications can be tailored to the project area you are applying for.



3. Submit to your county office

Submit to your county 4-H professional by the deadline. State selections are made in February and state winners are notified in the spring.





What goes in the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record?

4-H Project Work
All completed projects

4-H Participation
Activities participated in such as camps, events, conferences

Major 4-H Honors
County awards, project placings, scholarships

Community Service

Service activities and projects within 4-H

4-H Educational Leadership
Educational and promotional leadership

4-H Office & Committee Leadership

4-H club offices held and committee memberships

Non-4-H Experiences

School clubs, sports, FFA, extra curriculars

Photo Page

Photos to showcase 4-H experiences

4-H Story

One page story about the impact of 4-H

The achievement record application, instructions for completing the achievement record, and details about the trips and opportunities available can be found at ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
2023 OHIO 4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECORD

NAME	AGE (1/1/23)	DATE OF BIRTH
ADDRESS	PHONE	
CITY	STATE OH	ZIP
COUNTY	E-MAIL ADDRESS	
CLUB/GROUP NAME	YEARS IN 4-H	GRADE IN SCHOOL

STATE OPPORTUNITIES: Check your choices. See State Achievement Record Instructions for further details.

State Junior Fair Board	National 4-H Dairy Conference	Ohio 4-H Scholarships*
Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council*	OTA Local Government Award	Shooting Sports Ambassador

* - Requires completion of separate, specialized application form. Ohio 4-H Achievement Record not required for eligibility.)

State Achievement Award:

Beef	CARTEENS	Citizenship & Community Service
Clothing & Textiles	Communications	Companion Animals
Creative Arts	Dairy	Environmental Sciences
Family Life & Child Development	Foods & Nutrition	Gardening & Horticulture
Goats	Health & Safety	Horse
Leadership	Llama	Mechanical & Engineering Science
Personal Development	Photography	Poultry
Rabbits	Sheep	Shooting Sports
Swine	Veterinary Science	Woodworking

COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES: Please rank your interests (1, 2, etc.). See County instructions for additional details.

Ohio 4-H Conference	4-H Leadership Camp	Carving New Ideas Workshop
Ohio 4-H Sea Camp	Camp Canopy	Buckeye Leadership Workshop
4-H Citizenship Washington Focus	County 4-H Scholarships	4-H Fashion Board
County Junior Fair Board	Teen Leadership 4-H Club	4-H Nutrition Board
County 4-H Ambassador		





OHIO 4-H YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT

4th H Club Challenge

Be a healthier 4-H Club for
the chance to win \$100.

1. Register your club NOW
2. Record your practices
3. Share on social media
4. By December 31st, 2023



LEARN MORE

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WE WANT

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DAYS OF THE WEEK	MORNING SESSION (10-11:30 AM)	AFTERNOON SESSION (1-2:30 PM)	AFTERNOON SESSION (3:30-5 PM)	EVENING SESSION (6:30-8 PM)
MONDAY December 4	Elyria Central Branch Library 211 2nd St. in Elyria	Amherst Library 221 Spring St. in Amherst	Avon Lake Library 32649 Electric Blvd. in Avon Lake	Avon Library 37485 Harvest Dr. in Avon
TUESDAY December 5	Sandy Ridge Reservation 6195 Otten Rd. in North Ridgeville	Grafton-Midview Library 983 Main St. in Grafton	LCCC Wellington Center 151 Commerce Dr. in Wellington	Oberlin Enrichment and Activity Center 36 S Prospect St. in Oberlin
WEDNESDAY December 6	Lorain Main Library 351 W 6th St. in Lorain			

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Strategic Action Plan

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2024 Lorain County 4-H Tentative Calendar**JANUARY**

- 1 **Holiday – Extension Office Closed**
- 3 JFB Adult Consultant Apps Due 3:00 pm (FG)
- 4 AQCA Test out Option 4:00-7:00 pm (AC)
- 7 OFMA JFB Conference Day (Columbus)
- 9 Sr. Fair Board 7:30 pm (FG)
- 11 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 (AC)
- 15 4-H Educational Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 17 4-H Advisory Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 18 4-H Endowment Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 23 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 (AC)
- 25 Jr. Fair Board 7:00 pm (FG)
- 31 OH 4-H Conference Deadline

FEBRUARY

- 1 JFB Assistant Applications Due 3:00 pm (FG)
- 8 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 10 4-H Officer & Advisors Training (JVS)
- 13 Sr. Fair Board 7:30 pm (FG)
- 19 AQCA 10:00-Noon & 1:00-3:00 pm (FG)
4-H Quarterly Meeting 6:00 pm (CS)
- 20 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 22 Jr. Fair Board 7:00 pm (FG)
- 29 Pesticide Applicator Training (AC)

MARCH

- 1 **Deadline for New Clubs and New Volunteers**
- 3-9 Ohio 4-H Week
- 6 OR 7 4-H Open House (JVS)
- 7 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 9 OH 4-H Conference (Columbus)
- 12 Sr. Fair Board 7:30 pm (FG)
- 14 4-H Volunteer Training 6:00-8:00 pm (AC)
- 18 4-H Educational Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 19 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 20 4-H Advisory Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 21 4-H Endowment Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 23 Shooting Sports Open House 2:00-5:00 pm (CS)
- 28 Jr. Fair Board 7:00 pm (FG)
- 29 Pesticide Applicator Training (AC)

APRIL

- 1-30 North Coast Inland Trail 4-H Litter Pick-Up
- 1 County Scholarship Applications Due
Jr. Fair Royal Court Applications Due
Club Enrollments Due for Banner Club Points (AC)
- 4 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 6 4-H Endowment Dinner & Auction (Germans Villa)
- 8 Solar Eclipse Event (FG)
- 9 Sr. Fair Board 7:30 pm (FG)
- 11 Volunteer Training 6:00- 8:00 pm (AC)
- 15 **4-H Enrollment Due, Lorain County 4-H Grant Apps Due**
4-H Quarterly Meeting 6:00 pm (CS)
- 17 Winning 4-H Plan AQCA Event (AC)
- 18 1st Time AQCA Event 6:00-8:00 pm (AC)
- 20 Sewing Clinic 10:00-Noon at JoAnn Fabrics
- 23 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 25 Jr. Fair Board 7:00 pm (FG)

MAY

- 6 Public Speaking Contests 6:00 pm (JVS)
- 7 AQCA 6:00-8:00 pm (FG)
- 9 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 11 Market Goat & Lamb Weigh-in (FG)
- 14 Sr. Fair Board 7:30 pm (FG)
- 15 4-H Advisory Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 16 4-H Endowment 6:30 pm (AC)
- 20 4-H Educational Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 21 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 23 Jr. Fair Board 7:00 pm (FG)
- 27 **Holiday- Extension Office Closed**

KEY

AC= Ag Center	OFMA= Ohio Fair Managers Association
AQCA= Assuring Quality Care of Animals	JVS=Joint Vocational School
CS= Constellation School	SFB= Sr. Fair Board
FG= Lorain Fairgrounds	
JFB= Jr. Fair Board	
NRTL= New Russia Township Lodge	

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JUNE

- 1 AQCA Deadline
- 6 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 11 Sr. Fair Board 7:30 pm (FG)
- 11 & 12 Cloverbud Day Camp
- 11-13 Sew Fun Camp
- 17 4-H Educational Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 18 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 (AC)
- 18-20 Jr. Day Camp
- 19 4-H Advisory Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 20 4-H Endowment Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 25-27 Intermediate Sewing Camp
- 27 Jr. Fair Board 7:00 pm (FG)

JULY

- 1 ALL JR. FAIR EXHIBIT ONLINE ENTRIES DUE BY 4:00 P.M.**
- 1-5 Kelleys Island Camp
- 4 Holiday – Extension Office Closed**
- 8 Early Animal Book Evaluation
- 9 Sr. Fair Board 7:30 pm (FG)
- 10 FCS Judging and Early State Judging 5:00-8:00 pm (NRTL)
- 11 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 15 4-H Quarterly Meeting 6:00 pm (CS)
- 20 Jr. Fair Carnival (FG)
- 22 Animal Book Evaluation Deadline (AC)
- 23 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 25 Jr. Fair Board 7:00 pm (FG)

AUGUST

- 1 Jr. Fair Board 7:00 pm (FG)
- 6 Ag/Still Life Project Judging 5:00-8:00 pm (FG)
- 8 Jr. Fair Board 7:00 pm (FG)
- 8 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 13 Sr. Fair Board 7:30 pm (FG)
- 14 Jr. Fair Board 7:00 pm (FG)
- 17 Cloverbud Show and Tell (FG)
Large Ag/Still Life Project Judging (FG)
- 18-25 LORAIN COUNTY FAIR (FG)**
- 20 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)

SEPTEMBER

- 42 Holiday – Extension Office Closed**
- 5 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 10 Sr. Fair Board 7:30 pm (FG)
- 16 4-H Educational Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 18 4-H Advisory Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 19 4-H Endowment Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 24 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 26 Jr. Fair Board Input Meeting 6:00 pm (FG)

OCTOBER

- 1-31 North Coast Inland Trail 4-H Litter Pick-Up
- 3 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 8 Sr. Fair Board 7:30 pm (FG)
- 15 Lorain Co. 4-H Grant Applications Due**
- 21 4-H Quarterly Meeting 6:00 pm (CS)
- 22 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 24 4-H Recognition Banquet 6:30 pm (NRTL)
- 31 4-H Year in Review Online Survey
Deadline

NOVEMBER

- 7 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 11 Holiday-Extension Office Closed**
- 12 Sr. Fair Board 7:30 pm (FG)
- 14 4-H Think Tank 6:00-8:00 pm (NRTL)
- 18 4-H Educational Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 19 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 20 4-H Advisory Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 21 4-H Endowment Board 6:30 pm (AC)
- 28-29 Holiday – Extension Office Closed**

DECEMBER

- 5 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30pm (AC)
- 7 Market Beef Animal Tagging
- 12 4-H Board Exec Training
- 17 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30 pm (AC)
- 24-25 Holiday – Extension Office Closed**



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