



**2025 Lorain County 4-H  
End of Year Survey Results**

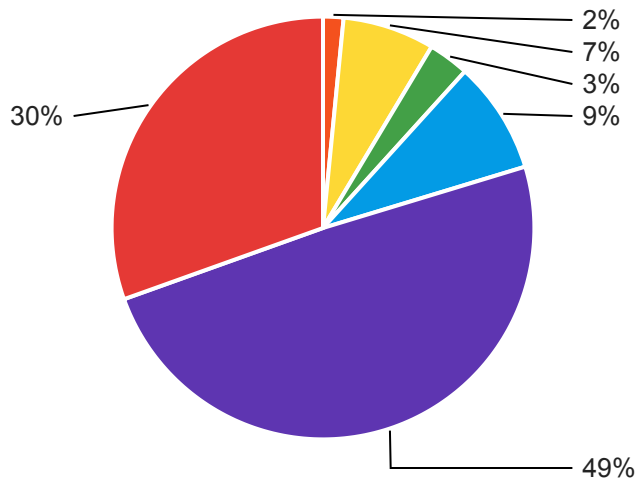
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## Respondents by Participation Role

89 Responses



- Other    ■ Youth Member    ■ Key Volunteer with Camp/Public Speaking/Cloverbuds/etc.    ■ 4-H Board Member
- Parent/Guardian    ■ Club Volunteer

## Respondents by Club

Field	Choice Count
1st Class Kids & Kritters.....	3
21st Century Farmers.....	0
4-H Homegrowers.....	2
American Made.....	1
Amherst Critters & Such.....	7
Another 4-H Club.....	4

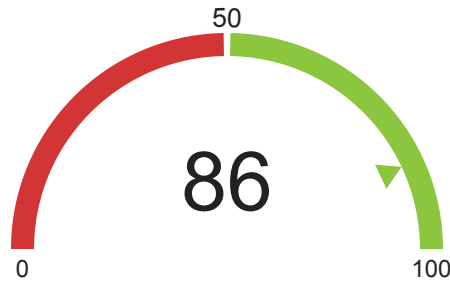
Back to Basics.....	2
Barnyard Buddies.....	1
Born in a Barn.....	2
Brighton Buckeyes.....	1
Brownhelm Perfection & BB's.....	1
Carlisle True 4-H'ers.....	0
County Line Kids 4-H Club.....	0
Country Shamrocks.....	3
Desperados 4-H Club.....	2
Easy Riders.....	0
Eaton Twp. Blue Ribbon.....	1
Elyria Family of 4-H'ers.....	4
Elyria Precious Pups.....	0
Forward Bound 4-H Club.....	4
Four Leaf Clovers.....	3
Grafton Grangers.....	1
Helping Hands 4-H Club.....	3
Henrietta Country Dreamers.....	0
Hoofpower 4-H Club.....	2
Huntington Highlighters.....	3
It's A Cinch.....	1
Just the Ticket.....	0
LaGrange Sodbusters.....	1
LC 4-H Band.....	1
LC Dairy Club.....	4

LC Hoof N Hide.....	4
LC Steer Club.....	2
Lighthouse Carnations .....	0
LoCo 4-H Club.....	1
Midview Clover Critters.....	0
Next Generation.....	1
North Ridgeville Ridge Kids.....	3
Northern Stars 4-H Club.....	0
Penfield Partners.....	5
Pitchfork Pals.....	1
Ready, Set, Grow!.....	1
Raider Rowdies.....	2
Rochester Winning Workers.....	2
Saddle-Lites.....	1
Sunset Riders.....	1
Trail Blazers.....	2
Wellington Creative 4-Hers.....	0
Wellington Happy Farmers.....	1
Wildcat Wanderers.....	0
My Club is not listed.....	1

# Club Experience

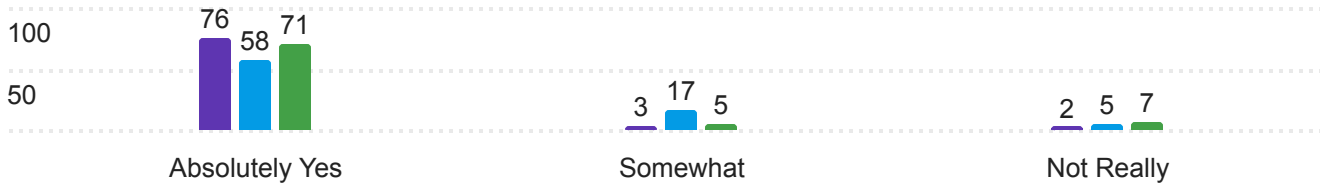
Was your experience in your 4-H club positive this year?

86 Responses



Q6 - Please rate the following statements regarding your 4-H Club experience:

86 Responses



- Did you/your child complete at least 1 4-H project?
- Did you witness growth in you/your child this year because of their 4-H experience?
- Did your 4-H Club participate in a community service event?

Comments and suggestions based on your responses to the Lorain County 4-H Club Experience section above:

Our club is well rounded. We learn leader skills each meeting. We do community service each year. We give back by sponsoring trophies during fair. WE find a business in our county who needs a new flag and donate our U.S. flag (earned during Banner club points) to them.

4H has been a wonderful organization for our family. We have enjoyed the projects and our club is fantastic. Rachel and Hannah do an amazing job.

I would like to see more consistency with due dates like have things due on the 1st, 15th, or last day of the month and not all over the place. Also, if paperwork could be turned in at one location that would be ideal. Most advisors and parents work full-time so keeping everything straight can be tricky and these changes could help.

Our group feels like we are left out in the cold alot

There are many things to sign up for throughout the year for the fair and it has become super confusing (signing up for the project, signing up for the group, signing up for judging, signing up as a fair participant). I have missed signing up in time for deadlines, because the deadlines are mixed in with a lot of information in the Clover Communicator. I wish there were an area at the beginning that clearly listed links and dates of things that need completed. Sometimes within the newsletter things get over looked and I am not able to tell when they are links. I do believe this could easily be resolved within the newsletter and would help us parents from missing deadlines.

Amazing group!

We had a wonderful experience this year minus the weigh in process. It was super rushed and our animals weren't all the way on the scale so 2 projects didnt make weight. It was very frustrating for our family and I know we weren't the only family to have this happen.

I think the kids on JFB were exhausted from all the extra work of getting the new building ready. As a 4h club we would've been happy to come help with set up.

Great experiance and wonderful club!

Keep doing what you're doing

All community service projects were set up at times we were unable to participate and no alternatives were allowed although we were active in the community.

Really good learning tool for my daughter with public speaking, learning how to talk to the judges about her projects, working with other members in her club to finish community projects, and make new friends.

I don't recall our club participating in a community service event. However they may have, communication was very poor from the advisors and is still causing ongoing issues. If we return to 4h for 2026 we will be finding another club to hopefully have a better experience.

Kids need to know what projects they are taking by January 1. That means meetings in late fall/December are important and samples of project books should be shown at meetings so parents and kids can gain an interest and understanding of what the spring/summer will look like. (Especially parents/kids new to the program!!!) Kids hate project books because they rush to complete them over the summer and then everyone is unhappy.

Our club is amazing. the overall program needs some work.

Only 4 years in , I felt like we are still new because 4H is so much - which is wonderful that there is so much. We are still learning and trying to remember everything. That being said , I feel like the patience is gone. There was no helping anymore , yet it felt like ridicule. I hate saying that because I feel like 4H is a wonderful program. But for those that try to volunteer it is a nightmare ! Especially if your whole club is actually “new”. Meaning NO 4H experience at all

Suggestions :

a club mentor - from an experienced group

A “new club” packet -

With all of the information you need to start up a club and important dates , training, and what is asked of you at the beginning and end of the year and some contact information with someone we can reach out to other than the only 2 people in the main office - that truly have no time (maybe from the mentor / club like mentioned above )

More appreciation: volunteers and club leaders etc should get into fair for free. To be there to learn about fair , all the different categories , judging tips etc to support their club members in the fair. This would help with people volunteering as well. I also reached out to other county’s and they provide this for their club volunteers and leaders

Monthly training : maybe not mandatory but there to help with people that have specific topics to go over, questions to ask, new topics , tips and tricks etc. this would be especially helpful a few months before fair.

I hope this comment was taken as something positive instead of pointing a finger. 4H and all of the volunteers I have met are full of helpful advice and willingness to help others. It’s just hard to find ALL of them

Meetings should be shorter

We have had an amazing experience in our 4-H club! They take the time to answer everyone’s questions and help the children grow.

This was our first year in 4-H and our son is 13. He really enjoyed the fun things our club did, Kelly’s island camp, and shooting sports (archery). We had a very positive experience with our club leaders. Anytime we had a question they happily answered it and at no time did we feel dumb for asking any questions.

Positive need to get more parent involvement and responsibility for their kids projects

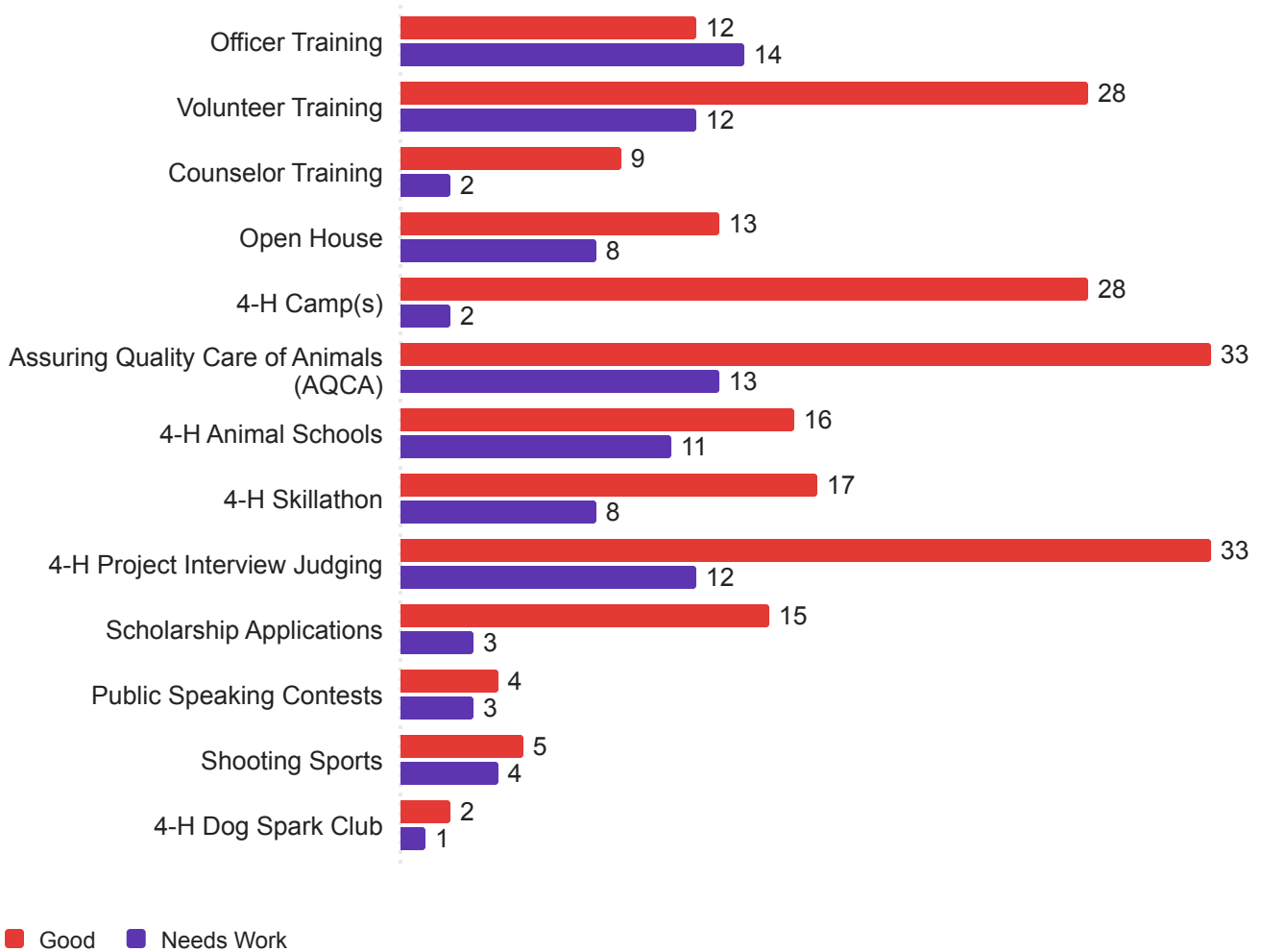
Im head Advisor so most of these questions didn't apply to me

# County Program Review

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Q9 - Please rate the county-wide learning opportunities you participated in. If...

82 Responses



You indicated that your experience with **Officer Training** was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

You indicated that your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-12] was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

Na

Our club officers appreciate the online option.

Like the team building activities for the officers.

Kids learned officer skills

Writing receipts for checks

Updated polices

You indicated your experience with **Officer Training** needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

You indicated your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-12] needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

it should be offered later for clubs who had elections in April after enrollment

More specific

Have more youth there to teach the youth

improve practice sessions and increase time spent on mock parliamentary procedure

More "how to" and not just games.

the trainings are always the same

Didn't learn any new skills that they didn't already know. Seemed still confused

More details on how to successfully complete their books and how to run a meeting

Our meetings can sometimes be very chaotic

Any way to mock a meeting so the officers truly learn how to use Robert Rules? Also, try to offer training for other officer positions beyond executive board.

The officers that attended training shared that the basic information that was provided did not give them real expectations of what they were supposed to be doing. I also think this is hard because advisors handle officers also very differently and what the expectation is for each specific office.

You indicated that your experience with **Volunteer Training** was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

You indicated that your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-2] was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

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Jacki makes it fun!

It was a refresher

Program opportunity's

A lot of new information and updates were shared

I cant recall

Ideas from other clubs on how they do certain things

Financial

Liked the condensed version of the required classes

Recourses Available

Different available projects

good updates/reminders with policy 1.50 and county updates

I changed the way we keep our financial and Secretary notes/books.

New things to do with Cloverbuds

You indicated your experience with **Volunteer Training** needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

You indicated your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-2] needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

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I know we have to go thru the usual presentations, but more info on other topics and opportunities surrounding 4-H would be good.

## Actual Fair Training

More breakout sessions

More ways to implement improving meetings, communication and things like that would be beneficial

Too much of the same things over and over each year. Boring

I feel like I get no info at these meetings , it's just the necessary training, no time for the so many questions that we have about basic things. Not even added skill on how to be a good volunteer

Need more time for some of the bigger topics. There is no real time for q&a

The break out sessions were not applicable to me. These could be utilized to train advisors in problem areas in the county program. For example, teaching them how to help kids finish their projects and complete guidelines.

I enjoyed learning basic expectations of what we need to be doing as a volunteer and advisor however, I also think it would be wonderful if there were some other opportunities almost like development opportunities to invest in our advisors and grow what we do. Years ago we had a couple sessions where we were asked to share three fundraising ideas or three community service ideas or three education ideas with other advisors and I think that this could be an opportunity in the future to continue to spread knowledge across Lorain County.

It is the same every year

How to deal with uninvolved parents

You indicated that your experience with **Counselor Training** was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

You indicated that your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-4] was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

the teen feel well trained to do their job as counselors.

Daughter learned a lot from the training.

You indicated your experience with **Counselor Training** needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

You indicated your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-4] needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

Needs more appropriate information. Doesn't really help make your club better

You indicated that your experience with **Open House** was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

You indicated that your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-27] was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

location this year was better-more open space

Found our club!.... that has a great Cloverbud group!

Information on several clubs that we may join

We learned that 4-H wasn't just about animals, there is a lot of fun stuff that you can do that doesn't involve animals.

All the different projects

Loved the hands on and interactive things at the tables.

Lots of people with good content

we have gained members from the open house and enjoyed the conversations of spreading for each interest.

It was fun explaining about our 4h club to new people.

You indicated your experience with **Open House** needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

You indicated your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-27] needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

Add fun activities

Could be a slight overload for potential new families. Great event for returning families looking to learn more

it was very basic and led by adults, the youth should be able to lead the program as much as possible

Not too many participants. Advertise earlier. Make it more interesting for youth.

Needs more advertising,

Advertising other than in the Clover Communicator

Needs more public attending

You indicated that your experience with **4-H Camp** was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

You indicated that your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-1] was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

kids reported to our club how much fun then had. Kids k now if camp is worth going

Learning autonomy

My daughter had a great time and it helped her become more social

I loved how much fun my son had and the stories he came home with

My child very much enjoyed 4-H camp and cannot wait to go back next year

The kids had a lot of fun and learned along side peers.

Positive experience with team building , looking forward to going back!

My child grew as a person, so it was worth it

Completed entire sewing project

My son loved his experience at camp and still gets excited to see his counselors. He has a much more open personality.

Kids loved it and felt their personalities were embraced throughout the experience.

counselors worked hard and care about the experience for their campers

Our son absolutely loved camp!

The kids enjoyed camp and want to do it again next year.

Both the cover bud and first year 4her LOVED their summer (day) camps

Daughter had a blast

I went to the sewing day camp and made a whole outfit using different stictches and darting techniques.

Our members love attending camp experiences.

My kids attended Day camp and Kelly's Island camp. They LOVED it. I can't say enough good things about our camps!

My kids love camp. They want to go back every year to the residential camp. We feel lucky and blessed that we are able to go to Kelly's Island, which is such a unique experience for the kids in itself, but the camp counselors and the leaders make the experience truly unforgettable.

You indicated your experience with **4-H Camp** needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

You indicated your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-1] needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

Camp was located very far away for us, a closer location would be preferred

You indicated that your experience with **Assuring Quality Care of Animals** was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

You indicated that your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-22] was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

Appreciate how AQCA increases the education as a member furthers themselves in a project

Learned some new ways to utilize our barn set up.

We did QA online which was easier for me having mobility issues

Needs of animals

Times are coordinated with kids scheduled days off from school, makes it easy

Getting members more comfortable with reading labels of any kind.

Proper way to contain manure

I really enjoyed the way it handled and organized this year compared to past year

Bio security

I love the online options since many families are involved in other extracurricular activities.

It was better than other years

I think AQCA was good for the kids who needed more time to understand or follow along.

Online and easy to do

Good

Easy to use online and understand

A lot about animals

I appreciate that this year quality assurance was less intense, but still interactive. Historically we have had trouble with some of our younger kids, trying to rush through something that they need to spend time doing, and I think this year was a better balance of learning application.

The kids had hands on experience (we attended the winning plan night). Much smaller groups and the focus was much better

Horse care/health/safety

Love that it is online

You indicated your experience with **Assuring Quality Care of Animals** needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

You indicated your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-22] needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

parents were confused with the big groups

chaos- hard to apply to our project

Kids are not engaged in it it feels like a burden to participate vs being a positive experience

The chaos of the past needs calmed while the group of 20 people travelling with instructor who didn't want to help was just as bad. I had a Winning Plan kid on a verge of a melt down AGAIN.

it is always presented dryly and the in person event does not actually assure that the youth have absorbed the information

Make it more interesting for the youth

I don't understand this whole thing. Never have. Seems like something we just "have to do " my kids struggles in some areas of learning/ comprehension and this was over her head. I have to step in for most so I feel like I'm doing it all

The last one I attended with my 4Her needed to be better organized.

Its just way too long especially for kids just beginning their 4h time

Many parents told me that it is hard for kids to learn from it.

You indicated that your experience with **4-H Animal Schools** was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

You indicated that your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-20] was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

I was a teacher

How body scoring works

My daughter enjoys going to these in preparation for fair and always learns something new about showing or caring for her animals

The booklet helped at fairtime for show prep

This helps the kids learn how to handle their animals and with judging

How to flip a turkey

The large animal school moved very slowly and shouldnt have taken as long as it did.

I always appreciate people taking time out to help the kid's

I learned alot about what the judge based her placing on so i could change my style so that shoe would like it more

This was my youngest first year and she learned a lot at fowl school. It was great to get hands on practice and get information from knowledgeable volunteers

How body scoringnis done

She learned how to so her own shota

You indicated your experience with **4-H Animal Schools** needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

You indicated your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-20] needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

some things are repeated each year, you need two levels beginners and experienced kids

We attended Poultry School. The educators were all very knowledgable but I felt that the topics discussed were far too broad for a single school. At least, for absolute beginners in poultry projects who didn't know what questions to ask. I think the presenters would have been able to answer any question we gave them.

these continue to improve we need to secure instructors that up to date with current showing styles and trends

The cow palace was unfortunately double booked for horse school. Hoping with new arena , there will be enough designated space. Would be nice to have a schedule for day of, and a education station for parents as well.

these are basic and do not show a path forward if youth are interesting in more than our county offers

Better organization and plan

Hardly anyone attends. It needs to include the different levels of knowledge of the youth. A first year member's needs are different than those members who have over 3 years experience.

I have attended rabbit - that was great as a first timer / chicken needed more info and hands on

We didn't go but there was a lot of rescheduling and uncertainty about what it would entail.

Boring....needs more . Not worth the \$20.

You indicated that your experience with **Skill-a-thon** was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

You indicated that your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-18] was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

needs shorter wait times

The kids had fun doing animals they don't have experience with.

Pretty good

Geat turn out of members , aand volunteers to help. Loved watching kids trying somethings new!

May need to add additional spaces for parts and knowledge. Those take the most time

Different parts of a sewing machine

Skillathon is a great opportunity for youth to show their knowledge. I always encourage the youth to participate.

I learned more parts of animals and i used that to help during duck and cow showmanship

My kids enjoyed participating this year. It was challenging but still achievable if they studied

I like that skeleton is offered. I wish we could expand it more. We encourage our kids in our club to participate the times during judging is hard for a lot of families, but also convenient for some who are already there.

Some kids really studied and some didn't

You indicated your experience with **Skill-a-thon** needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

You indicated your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-18] needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

What to expect

information is basic, there is little challenge for older youth or youth that want to be challenged to learn more

More efficient. Took too long

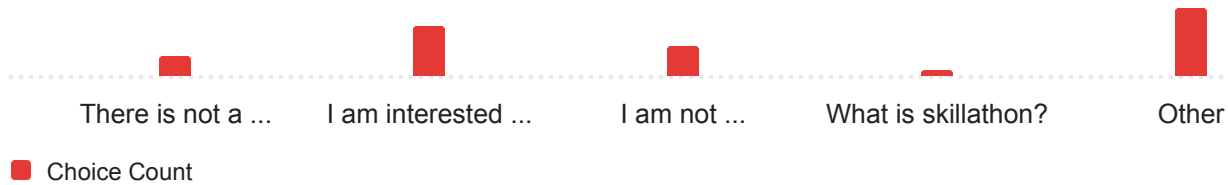
Took way too long because of the tie breaker questions

This wade no senses. I don't know how it helped with fair to have to know ALL areas ? Way too much ! And too quick. Not gaining much skill from this

Not enough help

You indicated you did not participate in **4-H Skillathon**. Please let us know why you did not attend.

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You indicated Other in the question above regarding **4-H Skillathon** participation. Please explain.

Other - Text

I'm an advisor

Cloverbud

lacking organization and some of the volunteers that are used have agendas that i don't agree with .

My dtr did not want to do this

I am a parent

Cloverbud

Was not informed of how to participate

Daughter nervous to compete

Cloverbud

Time conflicts

No available time slots

We were on vacation.

I was in Australia

Im an advisor.

Adult

Cloverbud

N/A

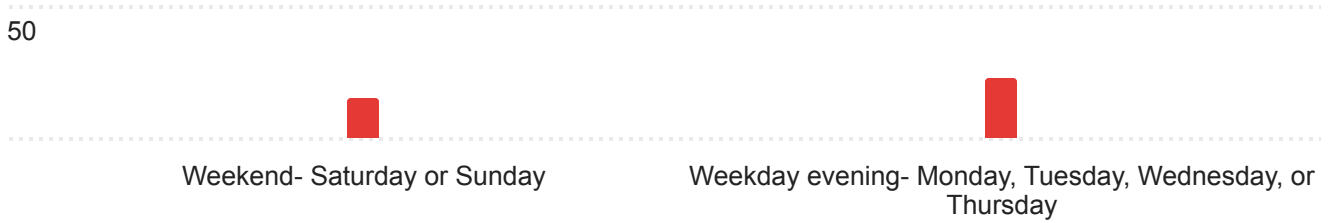
Not certain we fully understood what this was or who it was for

On vacation

### What day of the week would you prefer **skill-a-thon** be offered?

38 Responses

50



■ Choice Count

You indicated that your experience with **4-H Project Interviews** was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

You indicated that your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-19] was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

The judges are always wonderful and helpful.

Experience

Great experience and well done by all the volunteers!

I loved that he walked straight up to the judge, shook her hand, and proceeded to talk to her. He won an award post judging that he was really proud of.

I did like that I could sign up for a timeslot, but I wish that the wait time was a little better, because we did wait for quite some time even with the sign up

Judges were efficient and managed time well.

Learned about their experiences and expertise

Judging forms were not the same & one judge did not write any feedback on the form

Great learning experience about project

Really nothing. Kids studied and did their work. The lack of guidance from previous years has these kids moving forward with little to no leadership

The question, what is an unaltered male cat called? A Tomcat

Always so polite and patient with the kids. They always feel proud walking out. Never ashamed

Our son was nervous going to judging but said the judge made him feel at ease.

The guys judging me were hilarious and i felt very at ease

Judges were friendly

1st year for us. He was very nervous but had a great interview and was really excited about it afterwards.

daughter successfully passed her interciews

Requirments for certain projects

I was able to see many other projects that the members of my club usually do not participate in. I will be able to speak about more project areas when discussing possible projects with club members.

The judges were very nice and helpful

You indicated your experience with **4-H Project Interviews** needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

You indicated your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-19] needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

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vacations usually are the time of the first judging, there should be two in July

Better fluidity through the process. Consistency with judging across multiple projects

Organization needs to be better and the coordination between the ag office and jfb needs to be better/smooother

Judges need to be trained on how to guide the same way. Too many B grades were given out, especially to NEW youth.

The judges do not always follow the winning plan

This year, scores were not consistent. Many of our members received all 5s, but no outstanding, while others scored outstanding with 4s on their scoresheet. Also had members not complete self-determined book but also received an A score, while others who did all the goals/objectives/citizen/leadership had same grade. Also had one student receive B with no explanation/comments on scoresheet for suggestions to improve.

Sewing judging has too many required sections to be one day. Moving construction judging to the day before interview. Judging or move style review to the day after interview jetting

The judges continue to be inconsistent. The clarity around going to state fair and the expectations for state, fair versus county judging still has opportunity. I appreciate the sign ups for judging being out earlier, so our families can plan and I also appreciate the times being available early evening and late evening.

Kids were upset that they couldn't get their score sheets

Idk

The time we signed up for (and received an email confirmation from Sign-up Genius) was changed by the extension office, so when we arrived at judging, we were told our time was wrong. This is not the first time this has happened. If you're asking for us to sign up for a specific time, we are signing up for a time that best suits us and our other activities. To change it is frustrating and unprofessional, not to mention unfair to the polite JFB members who have no idea why the sign-up time doesn't match the extension office paperwork.

You indicated that your experience with **Scholarship Applications** was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

You indicated that your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-17] was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

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the deadlines were told earlier

I think the scholarships form is good

Process was smooth

application was easier this year.

Very easy to apply for.

College students don't always apply each year

Our members appreciate opportunity to apply for scholarships for financial assistance.

I think kids who applied to scholarships had a good experience. On the endowment board, I know it was hard filtering through the applications to review and share them with the committee that was in charge of reviewing and awarding the scholarships.

My member families do not read the Clover Communicator to see the opportunities offered thru 4-H. I tried to promote these using links and passing out info verbally and electronically thru the Band App.

We received a scholarship for Kelleys Island camp

You indicated your experience with **Scholarship Applications** needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

No data found - your filters may be too exclusive!

You indicated that your experience with **Public Speaking** was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

You indicated that your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-26] was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

There were more participants

Good feedback this year

You indicated your experience with **Public Speaking** needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

You indicated your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-26] needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

Not so rushed to get through

Registration is due very early at beginning of season as members are still registering for clubs. Any way to do later to encourage more participation?

You indicated that your experience with **Shooting Sports** was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

You indicated that your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-15] was good. Please share one thing that you learned and used from attending this event.

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This was our first year in Shooting Sports and we were impressed by the friendly culture of the group and the practical helpfulness of the advisors.

Experience

The instructors were so full of knowledge !! We learned a lot from them. Communication lacked a bit but if we reached out they answered us with dates times location etc.

Our son loved archery and plans to do pistol this year.

Member of our club had a great time with shooting sports project.

You indicated your experience with **Shooting Sports** needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

You indicated your experience with [QID3-ChoiceDescription-15] needs improvement. Please share one way in which we can improve this event.

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Kids should be able to take SS projects without having to attend these sessions. Its very limiting for kids who cant attend but want to learn.

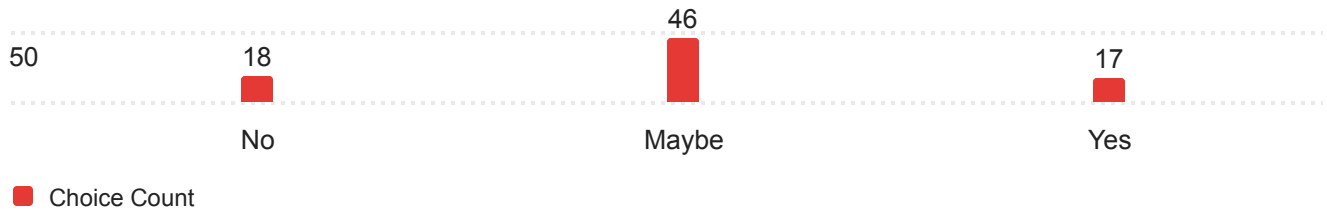
Need more instructors

Was really hard to get in touch with the leader and figure it all out.

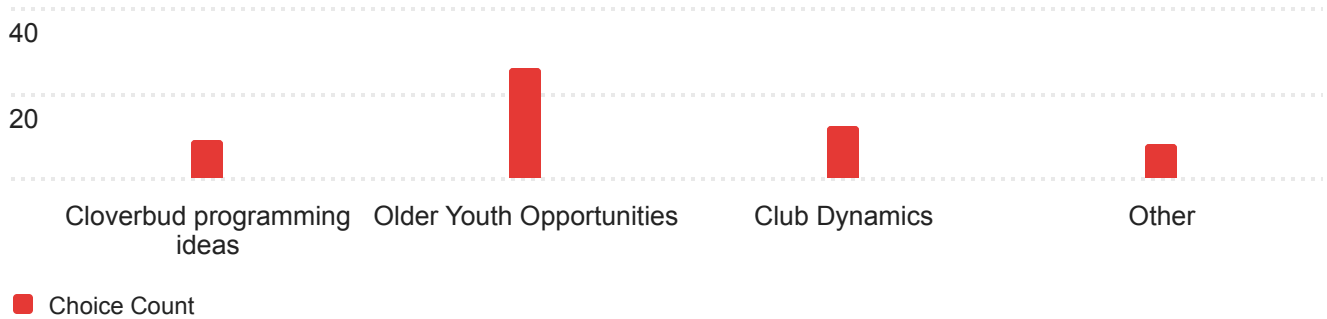
There were no comments shared regarding **Dog Spark Club**

Would you be interested in attending a **networking event** for 4-H Volunteers and Parents to share ideas and ask questions?

81 Responses



What topics would you like to be offered at a **networking event**?



You indicated Other in the question above regarding a **network event** participation. Please explain.

Other - Text

All of the above

Fair info

There's so much work needed adult assistance in the barns

Communication between 4-H and JFB

All of the above

Scholarship Information

all

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I feel that the program is moving forward in a good way. There were many new opportunities offered this year.

The Lorain County 4H program is excellent. You're all doing a great job. Thank you for your hard work.

This is more for Junior Fair Board, but it was disappointing to see some shows at the fair have so many JFB members and JFB adults running the shows and other shows that had zero help. Parents had to step up and help and finally some JFB kids were pulled from other shows to come help. I would think/hope the JFB advisors would make sure that there is enough help for each show but that wasn't the case. At some of the shows, JFB advisors didn't even show up until parents started begging for help. As soon as the JFB kids showed up, the shows started to run smoother. Perhaps the JFB advisors can help the JFB kids schedule their time and make sure shows are covered. The JFB kids do amazing work! The JFB advisors could help the JFB kids schedule their time.

We were not trained in areas that matter such as fair animals and what is expected. We are also not trained in proper paperwork. We are told after we don't do it right!

We need fowl specific project resource guides and books. I'm not letting my 10 year old "research" on the internet. He needs a book to study. This is also why we did not participate in skillathon.

I think that the communication between the boards was better this year and that we need to continue to work on it. I like that the youth were informed on opportunities outside of Lorain County 4-H so that they can continue to grow their knowledge.

I love everything about this program and what it offers youth. Thank you for all of your hard work!

I would like to see the 4-H pledge and values done at every meeting so my child can learn and understand the importance of 4H and what it means to be a member.

Overall great first year experience!

Great job!

Please stop allowing youth to have cell phones in show rings. If they actually must have them and they are not the staff on the show, it needs to be silenced and put away.

More notice of changes would be helpful for planning and budgeting for most kids.

Staff does an amazing job!!

I feel like the club our family was in is either not fully functioning as it should or rules have slipped since I was in 4h (1998-2009). We only had 3 officers... if there were more they didn't attend regularly. Communication from advisors was minimal and everything had to be done through the president -a hs junior. When problems arose they were not solved in a timely manner and are still unresolved at this time. We will not be returning to the club we were in bc of the issues. Unsure if we are going to return at this time. Bad first impression as the parent.

Judging dates for each project need to be more clear and presented at the beginning of the year- NOT in the clover communicator. There needs to be a list of all projects with date, time and place of judging made very clear early on. Even a page that can be printed and handed out at the beginning of the year to the parents so they don't miss a judging. I found it very hard to constantly scroll through pages of newsletter looking for dates and times. Especially when you have multiple kids doing sports and other activities and while school is still going on. It's overwhelming to look for the clover communicator among hundreds of emails.

We need better communications. The 4-H office needs to hire a secretary or person to help in the office when educators are not available. ( Which happens often). Where is this directory or whatever it is called with who to call if you need help with particular animal areas. We need someone who is experienced in each animal area , along with how to reach them when parents have questions.

I can't say enough great things about the team and with your limited resources this year you still came through for all these kids and clubs and are truly amazing individuals!!

Have been pretty satisfied with the Lorain County 4H program.