

Montgomery County 4-H Clover Connections

Important Dates, Deadlines and Details

February 2026

Hello February,

We are busy with 4-H enrollment right now.

Just a reminder for volunteers if you haven't done your training, it needs to be done by Feb. 15. Also all new volunteers and returning volunteers needing fingerprints, the deadline is Feb. 15.

Please enroll today in 4-H!

Rebecca



4-H Enrollment Now Open

Enrollment is now open. 4-H enrollment closes April 1. As a reminder, ALL youth and ALL adult volunteers must enroll yearly.

Please visit <https://4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and log in with your password. Do not make a duplicate profile.

Volunteers, please enroll as soon as possible and before your annual training and/or fingerprints if you have to get these done.



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Additional 2026 Dates to Hold



Join us for a City Barbeque fundraiser supporting:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H

Saturday, 2/28/2026 | All day

City Barbeque

6549 Miller Ln.

Dayton, OH 45414

IF YOU ARE NOT DINING IN-STORE, USE ONLINE CODE:

GIVE

For an online order to count toward your fundraiser, folks must apply code GIVE prior to checkout at order.citybbq.com or in the City BBQ app. If folks are ordering in person, they must present your group's flyer or social media post with code GIVE visible, either by pulling it up on their phone or presenting a printed copy. Online orders must be fulfilled —i.e. picked up or delivered— on the date of your fundraiser in order to be eligible: orders placed on the date of your fundraiser for fulfillment at a later date will not count toward your sales. (Orders can, however, be placed in advance for fulfillment on your fundraiser date.) Your total fundraising proceeds must be \$300 or more to receive your 20% of the proceeds from eligible sales: we can't issue donation checks for less than \$100 due to administrative costs. Checks will be mailed out within three weeks of your fundraiser. The percentage of sales you will receive is based on food, beverage, and bottled sauce sales. Gift card and non-sauce retail purchases are ineligible, as are catering orders, orders placed via third-party delivery services, and sales tax.

4-H Now App- Now Available!

Montgomery County 4-H has gone mobile! Find us in the iOS and Google Play App Stores or visit https://grandstandsites.com/gc=Montgomery_County_4

Search "4-H Now" and the type Montgomery County. You will find it!



4-H Project Requirements

The 2026 4-H project requirements are posted on our website at <https://montgomery.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects>

When project books are purchased through our office, we will have a copy in the front cover. Please make sure you have the up to date copy of the requirements along with the current year project book.

If you need to order books, please email our office to ensure we have them ready PRIOR to pick up.



4-H Advisory Committee Meeting

The 4-H Advisory Committee has an email address now. Please make note: MC4HCommittee@gmail.com.

For the latest meeting minutes for you to review, please see this google drive. [4-H Committee - Google Drive](#)

Thank you to all who came to our last meeting in October. **Our next meeting is March 19. Please have a representative from your club at this meeting. It will be at 6:30 p.m.**

Ohio 4-H Project Guide

The Project Guide is your place to connect to our entire collection of Ohio 4-H project books for the year. Each project book contains information and activities for members to explore as an organized group project or at home under the guidance of a parent or interested adult.

When choosing a project, consider your interests, background, what is necessary to start the project, and the resources available to help you complete it.

<https://ohio4h.org/projectguide>

Project Book Price Increase

In the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide, the standard project book price is \$12. Bulletins and 4-H resource handbooks vary in price based on page count. This move to a tier-pricing structure is intended to create pricing consistency over formats, regardless of distribution numbers.

This will start November 1, 2025. Please be prepared to pay the increase in book cost. It is still cheaper to purchase through our office. But if you choose to order directly, you can visit <https://extensionpubs.osu.edu/>. Our office will order books on the first of the month. Please submit your book order to Erin at miller.10520@osu.edu prior to the last day of the month. Cloverbud graduation certificates that indicated a \$8 book can be used for a \$12 book.

[Click here for the project book order form.](#)

Save the date! Ohio 4-H Conference—March 21, 2026

Mark your calendar for the 2026 Ohio 4-H Conference, held March 21, 2026, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, where 4-H volunteers and teens (ages 13 and up) from across the state will come together for a day of learning, connection, and inspiration. With a wide variety of educational sessions designed for all interests and experience levels, this event is a chance to grow, share ideas, and strengthen Ohio 4-H programs. Registration will open by the first week of January and must be completed through your county office—don't miss this opportunity to help make the best better! Learn more at the [Ohio 4-H Conference webpage](#).

4-H Volunteer Training

All 4-H volunteers must attend a training yearly. The following are the in-person training dates. Please enroll as a volunteer prior to attending the training.

Please note, all volunteer training must be completed by Feb. 15. Any volunteers that haven't completed this must follow the online directions sent by Feb. 15.

- ~~Thursday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m.~~
- ~~Wednesday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. followed by livestock committee meeting~~
- ~~Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m.~~

If you are unable to attend one of the above training dates, please let me know as soon as possible.

All volunteers who need to be re-fingerprinted have been emailed the details. The deadline is February 15.

Ohio State Fair Scholarships

The deadline for their scholarships is **April 1**. Here is the link.

<https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/scholarships>



OHIO 4-H IS ORGANIZING

Sew Ohio!

A hands-on sewing workshop to help Ohio 4-H members improve their clothing and textile skills. The workshop will be taught by Master Clothing Educator volunteers.

Saturday
April

4

9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Nationwide and Ohio Farm
Bureau 4-H Center
2201 Fred Taylor Drive
Columbus, OH 43210

\$15 per person
1 registered adult per
registered youth



Scan the QR code to learn more.

go.osu.edu/SewOhioReg

Schedule of Events:

9:00 am	Doors Open
9:30-10 a.m.	Registration
10-10:50 a.m.	Class Session #1
11-11:50 a.m.	Class Session #2
12-1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Fashion Show by State Fashion Board
1:30-2:20 p.m.	Class Session #3
2:30-3 p.m.	Everyone together- prize drawings for youth
3-3:30 p.m.	Fabric Fair: 4-H members can pick free fabric and supplies for their current or future 4-H projects

Information

Select sessions day of the event. Topics to be covered at the event include sewing machine care, using a serger, darts, seam finishes, dress up dress, zippers, reading and understanding a pattern, lay-out, altering and spotting a good fit, seam finishes, what to expect at State Fair, and a session from 4-H State Fashion Board members

• Registration deadline Feb. 27, 2026 or when registration reaches capacity

- 1 adult registration per registered youth
- Complete 1 registration per person
- Boxed lunch will be provided with a few choices-you are welcome to bring your own lunch



OSU provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis. For more information, visit ohio4h.org.

Register today for this awesome sewing workshop. See details and registration at: <https://ohio4h.org/events/sew-ohio>

Registration deadline is Feb. 27, 2026 or when registration reaches capacity.

Participate in the Ohio Home Garden Trials

Be a citizen scientist and contribute to our vegetable trials for Ohio. We are looking for people excited about growing vegetables in their home gardens and then letting us know what they think. Youth and adults are welcomed to participate. Each trial contains two varieties that you will grow side by side to compare throughout the season. We ask that you grow a 10' row of each variety in the garden or 5 containers of each for those grown in containers. **Youth only have to grow 2 plants of each variety in the Youth trials.**

<https://u.osu.edu/brown.6000/vegetable-trials/>

You can select multiple trials. For each trial you will get:

- See for 2 varieties
- Row Markets
- A garden layout plan to prepare your rows or beds
- Growing information specific to the crop species you selected, including planning date, plant spacing, nutrient requirements, etc.

All we need in return is for you to fill out your evaluation sheet throughout the growing season. Be sure to note things like germination, disease susceptibility, yield, and flavor. You can also let people know how your trials are performing throughout the season by posting pictures on social media using #OhioVegTrial

Now we are asking you to complete the sign up and send payment. Below is a list and description of each variety that will be used this year. Most are not from organic sources, but a few are. The vegetables are not experimental, but some have been released in the last few years. Others are old favorites being compared to new varieties to see if they still stand the test of time.

Each trial is \$3. We have created a payment site. Please go through the sign-up process and select your vegetables. On the payment page, you can choose to pay by card or check. If you choose check, the details for filling out and sending the check will be displayed. Please send that in as soon as possible. You will also see the **\$8** charge for home delivery added to your bill.

There is also a **\$4** option to pick up at your local Extension Office and free pick up at the Athens County Office.

You also have the option of registering and paying for more than one person while visiting the site. The deadline for ordering is **February 16 for guaranteed participation and March 1 for remaining Seeds.**

Any questions? Contact Ed Brown: brown.6000@osu.edu or 740-331-6060

To order and participate <https://u.osu.edu/brown.6000/vegetable-trials/2026-trials/>



First Edition: 4-H Teen News!

Ready to learn about 4-H opportunities, service ideas, and project spotlights? Check out the latest issue of the Ohio 4-H Teen News! This month's highlights include:

- Project Spotlight: 4-H Around the Globe! Ever wonder what 4-H is like in other countries? This project encourages curiosity and respect for different cultures, traditions, and youth programs worldwide.
- Community Service Ideas: Get inspired with easy ways your 4-H club can clean up local areas like parks, fairgrounds, or schools.
- Scholarship Central: Learn about various statewide and county-level Ohio 4-H scholarships available to recognize your leadership and service. Many deadlines traditionally fall in mid-February, so check with your local Extension office now!
- TLC Updates: See what the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council is planning for the Ohio 4-H Conference and find out when applications for TLC positions will open (Summer 2026).

[Read the full update!](#)

Ohio 4-H Scholarship Applications Now Open!

Ohio 4-H is proud to support excellence in leadership, citizenship, service, and project work through scholarships that help youth pursue higher education. The application window is open now, with a priority deadline of February 15, 2026. Current college students and high school seniors can apply through two pathways: those attending The Ohio State University should use Scholarship Universe at osu.scholarshipuniverse.com, while students attending other institutions can apply via [this link](#). Details can be found on the [Ohio 4-H Youth Development webpage](#).

Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance is a yearly requirement set forth from the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

The date for quality assurance to be completed for 2026 is May 29.

This can be done online anytime after November 1, 2025.

In person:

No need to make a reservation. Dates for 2026 are:

- April 22, 5:30 p.m.
- May 6, 5:30 p.m.

Test Out:

By appointment only. Test must be scheduled by emailing Rebecca at Supinger.5@osu.edu. Test out will take place between 9:00-4:00 p.m.

Online YQCA Training:

To receive credit, you must download and send your certificate to miller.10520@osu.edu. The certificate must include the name, date, and certificate number. If we can't see all the information, no credit is given. [Use this link to complete the online quality assurance](#). You have to be enrolled in 4-H for us to add the training to your account.

You can always check your training tab in your profile on 4-H Online to see when your Quality Assurance has been entered.

HPAI Update

The Ohio Poultry Association has reported that samples from black vultures in Clermont and Greene counties have returned positive results for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI H5). Groups of black vultures were found dead in Amelia (Clermont County) and Yellow Springs (Greene County).

What this means:

Now is the time to review and implement biosecurity protocols to reduce the risk of disease transmission from wild birds to domestic flocks.

Key Recommendations from USDA-Wildlife Services:

- **Secure Buildings:** Keep poultry housed if possible, repair holes larger than 1", and maintain screens on windows and doors.
- **Manage Ponds and Basins:** Use fencing and deterrents to keep waterfowl away from barns.
- **Reduce Food Resources:** Do not feed wildlife, keep feed structures on a clean pad, clean up spills promptly, and remove fallen fruit.
- **Cover Waste:** Keep carcasses and compost piles covered, latch dumpster and garbage lids.
- **Remove Standing Water:** Grade property to prevent pooling water, don't walk or move equipment through standing water, and avoid tracking contaminants into barns.

Horse Exhibitors- EquiSTEP Requirement

EquiSTEP is an annual statewide requirement for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H Horse Program activities and/or enrolled in a 4-H horse project. EquiSTEP replaces the statewide requirement of reading the *Horses, Safety, and You* (191R) resource and viewing the *Every Time, Every Ride* and *Horses, Kids, and Ethics* videos for youth and their families who are new to the 4-H horse program.

The EquiSTEP curriculum focuses on helmet safety, equine safety & handling, equine health & nutrition, and sportsmanship and is designed to rotate topics every year.

Changes to EquiSTEP for 2026:

With the move away from the ScarletCanvas platform, EquiSTEP was moved to Qualtrics in July 2025.

EquiSTEP is now **only offered online**.

Youth no longer need their own unique email address to log in to complete EquiSTEP.

The 4-H member **must watch the videos in their entirety before being able to move to the next section**.

Quiz questions are spread **throughout the program** rather than all at the end. Instead of needing to achieve a minimum score, **participants will not be able to advance in the program until they answer the question correctly**.

What Stays the Same for EquiSTEP:

The 4-H member will need to type in the email address they want their copy of the completion/email certificate sent to.

The youth member will need to **select their correct county** from the drop-down list to have the completion/email certificate sent to. **The certificate will only be sent to the county's email inbox (countyname4h@osu.edu).**

The 4-H member must click on the final button/arrow at the end of the program to trigger the emails to their email and the county.

Link for EquiSTEP 2026 due by 1st Sunday in May:

<http://go.osu.edu/equistep2026>

REMINDER: Any 4-H members taking a **horse project** must **complete EquiSTEP**.

REMINDER: 4-H/FFA members **competing in any state 4-H horse contest** (including the Junior Horse Show) **must complete EquiSTEP** and **upload their completion certificate** to their **4-H Online** account **by the contest/event's registration deadline**. Please note that some of the registration deadlines occur earlier than a county deadline.

Montgomery County 4-H Horse Updates

Youth have to attend the Clinic, 1 ride-in, and horse camp to compete at fair.

Safety/Clinic/Quality Assurance

March 21

10 AM to 2 PM

Calumet Center

Who: All 4-H Horse exhibitors and their parents (WE NEED FOR IT TO BE YOUTH AND 1

Parent/Adult/Guardian)

Ride Ins: MUST attend with youth and horse. Only needs to attend 1 ride in, but can come to both.

Friday, May 15 6 PM - 8 PM

Rain Date: Friday, May 22 6 PM - 8 PM

Saturday, June 20 10 am - 12 PM

Rain Date: Saturday, June 27 10 AM - 12 PM

Horse Camp

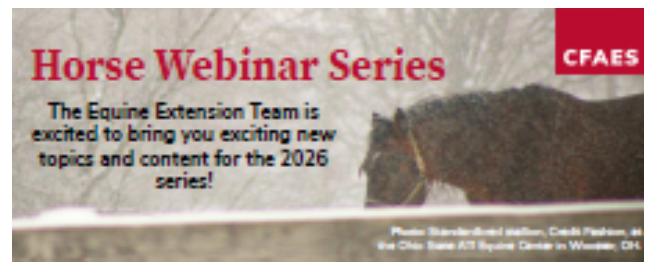
Saturday, June 6 - all day event

Start Time TBD

ALSO! We are going to produce a Youth Horse Handbook and that should be ready to be published on the OSU site as well as in our BAND app by February. It would be awesome if you could include the link for parents to join the BAND app in the message too?

Montgomery County 4-H Horse

Program: <https://band.us/n/a3a4b9mdAfdnl>



Horse Webinar Series

Free and open to the public.

Registration: go.osu.edu/equinezoomseries25
Register for just one or for all three free webinars!

January 21st

Emergencies with horses and annual wellness ideas, keeping/establishing a VCPR
Presenters: Dr. Shaver & Janessa Hill

February 18th

Trailing Safety: Preparing to reach your destination.
Presenter: Amanda Barnum

March 18th

Protecting Your Equine Partner: Understanding and Preventing Tick-Borne Illnesses
Presenters: Dr. Tim McDermott & Dr. Antoinette Marsh

Webinars are hosted via Zoom (12:00-1:00 PM EST)
Webinars will be recorded and links to recordings will be sent out after live zoom.
[Click Here for Registration Link](#)

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BANNER BOUND SHOWPIG SALE

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH, 2026

MADISON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
205 ELM ST LONDON, OH 43140

BARN OPENS AT 12:00PM LIVE AUCTION SALE AT 2:00PM AUCTIONEER HOGAN KINDRICK

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QUALIFY FOR INTERNATIONAL
INTERNSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

CREATE LASTING PEER CONNECTIONS

RESEARCH A GLOBAL CHALLENGE

PROPOSE YOUR SOLUTION

BUILD LEADERSHIP SKILLS

REGISTRATION DUE MARCH 27, 2026 AND
PAPER DUE APRIL 1, 2026

PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO YOUTH INSTITUTE

THE OHIO YOUTH INSTITUTE IS A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WHERE STUDENTS ENGAGE WITH LEADING EXPERTS ON CRITICAL GLOBAL CHALLENGES, PARTICIPATE IN HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, AND EXPLORE EXCITING WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OHIO AND AROUND THE WORLD.

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Ohio Youth Institute

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worldfoodprize.org/ohio



5 STEPS

GLOBAL CHALLENGE



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TO ATTEND THE

OHIO YOUTH INSTITUTE

STEP

1

READ THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE INSTRUCTIONS

The Global Challenge Research paper is a critical part and your ticket to participation in the Ohio Youth Institute.

STEP

2

IDENTIFY A MENTOR

Identify a mentor locally that really believes in you. This could be a teacher at your school, a 4-H club leader, a coach, FFA advisor or even a parent. They will help keep you on track and motivated to complete the paper.

STEP

3

START YOUR OHIO YOUTH INSTITUTE PAPER

Instructions for writing the paper are located at:

worldfoodprize.org/ohio

STEP

4

SUBMIT THE PAPER

You and your teacher or mentor register by March 27, 2026, submit your paper [online](#) by April 1, 2026.

STEP

5

ATTEND THE OHIO YOUTH INSTITUTE

On April 13, 2026, be a part of an amazing experience at The Ohio State University and become a Borlaug Scholar.

REGISTER AND
SUBMIT YOUR
PAPER:



WORLDFOODPRIZE.ORG/OHIO

Ohio State Fair Livestock Schedule

2026 Ohio State Fair Schedule...

Updates and changes have been made - check closely - don't assume that it's the same as last year...

To best enhance the exhibiting experience for competitors across the state, and to allow as much county fair participation as possible, the 2026 Ohio State Fair livestock competitions will be condensed to 15 days. Click the link below to view the dated species schedule.

[Click Here](#)

Club Officer Books

Officer books may be downloaded from <https://ohio4h.org/officerresources>

Clubs may also just ask the Extension office to print officers books. Just let us know if that would be helpful and which ones you would like.

Cloverbuds are not allowed to hold an office position in a club.

Ordering Project Books

The process of ordering project books will be changing slightly. Our office will order books on the first of the month, until May 1. That will be the LAST order our office places. They hold office orders later in spring and early summer to get individual orders out. Please plan ahead and get us your club orders sooner than later. We will be placing 1 order per month.

4-H Camp

Save the date.

4-H Camp will be June 14-18. Registration will open around April 1.

Camp prices had to increase. Camp will be \$285 for this year.



STATE FAIR
JULY 29 - AUGUST 9, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT

LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE



4-H & Men's Ice Hockey

Show your Buckeye spirit as the **Ohio State Buckeyes Men's Ice Hockey team** takes on **Notre Dame** at the annual 4-H and FFA Game.

Teachers, enjoy a pregame session at the Ohio 4-H Center to learn more about the opportunities available in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

March 5, 2026, puck drop at 6:30 p.m. at the Schottenstein Center

CFAES PREGAME SESSIONS

Hear from student panelists as they share what life as an **Ohio State CFAES Buckeye** is like and how the college is helping them thrive academically and socially. Sessions will be offered before puck drop at:

- 3:15 to 4 p.m.
- 4:15 to 5 p.m.

Space is limited. To secure your seat for the pregame sessions, please email the [Prospective Student Services Office](#) and indicate what time works best for you and the number of students you plan to bring.

To purchase discounted tickets, visit https://am.ticketmaster.com/buckeyes/buy/ism/MjVNSDE2?promoCode=RkZB&utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=faes_ffa-educators_event_fy26_hockey-game&utm_id=435470&sfmc_key=0032E00002oMulcQAC

2026 Ohio State Fair 4-H Project Judging Schedule

July 29 – August 9

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			29 FAIR OPENS Mental, Emotional, Social Health (MESHS) Day (M) Physical Wellness Health Day (M) Quit Day (M)	30 Cake Decorating Day (M) Creative Arts Day (M)	31 Companion Animal Day (M) Vet Science Day (M) Welding Day (Ag Eng)	1 Photography Day (R) STEM Day (M)
2 4-H Food Challenge (K) Leadership Day (M) Communications Day (M)	3 Natural Resources Day (M)	4 Clothing (R) Family Life Day (M) Home Decorating Day (M)	5 Clothing (R) Food and Nutrition (M) Workforce Prep (M)	6 Clothing (R) Food and Nutrition (M)	7 Shooting Sports Day (M)	8 Woodworking Day (M)
9 FAIR ENDS Self-Determined (M)						
	(M) Lausche Youth Exploration Space (R) Rhodes Center Auditorium (K) Kasich Building			Off Site Events: Welding – Ag Engineering Building		

11/3/2025



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go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats25



Are you interested in learning more about goat production? Join Ohio State University Extension Small Ruminant Team for the 2025 All About Goats! Webinar. This webinar series is going to answer producers burning questions concerning their own herd and help new producers become knowledgeable herdsman. Whether you raise goats for dairy, fiber or meat production or as pets - this webinar is for you! All youth livestock exhibitors are encouraged to attend. The sessions will occur every other Monday from 7-8 p.m. EST. Registration is required and can be completed by visiting go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats25.

All About Goats! Webinar

Every other Monday from 7-8 p.m.
September 22-December 15, 2025

All About Goats! Webinar

JOIN EXTENSION AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS FOR THE FALL 2025 SERIES



Goat Health and Care Sept. 22

During this session, Extension Specialist, Dr. Brady Campbell, will review proper care for goats of all ages and explain how to help keep them healthy and continue production.

Farm Business and Management Oct. 6

Extension Specialist, Eric Richer, and Extension Educator, Pressley Buurma, will help guide participants in farm management strategies and provide options for enterprise budgeting and record keeping as it relates to goat production.

Goat Processing Oct. 20

Throughout this presentation, Extension Specialist, Dr. Lyda Garcia, will explain the cuts of a carcass and how to process a goat at home.

Livestock Marketing Nov. 3

Join us as Extension Specialist, Garth Ruff, discusses the ins and outs of the goat market. He will also discuss how to market goats to fill the current wants and needs of the customers.

Hay and Grain Production Nov. 17

Throughout this session, Extension Educator, Jordan Penrose, will present tips and tricks on hay and grain production for goats as well as what type of crops would work best for your production system.

Coyote Management Dec. 1

This session is going to focus on how to manage interactions between coyotes and goats. Experts will also explain the current status of coyote research in Ohio.

Open Forum: Ask Me Anything Dec. 15

Have a burning question that was not answered during one of our past webinar sessions? Join Extension Educators and Specialists to get your questions answered!

Webinars are hosted via Zoom (7-8 p.m. EST). Register at:

go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats25



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Save the Date

2026 OSF Dog Dates - Please note both the Dog Show and Agility Trial are shifting dates. Dog show is July 19-21. Agility Trial is July 31. No typo... both shows are in July! Yay! More time for training!!!



2026 OHIO STATE FAIR

• DOG SHOW, July 19-21
Voinovich Livestock Center

• AGILITY TRIAL, July 31
Taft Coliseum

New for 2026- Ohio 4-H Clover Awards

The Clover Awards were created to encourage 4-H members to engage in a variety of projects and activities, to enable members to refine their record keeping abilities, and to enhance their leadership skills. The Clover Awards program also is designed to recognize youth for their continued involvement and growth through the 4-H program.

The Clover Awards program will recognize youth who are well-rounded 4-H members and have shown growth and progression across their 4-H career. There are five levels of achievement youth may earn through the program, to allow them to set goals and progress through their 4-H career. This aligns with various research-based literature on self-determination, goal attainment, and engagement. Youth who are engaged in programs and can see a progression through the program are more likely to stay involved. Keeping youth engaged is a core part of the 4-H program as we know youth who are engaged are more likely to thrive.

Everything needed is on this website. <https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/w0i8Xgd3B17Ub>

Please keep track of all of your 4-H experiences as it will help as you complete this.



OHIO 4-H | Clover Awards Program Overview

Level 1 – White Clover Complete 4/8 tasks	Level 2 – Bronze Clover Complete 6/10 tasks	Level 3 – Silver Clover Complete 8/12 tasks	Level 4 – Gold Clover Complete 12/18 tasks	Level 5 – Emerald Clover Complete 14/21 tasks and complete supplemental materials <i>*Must be at least 16 years old as of Jan 1 of the year you apply</i>
Project Work Give a demonstration related to their project at a club or group meeting	Project Work Give a demonstration related to their project at a club or group meeting	Project Work Give a demonstration related to their project beyond the club level	Project Work Complete at least one 4-H project from a new or different project area that you haven't explored before.	Project Work Complete at least one 4-H project from a new or different project area that you haven't explored before.
Project Work Complete at least <u>one</u> 4-H project	Project Work Complete at least <u>one</u> 4-H project from a new or different project area that you haven't explored before.	Project Work Complete at least <u>one</u> 4-H project from a new or different project area that you haven't explored before.	Project Work Exhibit at least <u>one</u> 4-H project at the state fair.	Project Work Exhibit at least one 4-H project at the state fair.
4-H Participation Attend at least <u>one</u> county 4-H activity or event.	4-H Participation Attend at least <u>two</u> county 4-H activities or events.	4-H Participation Attend at least <u>two</u> county 4-H activities or events.	4-H Participation Attend at least <u>three</u> county 4-H activities or events.	4-H Participation Attend at least <u>three</u> county 4-H activities or events.
4-H Participation Host a meeting, provide refreshments, lead a game or activity, or provide a report at a club meeting.	4-H Participation Host a meeting, provide refreshments, lead a game or activity, or provide a report at a club meeting.	4-H Participation Participate in a 4-H contest (county/state/national) (Examples include Communications, Workforce, Livestock Judging, Foods, etc.).	4-H Participation Participate in a 4-H contest (county/state/national) (Examples include Communications, Workforce, Health and Safety Speaking, Livestock Judging, Foods, etc.).	4-H Participation Participate in a 4-H contest (county/state/national) (Examples include Communications, Workforce, Health and Safety Speaking, Livestock Judging, Foods, etc.).
Community Service/Citizenship Participate in a citizenship activity (local government day, school board meeting, township/city council meeting, county commissioners meeting, etc.).	4-H Participation Attend a day or residential 4-H camp.	4-H Participation Attend a day or residential 4-H camp.	4-H Participation Attend a day or residential 4-H camp.	4-H Participation Attend a day or residential 4-H camp.





2026 Montgomery County Agricultural Society Scholarship

Deadline: May 29, 2026

2 - \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded

Eligibility

- Applicants must be a resident of Montgomery County, OH
- Applicants must be a student in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a degree program or trade school.
- Applicants should have some leadership experience through involvement in student organizations, 4-H, FFA or industry associations.

Please Send completed Applications to:

Madison at Madison@mcohofair.com or mail to the address below:

Montgomery County Agricultural Society

Attn: Scholarship Committee

580 Calumet Lane

Dayton, OH 45417

*Have any questions please contact Madison at madison@mcohofair.com or call (937)224-1619
Ext.102*



The Montgomery County Agricultural Society
Scholarship



2026

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Applicant Eligibility (Circle all that apply)

Applicant is a Montgomery County Resident High School Senior

Full Time College Student

Applicant Information

Student Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Student Email Address _____

Student Phone # _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Name _____

High School Information (please complete even if you have graduated)

High School Name _____

High School City _____

Year of Graduation _____

Current/Final GPA _____

College Information

Are you currently enrolled in or accepted to a college or university? Yes or No

If yes, please complete the following questions:

College Name _____

Major _____

Expected Graduation Year _____

Current GPA (if enrolled) _____

of Semesters Completed _____

Signature

I affirm the information I have provided on this application is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that furnishing false information may result in revocation of my scholarship.

Signature Date

Extracurricular Activities and Work Experience

Please list your extracurricular activities and work/internship experiences and indicate your responsibilities and how it has contributed to your personal or education growth.

Community and Volunteer Activities

Please list your community and volunteer activities as well as any leadership roles held as part of those activities.

Awards and Honors

Please list awards and Honors you have received.

Community Barn Dance

Join us for an evening of family fun
Saturday, March 7th, 2026

7p.m.-11p.m.
@The Gilbert's Farm
5415 Diamond Mill Rd.
Germantown, OH 45327

Hosted by
B.A.R.N. Club

DJ: Mark Harding
Concessions:
Hotdogs,
Water & Pop



All are welcome!

FEBRUARY

- 5 4-H Award and Trip Selection, 5:00 p.m.
- 10 Montgomery County Ag Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 4-H Camp Counselor Training, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- 15 Deadline to have fingerprints done for 2026
- 15 Deadline to have volunteer training completed for 2026
- 15 DUE: Ohio 4-H Scholarships, www.go.osu.edu/4hscholarships
- 19 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 City BBQ Fundraiser for Montgomery County 4-H

MARCH

- 7 Community Barn Dance
- 10 4-H Camp Counselor Training, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- 10 Montgomery County Ag Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 County Awards and Kickoff, Calumet Gym, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Ohio 4-H Conference, Columbus Convention Center

2026 Dates:- Additional dates will be added as they are confirmed.

April

- 1- Enrollment Deadline
- 22- Quality Assurance Training, 5:30 p.m.

May

- 6- Quality Assurance Training, 5:30 p.m.
- 29- Deadline to have Quality Assurance Training completed

June

- 14-18- 4-H Camp
- 30- Skillathons (9:00-12:00 & 3:00-6:00)

July

- 8- 4-H Pre-fair judging
- 14-19- Montgomery County Fair
- 29-August 9- Ohio State Fair

August

- 29- 4-H Auction

2026 camp price- As shared previously, camp prices would need to increase for 2026. After a lot of consideration, camp price will be \$285.

Registration "Go Links" 2026

All links require go.osu.edu/ at the beginning...

Form	Link	Deadline

OSU Extension Montgomery County

580 Calumet Lane
Dayton, OH 45417

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