

Montgomery County 4-H Clover Connections

Important Dates, Deadlines and Details

December 2025

I hope you are enjoying the fall season. I can't believe it is November! There are a lot of important things in this newsletter. Make sure you make note of important dates including some dates for 2026.

The next 4-H year is officially started! Please enroll today in 4-H and tell your friends too.

Our office has some odd office hours in December. Please note:

The last day you can stop by to find anyone is Thursday, December 18. We will reopen to the public on Monday, January 5.

Please plan accordingly if you need us.

- December 19-December 23: staff working remotely as building is closed due to event
- December 24-December 25: OSU Holiday- office closed
- December 26-January 2: OSU Winter Recess- office closed

Yours 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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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 January 15. 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.

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

Club Audits

All clubs that will need to submit paperwork for the required Ohio 4-H club audits will be emailed the first week in December. It will be due by January 29.

As a reminder, this has been a requirement for Ohio 4-H for about 5 years. All clubs are required to do this every 3 years or deemed necessary.

It will be a learning year so please don't worry if there is a suggestion or a recommendation at the end of this process. We will talk further at volunteer trainings about this.

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.

- 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 Beef

The Ohio State Fair requires all market beef entered in the 2026 Ohio State Fair to have individual DNA samples taken from each animal that may potentially be entered. These DNA samples must be in the possession of the Ohio State Fair by January 15.

Also note that youth showing at any of the BEST sanctioned shows must have EID tags in their calves prior to the first show in which they exhibit.

Ohio State Fair will NOT be providing EID tags for market beef exhibitors.

We have a few EID tags left that can be picked up. It is a first come, first serve.

If you are picking up a tag, it will have the DNA sample collection instruction sheet included.

Montgomery County 4-H Club Donation- Humane Society of Greater Dayton

HELP PLEDGE YOUR HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE

Collecting items for the Humane Society of Greater Dayton!

Bring to the OSU Extension Office by 12/11 and we will take the items to donate from 4-H clubs during the week of 12/15.



Service is an important part of 4-H. We can't forget our animals that need items too.

We will collect items from clubs here at the OSU Extension Office until **December 11**. All items will be taken and dropped off the week of December 15.

Please follow the wishlist and on-going items needed as it is very specific what they use.

<https://hsdayton.org/get-involved/donate/wishlist/>

Club Financial Summary and Banner Club

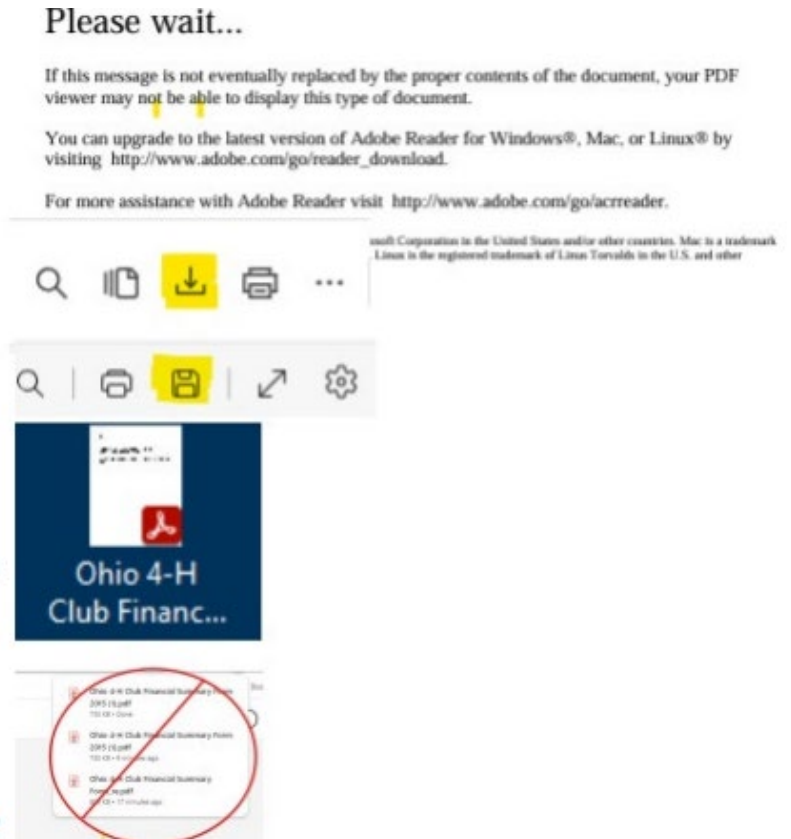
Club financial reports for the calendar year January 1, 2025, thru December 31, 2025, must be submitted no later than January 31, 2026. The form requires a computer with Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Reader (Reader is the free version of Adobe). Your computer may be set to open the PDF in your internet browser automatically. If this occurs, close the internet browser window that appears, manually open Adobe Reader / Acrobat from your list of programs, and then open the file from its downloaded location. Forms can be found at www.go.osu.edu/montcoclubresources

The screen will look like this. This is not an error.

Download the document by clicking on the arrow/save icon in the top right corner of your browser. When you click download, a dialogue box will open asking you where you want to save the form. Save it to your desktop for easy access.

The form will not open by clicking the link in the internet browser window. Do not use these links after the download is complete. You must open it in Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Reader.

The first page is instructions. Under the heading "Validating the Form" please note the sentence that reads "You must HIDE the account number and EIN fields before you can email the form, to add extra security during electronic file transmission. In the "Enter password to lock account information" field, type the following password: HideAccount!



To submit the form, you will be asked for our county submission email address, montgomery4h@osu.edu. This e-mail is for financial form submission ONLY!

Clubs will not be allowed to re-enroll for the new year until this report is filed. No report = no club! If you have trouble accessing and filling out the form you may submit a hard copy. Contact our office if you find you need to do this. THIS FORM SHOULD ITEMIZE EXPENSES AND INCOME. DO NOT JUST SUBMIT YOUR BALANCE! When the download is complete close your internet browser, go to your desktop, and double-click the Ohio 4-H Financial Summary icon to open the form. THIS FORM SHOULD ITEMIZE EXPENSES AND INCOME. DO NOT JUST SUBMIT YOUR BALANCE!

Banner Club Update

We encourage all clubs to apply for banner club.

1. The application is posted at the link above with the direct link here. www.go.osu.edu/montcobannerclub
2. The application is due on January 29 with the completed financial summary.
3. The 4-H Advisory Committee voted to increase the amount clubs receive when they meet Banner Club for 2025. They are increasing the amount from \$50 to \$100 for clubs.

Banner club is technically optional. The club financial summary is a required form for all clubs to complete!

Market Beef and Market Heifer Registration

All exhibitors planning on showing market steers or market heifers MUST register them by [December 15, 2025](#) using 4-H Online. This must be completed between November 1-December 15 as the new 4-H year will begin November 1.

Steps include:

1. Take 1 photo of each of your animal entries. This should be the front view of the head and tag number if they have one.
2. Youth can register no more than 3 steers/heifers.
3. All market steers and market heifers must be in exhibitor's possession by December 1, 2025.
4. Log in to 4-H Online at <https://oh.4honline.com>
5. Enter email and password used for enrollment
6. Select family member to view
7. Select member you are adding a market steer/heifer to
8. Select animals
9. Then add animal
10. Select type- a drop down list of market animals (select market 'your species')
11. Add all information that you can about your animal. If your animal in a RFID number, please enter the entire number in the tag box and RFID box.
12. Fill out all required space.
13. Upload pictures
14. Submit your entry. To enter another animal, repeat the steps above.
- 15. New for 2026- ALL beef (market steers, market heifers, feeder calf) must have a 840 tag entered at registration time.**

Review this form for insurance. It is highly encouraged- [Click here for the form and details.](#)

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.

Shop with Purpose: 4-H Gifts that Give Back

From festive 4-H ornaments to 4-H hats, Tractor Supply Company has the perfect stocking stuffers for every 4-H fan. And don't miss the **Paper Clover campaign** kicking off **Friday, November 28**—a simple way to support 4-H at checkout!



Get crafty with 4-H pottery! From mugs to ornaments, you can paint your own masterpiece while supporting youth programs—**5% of every purchase goes to 4-H.** [Click Here](#)



Decorate your home with beautiful greenery and purpose. **15% of the proceeds from each wreath or evergreen will benefit 4-H.** [Click Here](#)



Step into the season with style! The Twisted X 4-H Collection has shoes for the whole family—perfect for gifting (or keeping for yourself!)—and **6% of each pair sold supports 4-H!** [Click Here](#)



Built for hard work and big dreams, **Georgia Boot is a proud 4-H supporter.** Their rugged boots are ready for any adventure, especially a 4-H project! [Click Here](#)



Looking for a fun stocking stuffer for your four—legged family members? **ACANA™ premium food and treats** are a great option to help get your pet and 4-H'ers get Beyond Ready. [Click Here](#)





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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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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:



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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.



STATE FAIR
JULY 29 - AUGUST 9, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT

LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE



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!

For the application, visit <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>

This form (the achievement form and/or trip form) are due by January 29.

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 (MESH) 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		

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All About Goats! Webinar

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

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

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

DECEMBER

- 4 4-H Volunteer Training, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 OSU Extension Office Closed- Offsite professional development
- 9 Montgomery County Ag Society Fairboard Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 4-H Volunteer Training, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Market Beef and Market Heifer Registrations Due in 4-H Online
- 15 [Market Beef and Market Heifer Insurance Form Due, if interested](#)
- 18 Deadline for new clubs for 2026
- 19-23 Staff working remotely, OSU Extension Office building closed
- 24-25 OSU Holiday, Office Closed
- 26-2 OSU Winter Recess, Office Closed

JANUARY

- 1-2 Office Closed for holiday and winter recess
- 13 Camp Counselor Training, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- 15 DUE: Ohio State Fair DNA/EDI kits to OSF for Market Beef
- 15 DUE: New Volunteer applications (last day to submit for 2026)
- 19 OSU Extension Office Closed for holiday
- 27 4-H Volunteer Training, 6:00 p.m.
- 29 Club paperwork and audit paperwork due
- 29 County report forms/trip preference form due

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

February

- 15- Deadline to have fingerprints done for re-fingerprinting
- 15- Deadline to have volunteer training completed

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
- TBD- Skillathons

July

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

Registration "Go Links" 2025

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

Form	Link	Deadline

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