



2021 Harrison County 4-H Family and Member Guide



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Harrison County 4-H Committee

The primary purpose of the Harrison County 4-H Committee is to provide guidance and assistance to the County Extension Staff in planning and conducting educational 4-H programs in agriculture, home economics and related subjects for young people in addition to developing youth leadership and life skills. Major functions of the 4-H Committee are to advise and to assist in developing, helping to conduct and in evaluating the 4-H program.

All 4-H volunteers are eligible to vote for committee representation. Membership of the Harrison County 4-H Committee includes 4-H Advisors, Key Leaders, Community Leaders, Junior Fairboard members, and other interested in youth. Elected members represent 4-H Club Advisors. Representatives will serve a term of 3 years.

The Committee also conducts countywide fund-raising events (i.e. 4-H Food Stand; Kroger Community Rewards) in an effort to provide all county 4-H'ers with the following opportunities:

State & National trips (most expenses paid)

- *Ohio 4-H Leadership Camp
- *Ohio 4-H Conservation Camp
- *Sea Camp
- *Citizenship Washington Focus (Washington, D.C.)

Harrison County 4-H Camps

Harrison County 4-H Advisors Recognition Event

Harrison County 4-H Advisors Pins

Harrison County School Programs

Thanks goes to advisors, members and clubs who participated in the fund raising efforts, sponsored events, or made donations to the committee during the club year. We encourage your support again in the coming year as the 4-H Committee joins all of you in working to "Make the Best Better!"

Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee, Junior Fair Board, and Senior Fair Board

These entities exist as Extension partners, but fall under the direction of the Harrison County Agricultural Society. The Sale Committee exists to procure the strongest possible Junior Fair Livestock Sale each year. The Junior Fair Board exists to lead junior fair shows, procure awards, and encourage a positive youth development environment during the fair. The Senior Fair Board exists to lead the senior fair experience and support the work of its subordinate committees.

4-H MEMBERSHIP RULES



Who Can Join 4-H?

Eligibility for 4-H membership begins when a child has reached age 5 and is enrolled in kindergarten as of January 1 of the current year. These members are called Cloverbuds. Membership to the 4-H club program begins when a child is at least age 8 and enrolled in 3rd grade as of January 1 of the current year.

Ohio 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19. Cloverbuds is a non-competitive, activity-based program.

Meeting Attendance, Club Size, and Project Books

Unless excused by the 4-H club advisor, 4-H members must attend a minimum of 3/4 of the 4-H club meetings (minimum of 6 meetings) and must have a finished current project/record book in order to receive a complete in their project work for the current year in Harrison County. A club must have a minimum of 5 members from at least 3 families to form/continue as a 4-H club in Harrison County, unless the club is in its final year of existence.

Membership Deadline and Late Enrollment

A young person can join the 4-H program at any time throughout the year. However, in order to be eligible for certain opportunities, such as judging or exhibiting at our fair, a young person must be enrolled in the program by the annual deadline. The deadline for club membership, club project enrollment and brand-new membership is April 1st.

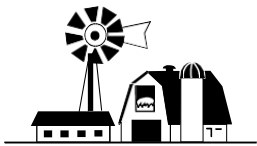
FFA AND 4-H MEMBERSHIP

Teens that belong to both 4-H and FFA must carry separate and different projects in each organization. They must decide at 4-H enrollment time (April 1) what their 4-H projects for the current year will be. They cannot switch projects between organizations later in the year.

Eligible youth may be members of both a 4-H club and any other group. When a member belongs to two or more organizations, projects carried, in all cases, must be separate and different (also different animals and/or products) in an effort to broaden the member’s experience and learning.

Membership Across County Lines

Below is the policy on 4-H Membership Across County lines. It is your role as an advisor to check to see whether you have any members who live outside of Harrison County. Ask, sometimes it may surprise you who live across a county line. If you have someone who lives outside of Harrison County and wants to belong to your club, they must request membership in our county. You may request this form from the Extension Office. It must be completed before they can be enrolled on April 1. Once approved, this approval is good for as long as the member is in 4-H, they only need to do the request once.



Membership Across County Lines Policy. As of September 1, 1994

- a. You are expected to affiliate with the program in your county of residence.
- b. 4-H membership in 2 counties simultaneously is not possible.
- c. Cross state line membership will be considered the same as for cross county participation.
- d. It is recognized that limited situations may occur where membership in a county other than the county of residence might be positive. The educators in both counties must be in agreement that the change should occur. This agreement should be based on their professional judgment in accord with the opening paragraph of this policy.
- e. Consideration for membership in a county other than the county of residence should be given only in situations where a positive educational experience will result. Any change motivated by perceived competitive or sale advantage, any change due to controversial issues, or other similar motivations will not be seen as justified reasons for consideration for membership in a county other than the county of residence, and will be automatically rejected by the educators involved.

- f. If you have already successfully completed the Membership Across County Lines form and are a non-resident Harrison County 4-H member, this is also the appropriate time to remind you that if your county of residence eliminates OSU Extension funding, your membership in Harrison County 4-H will terminate at the end of the year.

INFORMATION FOR ADVISORS

New Volunteers

In order to provide a positive experience for 4-H volunteers, members and their families, the following process will be used to select and orient new volunteers.

1. Complete the new volunteer application form and return it to the Extension Office.
2. Provide References.
3. Complete an interview.
4. Review and sign the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Standards of Behavior.
5. Complete a Volunteer Orientation Session.
6. Complete Fingerprint record check.

Ohio State University Extension will:

- Interview potential volunteers.
- Check potential volunteer references by phone or mail.
- Conduct a background check on potential volunteers and ask you to be fingerprinted.

It is the responsibility of Ohio State University Extension to refuse volunteer status or deny a particular volunteer role to someone they deem to be inappropriate or unqualified to fill a volunteer position.

Experienced Advisors

Experienced advisors must indicate they plan to return as an active advisor by completing the advisor re-enrollment sheet found in the club enrollment packet each spring by April 1. This sheet puts your name on the advisor mailing list for the current year and enters current year of advising in our advisor records.

CEUs: Adult advisors are required to continue their 4-H volunteer education by participating in one of the seven 4-H advisor training options. Eligible training sessions include: local advisor trainings, Ohio 4-H Conference, or Junior Fair Conference. This requirement is for all advisors in their 2nd through 75th years of service. In addition, experienced advisors will be placed on a four-year cycle for re-fingerprinting.

CLUB INFORMATION

4-H Club Enrollment Packets

The 4-H Club Enrollment Packet is available at the Extension Office. These materials are available in January and include the following items:

- ✓ Club Re-Organizational Packet (updated each Year)
 - Family Guides
 - 4-H Publication Order Forms
 - Club Officer & Meeting Schedule Forms
 - Insurance Information
 - Health Forms
 - 4-H Project Requirements
 - Club Charter Checklist
 - Yearly Financial Summary
 - Harrison County 4-H Calendar

- Harrison County Jr. Fair Book
- Harrison County 4-H Family & Member Guide

4-H Enrollment Process

The 4-H organizational advisor is responsible for completing the 4-H enrollment for his/her 4-H club. These current 4-H Enrollment documents will be in each club's Organizational Packet. The packet will include:

- ❑ 4-H Member Enrollment Forms (needed for all 4-H members)
- ❑ 4-H Advisor Enrollment Forms
- ❑ Club Officer & Meeting Schedule Form
- ❑ Club Charter Checklist
- ❑ Yearly Financial Summary

Specific directions for 4-H enrollment and re-enrollment will be included in the Club's Packet. 4-H organizational advisors must submit all 4-H enrollment and re-enrollment documents to the OSU Extension, Harrison County Office by April 1st of the current year. Please remember that brand-new members may enroll up until April 1st this year. Questions regarding 4-H club enrollment or re-enrollment should be directed to the Extension Office.

4-H Enrollment Form

4-H organizational advisors should carefully review each 4-H member's enrollment form to make sure all information is complete and correct. Errors on the enrollment form result in 4-H members missing mailings, being enrolled in wrong projects or not having specific needs met by program activities. The following information is included on the enrollment form:

- ❑ **Complete Mailing Address** is used for mailing 4-H newsletters, county, state, national and international 4-H opportunities.
- ❑ **4-H Project Enrollment** is a complete listing of each member's 4-H projects. 4-H members must be enrolled in all 4-H projects by April 1st of the current year to be eligible for county 4-H activities. Statistical information includes: age, birth date, race, gender, years in 4-H, residence, school, grade, etc.
- ❑ **Disability Information** is optional. Information regarding a disability will help the county 4-H program more effectively meet the specific needs of all youth.
- ❑ **Parent and/or Legal Guardian Address, Phone and E-mail Information** is used as the contact address for the 4-H member and a means by which OSU Extension, Harrison County 4-H Youth Development staff are able to reach a parent/legal guardian for programming or emergency needs.
- ❑ **4-H Club Officer Information** indicates the club office a 4-H member holds.

Club Officers

Each club is encouraged to select officers at one of the first meetings of the club year. When electing officers, it is suggested that the duties of each officer be explained to club members. Emphasis should be placed on the importance of good club officers. (Resources: Officers Responsibilities and Duties (circular 930-c), Working with Officers & Committees (circular 955), and Fact Sheet (4-H-014-99). Officers books can be printed from <http://www.ohio4h.org/publications> .

The following officers can be elected: President, News Reporter, Vice President, Safety Leader, Secretary, Health Leader, Treasurer, and Recreation Leader. Some clubs may combine some offices or create others. Examples of additional officers some clubs have included: Historian, Photographer, Energy/Conservation, and Song Leader.

Chartered Clubs

All existing clubs need to be chartered and new clubs can be chartered while they are forming. Each Club's organizational advisor will complete a yearly self-review and return a checklist to the Extension Office.

Rules Related to Projects

1. Members are encouraged to take a variety of projects and are encouraged to take projects based on their interests. Members do not have to bring a project to a judging or show in order to complete it and should therefore not base their project selection on judging requirements.
2. A member can repeat a project a reasonable number of times. For example, a member can divide a large project into a 2-year project. A member should work with their advisor and a 4-H staff member, if they wish to have a multiple year project judged. Each year a member should show more knowledge and growth gained by taking a project and is able to explain that to a judge.
3. School FFA, FHA, Art, Industrial Arts, or other projects cannot be used or shown as 4-H projects.
4. A self-determined project cannot be taken which duplicates an existing 4-H project.
5. All members shall own, care for, and exhibit their own livestock projects. Leasing is only permitted for Horses & Dairy (Lease form must be filed at the Extension Office by the deadline stated on the 4-H calendar).
6. Refer to the Harrison County 4-H Project Requirements for all project requirements for judging.
7. Complete a project. (Members Guides are in the first few pages in most project books).

Club Demonstrations

Demonstrations are a valuable learning experience for every 4-H'er. Every 4-H Club is encouraged to have each of its members do a 4-H demonstration for their club sometime during the year. Demonstrations help members learn planning, organizing, public speaking and teaching skills.

It is a good idea to plan demonstrations at the same time as the club program of activities. One, two, or three members could do a demonstration after each business meeting.

To do a good demonstration, a member must pick a topic, collect and organize information, practice the skills to be demonstrated and then put this all together for an interesting presentation in front of advisors and peers. Advisors should strive to help members prepare their demonstration so that this learning experience becomes a positive one.

Community Service Projects

For a young person to learn that it is good to give back to the community, as it is to receive, 4-H Clubs develop Community Service Projects. A Community Service Project can be a variety of things, as long as someone else will benefit from the service. Projects can range from landscaping a public building, park, etc. to keeping trash picked up from a roadside or a public park. Clubs also have tried to help others by visiting senior citizens that have no one to socialize with, or go to a nursing home and put on a program of some kind or just talk with the people who live there. There is an endless list of possibilities for a 4-H Club to do.

Activity and Club Insurance

There are a few insurance companies that offer low cost, minimum supplemental coverage insurance for 4-H activities. It can be purchased to cover the whole year of activities or to cover a single event the club is doing. Cost is usually \$1.00 per member (\$2.00 for horse clubs). Any club can decide to get this coverage for their members. Applications can be found online at <http://www.americanincomelife.com/who-we-serve/4h-insurance/4-hces-coverage-online-application>

Trip or Activity Permission Forms/Emergency Medical Forms

It is highly recommended that any volunteers who are taking 4-H'ers on a trip or involving them in an activity which might involve more risk than a typical club meeting, have parents complete a permission form exempting them and the 4-H Program from liability.

As a 4-H volunteer, you are working under the auspices of The Ohio State University. All club activities are considered part of The Ohio State University 4-H program.

Therefore, we have available a permission form, created by the University Legal Affairs Office, which we recommend you use. It may be confusing to some of the parents because it has many references to the University in it, but that is because anything you do with 4-H is part of the University. Obviously, the goal of the permission form is to release the University (and you as their volunteer) from liability.

The real value of a permission form, we feel, is to inform parents very clearly, what their child is involved in and that there may be additional risks to a particular activity. This way, they are making a conscious choice to allow their child to participate, in full knowledge of the risks.

Copies of the permission form are available for you to use, if you have an activity you think is higher than average risk (a canoe trip might be an example).

Anytime you take children somewhere where you will be away from their parents for a length of time, you will probably want to have an emergency medical form, in case you need to seek treatment for a child, while away from home. This would be a form similar to what we use for 4-H Camp. We have a version of our standard medical form available at the Extension office for any volunteer who has need for this type of form. By signing these types of contracts yourself, you personally assume all liability.

Contracts

It is not permissible for you as a volunteer to sign contracts on behalf of 4-H. Any contract with 4-H is a contract with Ohio State University and as such must pass through University legal review. An example would be a contract for the use of a meeting facility.

Resources Available

Resources for club meetings are available from the local Extension Office and the State Office. Call ahead to schedule.

4-H Completion and Exhibition Requirements

A. To Complete a project requires

1. Advisor has reviewed member's project book and member has completed work as specified in the project book and in the project requirements. For more information on project completion see "4-H Members Project and Achievement Program – An Overview for 4-H Advisors and Parents" (Flyer 956).
2. Age requirements are met.
3. Has met the membership across county lines requirement (if applicable).
4. Member attended the required amount of meetings.

5. Has turned in all required paper work that goes with their project, ex: Horse Id forms and any other forms required for the member's project. (if applicable)
6. Your consideration of a member's project to be considered complete should not reflect whether or not a member went to judging or the fair. Judging or fair participation is optional. If you have members who chose not to take their projects to judging or the fair, you need to set a time to see their project work and determine that it is complete. We would like for you to complete the form found in the club packet you receive at booth setup to let us know which members have completed their projects for the year. *Again: attending county-wide judging is optional, unless otherwise stated in a clubby-laws.*
7. A 4-H member may represent Harrison County at the State Fair in more than one (1) project area unless the projects are shown at the same time at the State Fair. In this case, the member must choose which project they will take and an alternate will be sent in the other area.

B. Exhibition and Judging

1. A member is not required to go to judging unless specified in the club constitution. However, the experience of county judging for youth is important. **See Harrison County Project Requirements for all Project Completion Options.**
2. If a member chooses to have their projects judged, all still projects are judged in June.
3. The judging schedule is found on the current calendar and also in the Harrison County Project Requirements for each project to be judged.
4. Exhibition at the Harrison County Fair is required if a member wants to be paid their premium.

Fair Booklet

This book is printed each year with all the Harrison County Junior Fair Rules for all 4-H and FFA members who plan to show at the fair. If a member plans to exhibit their project at the fair, they should check the complete fair requirements carefully to be sure they are familiar with all fair rules related to their project. Previous Fair Books are a good starting point for basic guidelines. OSU Extension will publish a Harrison County Jr. Fair Book that should be helpful in answering livestock requirement questions.

General Policies

RSVP Policy

Some county-wide 4-H events, such as Shooting Sports, require an RSVP. If there is not enough registered participation the program will be cancelled; only the individuals that signed-up will be notified of the cancellation.

Weather Policy

Youth safety is always the first priority in 4-H programming. As such, any event sponsored or hosted by OSU Extension will be cancelled if Harrison Hills School District cancels or early dismisses for weather-related reasons. The "Harrison County 4-H" Facebook page will also be used to note such cancellations. As always, stay home when you are uncomfortable with driving conditions.

Fund-Raising Policy

The people and businesses of Harrison County have been very generous to the 4-H Program. So as not to over saturate the public with requests for funds, clubs are asked to carefully consider any Fund-raising efforts using the following guidelines:

1. It is NOT a requirement that a club do any type of Fund-raising. Funds should only be raised with a specific purpose in mind, not just to fill the club treasury.
2. Any major fund raising effort, particularly that would involve solicitation from businesses, should be cleared with the 4-H Committee. This is to avoid duplicate requests to the same businesses in the name of 4-H.
3. Many clubs assess their own members for dues each year. This is an acceptable practice. Members should clearly understand that this money is for local club use and should vote annually whether to have dues and the amount of such dues.
4. Lotteries and games of chance are discouraged as means of raising funds. There are state and local laws and regulations prohibiting or regulating lotteries, raffles, and games of chance. Refer to Ohio Revised Code #2915.
5. It is the 4-H policy to give people something of full value for their donation or to ask them to contribute direct help based on the value of the educational program.
6. Ideally funds should be raised with a specific purpose in mind, particularly from the general public. A Fund-raising effort should clearly present the purpose and use of the funds. Dues can be used to cover small club expenses such as postage, refreshments, and other meeting supplies.
7. Remember that the basic purpose of 4-H is education. Do not let sideline activities such as fund-raising get in the way of more fundamental programs of learning and doing. Keep Fund-raising to the minimum needed to support the program and activities and keep each fund raising campaign short.
8. Members and club may be asked to participate in county-wide fund-raisers or dues to support county-wide events.

Alcohol, Illegal Drug and Tobacco Policies

These are policies on the use of some substances. These could be added to a club's constitution or By-Laws. They are as follows:

- ❖ "Possession or use of illegal drugs at 4-H sponsored events is prohibited."
- ❖ "Alcohol is prohibited at all 4-H sponsored events."
- ❖ "Tobacco products possession and use, by 4-H youth participants is prohibited at all 4-H sponsored events. Tobacco use by adults during 4-H sponsored events is discouraged and should only be done in designated areas and not in the view of youth participants."

COUNTY PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

This section contains a list and description of Harrison County 4-H activities that members and clubs may participate in. While none of these events are required, they do enhance the 4-H experience.

4-H Camp

Harrison County 4-H Camp is held every year at Camp Piedmont and is open to members and friends ages 9-13. (Cloverbuds Explorer Camp will be held during regular camp week) Every member will receive registration information in their Harrison County 4-H Newsletter. Check with your club members to see that they received their camp information.

At camp, 4-H members participate in a wide variety of activities, including swimming, nature studies, crafts, sports, campfire, recreation (dancing and games) and many others.

Counselors (ages 14-18) at camp are Harrison County 4-H members who go through 24 hours of intensive training to do their jobs safely and effectively. A nurse is on duty at all times at camp. The county 4-H Staff serve as Camp Directors. Other adults and the Camp Piedmont personnel comprise the rest of the staff.

We will offer a Cloverbud Day Camp at the Harrison County Fairgrounds in May. Friends and parents are also welcome.

Cloverbud Program

1. Harrison County youth age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten as of January 1 of the current year may enroll in the 4-H Program known as Cloverbuds, when a group is available (depends upon number of volunteers).
2. The educational system for the Cloverbud Program is activity based. "Activity Based" means a variety of short term "lasting" experiences for youth that create an exciting, cooperative, and fun approach to learning through an immediate, positive feedback response to the youth involved.
3. Enrolled Cloverbud Youth, because of age appropriateness, will not be eligible for any activities or projects designed for 9-18 year olds. It is not the intent of the Ohio Cloverbud Curriculum to duplicate the 9-18 year old program or to create a mini-4-H concept. Cloverbuds are not to be considered "tag alongs" to the main program.
4. The Cloverbud Program will utilize only the curriculum and resources specifically designed from the K-2 age group. The blue activity bags (available for check-out) and Cloverbud Connections (search online) are two prime resources.
5. Cloverbud activities must be held separately from other 4-H events, such as a 4-H club meeting. They could be held at the same time and place, but in a different room for example. Cloverbud members are not to attend 9-18 year olds 4-H Club meeting as part of their Cloverbud experience.
6. There would be absolutely no competitive aspect to any Cloverbud activities. For example, formal scoring, placing, special prizes, recognition, etc. Any recognition given to Cloverbud members must be done equally for all members. Any participation in an event like a fair must be for exhibit only.
7. Volunteer's who wish to provide leadership for a Cloverbud group, must complete the same application as other 4-H volunteers and New Volunteer Orientation (Cloverbuds emphasis).

The Harrison County 4-H Endowment

The Harrison County 4-H Program has an endowment fund known as the Harrison County 4-H Endowment, to support the educational efforts of the 4-H Program throughout our county. Our endowment funds are invested through the Ohio 4-H Foundation, a part of The Ohio State University. The Endowment Fund is different from annual types of gifts and contributions received to support our program because the funds are permanently invested and we spend only the annual earned interest.

Why have a Harrison 4-H Endowment? As most of you know, 4-H in Harrison County is supported by federal state, and a local tax levy and these budgets are very streamlined to cover only the basic program necessities. Interest from our Endowment can provide numerous opportunities for young people and adult volunteers that are not possible through our basic Extension operating funds.

Interest from our endowment will be used to support a variety of 4-H educational efforts such as: teen leadership training, scholarships for 4-H camp, advisor education, scholarships for 4-H youth to attend many statewide 4-H workshops such as Sea Camp, Conservation Camp, etc., and for materials to assist volunteers in presenting educational programs and up to date information for their 4-H'ers.

If you have interest in helping with, or contributing to the endowment, contact the Extension Office to talk to the 4-H Educator. Many kinds of gifts can be given to our Endowment including cash, property, gifts-in-kind, securities, life insurance, bequests, charitable trusts, and memorials.

All of the interest earned by our Harrison County 4-H Endowment will be spent in Harrison County and the Ohio State University makes no money from managing our Endowment Funds.

Junior Fairboard

The Junior Fairboard is an organizational unit of the Harrison County Agricultural Society—comprised of youth FFA and 4-H members—with support from the Extension Office. The JFB prepares and leads the Junior Fair experience with support from the Junior Fair Committee and advisors. The current JFB concludes in July, with the new JFB beginning in November. The JFB is open to all county youth who are 4-H aged 14-18. The application is generally due the last part of October each year. Watch the calendar for date.

Too busy to attend meetings? Heading off to college? The JFB Auxiliary is a great “fair-week only” opportunity for you! Committed inquiries only. Applications are generally due in early March. Call the Extension Office if you have questions.

County Volunteer and Teen Recognition Event

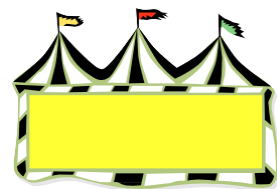
The Harrison County 4-H Committee plans a recognition event each year to recognize the leadership given by 4-H Volunteers to the 4-H program. All Volunteers are invited to the event by mail.

All advisors are encouraged to attend this event to be honored for the time and dedication they have given to 4-H. This event takes place in the Fall.

HARRISON COUNTY FAIR

Harrison County 4-H members are fortunate that they have the opportunity to exhibit at our local fair. If a member chooses to exhibit at the fair, they need to follow the fair guidelines for their project as found in the Junior Fair Book and in their project book.

A member does not have to participate in a fair in order to complete their project, or a year of 4-H membership. No advisor may require their members to participate in the fair in order to complete their project.



It is important for advisors ***to remember that the 4-H Program and our County Fair are entirely separate entities.*** The 4-H program does not make fair policies or rules, and Junior or Senior Fair Boards do not make 4-H rules and policies. When a 4-Her decides to exhibit at the fair, they must follow the rules established by the Junior and Senior Fair Boards. It is their responsibility to be knowledgeable of all fair rules. These may be different or in addition to any rules the 4-H program has related to their project.

Decisions related to the fairs are made by the Junior and Senior Fair Boards or their subcommittees (sale committee for example). Advisors who have questions about procedures or decisions will be referred to the appropriate fair board or committee.

Stall Cards (Entries) Packets

The Senior Fair Board may refuse any stall cards that are turned in late. See the current calendar for fair entry deadlines. To exhibit at the fair, the stall card must be signed by the advisor, the parent and the member and taken to Skillathon. Stall Card Packets will be available to advisors after May 15th.

Quality Assurance Education Requirement for Livestock Project Exhibitors

In 2000, the Ohio Department of Agriculture required youth livestock producers to participate in Livestock Quality Assurance Education each calendar year in order to be eligible to participate in Jr. Fairs. Starting in 2013, youth will receive the *Assuring Quality Care in Animals* signature program as the training event for this requirement.

All youth who want to be eligible to exhibit Breeding animals, Market animals, Dairy, and Horses must participate in QA Education. Youth who obtain certification at events like Ohio Beef Expo or Louisville should present a copy of the certification to the Extension Office. Please remember that this training must be completed at least 45 days prior to the start of exhibition. Therefore, State Fair exhibitors will require completion before August.

Skill-a-thon

Harrison County will hold a Skill-a-thon in June as part of a Jr. Fair Exhibitor's educational experience. **All livestock projects must have Skillathon to be deemed completed. See Harrison County Requirements for Project Completion options.** Scores from Skill-a-thon are used to calculate Outstanding Market Exhibitor awards.

The following animals will participate in the Saturday Skill-a-thon judging event—Beef/Steer, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Sheep, and Swine. Horses, rabbits, and food projects will be judged on Monday in a skill-a-thon manner as well.

Here are some points to know about the skill-a-thon:

- The Extension office has three skill-a-thon notebooks per species for clubs to check out for their club meetings. Make sure each member participates in this club meeting or meetings to go over the information provided in these notebooks. Notebooks include study helps of each topic that might be considered for a station at the county wide skill-a-thon. Also there are resource books for certain projects now available that will help exhibitors with their preparations for the skill-a-thon.
- An up to date **Project Record Book** will be a required part of each livestock skill-a-thon. Members will turn in their up to date record book at skill-a-thon and their book will be held for a short judging period. Advisors should check to see that every member has the correct record book and is working on keeping the appropriate records throughout the project year.
- ❖ There will be an interview as a component of the judging experience. Youth should dress appropriately (as outlined in the newsletter) and be prepared to discuss the learning acquired through this year's project.

Junior Fair Royalty

- ❖ The Junior Fair Royalty Contest is sponsored by a local business and is organized by the 4-H office. Applications are available to 4-H'ers who are 16 and older and a copy of this application is sent to all FFA instructors in the county to distribute. Applicants will go through an interview on Contest Night. Queen and King will be announced at Junior Fair "Night" Program.
- ❖ Any 4-H'er age 8 and in the third grade to age 10 is eligible to apply for the Harrison County Prince and Princess. Interviews will be held on Contest Night. All applicants will receive a letter of results before the Junior Fair "Night" Program. Prince and Princess will be crowned at the Junior Fair "Night" Program.

Junior Fair Night

The traditional opening to the Harrison County Fair occurs with the annual Monday evening Junior Fair Night show. JFN is highlighted by a Style Review, youth presentations, club and individual awards, scholarship presentations, and the crowning of Junior Fair Royalty. Members are requested to invite friends and adults to the event. All youth who win an award pin or cash must attend to receive the award in person, unless prior approval is granted. The event will feature "high school graduation style" assigned seating for 4-Hers.

The Lucille Reed Most Outstanding 4-H'er Award

This award will be presented on Junior Fair Night and is awarded to only one individual each year.

Guidelines:

- Most Grade A's from projects enrolled through 4-H at judging and skillathon this year.
- Must have participated in a Countywide Community Service Project.
- Must have been a member of the Junior Fair Board at one time.
- Must have been a Camp Counselor at one time.
- Must have been a club officer at one time.
- Be in their last eligible year of 4-H.

Fair Premiums

Fair premiums are given by the Fair Board for exhibiting a project at the fair. Exhibitors should read the section in the Junior Fair Book, which gives rules about premiums.

4-H AND THE OHIO STATE FAIR

4-H members have the opportunity to participate in the Ohio State Fair in several ways. Deadlines for State Fair entries vary by species or project, and are the responsibility of the participant to complete in time. For information on shows and entry procedures please visit Ohio State Fair web site at <http://www.ohiostatefair.com>

Livestock (including rabbits and poultry)

In these project areas, 4-H members are eligible to enter their projects, themselves, in state fair classes. It is the member's responsibility to fill out entries, get the proper signature and get their entries postmarked on time.



Horses

4-H'ers with riding horse projects can try for an opportunity to go to State Fair by qualifying (meeting required scores) in the Harrison County Performance Against Standards (P.A.S.) Horse Show or at another regional PAS event. Horse members, must meet other eligibility requirements and deadlines to participate in this show.

Special Interest Projects, Clothing, Foods & Nutrition and Demonstrations

In these project areas, each county in Ohio can send a set number (quota) of members to the state fair in each project area. Not every project is offered a class each year; the projects are rotated by state fair. To see which projects will have a class at State Fair this year, members or advisors can check in the back of the Family Guide.

Because we can send a limited number in these areas, we will select representatives to State Fair through the county judging process. Anyone who is interested in qualifying for State Fair can do so by participating in the scheduled judging time for this project.

Other Opportunities at State Fair

There are generally several other State Fair opportunities for members who are interested. Recently there have been 4-H Talent shows, poster contest, and shopping bag contest for members to become involved in. These opportunities change from year to year. For more information, visit: www.ohiostatefair.com.

4-H is

The 4-H Emblem

HEAD

**Thinking...Mental development; deeper
Knowledge, reasoning and decision making**

HEART

**Feeling...Emotional development;
Developing interest, appreciation
Wholesome attitudes and values.**

HANDS

**Doing...Skills development;
Ability to do, skill in doing
And habit of doing.**

HEALTH

**Physical and personal
development**



THE 4-H COLORS

Green and White

“White” symbolizes purity and high ideals.

**“Green” is Nature’s most abundant color and is emblematic of springtime, life,
youth and growth.**

THE 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge:

As a true 4-H member I pledge

My Head to clearer thinking.

My Heart to greater loyalty,

My Hands to larger service,

**My Health to better living, for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.**



The 4-H Motto is: “To Make the Best Better”