

2024 GREENE COUNTY 4-H PROJECT GUIDE AND REQUIREMENTS



**APRIL 1
ENROLLMENT
DEADLINE**

Existing families can re-enroll using their current profile via oh.4honline.com. New families can create a new profile. All member and volunteer enrollments are due April 1.

**JUNE 1
QA & EquiSTEP
DEADLINE**

All exhibitors who need Quality Assurance must attend by June 1. All exhibitors should follow the secure dates as posted. Horse EquiStep must be completed by June 1.

**JUNE 3-7
4-H CAMP**

4-H Camp is June 16-20 at 4-H Camp Clifton. Cloverbud Day Camp will be on June 5 at 4-H Camp Clifton. Camp registrations are due May 12.

**JULY 1
JR. FAIR
ENTRIES**

All Jr. Fair livestock entries are due by July 1 via Fair Entry.

**JULY 9-10
PRE-FAIR
JUDGING**

Non-livestock projects are judged. You must sign up for your judging time by July 1. Youth must attend this to be eligible for any awards and to have a chance to be selected for state fair.

**JULY 22-23
LIVESTOCK
SKILLATHONS**

All livestock skillathons will take place at the OSU Extension Office. Skillathons are scheduled for July 22-23.

**JULY 28-AUG. 3
GREENE COUNTY
FAIR**

The Greene County Fair is July 28-August 3, 2024! Check the fair book for specific rules and schedules for each species.

Please see greene.osu.edu for more information and other important dates and deadlines.

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INTRODUCTION TO GREENE COUNTY 4-H

- 4-H is a non-formal educational, youth development program offered to individuals age 5 and in kindergarten to age 19. Youth ages 5 and in kindergarten through 2nd grade engage in group-oriented learning experiences as a 4-H Cloverbud. More than 200 different 4-H projects are available to members age 8 and in the 3rd grade or 9 and in any grade through age 19. 4-H is a youth program conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, The Ohio State University, and the Greene County Commissioners. The 4-H program is supervised locally by the OSU Extension staff in Greene County. Local clubs are guided by volunteer 4-H adult leaders. The program is available to all clientele without regard to race, color, age, gender identity or expression, disability, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or veteran status.
- 4-H members and program participants learn valuable lessons in leadership, communication and collaboration while increasing their knowledge related to a variety of topics.
- Youth can participate in 4-H through clubs, camps, school programs and short-term experiences.
- This resource, Greene County 4-H Guide and Project Requirements, exists to be an all-in-one resource for all 4-H project information. This resource will be helpful to 4-H members, volunteers, parents, and families to help plan a meaningful and positive 4-H experience.
- 4-H project selection is an important part of every 4-H youth experience. The county requirements are like state requirements. A superior project experience requires a balance among project work, involvement in club activities, participation beyond the club level, and achieving goals that were set by the youth.

4-H MOTTO

"To Make the Best Better."

The 4-H Motto refers to each member. It means that each member will do the "Best" that he/she possibly can in whatever is attempted. The member will then strive to improve the next time so his or her initial "Best" becomes "Better." The 4-H motto encourages members to stretch their abilities and capacities to reach greater achievement within their own potential.

4-H PLEDGE

*"I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,
my Heart to greater loyalty,
my Hands to larger service, and
my Health to better living,
for my club, my community, my country, and my
world."*

4-H EMBLEM

The 4-H emblem is a highly valued mark within our country's history. As such it was granted a very unique status; it is in a category similar to the Presidential Seal and the Olympic emblem. It is protected by the federal government and is under the responsibility and stewardship of the Secretary of Agriculture. The "18 USC 707" marking that appears along the right lower left is coding that protects the use.



4-H COLORS

Green and White

Green is nature's most common color and represents youth, life and growth.

White symbolizes purity and high ideals.



WE GOT AN APP FOR THAT

1. Download "4-H Now" from your app store
2. Load "Greene County 4-H" all
3. Poke around
4. Save dates into your calendar

VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES

Adults who desire to volunteer their time, energy and talents to Ohio State University Extension and the Greene County 4-H program must successfully complete the volunteer selection process. Applications are available on our website. All new applications are due by January 27 of the year to begin volunteer service. All steps of the volunteer selection process must be completed by March 1. Volunteers must enroll each year by April 1.

- The Ohio State University requires volunteers to self-disclose criminal convictions within three business days of the conviction. 4-H volunteers are required to disclose their convictions to the county 4-H Educator.
- Volunteers who have a break in volunteer service will be required to complete the Volunteer Selection Process prior to working with 4-H members in the future.
- The Ohio State University Policy 1.50 requires all volunteers to complete a fingerprint rescreening process every four years and complete an annual child neglect and abuse training to maintain their approved volunteer status. Volunteers must complete an in-county Mandatory Volunteer Training annually to remain a volunteer.

VOLUNTEER STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR

These Standards of Behavior are accepted by volunteers who commit to an Ohio State University Extension (“OSUE” or “Extension”) program as a condition of their volunteer status. The Standards of Behavior shall guide volunteer’s behavior during their involvement in Extension programs. Just as it is a privilege for Ohio State University to work with individuals who volunteer their time and energies to the organization, a volunteer’s involvement with OSUE is a privilege and a responsibility, not a right.

OSUE provides quality educational programs accessible to all Ohio citizens. The primary purpose of this Standard of Behavior is to ensure the safety and well-being of all Extension program participants (i.e., members, their parents and families, professionals, and volunteers). Volunteers are expected to function within the guidelines of OSUE and the individual program area (4-H, Agricultural & Natural Resources, Family & Consumer Sciences, and Community Development). Extension volunteers shall act with personal integrity.

Ohio State University Extension volunteers will:

- Uphold volunteerism as an effective way to meet the needs of youth and adults.
- Uphold each individual’s right to dignity, self-development, and self-direction.
- Accept supervision and support from professional Extension staff while involved in the program.
- Accept the responsibility to professionally represent the activity/program and The Ohio State University. Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide positive role models for all youth.
- Respect, adhere to, and enforce the rules, policies, and guidelines established by their individual county Extension program and The Ohio State University.
- Not engage in abusive behaviors that physically or verbally threaten or harm anyone participating in or attending an Extension program, including youth.
- Not possess or consume intoxicating substances including drugs or alcohol while responsible for the care, custody or control of 4-H participants.
- Refrain from engaging in any criminal conduct. Comply with all applicable civil rights laws and policies, including but not limited to Ohio State equal opportunity, nondiscrimination policies, social media, and program participant policy.
- Perform duties in a responsible and timely manner as outlined in the position description.
- Immediately report any threats to the volunteer’s emotional or physical well-being to the county Extension professional.
- Accept the responsibility to promote and support Extension programs in order to develop an effective county, state, and national program.
- Handle animals and operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a responsible manner.
- Do their best to help youth thrive while exploring their ‘sparks’.
- Read and uphold the Youth Privacy Principles located at go.osu.edu/youth-privacy

I understand and agree that as a volunteer:

- I understand that I have an ongoing obligation to self-disclose to OSUE within three business days if I am indicted, pled guilty and/or are convicted of a crime which constitutes an offense of violence under Ohio law (Ohio Revised Code §2901.01(a)(9)).
 - If I have been background checked and have had a break of service for less than 12 months, I will disclose any convictions that occurred during the break within three business days of commencement of participation in youth activities and programs. If the break in service is longer than 12 months, I must be background checked again.
- I will follow Ohio State University Institutional Data Policy, which specifies requirements for protecting institutional data, including but not limited to 4-H member and volunteer personal data.
- I will report any red-flag behaviors, child abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect in accordance with university policy.
- I will not intentionally or purposefully place myself in a position alone with a member of a vulnerable population, in a one-on-one situation, including, but not limited to sleeping quarters with participants.
- I will not, under any circumstances, physically, verbally, or emotionally abuse or fail to provide the basic necessities of care, such as food or shelter to participants.

- I will endeavor to provide a safe and healthy program/camp experience for all participants.
- My volunteer status is subject to immediate suspension or termination based on any act or omission that Extension determines to be contrary to any portion of these standards or otherwise in conflict with the goals of OSUE at the OSUE's sole discretion.

4-H MEMBERSHIP ACROSS COUNTY LINES

Youth are expected to affiliate with the 4-H program in their county of residence or receive approval for membership outside their county of residence. **The request form and full policy is available online:** <https://go.osu.edu/gc4hacl>
Requests must be submitted by March 24. *We must have an approved form on file prior to being able to approve youth for enrollment.*

In order to affirm Ohio State University Extension's position concerning 4-H cross county lines (and/or cross state lines) membership, the following philosophy and process statements are provided:

- 4-H membership in two counties (and/or two states) is not permitted.
- Cross state lines membership has the same considerations as cross county lines membership.
- When the county of residence does not have a 4-H program (due to financial or other reasons), youth may not join 4-H in another county. Previously approved cross county lines or cross state lines memberships are revoked.
- In situations where membership in a county other than the county of residence is desired, the 4-H professionals in both counties must agree regarding the application. The agreement, based on their professional judgment in accord with the mission, does not supersede items listed above.
- Consideration for membership may not be motivated by perceived competitive or sale advantage in another county, any change due to controversial issues, or other similar motivations.
- Should families own residences in more than one county, the county of residence is determined by the public school system in which the youth would be enrolled, regardless of actual attendance.
- Parents, guardians, and youth should become familiar with all policies, procedures, and guidelines for the county in which membership is requested.
- Any consideration for membership in a county other than the county of residence, within the limits of this policy and not addressed by the above statements, should be brought to the attention of the Ohio 4-H Youth Development assistant director or associate state leader to identify a course of action in these special situations.
- The decision to allow or deny cross county lines membership is made by the county 4-H professionals in the county of request and the county of residence and is fully supported by the state organization. Once granted, the permission for membership across county lines shall be permanent and stable for the duration of the youth's 4-H membership. If the youth's circumstances change, the cross-county lines membership can be reevaluated.

4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

4-H members, parents/legal guardians, and other adults participating in 4-H activities will:

1. Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used
2. Conduct themselves in a courteous, ethical, respectful manner, use appropriate language (including not using profanity), exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide positive role models.
3. Abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, illegal or illicit drugs, and tobacco during 4-H events and activities.
4. Fully participate in scheduled activities.
5. Respect other's property and privacy rights.
6. Abstain from child abuse (physical and/or verbal) harassment, and actions that bully, ridicule, dominate, or display inappropriate behavior towards others.
7. Accept personal responsibility for behavior, destruction or theft of property including any financial damage.
8. Be responsible for any financial damage caused by inappropriate behavior.
9. Adhere to rules of safety.
10. I will uphold and support the responsible and lawful use of social media. In so doing, I will not create or post social media content that is abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, or creates a hostile environment.
11. Follow the Ohio State University Stands of Behavior for Minor Participants Participating in Activities and Programs with Minor Participants.

As a program participant in OSU Extension, 4-H participants must practice good citizenship, leadership, and self-control and not engage in discriminatory behavior, which includes harassment, discrimination, sexual misconduct, and retaliation. This means you should not exclude anyone from participating in any program or activity or discriminate against them because of their identity. Identity includes: age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or protected veteran status. Consequences for violating any part of this code of conduct may include, but are not limited to: removal from the 4-H program; participation in the event in which the code of conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense); forfeiture of financial support; sanctions on or being banned from participating in future 4-H events; removal from leadership positions and/or offices held, etc. When warranted (e.g. violation of law) the situation may be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement authority.

4-H MEMBER GUIDELINES

- 4-H member project membership begins when youth are at least 8 and enrolled in 3rd grade or 9 and in any grade as of January 1, of the current year and ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.
- Members are responsible for meeting all deadlines and requirements for participation. Failure to meet a deadline or requirement may result in the status of member not in good standing or ineligibility for Junior Fair participation and other opportunities. OSU Extension is not responsible for missed deadlines. All information is published in advance. If you are uncertain of a deadline or requirement, contact the Extension Office.
- A club must have five (5) members from at least three (3) different families (cannot be siblings) to be recognized as a 4-H Club in Greene County and hold at least six meetings to be in good standing. Each member shall attend at least 75% of the club's meetings, activities, service projects, and trips. If this is not met, the youth will not be able to show their animal or participate in judging. The youth will not receive credit for complete for a year of 4-H, will not receive a fair pass, or be allowed to exhibit project at fair or judging (no livestock at fair, no participating in judging, and no exhibit fair bucks).
- **County Dues:** Due to OSU Extension Office by deadline through club leader. Members are required to pay a \$10.00 per person & Cloverbuds required to pay \$5.00 per person. Specialty, high risk projects (ATV and Horse) will require an additional \$2.00 fee per youth to cover an increase in insurance.
- A member may belong to a second club if their current club does not offer a project they are interested in take (shooting sports, horse, dog, etc.). The member will receive any year-end recognition items through their primary club. It is mandatory for youth taking horse projects and/or shooting sports to join a respective club.

A 4-H member in good standing:

- Must be enrolled in a club and have project enrollment submitted to the Extension Office by April 1 of the current year to participate in judging and exhibit at the county fair.
- Must attend a minimum of six meetings from January 1 through December 31. Attendance at more meetings is encouraged and may be required in the club by-laws. Extenuating circumstances preventing attendance at 4-H meetings can be reviewed by the 4-H organizational club volunteer if a written request describing the circumstances is presented. Examples of extenuating circumstances include: death in the family, serious injury/illness of self/family member, and displacement from home due to natural disaster. If the case cannot be resolved in the local club, the member and volunteer can present the case to the county 4-H professional staff for review.
- Must complete at least one project to receive credit for the year in 4-H.
- Must follow the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct as agreed to during enrollment.
- Clubs may implement additional requirements in their club bylaws. (Examples: participation in a community service project, fundraiser, or special activity; completion of a demonstration; participation in Livestock Skillathon)
- Incomplete members are not eligible for county fair exhibition and will not receive a fair pass/bucks. Incomplete status does not prevent youth from joining 4-H or enrolling in the same project the following year.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Projects should be conducted by a 4-H member belonging to both organizations (4-H and FFA). For a member enrolled in both 4-H and FFA, the following will be considered separate projects: dairy herd management (cows in production), dairy heifers not freshened, sheep breeding, commercial market lambs, beef breeding, steers, swine breeding, market hogs (not a part of swine breeding projects). In all cases, different animals are to be carried in 4-H and FFA. 4-H or FFA youth exhibitors who exhibit and sell livestock in another county fair are prohibited from showing and selling in Greene County.



ACCOMODATIONS FOR YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

4-H welcomes and encourages youth with special needs to participate and will make reasonable accommodations for these youth. The **Winning 4-H Plan** enables youth to tailor the 4-H project experience to their needs and helps maintain a positive relationship between the youth's family, 4-H volunteers and the county 4-H professionals.

Youth should submit a **Winning 4-H Plan Request Form to the Extension Office by June 14**. Find it online: www.go.osu.edu/greenew4hplan A county 4-H professional will review the request and contact you with questions as needed. Requests for accommodations are considered on a case-by-case basis. The 4-H professional will consider whether making accommodations fundamentally alters the event or provides a significant advantage or disadvantage to anyone participating. Judges are expected to follow accommodations. The completed form needs to be stapled in the front cover of the project book. The 4-H professional will share appropriate information with those who need it.

JR. FAIR PARTICIPATION

General Info

- All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
- 4-H exhibits are to be made for **4-H only**. Any project done at school or during school hours or any project made for school of any other organization is ineligible.
- To be eligible to exhibit at the Greene County Fair, a 4-H member must be enrolled as a member of an organized 4-H club, have selected their projects (including any club project), and completed online enrollment for those projects by the county deadline.

Responsibilities

- 4-H members are to assume the major responsibility of management, project care and construction of the project. Volunteers and parents should supervise and teach "how" but not do the actual work on the project.
- All projects and posters must be new each year. Violation of this rule will be cause for the project to be considered incomplete and, therefore, ineligible for placing.
- Any misrepresentation or substitution of projects (i.e., age, ownership, class or exhibitor) will be cause for forfeiture of fair bucks and 4-H credit and will not be allowed to be exhibited at the fair.
- Exhibitors will be expected to wear clean, neat, proper attire during all judging and fair activities. No halter tops, mid-drifts, spaghetti straps, tube tops, sleeveless undershirts, T-shirts, short shorts, sweatpants, or hats with writing. Shorts, dresses and skirts are permissible but need to be mid-thigh in length and clean.
- OSU Extension shall not be responsible for adult or child on the Fairgrounds or in any barn at any time.

Project Exhibit and Judging

- All 4-H members are urged to exhibit their project at the fair. Ribbons, fair bucks, and fair passes can be given only if the project is exhibited. Project removed from exhibit without permission will be cause for forfeiture of fair bucks.
- To be eligible for placing or awards, a member must:
 - meet exhibit requirements as stated in the project requirements guide.
 - be present for scheduled pre-fair or fair judging.
- Awards such as placing, plaques, trophies, etc., will be given at the discretion of the pre-fair 4-H judge.
- The Junior Fairboard will oversee billing, collection, selection of trophies, and repeat donor solicitation, with major responsibility for soliciting new and additional trophies.
- After being judged, projects will stay with the Extension office for display in the Assembly Building. If a youth borrows their project to go to State Fair judging, it will need to be checked out and back in per State Fair Information below.
- Release Time: Exhibits will only be released between **6-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from 9-12 p.m.** PLEASE NOTE: Any projects after this time will be available for pickup in the Extension Office starting on Monday at 10:00 a.m. Any projects left after **August 9, 2024** will be discarded. If you cannot pick up your project at either of these times, please arrange with your club volunteer or a friend (with a note) to have them pick up your project for you.
- At the discretion of the Extension Educator and the committee involved, juniors and seniors in a project may be grouped into one division for awards or separated into two divisions. Similar projects with small enrollments may be treated likewise.
- All articles for exhibit must be labeled for id purposes.
- Poster or tri-fold size must meet the size requirements listed in the Greene County 4-H Guide and Project Requirements for each unique project. Be aware that committee members may need to punch holes in posters or use tape to hang them for display.

Participation

- An individual banned from participating in the Ohio State Fair or any other Ohio county fair by an Ohio State Fair or County Fair Ruling, may not exhibit at the Greene County Fair while under suspension from that fair.
- Passes & Supervision
- The Greene County Extension Office will not issue any overnight passes and will not provide overnight supervision in the barns or anywhere else on the Fairgrounds.
- 4-H exhibits and fair passes shall not constitute or be interpreted as overnight passes or license to remain in the barns or fairgrounds beyond the fair closing at 10:00 p.m.

Ohio State Fair

- Ohio State Fair participants are selected by the judges.
- Youth must pick up a state fair packet which includes information specific to the event they were chosen to represent Greene County. In addition, there will be a parking pass and admittance pass based on a first come, first serve basis.
- If youth are participating at the state fair prior to our fair starting, projects will be in the Assembly Building and can then be picked up the **Wednesday or Thursday between 10:00 AM-2:00 PM before fair**. Otherwise, youth will be able to pick up their projects from the Assembly Building the day prior to their State Fair judging.
- Youth must return and check-in their projects to the Assembly Building the day after unless the youth are participating at the State Fair on the last day of our fair. Please note: projects will not be released to these youth any other time.

4-H CLOVERBUD INFORMATION

- 4-H Cloverbud membership begins when a child has reached age 5 and is enrolled in kindergarten as of January 1 of the current year.
- A Cloverbud may join any time during the year but must be enrolled by April 1 to be eligible to take advantage of benefits offered by the Senior Fair Board.
- Cloverbud members must attend a minimum of six meetings from January 1 through December 31 to obtain credit for one year in 4-H. Attendance at more meetings is encouraged and may be required by the club. Extenuating circumstances preventing attendance at Cloverbud meetings can be reviewed by the club organizational volunteer if a written request describing the circumstances is presented. Examples of extenuating circumstances include: death in the family, serious injury/illness of self/family member, and displacement from home due to natural disaster. If the case cannot be resolved in the local club, the member and volunteer can present the case to the county 4-H professional staff for review.
- Cloverbud members who meet the Cloverbud Guidelines may exhibit one item created at a Cloverbud Club meeting at the Greene County Fair. Cloverbud members are not eligible for any competitive 4-H events or activities such as participation in projects.

4-H ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

All 4-H member and volunteer enrollments must be entered into the 4-H Online enrollment system (v2.4honline.com/). Enrollments can be entered beginning November 1. Information on how to enroll can be found on our website: www.go.osu.edu/greene4honline

No paper enrollment forms are required or accepted. Youth and their parents should complete member enrollments, as they require electronic signatures providing legal consent for participation and serve as the official project enrollment record of the child. **Volunteers are encouraged to help but should not complete an enrollment for a child outside their own family.**

Enrollments must be entered by the April 1 enrollment deadline and include club and project enrollment in order to participate in judging and exhibit at the county fair.

Families are strongly encouraged to submit enrollments well before the deadline in case there are issues in completing the process.

If you have questions about enrollment, please contact the Extension Office.

NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Completion: To have the opportunity to be selected for county awards or the Ohio State Fair, youth are required to participate in Non-livestock Pre-fair Judging.

- **Preparing for Judging:** To assist 4-H members in preparing for project judging and to provide for a positive experience during project judging and exhibiting, the following suggestions are given:
 1. Be sure members are aware of and understand what they are expected to bring to judging. Requirements are listed for all still projects. Some books are for multi-year projects. Members are only required to complete activities for one year. Members should be able to discuss/answer questions about the information in the project book as well as the items brought to judging. An educational display will depend on the project but may include items such as a poster depicting an activity from the project, scrapbook or outfit made by the youth.
 2. Have experienced club members discuss the process of judging and the interview process with other 4-H members and their parents, prior to judging.
 3. Member's appearance should be neat and clean, and they should dress as they would for a job interview or special presentation at school.
- Some projects may have **additional aides available** (Example: Clothing - Narrative Sheet or Foods and Nutrition projects - My Plate.
- **Age Guidelines:** Ages listed are guidelines unless otherwise indicated. Some members may be better suited for a project that is not recommended for their age.
- **Interview:** All projects will have an interview with a judge which may include discussion over project book, activities you completed, and other things you learned in relationship to the project.
- **Educational Display:** Unless otherwise specified an Educational Display is 3D display relating to care and maintenance or history of the project. Display area if no bigger than 24" x 24". Examples of an educational display include: exhibit, mobiles, single or multi-dimensional, models, games, charts, collages, kits, storyboards, puppets, costume created for project, or other creative presentations of your choice.
- **Poster:** Size and orientation, see individual requirements for project - Label in lower right corner with youth name, club name, 4-H age as of Jan. 1, and County. Posters must not be on any type of stiff backing, shadow boxes, foam boards, overlays or 3D posters (except if states requirement as a tri-fold.)
- **Nutrition Portfolio:** This is a portfolio specific to the 4-Her's project book. The 4-Her will be responsible for bringing 3-pronged folder that includes 8 1/2 x 11" pages. The 4-Her will create a maximum of one page (one-sided only) per "activity area" or "interest area" as designated in the front of their project books. These pages could be in a collage, journaling, timeline, photo, or other format that would illustrate the work and knowledge of the 4-Her. Each page could be different or could be a combination of styles allowing the 4-Her to reflect on their learning experience. **There will be no points for scrapbooking style.**

LIVESTOCK CHAMPION EXHIBITOR AND SKILLATHONS

Skill-a-thons are an activity designed to test an exhibitor's knowledge of his or her project animal in the areas of breed identification, part of the animal identification, quality assurance, ear notching in swine, retail and wholesale meat cuts identification, feed materials identification, mammary systems in dairy animals, equipment used in raising and grooming, leg structures, health preventions, and proper management, safety and animal welfare.

Champion exhibitor projects will be determined by combining a numerical score assigned for class placing, showmanship placing, skill-a-thon placing, and general livestock (goats, sheep, beef, and swine) placing. Champion Project is based on a total of 400 points.

Rabbits, dairy, poultry, horse, llama, and dog will hold separate judging contests. Ties will be broken with tie-breaker questions from the Ohio 4-H Project Interview Questions consisting of 6 questions per tie-breaker round with 2 questions from each age divisions (junior, intermediate, advanced) will be used.

<u>Show Class Scoring*</u>		<u>Showmanship Scoring</u>		<u>Skill-a-thon Scoring</u>		<u>Livestock Judging Scoring</u>	
Champion	100	Overall Champion	100	Class, 1st place	100	Class, 1st place	100
Reserve champion	98	Class, 1st place	98	Class, 2nd place	98	Class, 2nd place	98
Division winner	96	Class, 2nd place	96	Class, 3rd place	96	Class, 3rd place	96
Reserve division	94	Class, 3rd place	94	Class, 4th place	94	Class, 4th place	94
Class, 1st place	92	Class, 4th place	92	Class, 5th place	92	Class, 5th place	92

Rubric for Livestock Record Books for Skillathons

Neatness and Total Completion										
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Book is organized, completed neatly and legible and complete			Most legible, few areas of neatness, majority complete				Book is unorganized and difficult to interpret, little completion with two or more items missing			
Feed Receipts and Label										
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Receipts attached, complete and correct balances show, feed label attached			Not all receipts attached, balances not shown or completed				Absent information, lack of records, no feed label			
About Your Animal										
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Animal ID, pictures and other pertinent information is shown completely			Section is missing either the picture or id				Neither the picture or ID are shown			
Current Year Book										
10						0				
Book is reflective of current 4-H year and records						Book is outdated from a previous year				
Extra Expenses / Receipts										
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
All receipts are shown/attached, misc. expenses shown/attached, budget included			Only parts of expenses and/or receipts shown				No receipts or expenses shown			
		Total (50 available)								

Tie breaker questions: Be prepared to answer the following questions below:

1. Name 4 people who work in the Greene County Extension Office.
2. What Ohio university is 4-H associated with?
3. What is your 4-H club and advisors name(s)?

LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA)

To be eligible for participation in the Greene County Fair, potential youth exhibitors must participate in one of the following Livestock Quality Assurance Programs. If youth are taking the following projects, this is required: Beef (market steers, breeding, feeder calf), Dairy (heifers, feeders and cows if lactating or have lactated and feeders if selling- heifers before lactation do not need it), goats (all), poultry (all), rabbit (all), sheep (all), llamas & alpacas, and swine.

Please refer to calendar/website/Greene Clover for dates.

- Parent attendance is not required, but encouraged.
- Plan to arrive early, as youth will not receive credit for attending if they arrive more than 10 minutes after the program starts.
- Youth must sign in. This is the only way we know and can mark off this requirement. If youth don't sign in, youth will not get credit and therefore, will need to participate in QA until they sign-in.

2) Complete the Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) Online Course.

The online module completed must be for the correct 4-H age. Only the YQCA courses currently meet ODA standards. BQA, PQA, BEST and other online programs do not meet this requirement. Families use their 4HOnline log in to complete the course. The cost is \$12 per youth.

Program details: www.go.osu.edu/gcvaca

All Greene County Youth must have the QA by June 1.

Please pay close attention to the dates and plan accordingly.

HORSE EDUCATION PROGRAM

All youth enrolled in a horse project (except Project #173 Horseless Horse) must complete a Greene County Horse Education Program. All first-time horse project participants should read 191R Horses, Safety and You. Books are available for purchase through the Extension Office.

1) Youth must complete Ohio 4-H's EquiSTEP program.

The online course is housed on ScarletCanvas and is run by the State 4-H Office. Information to access the course will in Greene County 4-H Greene Clover E-mails when it becomes available.

- Each member must sign up for the course with a unique e-mail address.
- Select 'Modules' to see the 5 steps.
- Watch the video(s) that correspond with each step.
- Complete the quiz associated with the training. You need to score at least a 7 out of 10 to pass the training.
- After scoring at least a 7 out of 10 on the quiz, complete the Certificate of Completion/Course Evaluation Survey. Both you and your county 4-H professional will be emailed a certificate that notes you have completed the EquiSTEP training.

All Greene County Horse Exhibitors must complete the Horse Education Program requirement by June 1.

ADDITIONAL 4-H EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

THANK YOU CARD CONTEST

The Thank You Card Contest is to help teach youth the necessary etiquette skills they need in life that are too often missing these days.

- Open to all registered 4-H members.
- 2 categories include:
 - *Without the use of computer graphics:* Member may use any medium, including crayon, chalk, pen and ink, pencil, markers, etc. Designs must be hand-lettered and drawn or cut by hand. Art and message must be the original work of the member. Individual youth are encouraged to submit a design on an 8 ½"x11" sheet of white cardstock paper. The use of the 4-H emblem is required. The winner of the youth ages 8-10 will be eligible to send their design to the Ohio State Fair. If the winning design does not meet these requirements, the design will not move on to the Ohio State Fair.
 - *With the use of computer graphics:* Artwork or letting created with the aid of scrapbooking tools or computers is permitted for this category. The design must be original work. No commercially designed clipart may be used. Individual youth are encouraged to submit a design on an 8 ½"x11" sheet of white cardstock paper. The use of the 4-H emblem is required. The winner of the youth ages 8-10 will be eligible to send their design to the Ohio State Fair. If the winning design does not meet these requirements, the design will not move on to the Ohio State Fair.
- There are three age categories: 8-10 years, 11-13 years, and 14-over. ***No Cloverbud age category due to competition component.***
- There is no entry form; just draw the picture, put your name, club, 4-H age on the back of the drawing and submit it to the Extension Office.
- The top entry in each age category and type chosen by the Greene County Commissioners will go to print for the fair.
- Entries are due to the Extension Office by ***May 24, 2024.***

PRINCESS AND PRINCE FOR A DAY

Princess and Prince for a Day will provide an opportunity for Cloverbuds to experience a day in the life of royalty and step into the footsteps of their role models, the Greene County Jr. Fair King and Queen.

- Potential Princess/Prince must be currently enrolled as a 4-H Cloverbud within the Greene County 4-H program (age 5 and in Kindergarten through 2nd grade)
- Parent must complete online registration form ***due July 1.***
- Up to ten Princesses and ten Princes will be chosen at random among registrations with 2 of each assigned to reign over the fair each day, Monday through Friday. The reign will be either the morning or afternoon of the specific day.
- Selected individuals will be contacted with additional details and presented with goodies to wear throughout their special day.
- Past princess/prince for the day are ineligible to be this again.
- Parent must always accompany their Princess/Prince.

NUTRITION BAKING CONTEST

Monday, July 29, 2024 starting at 9:00 a.m. Extension Office on the fairgrounds. Must register by ***July 1.***

- Any 4-H member is eligible to participate in their age division: Beginner (8-10 years as of Jan 1), Intermediate (11-13 years), and Advanced (14 and older). Cloverbud youth (5-8 years old) will be able to decorate a cupcake. There will be no placings given for Cloverbud youth.
- Division winners must compete the following year in the next age level. Previous winners of the Advanced Division are not eligible to compete in the Advanced Division again. If they choose to compete in the baking contest, they must register for the Best of the Bakers competition by the deadline. See Best of the Baker's guidelines.
- Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced will prepare at the competition the recipe for their age level included in the information packet available at the 4-H Office in early summer. Participants are urged to practice making the recipe prior to the competition.
- All contestants will have three minutes to set up and 30 minutes to prepare their recipe. A deduction will be made for going over the three minutes set up time or the 30 minutes preparation time. Clean up and the interview with the judge will be done immediately after preparation of recipe is complete. Baking time is not included in the 30 minutes.
- All preparation, including chopping, shredding, and measuring must be done in the 30 minutes.

- Worktable space, ranges, cookie sheets, muffin tins and liners will be provided. All other equipment and supplies are provided by the 4-H'er.
- Judging will be based on work habits, finished product, knowledge, and personal appearance.

THE BEST OF THE BAKER'S CONTEST

This contest is open to 4-H members that have won the Advanced Division of the 4-H Baking Contest. It is held **right after the baking contest** in the Extension Office, in years when there are eligible participants.

- The recipe will be a "mystery" until the time of competition. Contestants will then have an opportunity to review the recipe and ask questions before competing.
- Prior to the contest, contestants will receive a list of ingredients and equipment to bring for the competition.
- Ranges, worktable, electrical outlets, extension cords, cookie sheets, baking pans, etc., will be provided.
- Participants are responsible for keeping ingredients at safe temperatures.
- Contestants will have three minutes to set up and 30 minutes to prepare the recipe and clean up. A deduction will be made for going over the three minutes set up time or 30 minutes preparation time.
- Clean up and the interview with the judge will be done immediately after preparation of the recipe is complete. Baking time is not included in the 30 minutes.
- Judging will be based on work habits, finished product, knowledge, time limits and personal appearance.

4-H FASHION REVUE

- **Monday, July 29, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**, in the Youth Building- complete narration form due at pre-fair judging.
- Open to all members taking a clothing project. <https://ao.osu.edu/qcrevue>
- This is a fabulous opportunity for youth to have fun and gain experience while having some practice at the county level before competing at the state fair.

OPEN MODELING

- Open modeling will be held on **Monday, July 29, 2024 following 4-H Fashion Revue**, fair week and is open to anyone related to 4-H. Must complete registration / narration.
- Participants do not have to be taking a clothing project.
- Categories for open modeling on include: Boys and Girls 5 and under, Boys and Girls 6-8, Boys and Girls 9-11 Boys and Girls 12-14, Boys and Girls 15-18, Adults: Men 19 and over, Adults: Women 19 and over, Groups NOTE: Groups will be divided into categories based on numbers of entries. There may be up to five models in a group.
- A model may participate as an individual and/or as a member of only one group.

4-H COOKIE DECORATING

- **Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Youth Building on the fairgrounds.
- Youth are welcome to come learn the basics of decorating cookies. All supplies will be provided.
- Youth will receive one cookie to decorate.

CLOVERBUD SHOW AND TELL

- **Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Youth Building on the fairgrounds.
- Cloverbuds should bring an item they made to share with the judge. This item could be made at home or from a club activity or project. Have your child practice talking about their item and be prepared to talk with the judge. Judges will encourage the kids to talk about themselves and their project they made.
- Time with the judge will be no longer than 5 minutes.
- Cloverbuds will get a special prize/award for participation.

STUFFED ANIMAL SHOW

This is an opportunity for Cloverbuds to share their favorite stuffed animal. They will share their animal and a fun fact. This is a great opportunity to experience what fair is like. Can't wait to meet the Cloverbuds and their stuffed animal friends.

Thursday, August 1 at 9:00 a.m. Barn 2

- Open to all Cloverbuds
- Participants will have the opportunity to show an adult their stuffed animal and discuss their stuffed animal with a caring adult.
- Participants will all receive a prize. No placings will be completed.

CLOVERBUD ACTIVITY- VEGGIE CAR RACE

Cloverbuds will be able to participate in a veggie car race. Cloverbuds will design, make, and race their veggie car.

Cloverbuds will bring completed veggie car to race. This year, this event will take place on **Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** followed by Cloverbud graduation.

- Cars are to be made out of vegetables. Body and wheels must be vegetables only. No fruits or tomatoes allowed in the construction.
- Axles should only be vegetables or wood. They can be toothpicks, wooden skewers, or small dowel rods.
- No metal allowed.
- Construction should be done mostly by the Cloverbud member.

Important Websites

There are so many groups and organizations that we partner with. In order to stay up to speed on everything, we recommend you visit the following sites. Bookmark and like them so you don't miss anything!

<u>Site</u>	<u>Link</u>
<u>OSU Extension Greene County</u>	www.greene.osu.edu
<u>OSU Extension Greene County- Facebook</u>	https://www.facebook.com/OSUEGreeneCounty
<u>Greene County 4-H Poultry Committee</u>	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064876532679
<u>Greene County 4-H/FFA Sheep Committee</u>	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1050898409102447
<u>Greene County 4-H/FFA Beef Committee</u>	https://www.facebook.com/groups/676393659558013
<u>Greene County OH Goat Committee</u>	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063792411093
<u>Greene County Ohio 4-H Swine Committee</u>	https://www.facebook.com/groups/8838412242867409
<u>Greene County Ohio 4-H Rabbit Committee</u>	https://www.facebook.com/GC4HRabbits
<u>Greene County 4-H Dog Program</u>	https://www.facebook.com/groups/259509954208216
<u>Greene County Sales Committee</u>	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094153291112
<u>Greene County Fairgrounds & Expo Center</u>	https://www.facebook.com/GreeneFairFun