



# FAST FACTS...

# MERCER COUNTY 4-H



## LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Taking a livestock project? Take note of the following key events:

### Livestock ID

- **Beef:** Friday, December 1 or Saturday December 2
- **Sheep/Goat:** Friday, April 26 or Saturday, April 27
- **Swine:** Friday, May 31 (paperwork due)
- **Horse:** Monday, May 1 (EquiSTEP & ID)

### Quality Assurance Test Out Options

- Monday, March 18 - 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 19 - 6:00 PM

### Quality Assurance Training Options:

- Monday, March 18 - 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 19 - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 24 - 7:00 PM
- Thursday, April 25 - 7:00 PM

### Livestock Interviews

Thursday, July 11 - late afternoon

### Livestock Entry

Due by Monday, July 8 via the Fair Entry website. Please mark your calendars now and make yourself aware of the mandatory details. As each event approaches, more information will be shared with members and advisors accordingly.



**Enrollment Deadline for all Members – March 1, 2024 – watch for more details!**



## NON-LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS



Exploring non-livestock projects? Having a hard time deciding what to take? Check out Ohio 4-H Project Central to preview available project books and resources.

Don't wait until the summer to open your project book – start learning now! Complete the learning experiences, leadership and citizenship activities throughout the year. You may find some of these things fit into your daily life and routines.

Be sure to brainstorm ways to enhance your learning. Field trips, interviews, clinics and workshops are all great opportunities to do more in the subject areas that interest you.

### Project Requirements

Project completion requirements are listed in the front of each project book and additional county and state fair requirements can be found on our website.

### 2024 Judging dates

- Food & Nutrition and Clothing Projects – Tuesday, July 9
- All other Special Interest Projects (non-livestock) – Wednesday, July 10
- Final Judging – To Be Announced



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*New location in  
January 2024!*

## CLOVERBUD MEMBERS

The Ohio 4-H cloverbud program is designed for our youth in Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Our goal is to provide a unique educational experience to promote healthy development – mentally, socially and physically all while meeting new friends in our community. This program allows our younger members to see all the fun 4-H has to offer and get them excited to be a part of the Mercer County 4-H! Be sure to mark your calendars for the following Cloverbud events:

**Cloverbud Day Camp** – Wednesday, May 29

**Show & Tell** – Tuesday, July 9

**Model Revue** – Sunday, August 11



## WHAT'S IT MEAN TO BE A MEMBER?

- Families make a commitment to their club and the county program to be active 4-H members.
- Members have and understanding of the requirements for club meetings and extra events such as community service projects and fundraising.
- Staying informed and updated with current information by utilizing email and social media platforms is crucial to the success of all members.

## WHY ARE PROJECT INTERVIEWS SO IMPORTANT?

Completing a project is a large part of being a member. The process of sharing that experience and knowledge learned completing the project happens at interviews. It is crucial that families make every effort to attend their scheduled interview day and have their members prepared. Interviews are the “game day” for 4-H members. There are qualified and knowable judges ready to listen and help our members grow in hobby and interview skills.

We understand that some circumstances may not allow members to attend regular scheduled project judging. A Final Judging option will be offered by registration at a later date. Members who attend this option do not qualify for state fair selection or trophy awards.

## YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES & PROGRAMS

### Harbor Point 4-H Camp

Any youth member enrolled in Mercer County 4-H may attend overnight camp at Harbor Point 4-H camp!

### 2024 Camp Dates

- Tuesday, June 4 – Friday, June 7
- Monday, June 10 – Thursday, June 13

Additional information on camp be available on our website, social media and via email as it gets closer.

### Camp Counselor Staff

Camp Counselors and CIT’s plan and implement portions of the Harbor Point 4-H camp program, provide round-the-clock care for campers and serve as role models to campers and each other. Members must be age 14 by 6/1 of the current camp year to apply.

### Junior Fair Board

Junior Fair Board members play a large role in the success of the Mercer County Fair and 4-H Program. As a team, they take part decision making, planning and executing events at the fair. Members must be 14 and a freshman to apply.

## WHO'S WHO?

### 4-H Club Advisors

First point of contact for receiving 4-H information, project books and guidance.

### OSU Extension/4-H Office - 419-586-2179

Guides 4-H clubs, oversees and interprets 4-H and Junior Fair rules. General 4-H questions and concerns.

### Mercer County Fairgrounds – 419-586-3239

Camping and fair passes.

### Jr. Fair Superintendents

Provide leadership to the Jr. Fair program in conjunction with Beth Guggenbiller.

### Auction Committee -

Volunteers who run the Jr. Fair Livestock Auction.  
[mercercountyfair.auction@outlook.com](mailto:mercercountyfair.auction@outlook.com)

Still not sure who to contact with questions?  
Contact OSU Extension and we will point you in the right direction.