

**Head**



*“clearer thinking”*

**Heart**



*“greater loyalty”*



**Hands**



*“larger service”*

**Health**



*“better living”*

# A Parent's Guide...

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## “Making the Best Better” for Your Child

### Making the Best Better in Clark County



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## What Does My Child Need to Do in 4-H?

### ☛ For Club Meetings



- Attend four or more 4-H club meetings/activities.
- Participate in community service, fundraising, leadership and recreational activities.
- Come with a positive attitude, eager to “Learn by Doing” the 4-H Way through project work, demonstrations, & hands-on activities.
- Serve as a club officer, on a committee, or as a Junior Leader.
- Strive to excel in the four H’s...Head, Heart, Hands and Health by supporting club goals and activities.

### ☛ For Projects

- Select one or more 4-H projects to complete from the 4-H Family Guide ([www.ohio4h.org](http://www.ohio4h.org)) &/or 4-H Requirement Guide.
- Meet all project requirements and guidelines. Refer to the Clark Co 4-H Project Requirement Guide at <http://clark.osu.edu/4h/4hprojects.htm>
- Attend required programs for project participation... Tag-Ins/ Weigh-Ins/I.D. Days, Livestock Quality Assurance, Horse Safety Programs, Skillathon/Project Judging, etc.



**Project.** Basis for members to explore a topic or interest area through hands-on activities, sequential learning experiences, goal setting and evaluation.

**Project Judging.** Evaluation of miscellaneous project member’s knowledge through interview with an adult judge, review of project book records and exhibit of project item and/or educational display.

**PQA – Pork Quality Assurance.** Annual program required for members exhibiting market hog projects. May be completed through club or county program.

**Project Selection & Requirement Guide or 4-H Family CD.** The one-stop reference to find answers to all your 4-H project experience questions including possession dates, deadlines, project judging/skillathon guidelines, resources, Fair rules, judging dates, county and beyond county opportunities and much more!

**Skillathon.** Evaluation of livestock, horse and dog member’s project knowledge through participating in hands-on skill stations, interview of 4-H & project knowledge and review of project book records.

**Star Clubs and Star Members.** Award opportunity for all clubs and members to achieve by earning points for participation and achievement in the 4 H’s...Head, Heart, Hands & Health. Gold, Silver & Bronze Stars recognized at 4-H Banquet.

**State Fair Selection & Alternates.** Member(s) selected to represent Clark Co. at the Ohio State Fair for a given project or project area. Members selected pick up State Fair Packet at the Fair and notify the Extension Office if unable to attend, so the Alternate may have the opportunity to go.

**Tag-In, Weigh-In, I.D. Day.** Date required to tag-in, weigh-in and/or identify your project animal for Junior Fair participation. Members that miss Tag-In, Weigh-In or I.D. Day are ineligible for exhibition, show and/or sell of their 4-H project animals at the Clark County Fair.

**Teen Opportunities.** Youth 14 and older may become involved as Camp Counselors/CIT’s, Ambassadors, Jr. Fair Board Members, Fashion Board, CARTEEN Facilitators, apply for achievement awards, scholarships & more.

**Volunteer or Club Advisor.** Dedicated, enthusiastic, caring adults that have completed a selection, screening and orientation process to become a 4-H volunteer or club advisor. The current Ohio 4-H Volunteer Selection process includes a written application, reference checks, BCI background check, interview with Extension Educator and attendance at a two hour volunteer orientation.

**Winner’s Review:** Held Tuesday of Fair Week, 7:00 PM in the Big Tent beside the Youth Building. All State Fair Selection, Alternates, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Place Miscellaneous Project Judging and Fair Special Contest winners should attend to receive recognition for your achievements and awards.



### 2006 Project Possession & Entry Requirement Dates:

Project	Possession Date	Tag-In/Weigh-In/I.D. Date/Entry Form
Alpacas/Llamas	June 1, 2006	June 28, 2006 at Skillathon
Market Beef	December 1, 2005	Tag-In - December 17, 2005 County Produced Feb. 1, 2006
Beef Heifers/Feeders	May 1, 2006	June 28, 2006 at Skillathon
Dairy Females	June 1, 2006	June 1, 2006 – Jr. Fair Entry
Dairy Feeders	May 1, 2006	Tag-In, May 13, 8:00 AM –11:00 AM, Cattle Arena Fairgrounds
Dog	April 1, 2006	July 1, 2006 – Jr. Fair Entry
All Goats	May 1, 2006	Market Goat/County Produced Tag-In – May 13, 9:00 AM -11:00 AM, Goat Barn, All Other Goats, June 1, Jr. Fair Entry
Horses	May 1, 2006	May 1, Club Horse I.D. Form July 1, Jr. Fair Entry
Poultry Prod. Meat Chickens Turkeys	May 1, 2006 June 1, 2006 Feb. 22, 2006 & after	Verify Fair Entry at Skillathon
Rabbits	By Rabbit I.D. Day April 29, 2006	Rabbit I.D. Day, April 29, 9:00 AM -11:00 am Rabbit Barn, Fairgrounds
Sheep	May 1, 2006	Homegrown Lambs, Mar. 1, Market Lamb Tag-In, May 13, 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Sheep Breeding, June 1, Jr. Fair Entry
Swine	May 1, 2006	Swine I.D. Form due May 15



## What Is The 4-H Lingo?

**BSE Form.** Must be completed by exhibitors of Market Beef, Dairy Feeders, Market Goats, and Market Lambs. Complete one form for all animals within a species. This form certifies that you have not fed any ruminant derived animal feed to your project animal.

**Camperships.** Dollars earned by your child through the county fundraiser to offset the cost for your child to attend 4-H Camp. First, sell \$50.00 in fundraising product to earn your \$14.00 activity fee and one \$5.00 campership. For each additional \$25.00 in county fundraising product sold, earn an additional \$5.00 campership. Camperships are transferable, but not refundable if all fundraising dollars are turned in by the 4-H member by the required deadline. Use camperships for project books and 4-H Camp.

**Cloverbuds.** 4-H members age 5 and in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or until they reach the age and grade requirements for 4-H project membership. Cloverbuds may not enroll in competitive 4-H Projects.

**DUNF – Drug Use Notification Form.** Must be completed by exhibitors of Market Beef, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Turkeys, Meat Chickens, Meat Rabbits, Lactating Dairy Goats, Lactating Dairy Cows. One form per animal or meat pen.

**Fair Premium Check.** Paid by the Clark County Agricultural Society for completed projects based on participation in Skillathon/Project Judging and Fair exhibition. Mailed directly to members by the Fair Board.

**Fashion Review.** Clothing project members model outfit sewn and/or purchased through their Clothing project experience. Outfit must include garment(s) sewn and/or purchased and selected accessories for a Total Look Outfit.

**Horse Safety Program.** Program required for horse project members to participate in the 4-H Horse Program. Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Activities Form must be signed annually by the member and his/her parents/legal guardians.

**Livestock Auction Check.** Paid by the Clark County Junior Fair Livestock Sales Committee for premium and packer bids received with animals sold through the Jr. Fair Livestock Auction. Checks mailed directly to members once all buyers of the member's project have settled accounts.

**LQA – Livestock Quality Assurance.** Annual program required for members exhibiting market projects and lactating dairy and goat animals. May be completed through club or county program.

**Multiple Buyer Form.** Form must be obtained from the Livestock Sales Trailer during Fair Week to obtain \$25.00 and greater bid amounts from multiple buyers for a given animal being sold in the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Only adults, not currently Jr. Fair Exhibitors, may put together a Multiple Buyer Form.

## For Skillathon/Project Judging All Projects

- Attend Clark County Skillathon/Project Judging to complete project at the county level and be eligible for County and State Fair participation.
- Bring up-to-date and/or complete project/record book.
- Be prepared for a one-on-one interview with an adult to answer questions about your 4-H and project experience.
- Be patient while waiting for your turn to be judged or to go through the skillathon process. Review your project book, bring a book to read or plan to be there with a friend to spend some time talking about your 4-H experiences while waiting your turn.
- **Animal Projects:** Be prepared to participate in four to five hands-on skill stations. Use your project book, Resource Handbooks, Skillathon Kits, LQA/PQA Kits, Horse Safety Kits and attend Project Clinics and Workshops to prepare.
- **Miscellaneous Projects:** Bring item made, created, produced, grown or designed and/or educational display.

## 2006 Skillathon Stations:

Species	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5
Alpacas Llamas	Parts	Fiber & Color	Conformation	Health	None
Beef	Female Reproduction	Breeds	Body Parts	Meat Cuts Quality	Feeds
Dairy Feeder	Health Medication	Feeds Feed Tag	Equipment	Body Parts	Dairy Management
Dairy Female	Breeds	Equipment	Feeds	Parts	Procedures
Dog	Body Parts	Breeds	Tails	Parasites	None
Goats	Equipment	Feed Tag	Showmanship	Medication Label	Mammary (Dairy) Meat Cuts (market) Characteristics (Pygmy)
Horses	Medicine	Horse Parts	Tack & Equipment	Safety	Plants
Poultry Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks & Geese	Equipment	Body Parts	Breeds	Meat Cuts	None
Rabbits	Equipment	Body Parts	Breeds	Feed Tag	None
Sheep	Body Parts	Digestion	Health Problems	Meat Quality	Handling Mgt.
Swine	Meat Quality	Breeds	Meat Cuts	Feed Tag Samples	Ear Notching

## For Fair

- Make entry for Fair on the required forms, by the deadline and don't forget to pay entry fees.
- Purchase your fair admission pass on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday before Fair begins.
- Help with Club Booth & Barn Decorating & Set Up.
- Bring 4-H projects by required exhibition times to the Fair.
- Care for animal projects throughout fair week. Keep stalls and animals clean, fed, watered and presentable to the public at all times.
- Show good sportsmanship before, during and after the Fair.



## What Dates Do I Put On My Family's Calendar?

All of the Clark County 4-H Program dates can be found on the 4-H Calendar mailed to families and also on line at <http://clark.osu.edu/4h/4hcal.htm>

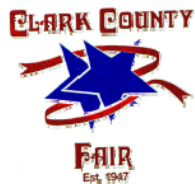
**4-H Enrollment Deadline – April 1, 2006.** Your child must be enrolled with a club and project(s) by this date to be eligible for full county 4-H opportunities including Fair participation.

## 4-H Animal Project Skillathons/Project Judgings: June 28 & 29, 2006 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Clark Co. Fairgrounds Complex

- Wed., June 28 ONLY – Alpacas/Llamas, Beef, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep
- Thurs., June 29 ONLY – Dogs
- Wed., June 28 & Thurs., June 29 – Dairy, Goats, Horses, Swine

**Miscellaneous Project Judging – Saturday, July 8, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Kenton Ridge High School,** Judging Schedule printed in May/June 2006 4-H Clover Graham Newsletter.

**Fashion Review – Saturday, July 8, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Kenton Ridge High School,** Fashion Review Description Forms due July 1.



**Clark County Fair  
July 21-28**

**Ohio State Fair  
August 2-13**



## What Does My Child's 4-H Club Expect From Me?

1. Help your child attend club meetings, activities and events. Notify the club advisor if your child can't attend a meeting/activity.
2. Help with the club and/or county fundraising events and pay your child's county activity fee and/or club dues.
3. Transport your child to all club meetings and activities.
4. Attend special events planned by the 4-H club.
5. Encourage and guide your child's project work. Don't do their work.
6. Read the 4-H newsletter, mailings, Project Selection and Requirement Guide, Junior Fair Book and other information with your child. Use your 4-H Family CD to print off forms, find project and fair requirements and find answers to questions.
7. Encourage your child to participate in club/county skillathons/project judgings, clinics/workshops, 4-H camp(s), public speaking opportunities, Jr. Fair events, and much more.
8. Encourage your child to keep up-to-date records & complete project.
9. Model a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, respect and cooperation.
10. Assist with 4-H club activities in your areas of interest and expertise...teach a project skill, help with a community service project, plan a field trip, assist with fundraising, etc.
11. Help out the club... host a meeting, provide refreshments, sponsor an award.
12. Support the club by cooperating with club advisors and exhibiting a positive attitude towards your child's personal and club 4-H goals.

## What Should I Expect From My 4-H Club and Advisors?

1. Notice of 4-H club meetings and/or a printed schedule of club meetings for the year.
2. Information provided at one of the first meetings:
  - 4-H Family Guide
  - 4-H Club Program, Calendar of Activities
  - Clark County Project Selection & Requirement Guide or
  - 4-H Family CD
3. Information provided at all meetings:
  - Review of the 4-H Calendar, 4-H Newsletter or Recent Mailings from the 4-H Office
  - Reminders of Upcoming Deadlines, Requirements, etc.
  - What's Coming Up in the Club and How My Child and I Can Get Involved?
4. Help in selecting, ordering & receiving Project Books for my child.
5. Hands-on and mind-on learning experiences for my child... project work, demonstrations, practice skillathons and/or project judging, livestock quality assurance and/or horse safety programs, field trips/tours, etc.
6. Opportunity for my child to give back to the community through service projects... flower gardens at the fairgrounds, adopt a family, picking up trash, etc.
7. Opportunity for my child to build leadership skills through serving as a club officer, on a committee, leading the American or 4-H pledges, participating in a business meeting, etc.
8. Opportunity for my child to have FUN with friends (new and old) through recreational, social, educational and/or competitive activities.
9. A welcoming place for my child and I to learn and grow through the 4-H Program and work together to "Make the Best Better".



## 4-H Camps – *Camper fees tentative, check camp registration info in April.*



- ◆ June 9-13, Jr. Camp (*age 8-11*), 4-H Camp Clifton, \$155/member
- ◆ June 17-21, Sr. Camp (*age 12-15*), 4-H Camp Clifton, \$155/member
- ◆ June 25-29, Horse Camp,, Expo Center, \$100/horse member
- ◆ August 13 & 14, Cloverbud, 4-H Camp Clifton, \$85.00/member

## 4-H Awards – *Application Deadlines*

- Achievement & Scholarship – Jan. 15
- County Sponsored Trips – March 1
- 4-H Animal Royalty – June 1
- 4-H Queen Contest – July 1
- Star Club & Member Awards – Oct. 1
- 4-H Awards Banquet Attend Nov. 15



## What Will 4-H Cost?

- ☑ **County 4-H Activity Fee** - Cost, currently \$14.00 per member, to join Clark County 4-H to enjoy full 4-H opportunities and awards including Junior Fair Participation. Fee is used to cover costs associated with 4-H mailings, delivery of program, awards and opportunities including camp, skillathon/project judging, clinics, workshops, trips & much more. Your child may earn their activity fee by participating in the Spring &/or Fall 4-H County Fundraisers or you may choose just to pay the fee.
- ☑ **Club Fees** – Some clubs may charge a per member and/or family fee based on their clubs activities. The amount is based on what the club covers with the fee. Club fees may be used towards refreshments, project book cost, Fair pass, club t-shirt, supplemental insurance, etc. Please ask your club advisor about their club fee structure.
- ☑ **Project Books** – Most project books cost \$5.00. Some projects require an additional Resource Handbook (\$8.00 to \$12.00) that is purchased once by the family and used for all the projects within an area by all members in the family. Check with your 4-H advisor for Project Book costs or look at the Publications Order Form at <http://clark.osu.edu/4h/4hform.htm>.



- ☑ **Project Items** – Every project has some cost beyond the 4-H book. For some projects, this may be supplies and materials that you already have at home. For other projects, your child will be required to invest in an animal & supplies for its care, specialized equipment and/or other items. Please keep this in mind when selecting projects with your child.



- ☑ **Fair** – If members, plan to participate in fair, they will have some additional costs associated with their 4-H experience.

- **Project Tag-Ins, Weigh-In's, I.D. Days** - Market Beef (\$10.00/animal), Dairy Feeders (\$7.00/animal), Rabbits & Poultry (\$2.00/animal), Sheep & Goats (\$3.00/animal), Swine (\$1.00/animal).
- **Fair Passes** - Check Fair web site for current prices.

[www.clarkcountyfair.org](http://www.clarkcountyfair.org)

- **Fair Entries.** Members that wish to enter in open class must purchase an Exhibitor Pass & pay the entry fee.



## Who Can Answer Questions?

☎ **Club Advisors:** Start with your local club advisor(s) first. Make sure you have a phone number and/or e-mail address to communicate with them.

☎ **Extension Staff:** Call 937-328-4607 or e-mail at any time.

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☎ **Committee Members:** Call, e-mail or ask any 4-H and project committee members questions at clinics, workshops, weigh-ins/tag-ins, committee meetings, etc.



## Where Do I Go For Information?

☞ **OSU Extension Office, 4400 Gateway Blvd., Suite 104, Springfield, OH 45502, Phone: 937-328-4607 Fax: 937-328-4609. Office Hours – Monday –Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM**  
<http://clark.osu.edu/4h/4h.htm>

- Purchase and/or Pick Up 4-H Projects
- 4-H County Fundraising Orders & Pick-Up
- Drop Off 4-H Event Entries and Registrations & Make Payments unless mailing
- Purchase 4-H Merchandise
- Register For 4-H Camps
- Reserve and Pick Up Resources – Skillathon Kits, LQA/PQA Kits, Horse Safety Kits, Videos, etc.
- Access all forms, requirements, information on the web.

☞ **Clark County Fair Office, 4401 South Charleston Pike, Springfield, OH 45502, Phone: 937-323-3090 Fax: 937-323-8951. Office Hours - Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM -4:30 PM**  
[www.clarkcountyfair.org](http://www.clarkcountyfair.org)

- Make Open Class Fair Entry
- Purchase and Pick Up Fair Passes
- Pick Up Fair Books & Info
- Check on Fair Premium Check
- Access Fair Events and Activities scheduled on the fairgrounds from the web.



☞ **Livestock Sale Office, P.O. Box 2309, Springfield, OH 45501 Phone: 937-325-7566**

- Check on your buyers, checks, obtain New Buyer Forms and Multiple Buyer Forms.
- Please leave a message & someone will get back with you.

☞ **Ohio 4-H Web, [www.ohio4h.org](http://www.ohio4h.org)**

- Visit for the latest information about Ohio 4-H programs, events, activities, policies, etc.

☞ **Ohio State Fair, [www.ohiostatefair.com](http://www.ohiostatefair.com) Visit the web for:**

- Fair Book & Entry Forms to make entry for Livestock, Poultry, Rabbit, Small Animal, Horticulture, etc. by June 20
- Fair Schedule for All Ohio State Fair Events
- Fair Results from 4-H and Open Class Shows