

# A Parent's Guide to 4-H

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

1. Attend club meetings, activities and events with your child. Notify the club advisor if your child can't attend a meeting/activity.
2. Help with the club fundraising events and pay your child's county activity fee and/or club dues.
3. Attend special events planned by the 4-H club.
4. Encourage and guide your child's project work. Don't do their work.
5. Read the 4-H newsletter, emails, handbook, and other information with your child. Use the Sandusky County 4-H webpage for information: [sandusky.osu.edu](http://sandusky.osu.edu)
6. Encourage your child to participate in club activities, project judging, clinics/workshops, 4-H camp(s), public speaking opportunities, Junior Fair events, and much more.
7. Encourage your child to keep up-to-date records & complete project.
8. Model a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, respect and cooperation.
9. 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.
10. Help the club/program with special needs as able. Host a meeting, provide refreshments, sponsor an award.
11. Support the club by cooperating with club advisors and exhibiting a positive attitude towards your child's personal and club 4-H goals.
12. Assist with club and livestock department responsibilities at the county fair, including the 4-H Milkshake Stand, fair booth set-up if your club participates, barn set-ups and tear downs, etc.

## 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:
  - County 4-H Handbook & Enrollment Information
  - 4-H Club Program, Calendar of Activities
3. Information provided at all meetings:
  - Review of the 4-H Calendar, 4-H Newsletter or other communications from the Extension 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 projects and obtaining project books for my child.
5. Hands-on learning experiences for my child... project work, demonstrations, practice 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”.

## What Will 4-H Cost?


- ☑ **County 4-H Enrollment / Activity Fee** - \$15.00 per Project Member / \$10 per Cloverbud Member. Clubs include this cost in their total club dues.
- ☑ **Club Fees/Dues** – Most clubs charge a per member fee based on their club’s activities. Club fees may be used towards refreshments, project book cost, fair pass, supplemental insurance, club t-shirt, etc. Ask your club advisor about their club fees/dues and what is included. Some items require may require minimum participation to receive.
- ☑ **Project Books** – Project book cost is covered by the county Enrollment Activity Fee and additional support from the Sandusky County 4-H Committee. Livestock resource books are provided to each member only once per 4-H career. Project books are provided once per year. Lost or damaged books incur a cost to replace.
- ☑ **Project Items** – Every project has some costs beyond the 4-H project 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. A weekly fair pass is \$10.00 per member. Some clubs include this cost in their club dues. Adult fair passes are \$25.

## 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 (419) 334-6340 or e-mail at any time.

<b>4-H Youth Development Educator</b>	Gwen Soule <a href="mailto:soule.12@osu.edu">soule.12@osu.edu</a>
<b>4-H Program Assistant</b>	Kaytlyn Graver <a href="mailto:graver.26@osu.edu">graver.26@osu.edu</a>
<b>Office Associate</b>	Abby McCoy <a href="mailto:McCoy.910@osu.edu">McCoy.910@osu.edu</a>

 **Junior Fair Staff:** Call (419) 332-1972 or email [scjrfair@gmail.com](mailto:scjrfair@gmail.com)  
 Courtney Geyson, Jr Fair Coordinator      Becky Geyman, Jr. Fair Livestock Coordinator

 **Livestock Committee Chairpeople:** Names and Contact on Junior Fair Livestock Requirements Summary

## Where Do I Go For Information?

 **OSU Extension Office,** 2000 Countryside Drive, Fremont Ohio 43420

**Phone:** (419) 334-6340    **Website:** sandusky.osu.edu

**Hours** – Monday –Thursday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- Register for Judging, 4-H Camp, and Cloverbud activities (also available online)
- Purchase replacement project books if needed
- Access forms, requirements, information on the web.

 **Sandusky County Fair,** 901 Rawson Ave, Fremont Ohio 43410

Senior Fair – (419) 332-5604  
[sanduskycountyfair.org](http://sanduskycountyfair.org)

- Make Open Class Fair Entry
- Information about camping at Fair
- Purchase and Pick Up Fair Passes

Junior Fair – (419) 332-1976  
[go.osu.edu/scjrfair](http://go.osu.edu/scjrfair)

- Drop off Jr Fair Entries
- Questions about Livestock shows/sale