

Dear Parents:

To join 4-H:

- ◆ 4-H age is based on age as of January 1st annually.
- ◆ Children 8 yrs & in K may join as a Cloverbud! A child at least eight years of age and currently in the third grade may join a traditional 4-H community club. 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.
- ◆ Choose a club which meets in your area, a club your child's friends are in, or call the Extension Office for more information on the various clubs .
- ◆ Contact the club advisor or the Extension Office to get more details about club meetings and enrollment. Youth may join 4-H at any time, however to participate in the Stark County fair, they must be enrolled by March 15th.
- ◆ 4-H membership develops skills and knowledge youth need to succeed! There are over two hundred projects to choose from and summer is full of exciting experiences in 4-H! Many 4-H clubs take special trips and OSU Extension Office sponsors activities for members and families.

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Stark County 4-H Information

Stark County has over 750 active 4-H members! These members have the opportunity to learn about science, agriculture, cooking, sewing, leadership, character and much more. Every 4-H'er decides what their interests are and the project(s) they wish to take in 4-H.

4-H members belong to local community clubs. There are approximately 50 clubs across Stark County. Clubs have adult volunteers who are trained to lead the clubs. Some clubs have a specialization such as livestock, still projects, or family and consumer sciences. Most clubs allow members with any interest to join. In these general clubs there may be 4-H'ers with anything from sewing to rabbits and robots.

How do I decide what club to be in?

Each club has its own schedule of events and meetings that members participate in during the year. Clubs may have dues to join (usually \$2.00-10.00). Each club has a constitution and expectations of its 4-H members. It is best to locate a club whose expectations and goals align with your family's.



Who plans the clubs programs?

Members of the club plan the program. With small groups, everyone might be involved in program planning at a meeting of the entire group. With large groups, it might be better to get ideas from every member and let a committee, led by the vice president, put together the club program.

What do advisors do at meetings?

Advisors should be in the background at meetings to advise and provide support for members as they conduct their activities. It is important for advisors to work with club officers ahead of time so that the 4-H members can be "front and center" during the meetings.



How do 4-H members get to exhibit at the county fair?

4-H members can complete their projects by participating in a county judging event for still and FCS projects and/or attending and participating in the county Quality Assurance training and Skillathon event for small animals and livestock. Once a member has completed the 4-H project he/she may make a fair entry and exhibit their project at the Stark County Fair!

I would like to know more about:

_____ Joining a 4-H club.

_____ Taking part in a 4-H summer camp.

_____ My parent/guardian becoming a 4-H volunteer.

_____ Any special 4-H events happening this year.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

Project Area Interest: _____

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