

A Parent's Guide...

“Making the Best Better” for Your Child

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

☛ For Club Meetings



- Attend **all** 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, provided by your 4-H Advisor or go to the following web site www.ohio4h.org for the 4-H Family Guide.
- Meet all project requirements and guidelines. Refer to the Morrow County 4-H Project Handbook Page inserted in project books, contact your advisor, or go to <http://morrow.osu.edu>
- Attend required programs for project participation... Tag-Ins/ Weigh-Ins/I.D. Days, Livestock Quality Assurance, Horse Safety Programs, Skillathon/Project Judging, etc.

Project Possession & Entry Requirement Dates:

- Listed in this handbook are complete listings of these dates. Available through your 4-H Advisor or at <http://morrow.osu.edu>
- Mandatory: Last day to add a 4-H Project is April 30th.
- Mandatory: Last day to enter in the Morrow County Jr. Fair is June 7th

☛ For Project Judging/Skillathon All Projects Must

Attend Project Judging/Skillathon to complete project at the county level and be eligible for County 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 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 three hands-on skill stations and a project interview. Use your project book, Resource Handbooks, Skillathon Kits, study guides, Project Clinics and Workshops to prepare. Stations and study guides will be available in June.
- **Miscellaneous Projects:** Bring item made, created, produced, grown or designed and/or educational display. See guides inserted in project books, Morrow County 4-H Project Handbook or your Advisor for specific guidelines.

☛ For Fair

- Make entry for Fair on the required fair form, by the deadline, **June 7th**
- Turn in any breed registration papers or certificates by **June 7th** too!
- Purchase your fair admission pass. Members pay \$3 for their fair pass. Check with your 4-H Advisor on who pays for this.
- Help with your fair booth and float prep, set up, and take down.
- Read the Jr. Fair Book for all requirements and rules.
- Bring 4-H projects by required exhibition times to the Fair. Move in day is August 31st.
- Care for animal projects throughout fair week. Keep stalls and animals clean, fed, watered and presentable to the public at all times. Remember everyone is watching!!
- Check the Jr. Fair Book for what you should wear to show your animal.
- Show good sportsmanship before, during and after the Fair.

What Dates Do I Put on My Family's Calendar?

- The Morrow County 4-H Calendar is enclosed in this handbook and also on line at <http://morrow.osu.edu>
- **4-H Enrollment Deadline – April 30th.** 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.
- **Project Possession/Tagging/Weigh-in** – see the Animal Requirements Chart in this handbook and the calendar.
- **Project Judging/Skillathon** – see the Judging dates schedule and the calendar.
- **Fair! August 31st – September 7th**

4-H Camp

- ◆ Camp (*age 8-14*), July 25-29

4-H Awards – Application Deadlines

- County Teen Opportunities – October 30
- Animal Royalty – June 7th
- Horse Royalty – June 1st
- Jr. Fair King/Queen Contest – June 7th
- Achievement Medals – September 25
- Project Awards – September 25th
- Fair Awards for Teens – June 7th



What Will 4-H Cost?



County 4-H Activity Fee –

Cost, currently \$1.50 per member, to join Morrow County 4-H to enjoy full 4-H opportunities and awards. 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. Clubs ask members to pay this fee or have a fund raising activity.

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 \$3.00. Some projects require an additional Resource Handbook (\$8.00 to \$20.00) 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.

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
These are mandatory extra trips to the fair grounds. Check the animal requirements charts found in this handbook.
- Fair Passes – 4-H Youth with an entry pay \$3.00. Check with your advisor. Entry due June 7th.
- Fair Entries – Jr.Fair does not have an entry fee, but if you wish to enter in Sr. Fair there are fees. Check with the Sr. Fair Board office for an entry book. Deadline to enter is August 1st.

Who Can Answer 4-H 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 419-947-1070 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, Morrow County

871 W. Marion Rd. Ste. 102 Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338

419-947-1070 and Fax: 419-947-1071

Office Hours – Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Closed for lunch 12noon – 1p.m.

Web address: <http://morrow.osu.edu>

- Purchase and/or Pick Up 4-H Project Books
- 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 4-H Resources
- Access all forms, requirements, information on the web.

Jr Fair Office, Julie Logan, Jr. Fair Coordinator

Morrow County Fair Grounds, Youth Building

419-947-1567

Facebook: Morrow County Jr. Fair

- Make a Jr. Fair Entry
- Pick Up Fair Books & Info
- Access Jr. Fair Events and Activities scheduled on the fairgrounds from the web.

Sr. Fair Office,

Morrow County Fair Grounds

www.morrowcountyfair.org

419-947-1611

Ohio 4-H Web, www.ohio4h.org

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

Ohio State Fair, www.ohiostatefair.com Visit the web for:

- Fair Book & Entry Forms to make entry. Entry Deadline June 20th
- Fair Schedule for All Ohio State Fair Events