

**ATHENS COUNTY 4-H
HANDBOOK
2016**



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Athens County 4-H! We have a thriving program, with almost 700 youth and over 120 advisors, and we're glad you decided to join. 4-H has many different activities and projects you can do, from cooking, to science, to creative arts, to clothing, to livestock! Please see the Ohio 4-H Family Guide for all possible projects you can take at <http://www.ohio4h.org/families/family-guide>. To join 4-H as a Cloverbud, you must be 5 years old AND in kindergarten, and to take projects as a 4-H Member, you must be at least 8 years old AND in 3rd grade. If you have any questions after reading this handbook, contact Brittany Mendez, 4-H Educator, at 740-593-8555 or mendez.76@osu.edu.

Sincerely,

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LIST OF CLUBS

****Call Extension Office for advisor contact information****

“General” means that a club will let a member take any project

Alexander Ag Producers	Albany	General—livestock emphasized
Alexander Bits N Pieces	Albany	General—still project emphasized
Ames Bern Wonders	Athens	General
Ames Jolly Farmers	Amesville	General
Athens Co. Sharpshooters	Athens	Shooting Sports
Awesome Activities	Albany	General—still project emphasized
Back in the Saddle	Guysville	Horse projects
Backwoods Farmers	The Plains	General
Barnyard Bunch	The Plains	General
Bins, Bales, and Buckets	Coolville	General
Boots N Saddles	Albany	Horse projects emphasized
Buckeye Livestock	Guysville	General
Clover Buddies	Guysville	General
Fantasy Farmers	Albany	General
Golden Gaits	Athens	General
Green Acres	Athens	General—livestock emphasized
Guysville Gang	Guysville	General
Happy Hillbillies	Guysville	General—livestock emphasized
Happy Valley Rugrats	New Marshfield	General—still project emphasized
Hogs N Hoppers	Nelsonville	General
Hometown Hicks N Chicks	New Marshfield	General
Hoof and Hide	Coolville	General—livestock emphasized
Kritter Krew	Albany	General
Latigo Riders	New Marshfield	General
Little Beavers	Athens	General
Livestock Unlimited	New Marshfield	General—livestock emphasized
Lodi Creative Critters	Shade	General—livestock emphasized
Lucky Fours	Athens	General—still/dog projects emphasized
Poston 4-H Team II	Nelsonville	General
Puddle Jumpers 4-H Club	Athens	General
Rhoric Rockin Ranchers	Athens	General
Ropes N Reins	Athens	Horse projects emphasized
Saddle Slickers	Guysville	Horse projects emphasized
Saddle Up Pup	New Marshfield	Horse projects emphasized
Salem Livestock	Athens	General
Shooting Stars	Albany	General
Show Stoppers	Albany	General
Sotelte Guild	Albany	Sewing projects
The Mane Event	Athens	Horse projects emphasized
Wanna Ride	Albany	Horse projects emphasized

HOW TO JOIN 4-H

What's the deadline to join?

The deadline to join Athens County 4-H is always April 1st of every year. However, many clubs start their calendar much earlier than that, so please sign up as soon as possible! You may also find out more information by coming to the annual 4-H Kick-Off Event on the first Saturday in March.

How do I find a club?

Take a look at the list on page 4 and find a club that meets both your location and project needs, then call the Extension Office at 740-593-8555 for advisor contact information. Once you contact the advisor, they will let you know their dates and how to enroll.

What age/grade do I need to be?

Cloverbud: You must be at least 5 AND in Kindergarten

Member: You must be at least 8 AND in 3rd grade

Cloverbuds are younger members who do group activities during the meetings, and can attend county events, but are not able to take competitive projects.

Members take competitive projects in livestock, still project, food, clothing, and cake decorating project areas. They can show both before and during the fair.

Where can I find what projects to take?

You can find the list of all projects available at <http://www.ohio4h.org/families/family-guide>.

Where do I sign up?

You can sign up either with your club, or at the Extension Office on the Fairgrounds at 280 W. Union St., Athens, OH 45701.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Athens County Extension Office/4-H

<http://athens.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/athens-4-h/membership-information>

Ohio 4-H Website

<http://www.ohio4h.org/>

Athens County Extension Office Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/athens.extension>

Athens County Fair Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/fairdays/>

Athens County Fair Website

<http://athenscofair.org/>

Athens County 4-H Cloverbuds

<https://www.facebook.com/athenscounty4Hcloverbuds/>

Athens County 4-H Horse Council

<https://www.facebook.com/AthensCounty4HHorseCouncil/>

Ohio State Fair Jr. Livestock Information

<http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/>

HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR PROJECT

Livestock, Horses, and Dog:

1. Sign up for a livestock (animal project) by April 1st on your enrollment form.
2. Purchase, or have in possession, your animal by fair deadlines (see athenscofair.org).
3. Turn in all paperwork and/or bring in animal to be tagged by tag-in date for your animal (steers are in December, turkeys are in February, most other animals second Wednesday of May, and beef feeders in June).
4. Rabbits have tattooing in July.
5. Must attend one Quality Assurance program (two offered each summer—dog project participants do not need to attend).
6. OPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY: Attend one Skillathon (stations-based testing on your animal) to qualify for the Outstanding Exhibitor Award.
7. Show animal at county fair in at least one class (breed, market, and/or showmanship).
8. The Athens County Dog Show is in July, with additional sign-up paperwork due in early July.
9. First year horse members must attend a showing of the Horse Helmet Video (see 4-H Important Dates)
10. Horse project members must be affiliated with a horse club (can be in addition to their other club, and must fill out an affiliate form.

Still Projects:

1. Sign up for project by April 1st on your enrollment form.
2. Fill all relevant sections in your book.
3. Create a poster—usually tri-fold posters look best, with typed captions
4. Create a display item—can be scrapbook, item from project, power point on computer, video.
5. Come to judging in July (judging schedules sent out in June).
6. **SHOOTING SPORTS**—Youth must affiliate with a shooting sports approved club.
7. **PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE AN EXTRA OR DIFFERENT DISPLAY:**
 - a. **Woodworking**—bring a woodworking item you have made from your project book level (points will be taken off if made item not in book)
 - b. **Photography**—instead of a poster (or in addition to), bring a framed 5x7 photo that represents your best work, in addition to a scrapbook of your photographs from that year.
 - c. **Creative Writing**—bring writing portfolio as outlined in the book (must turn in at the Extension Office one week before judging).
 - d. **Quilting**—Bring lap quilt that you made as final project in the book.
 - e. **Rocketry**—Must bring a rocket built by the 4-H member as part of project.

- f. **Horseless Horse**—These members must follow the usual still project rules, but they have an additional, optional, non-riding component where they can participate in a class at the horse show during the Athens County Fair.

Food Projects:

1. Sign up for project by April 1st on your enrollment form.
2. Fill all relevant sections in your book.
3. Come to judging with food made from a recipe from your book (must be a recipe from the project).
4. Have a 3 ½ x 5 index card with recipe listed and cost per serving.
5. Come to judging in July (judging schedules sent out in June).

Cake Decorating Projects:

1. Sign up for project by April 1st on your enrollment form.
2. Fill all relevant sections in your book.
3. Create a cake that represents your skill level in the book (beginner, intermediate, or advanced)—you cannot use any skills that are above your skill level.
4. You can create a second cake that will be entered into the separate decorating contest (see those requirements at <http://athens.osu.edu/node/395>).
5. Come to judging in July (judging schedules sent out in June).

Clothing Projects:

1. Sign up for project by April 1st on your enrollment form.
2. Fill all relevant sections in your book.
3. Sew (or purchase for the consumer projects) a garment as outlined in your book and bring it, a change of clothes to interview in, and a small piece of the fabric to judging. (more details sent out in June)
4. Come to judging in July (judging schedules sent out in June).
5. In order to qualify/place during awards, you must attend the modeling portion at the Fashion Show in the evening.



ATHENS COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

2016 IMPORTANT DATES

Purple= Judging days (non-livestock, dog, and Skillathon)

Orange= Day Camp (for regular 4-H members)

Blue = Cloverbud Opportunities

Red = Due Dates/Mandatory Events

Green = Camp Opportunities

Black = Regular 4-H Opportunites

January

January 13 th /16 th	6-8pm	Camp Counselor Interviews (sign up before)
January 16 th	12-2pm	Advisor Training
January 25 th	6-8pm	Advisor Training

February

February 10 th	5-6pm	Turkey Registration
February 16 th	6-8pm	Advisor Training
February 20 th	12-2pm	Advisor Training
February 27 th	12-2pm	CLOVERBUD Advisor Training

March

March 5 th	12-2p	4-H Kick-Off Event (carnival games, inflatables, food, and a basket auction!)
March 12 th	All Day	Ohio 4-H Conference

April

April 1 st	By 6:30pm	ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE (Office Open 8-6:30)
April 14 th	5:30pm	Quality Assurance Test-Out
	6:30pm	Quality Assurance (MANDATORY TO SHOW)
April 15 th	5:30-7:00pm	4-H Club Officer Training
April 17 th	12:00-2:00pm	4-H Camp Hill Supervisor Training
April 20 th	4-4:30p	Horse Helmet Safety Video (for 1 st yr horse people)

May

May 11 th	6-8pm	Livestock Tag-In (MANDATORY TO SHOW)
		<i>(Rabbits, poultry, horse, dog, and breed animals turn in ID cards—parade forms also due)</i>
May 18 th	6:00pm	Athens County Health and Safety Speaking Contest

June

June 1 st	6-7pm	Beef Feeder Tag-In (MANDATORY TO SHOW)
June 3 rd	4-4:30pm	Horse Helmet Safety Video (for 1 st yr horse people)
June 4 th	9:00am	Quality Assurance (MANDATORY TO SHOW)

June 6 th	9a-4p	Counselor Camp at Tar Hollow State Park
June 10 th	All Day	DAY CAMP forms due
June 17 th	All Day	CLOVERBUD and TAR HOLLOW forms due
June 20 th	9am-2pm	4-H SCIENCE DAY CAMP
June 21 st	9am-2pm	4-H FOOD DAY CAMP
June 22 nd	9am-2pm	4-H CAKE DECORATING DAY CAMP
June 23 rd	9am-2pm	4-H LIVESTOCK DAY CAMP
June 24 th	9am-2pm	CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP

July

July 3 rd -7 th	All Day	TAR HOLLOW 4-H CAMP
July 8 th	9a-12p	CLOVERBUD SCIENCE DAY
July 10 th	RSVP	Alternate Judging Day, for youth who have to miss judging.

July 12th TBA Food Judging Day

At the Extension Office—Date Change, is now on Tuesday of Judging Week

July 13th TBA Still Project Judging Day

At the Christ Community Wesleyan Church—Change, is now on Wednesday of Judging Week

July 13th 6-8pm **Rabbit Tattooing Date**

Due:

- Stall Drawing Forms
- Club Sheet for Jr. Fair Passes
- King/Queen Applications
- Parade/Booth Forms

July 14th TBA Cake Decorating Judging Day (At the Extension Office)

July 15th 9a-12p CLOVERBUD SCIENCE DAY

July 16th TBA Clothing Judging Day

Change: At the Christ Community Wesleyan Church

July 17th 12-2p Skillathon

July 21st 6-8pm Skillathon

July 22nd 9a-12p CLOVERBUD SCIENCE DAY

July 23rd TBA Dog Show

July 29th 9a-12p CLOVERBUD SCIENCE DAY

August

August 5th-13th ATHENS COUNTY JR. FAIR

August 7th 11a-1p Last Skillathon Opportunity (on the fairgrounds)

September- December (More dates to come by August for these months, as events arise)

4-H AWARD CEREMONY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Athens Co. Extension Office, 280 West Union St. Athens, Ohio (740) 593 - 8555



Athens 4-H Camps



4-H Day Camp

June 20th – 23rd

Sign up by Friday June 10th

(You can sign up for just one day, or multiple!)

Who: 4-H Members 3rd grade and up

Where: Athens County Fair Grounds

When: Monday, June 20th 9am-2pm
Science Day
Tuesday, June 21st 9am-2pm
Food Day
Wednesday, June 22nd 9am-2pm
Cake Decorating Day
Thursday, June 23rd 9am-2pm
Livestock Day

Sign up by Friday, June 10th—SPACE IS LIMITED, SIGN UP SOON.

Cost: Cost is only \$15 for the whole week, or \$5/day if you choose to only come to certain days! Lunch will be provided every day.

What: Multiple fun day camps where 4-H Members participate in activities from different project areas! Camp counselors ages 15-18 lead youth in these activities, in addition to trained adults.

Information: Four stations in the morning, each focusing on a different 4-H book, doing activities like experiments, recipes, projects, etc. One all-group activity in the afternoon, in a competition format

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Tar Hollow 4-H Camp

July 3rd - 7th, 2016

(Sunday – Thursday)

Theme: Survivor Tar Hollow!

Who: Any 4-H Member (3rd grade– 14 yrs old) in Athens County

Where: Tar Hollow 4-H Camp, Laurelville, OH

When: July 3rd-7th, 2016

Registration Due By June 17th

Cost: TBA (waiting to see on outside funding—scholarships available)

What: A fun overnight camp where youth participate in activities from crafts, to games, to lakefront, to recreation, and much more! Camp counselors ages 15-18 lead youth in these activities, in addition to trained adults. Youth will learn about nature, 4-H, and what it means to be a 4-H member!

Information:

Go to <http://athens.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/athens-county-4-h-camp> for more information about Tar Hollow 4-H Camp, scholarships, packing lists, registration forms, and more!



Summer 2016

June 24th - CAMP!: 9am - 2pm

July 8th - Science Day: 9am - 12pm

July 15th - Science Day: 9am - 12pm

July 22nd - Science Day: 9am - 12pm

July 29th - Science Day: 9am - 12pm

Location: Fairgrounds

Cost: Science Days
(free)/Cloverbud Camp (\$15)

Contact: Brittany Mendez, 4-H
Educator, Mendez.76@osu.edu
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ATHENS COUNTY 4-H

Cloverbud Events 2016

Cloverbuds will have a great time learning and exploring at the following great Athens County 4-H Cloverbud events! At the **Cloverbud Day Camp** on **June 24th**, Cloverbuds will get to rotate around stations centered around our theme of "Cloverbud Olympics," all led by OSU staff or trained camp counselors, for the low cost of \$15 (\$5 extra for shirt). They will also learn camp songs, eat lunch together, and learn other fun camp traditions the older 4-H members experience at their stay-away camp.

During the **Cloverbud Science Days** in **July**, Cloverbuds will explore the topics of rockets, wind and water, animals, and trees and plants through many fun experiments—and the best part is, the science days are FREE!

Finally, have your Cloverbud come for a **Morning at the Fair** on **August 8th**, where they will learn about animals at the fair. We look forward to seeing all our wonderful Cloverbuds at these exciting events this year!



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