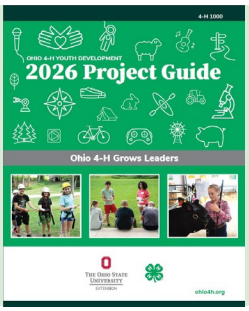
January 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Office Closed – New Year's Day	2 9 am – 3 pm Camp Counselor Team Workshop	3
4	5 7 pm 4-H Committee on Zoom	6 7 pm Senior Fair Board	7	8	9	10 10 am 4-H Volunteer Training
11	12	13	14	15 Market Beef DNA Kits Due to Ohio State Fair	16	17
18	19 Office Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21 Ohio 4-H Achievement Records Due to Extension Office	22	23	24
25 4-7 pm Camp Counselor Training	26	27	28 6 pm 4-H Volunteer Training	29	30	31 4-H Club & Affiliate Yearly Financial Summaries Due

Notes

Every 4-H club and affiliate (4-H Horse Council, 4-H Committee, etc.) must submit a completed financial summary for the previous year by January 31st annually. Clubs and affiliates must also be audited every 3 years, and audit materials are also due on January 31st.



February 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 4-H Bk Orders Due	3 7 pm Senior Fair Board	4 5-6 pm Market Turkey Registration	5	6	7
8	9 Ohio 4-H Conference Registrations Due	10 7 pm Junior Fair Board	11	12	13 Deadline to Register for Feb. QA Test-Out	14
15 Ohio 4-H Scholarship Deadline	16 7 pm Sale Committee	17	18	19	20	21
22 2:30 pm QA Test-Out 4-7 pm Counselor Training	23	24	25	26	27	28

Notes

Livestock exhibitors who are at least 12 years old as of 1.1.26 should try to test out of quality assurance! Contact Bridget to register for our 2.22 or 3.22 test-out opportunities. Livestock quality assurance must be completed by June 1, 2026 for members to be eligible to exhibit livestock at the 2026 Athens County Junior Fair.

March 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Athens Co. 4-H Volunteer Enrollment Deadline!	2 7 pm 4-H Committee on Zoom 4-H Book Orders Due	3 7 pm Senior Fair Board	4 Deadline for Across County Lines 4-H Membership Requests	5	6	7
8	9	10 7 pm Junior Fair Board	11	12	13 Deadline to Register for March QA Test-Out	14 9:30 am–12:30 pm Introduction to Embellishments Clinic
15 Ohio 4-H Week	16 7 pm Sale Committee	17	18	19	20	21 Ohio 4-H Conference in Columbus 9 am Poultry Clinic
22 2:30 pm QA Test-Out 4-7 pm Camp Counselor Training	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Notes

All 2026 junior fair market and/or breeding livestock exhibitors must complete a QA training (or test-out or online YQCA) by June 1st. All junior fair horse exhibitors must complete EquiSTEP online by June 1st.

April 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Athens Co. 4-H Enrollment & Club Forms Due! (SEE BELOW)	2 5-6 pm Market Turkey Pick-Up	3	4
5	6 4-H Book Orders Due	7 7 pm Senior Fair Board	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 7 pm Junior Fair Board	15	16	17	18 10 am Livestock Quality Assurance
19 2-5 pm Senior Camp Counselor Training in Fairfield Co.	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 4-7 pm Camp Counselor Training	27	28	29	30		

Notes

April 1st Deadlines:

-2026 Club Calendars

-Club Charters Due

-Club Constitutions & Bylaws Due (if not already on file, or if they have been revised)

-Ohio State Fair Scholarship Applications Due

May 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 Dog Project Paperwork Due to Extension Office	2 9:30 am-12:30 pm Sewing for CBuds 1-4 pm Intro. to Sewing Clinic
3	4 7 pm 4-H Committee on Zoom	5 7 pm Senior Fair Board	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 7 pm Junior Fair Board	13 6-8 pm Mkt Livestk Tag-Ins (see below) 8 pm Sale Cmte	14 6 pm Livestock Quality Assurance	15 Junior & Senior 4-H Camp Registrations Due	16 10 am-12 pm Cake Decorating Project Clinic
17 4-7 pm Camp Counselor Training	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Office Closed – Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30 10 am-1 pm Food & Nutrition Project Clinic
31 2-5 pm Senior Camp Counselor Training in Fairfield Co.						

Notes

On May 13th, from 6-8 PM, market goats, market lambs, and market hogs must come to the fairgrounds to be tagged. Market rabbits and market chickens must be registered online in FairEntry by 8 PM on May 13th.

June 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 QA & EquiSTEP Deadline Club Membership Fees Due	2 7 pm Senior Fair Board	3 6-7 pm Feeder Tag-In 7 pm Sale Committee	4	5 9 am Camp Counselor Work Day	6
7	8 Counselors' Camp at Tar Hollow	9 7 pm Junior Fair Board	10	11 7 pm Interview Skills Online Clinic	12 Early/Alternate Judging Reg. Deadline	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Office Closed - Juneteenth	20 9-11 am Fairgrounds Beautification Day
21 1 pm Ohio State Fair Jr. Livestock Registration Deadline	22 5 pm Counselors Move into Junior Camp	23 Athens County 4-H Junior Camp	24	25 5-6:30 pm Mkt Chicken Pick-Up	26 Still/FCS Project Judging Registration Deadline	27 10 am – 12 pm Cloverbud Food Fun
28	29	30				

Notes

Register for Alternate Judging by 6.12.26 - To complete a still or family and consumer science project, a member must participate in either our July county judging or an alternate, earlier judging (by appointment). **Register for regular county judging by 6.26.26.**

July 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 OSF Horse Show Entry Deadline	2	3 Office Closed – Independence Day	4 5 pm Counselors Move into Senior Camp
5 Fairfield-Athens 4-H Senior Camp	6	7 7 pm Senior Fair Board	8	9 6 pm Pullorum Testing	10	11
12	13 4-H Still Project Judging	14 4-H FCS Project Judging 7 pm Junior Fair Board	15 Fair Entries & Forms Due 6-8 pm Market Rabbit Tag-In	16 5 pm 4-H Cmte. 6 pm 4-H Judging Awards Ceremony	17 Deadline to Register for Livestock Skillathon	18
19 OSF Dog Show 3 pm Jr Fair Royalty Interviews	20 Ohio State Junior Fair Horse Show	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 3-7 pm Livestock Skillathon (by appt)	28 5 pm 4-H Dog Show	29 Ohio State Fair	30	31	

Notes

July 15th Deadlines

-Breeding livestock junior fair entries must be completed in FairEntry.

-Booth & Parade Forms (online)

-Jr. Fair Royalty Applications (online)

-Club Attendance & Fair Pass Form (can be dropped off to Extension Office or scanned and emailed)

August 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Ohio State Fair 9 AM – 4 PM Pre-Fair Judging Entries Due to Jr. Fair Office
2 Ohio State Fair	3 Club Packets Available for Volunteers to Pick Up	4	5	6	7 Athens Co. Fair	8
9 Ohio State Fair Athens Co. Fair	10	11	12	13	14 OH 4-H TLC Council/Cmte Applications Due	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Notes

To Do in August:

-Write thank you notes to award sponsors, junior fair buyers, and anyone who helped you with your projects this year!

-Record your 2026 4-H achievements.

September 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 7 pm Senior Fair Board	2	3	4	5
6	7 Office Closed – Labor Day	8 7 pm Junior Fair Board	9	10 6-7:30 pm Mkt Check Distribution 7:30 pm Sale Cmte	11	12
13	14 7 pm 4-H Committee on Zoom	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Notes

September 10th Sale Check Distribution

Exhibitors must come with a thank you note for EACH of their buyers. Each note must be in a stamped and addressed envelope, ready to mail.

October 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4 National 4-H Week	5	6 7 pm Senior Fair Board	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 7 pm Junior Fair Board	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Notes

To Do in October:

-Members who will be at least 14 AND in 9th grade as of 1.1.27 should submit a camp counselor application online!

-Potential new 4-H volunteers should submit an online application.

-**Both are due November 1st!**

November 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 New Volunteer Apps Due! Camp Counselor Apps Due!	2 7 pm 4-H Committee on Zoom	3 7 pm Senior Fair Board	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 7 pm Junior Fair Board	11 Office Closed – Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16 7 pm Sale Committee	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Office Closed – Thanksgiving	27 Office Closed - Thanksgiving	28
29	30					

Notes

Award Forms Due December 1st!

Be sure to submit your 4-H member achievement and Ohio 4-H Clover Award forms by midnight on December 1st! Volunteer nominated awards forms & honor club forms are also due online on December 1st.

December 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 4-H Awards Forms & Honor Club Apps Due 7 pm Senior Fair Board	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 7 pm Junior Fair Board	9 6 pm Market Beef Tag-In 7 pm Sale Cmte	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Office Closed – Christmas	25 Office Closed – Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 New 4-H Volunteer Background Check Deadline		

Notes

To Do in December:

-New 4-H Volunteer Applicants: have fingerprint background check done by December 31st.