



About 4-H: Preparing Youth for Success

- 4-H is a non-formal educational, youth development program offered to individuals age 5 and in kindergarten to age 19.
- Ohio 4-H youth development reaches more than 240,000 youth each year – helping kids “learn by doing” through hands-on activities.
- 4-H creates fun while learning in a variety of ways. Kids can participate in 4-H through community clubs, camps, in-school and after-school activities, and summer programs.
- Members increase their self-confidence and personal life skills while learning about specific subjects - anything from animals or computers to public speaking, cooking, art, gardening and environmental sciences, just to name a few project topics.

How to Join Defiance County 4-H:

1. Contact the Defiance County Extension Office to receive a new member packet via mail or download the packet.
 - Call 419-782-4771 to request a packet
 - Email Chris Comden at comden.1@osu.edu
 - Download Packet at: <https://u.osu.edu/defiance4h/join-4-h/>
2. Once you have received your informational packet, **contact the 4-H club advisor**. If you need help choosing a 4-H Club, contact the Extension Office. When choosing a 4-H club, ask the advisor about when/where the club meets to make sure it works for your family’s schedule
3. **Costs:** Defiance County 4-H has a \$7.00 4-H membership fee. 4-H Clubs may have additional dues.
4. **How to Enroll:** 4-H families will enroll in Defiance County 4-H via Ohio 4-H online platform.
 - Refer to the Step-by-step guide for making on-line enrollment. <https://u.osu.edu/defiance4h/join-4-h/>
 - Final enrollment deadline: March 30th

3. **4-H Projects:** Think about what project area the youth is interested in participating in (example: rabbit, sewing, or horses, cooking). Review the Ohio **4-H Family Guide** for a listing of projects. Still need help in trying to decide what project to take: **Project Central** is an easy way for 4-H members and project helpers to preview Ohio 4-H project books and resources. Take a closer look at a book, find out what others have to say, and share your experiences.

Project Central: <http://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/>
4-H Project Guide: <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>

4-H Eligibility:

- Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child’s age AND grade as of January 1 of the current calendar year. Eligibility for Cloverbud participation begins when a child is age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten. Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and in third grade. Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. A youth’s 4-H eligibility ends December 31 the year he/she turns 19.
- Joining Ohio 4 H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University.
- Accommodations can be made for youth with disabilities through our Winning 4-H Plan. Visit ohio4h.org/about/join-4-h to make an accommodation request.

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