

**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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2025 Defiance County 4-H Club Contacts

| 4-H Club Name | Advisor | Phone Number | Email Address | Meeting Information |
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| Apache Spirits | Kathy Holtsberry | 419-769-3822 | jkholtberry5@gmail.com | St. John Lutheran Sherwood- Sundays |
| Best In Northwest | Yvonne Blosser | 419-785-5157 | fawn@bright.net | Farmer Firehall- Last Thursday of the month |
| Black Swamp | Tara Shininger Karah Shininger | 419-438-7292 419-658-8811 | tarashininger@gmail.com karahleigh51@gmail.com | 06537 Glenburg Road Defiance, OH 43512 |
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| Buckeye Producers | Erin Jacob | 419-786-9199 | erinjacob08@gmail.com | OSU Extension Office- Sundays |
| Country Bunch | Tracy Hancock | 419-769-2931 | thancock75@hotmail.com | OSU Extension Office- Sunday Evenings |
| County Customs | Kaitlyn Hearne | 419-769-4077 | rethmelk12@gmail.com | Evansport United Methodist Church- Sundays |
| Country Pride | Angie Caryer | 419-786-0117 | caryer1@msn.com | Members Houses |
| Defiance Co. Clever Clovers | Lisa Friend | 419-542-6526 | jlage90@metalink.net | 06824 St. Rt. 49 Hicksville, OH 43526 |
| Farmer Agriculturists | Melinda Culler | 419-551-4127 | lmculler@gmail.com | Farmer Legion Building- Sundays |
| Friendly Faces | Katy Gaskill Holly Brobston | 419-769-0430 410-438-2242 | katykline08@gmail.com hhh08@msn.com | OSU Extension Office- Sundays |
| Green Acres | Karen Weber Collette Knight | 419-439-3595 419-956-2412 | nkweber04@yahoo.com orion_in_the_sky@hotmail.com | Jewell Community Center- Sundays |
| Hicksville Herdsmen | Michele Zeedyk Shari Hedge | 419-542-0168 419-786-0516 | mike@zeedykfarms.com sharihedge@hotmail.com | Vancrest Nursing Home |
| Little Buckeyes | Theresa Walters | 419-769-1323 | tkgarmyn@yahoo.com | 11257 Casebeer- Miller Rd. Hicksville, OH 43526 |
| Mark Blue Ribbon | Jackie Zeedyk | 419-542-8208 | jzeedyk1@hotmail.com | Hicksville- Sunday Afternoons |
| Maumee Explorers | Becky Singer | 419-769-5769 | singerosufan@bright.net | 15488 Rolland Road Sherwood, OH 43556 |
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| Premium Production | Danielle Limber | 419-439-1621 | ddlimer@yahoo.com | Ayersville Community Church- Sundays |
| Trailblazers | Krista Burroughs | 419-769-2669 | kristakaye11@gmail.com | OSU Extension Office- Thursdays |
| Whippoorwills | Jeff Rohlf Kaylee Williams | 419-784-6107 419-439-3505 | jlrohlf@defnet.com kayrohlf05@gmail.com | St. John Lutheran Defiance- 3rd Sunday of Month |