Livestock project completion requires:
1. Livestock evaluation includes: Project Interview and Book Review.
2. Dress code is the same as your show dress: ie, A member with a hog project would wear jeans, boots and a button up shirt. If you show multiple species, wardrobe changes are not required.
3. Skillathon station topics and sample scoresheet will be available at the first QA.
4. Specifics are listed in the judging booklet, available June 1.

4-H Buddies

Pairing youth with special needs to 4-H Mentors, giving both lifetime experiences that neither would have without the other. Buddies are youth with special needs ages 9-18 as of January 1 of the current year. Mentors are current 4-H members ages 13-18 as of January 1 of the current year.

Buddies create a three project wish list. Experienced Mentors complete a training to prepare them to assist a Buddy. The members will have taken the project they are assisting with at least one year prior to meeting their Buddy. Buddies are paired with a Mentor of their choice, or through a matching system. The pair meet a minimum of three times before completion of the project.

Buddy members do not need to join a 4-H club but can if they would like. If a Buddy would like to participate without a Mentor, they MUST enroll in a 4-H club.

Buddy members need to complete and return to the Extension Office a Buddy Application and a Winning 4-H Plan Request Form. These may be obtained from the Extension Office or [http://hancock.osu.edu](http://hancock.osu.edu).

Mentor 4-H members must complete and return to the Extension Office a Mentor Application found at the Extension Office or the website, [http://hancock.osu.edu](http://hancock.osu.edu). Mentors must also complete a training class and have at least one-year experience with the project they are assisting.

Please contact Conner for more information.

Winning 4-H Plan

If your child needs any accommodation to enjoy their 4-H experience, please contact Cassie by April 1 to begin the process.

Some Ways to Get Involved in Hancock County 4-H

For more information on these activities, check our website, like us on Facebook, or call the Extension Office.

Junior Leadership Club
Teambuilding, learning to save the world, cooking class, interview skills, dressing for success, and wilderness survival were just a few of the topics the Hancock County Junior Leaders explored last year. Junior Leaders learn about service through different community service projects, working 4-H events, and serving as ambassadors of 4-H throughout the county. If this sounds like fun to you, join the group! JL meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office. You do not need to currently be in 4-H to join; just be at least 14 years old.

Cloverbuds Opportunities
County Cloverbuds meet the first Thursday of February, April, October, and December from 6:15 until 7:15 pm. Cloverbuds have fun while learning about cultures and other fun topics.

A special Day Camp just for Cloverbuds is June 11 at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center at 7868 County Road 140, Findlay, Ohio. Adventure waits at this day of discovery, friends, and fun.

Cloverbud graduation celebrates the youth completing their Cloverbud experience and moving on to project 4-H. This program is held the Sunday of the fair. A Cloverbud party open to all Cloverbuds and their families will be held after graduation. Other special activities will also be held during the fair for Cloverbuds this year. Look for details in upcoming family newsletters.

Hancock County 4-H Shooting Sports Program
Join us at the Extension Office February 11 or 19 at 6:00 pm to learn about the shooting sports program! Youth, ages 9 to 18, may participate in the Shooting Sports program. Members must belong to a 4-H Club and sign up for the project in that club to participate. Shooting Sports 4-Hers learn about safety, marksmanship, history, and teamwork. Hancock County has trained volunteers in the following disciplines: archery, rifle, shotgun, muzzle loader, pistol, living history, and hunting & wildlife. Members wishing to take a Shooting Sports project must also join the Hancock County Shooting Sports program and work with a 4-H certified instructor. First year shooting sports members are required to take the Safe Use of Guns project and workshop prior to Shooting Sports, second year members...
are strongly encouraged to take the workshop as well. The workshop covers the entire project. Participants will complete the 4-H project requirements in one evening. Dates for the clinics will be announced soon. See project requirements section for more details.

4-H Kickoff

Ohio 4-H Week is March 8-14. The 4-H Advisory Council will host the 4-H Open House March 9 at First Presbyterian Church from 6-8 pm. The open house will provide an opportunity to check out the different project areas (including new project books), learn about upcoming programs, and celebrate Hancock County 4-H with fun, food, and friends. The open house is a free family event for the community.

Livestock Quality Assurance

For members with livestock projects, providing proper care for your livestock is a very important part of 4-H animal projects. This required workshop teaches the good production principles, safety, animal welfare, and ethics. Locally, Quality Assurance training is March 12 at McComb School and June 6 at the Fairgrounds. Check the calendar or newsletter for times. There is a new online training option this year. Check out page 6 for details.

The month of February is test out time. Members, at least 15 years old by January 1, 2020 and who have taken at least one year of Quality Assurance, may try the test out option. Passing with a 76% completes the requirement for the next 3 years.

Hancock County also has Good Sportsmanship training. Any member who has not completed Good Sportsmanship training, is required to attend with their parent or guardian. The sportsmanship workshop will be offered at Quality Assurance and at Livestock interviews. A parent or guardian must attend the sportsmanship workshop with their youth if they have not previously completed Good Sportsmanship training. Returning members that have had the training will be able to agree to abide by the rules on the Junior Fair entry forms.

L.E.A.D. Conference

L.E.A.D. (Learn, Educate, Advise, and Discover) Conference will be held March 16 at 7:00 pm at Arlington School. L.E.A.D. offers sessions for club officers to learn about his or her position, a new 4-H member orientation, and other great sessions to help youth get the most of their 4-H experience. Sessions will also be offered for 4-H adult volunteers. This is another great event for the whole family.

4-H Benefit Dinner & Auction

Save the date! April 4 is the 4-H Benefit Dinner & Auction at the Old Mill Stream Centre at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. Donations are needed. Remember you can use this on your Individual Honor Award Application. Tickets will be available in January.

Livestock Judging Contest

Test your knowledge as you rank different classes of livestock including cattle, sheep, swine and goats. Open to all 4-H members, the Livestock Judging Contest is held on June 2 at the University of Findlay’s Animal Science Center. Members may participate as individuals and teams even if you do not have a livestock project. In the different age divisions, prizes are awarded to the highest scoring competitors. We have special volunteers that work with younger members to help them understand how a judging contest works. There are also opportunities at the State Fair for livestock judging as well as at the Hancock County Fair.

Public Speaking Contests

Get involved in Public Speaking!

Job Interview Contest - Open to all 4-H members, Juniors are 9-13 and Seniors are 14 and up. The job interview contest will put your speaking and presenting skills to the test. Members will participate in a mock interview for a job appropriate to their age and experience. This will be held with the Demonstration Contest on June 16. There are prizes and opportunities to attend the Ohio State Fair.

Demonstration Contest - Members give a 6-8 minute presentation on how to do something. The topics can be anything 4-H appropriate. There will be awards and opportunities to go to the State Fair for those who participate. This year’s contest will be June 16 at the Extension Office.

Health and Safety Talks and Skits are back - Members may work as teams to put together a health or safety topic skit, or as an individual to give a talk. The county competition is June 16. There is a regional and state level competition beyond the county. If interested, contact the Extension Office.

Members interested in learning more about these opportunities should contact the Extension Office. A clinic for these contests will be held June 9.

4-H Junior Camp

4-H Junior Camp will be held June 25-29 this year at Camp Ohio in Licking County. Members ages 8-14 (3rd grade to 8th grade) may attend as campers. Early bird fee is $170 for Hancock County 4-Hers. Learn to fish, race down a zip line, hike the hills, swim in the pool, enjoy a campfire, make and take a craft, go canoeing, sleep in cabins, and make new friends for a life time are just a few of the great things about 4-H Camp. 4-Hers and their friends are welcome to attend this event. Watch the mail for your invitation to go to summer camp this year. Camp Scholarship applications are due April 15 to the Extension Office. The application is available in the forms section of this handbook or on http://hancock.osu.edu.

Celebration of 4-H

October 6, all 4-H families are invited to the Celebration of 4-H. The 4-H social, livestock sale checks distribution, and recognition of the great things the 4-H members have accomplished. Individual Honor Awards, County Awards, and much more are presented at this fun family event. Award applications are due September 15 in order to be considered. Sample of the award applications are available in this book, from your advisor, and located under forms at http://hancock.osu.edu/forms. The 4-H Advisory Council and others sponsor thousands of dollars in awards each year through these opportunities. For example, a member that completes and earns the Individual Honor Award for 10 years will receive a $100 scholarship.

For more information on these activities, check our website, like us on Facebook, or call the Extension Office.

Don’t wait, explore these opportunities NOW!