

4-H: Making the Best Better for Ohio Youth

Purpose

Ohio 4-H is the youth development program of OSU Extension. More than 200,000 youth participate in 4-H activities focused on the 4-H mission mandates: citizenship, healthy living and science. By working with adult mentors, youth engage in a variety of projects and activities—from food and forestry to rockets and rabbits. 4-H gives children and teens opportunities to learn and practice life skills, and become confident in their ability to use them in the future.

Impact

In 2015, Ohio 4-H youth completed more than 427,00 projects and programs: 40% in the area of healthy lifestyles; 37% in science, engineering and technology; 23% in citizenship.

16,317 adult volunteer leaders were actively involved in Ohio 4-H in 2015. Volunteers served as community club and project advisors, school enrichment volunteers, on county advisory boards and special projects.

A national study found that 4-H youth are four times more likely to contribute to their community, and two times more likely to be civically active and make healthier choices.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

OSU Extension
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
College of Education and Human Ecology
College of Public Health
The Ohio 4-H Foundation

Community Partners Involved

Ohio County Commissioners
County Agricultural Societies
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
Nationwide Insurance
State Farm Insurance
Farm Credit Mid-America
Monsanto
Ohio National Guard
Chicago Mercantile Exchange



How you can get involved:

- Serve as an advisor to a 4-H community club
- Offer your expertise as a project area advisor
- Assist on a county 4-H advisory committee
- Volunteer with the Ohio 4-H Foundation

To get involved, contact:

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