



WHERE DO I START?

With many opportunities available for teens, it's important to know where to start. Your first step should be to **contact your county 4-H professional.**

For more detailed information about each of these opportunities check out the Ohio 4-H Teen Opportunities Table at www.ohio4h.org/families/just-teens



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Ohio 4-H Opportunities for Teens



WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU?

Ohio 4-H offers a wide variety of opportunities for teens to develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for success. Opportunities for teens begin at the local 4-H club level and expand to the county, state, national, and international levels through various awards, boards, travel experiences, and camping opportunities.

COUNTY LEVEL

- 4-H Camp Counselor
- County Junior Fair Board Member
- CARTEENS
- Food and Fashion Board
- Junior Leaders

Contact your county 4-H professional for more information about county level opportunities!



OHIO ACHIEVEMENT RECORD

By annually completing and submitting your Ohio 4-H Achievement Record, you are eligible to be selected for these opportunities. For more information visit: go.osu.edu/4-hachievement

- **State 4-H Achievement Awards & National 4-H Congress**
 - 27 Award recipients receive a trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia held in November each year
- **National Dairy Conference**
 - Two winners are selected annually to attend this conference in fall in Madison, Wisconsin
- **Ohio Township Association 4-H Local Government Award**
 - For seniors who have participated in local government activities
- **Shooting Sport Ambassador / Teen Leadership Institute**
 - Represent Ohio as a National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador & attend the Teen Leadership Institute in late July / early August

STATE CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Leadership Camp**
 - Held each year in June; 4-H Camp Ohio; ages 14-18
 - go.osu.edu/leadershipcamp
- **Sea Camp**
 - Held each year in July; Kelleys Island 4-H Camp; ages 15-17
 - go.osu.edu/seacamp
- **Ohio Military Kids Camp Counselor**
 - Held each year in August; Kelley Island 4-H Camp; ages 15+
 - go.osu.edu/OMK
- **Shooting Sports Education Camp**
 - Junior and Senior Camp held each summer; Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
 - go.osu.edu/ssedcamp
- **Forestry & Wildlife Conservation Camp**
 - Held each spring; Canters Cave; grades 7-11



STATE BOARDS AND COUNCILS

Each of the opportunities below require separate applications and vary in their time commitment and requirements:

- **Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board**
 - Represent Ohio 4-H during the action-packed 12 days of the Ohio State Fair (2-year term)
- **4-H Event Youth Assistants**
 - Assist and represent Ohio 4-H at Ohio State Fair events; ages 13-18
 - go.osu.edu/4HEYA
- **Teen Leadership Council**
 - Statewide group of 4-H teens that provide a youth stakeholder perspective for Ohio 4-H while developing skills for future success
 - One year term (may renew for additional years); ages 14-18
 - go.osu.edu/TLC
- **State 4-H Fashion Board**
 - Promote Ohio 4-H clothing program and assist at the Ohio State Fair Fashion Revue
 - One year term; preference to teens ages 14+
 - go.osu.edu/statefashionboard



EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

- **Ohio 4-H Conference**
 - Day-long conference designed to engage teens in educational sessions pertaining to leadership, 4-H opportunities, and current events
 - Held annually in Columbus, ages 13+
 - go.osu.edu/O4HC
- **National 4-H Conference**
 - Week-long civic engagement conference designed to engage teens with their peers and a federal agency to answer a question related to a social issue of interest.
 - Held annually in Washington, D.C., ages 15-18
 - go.osu.edu/N4HC
- **Ohio 4-H Spark EXPO**
 - Spend 4 days on Ohio State's campus engaging in college and career readiness
 - Hosted each summer; must have completed 8th grade in the previous school year (2022-23)
- **Buckeye Leadership Workshop**
 - This 5 day event focuses on experiential learning through recreation to learn, share, and grow
 - Held annually in March in central Ohio; ages 14+
 - buckeyeleadership.com
- **Citizenship Washington Focus**
 - Held in Washington, D.C, this one-week experience develops students communication, leadership, and citizenship skills.
 - Ohio sends two delegations in June/July each year; ages 14-19
 - go.osu.edu/CWF
- **Cultural / Urban Immersion Projects**
 - An initiative that combines cross-cultural learning, teamwork and service learning in urban and international environments
 - Hosted each fall, location dependent upon year
 - Contact 4-H professional for more information.