

**4-H LEADERSHIP DAY**  
Lausche Youth Exploration Space  
Sunday, August 2, 2026  
ASHLEA DECHANT, Assistant Superintendent

**GENERAL GUIDELINES**

1. Age of Participants:
  - Junior (age 13 or under) as of January 1 of the current year.
  - Senior (age 14 or over) as of January 1 of the current year.
2. Participation Guidelines:
  - No one individual may participate in more than one class.
  - Counties may be represented by one individual in each class J-1 through J-11.
  - Participants must be enrolled as 4-H members in their county in the project indicated for their class.
  - The winner of any class in 2025 is not eligible to participate in the same class for 2026.
  - Participants will register and be evaluated at the time indicated for their county.
  - Participants are encouraged to set up their display on their own with no outside assistance.
3. Type of Evaluation:
  - Classes J-1 thru J-11:
    - Participants will take part in an interview evaluation with a judge. Participants will be judged based on their knowledge, skill, and understanding related to the project (40%), the quality of their display (20%), completeness of project book and documenting their project accomplishments (20%), and interview performance (20%).
4. Participant to bring:
  - Completed registration information provided to you by your County 4-H Educator.
  - J-1 thru J-11:
    - Completed project book and other project records.
    - A table-top exhibit illustrating highlights of their project experiences and accomplishments to share with a judge during an interview.
  - J-8: For those completing the iBook version of Leadership Road Trip, you will need to bring your own iPad with completed project records. Participants will also need to bring a tabletop exhibit as described above. Participants may also bring supplemental project records.

**CLASSES**

J-1 Mentoring: Leadership in Action  
J-2 Leadership 1  
J-3 Club Leadership 2  
J-4 Finding Your Voice: Public Speaking Made Easy, Jr.  
J-5 Finding Your Voice: Public Speaking Made Easy, Sr.

J-6 Local Government  
J-7 Leadership Self-Determined (includes Club Master, Camp Counseling and any other Leadership Self-Determined projects)  
J-8 Leadership Road Trip (includes iBook version)  
J-9 My Hands to Larger Service  
J-10 Pantry Panic

## AWARDS AND SPONSORS

1. All participants will receive participation awards, sponsored by The Ohio State Fair.
2. “Outstanding of the Day” ribbons, sponsored by The Ohio State Fair, will be awarded to the top 20% of each class.
3. One overall clock trophy will be presented in each class. In 2025 awards were provided by: **Brown County 4-H CARTEENS, Gene & Johnita Baumgardner, Dustin & Emily Homan, Emily & Daniel Niemann, Ohio State Department of Agricultural Communication Education & Leadership, Bill and Kristin Patterson and Family, Dr. Kameron S. Rinehart, Dr. Denise Shockley, Tammie Strawser and Ashlea and Natalie Hull, and Doug Tenny.**
4. Awards will be presented at approximately 5:00 pm (subject to change to later time if needed for additional judging time).
5. Those not able to be present for the awards ceremony may pick up their awards, or arrange for another adult to do so, from the 4-H fair office until the conclusion of the fair. Unclaimed awards will be sent to county Extension Offices after the fair.
6. Results will be posted online at <https://ohio4h.org/ohiostatefair>

## JUDGING SCHEDULE

The exact schedule of participation will depend on the number reporting at any one time. Members should bring registration information provided by their County 4-H Professional to the registration desk in the Lausche Youth Exploration Space. Registration will begin 15 minutes before judging time.

9:30 a.m.	Ashland, Clark, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Pickaway
10:00 a.m.	Allen, Champaign, Franklin, Logan, Marion
10:30 a.m.	Coshocton, Crawford, Greene, Licking, Madison, Muskingum
11:00 a.m.	Hardin, Hocking, Holmes, Knox, Morrow, Richland, Union
11:30 a.m.	Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Ottawa, Perry, Ross, Wyandot
1:00 p.m.	Athens, Auglaize, Clinton, Guernsey, Morgan, Shelby, Vinton
1:30 p.m.	Highland, Huron, Jackson, Medina, Meigs, Pike, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Williams
2:00 p.m.	Belmont, Hancock, Mahoning, Tuscarawas, Wayne, Wood
2:30 p.m.	Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Darke, Defiance, Erie, Hamilton, Harrison, Lorain, Lucas, Warren
3:00 p.m.	Jefferson, Monroe, Noble, Paulding, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Sandusky, Scioto, Van Wert
3:30 p.m.	Adams, Ashtabula, Brown, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Fulton, Gallia, Geauga, Henry, Lake, Lawrence, Trumbull, Washington

## 2025 CLASS WINNERS

J-01 Mentoring: Leadership in Action	Carter Boyd, Highland
J-02 Club Leadership 1	BellaDonna Threadgill, Morrow
J-03 Club Leadership 2	Grace Miller, Wood
J-04 Finding Your Voice: Public Speaking, Jr	Hannah Lamb, Van Wert
J-05 Finding Your Voice: Public Speaking, Sr	Salina Koirala, Franklin
J-06 Local Government	Aditi Pyakurel, Franklin
J-07 Leadership Self-Determined	Adelaide Gable, Perry
J-08 Leadership Road Trip	Alyssa Pawlowski, Union
J-09 Diversity: Source of Our Strength	Hannah Clark, Summit
J-10 My Hands to Larger Service	Elise Whittington, Delaware
J-11 Pantry Panic	Evelyn Ditmer, Warren

## 4-H State Fair Project Evaluation Sheet (Sample)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor number: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of January 1 (current year): \_\_\_\_\_

Project name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years in project: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of what you brought today to display your project (i.e., poster, equipment, etc.):

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**Keep this sheet with you until the judge calls your exhibitor number.**

Judges—Please place an “x” in the column that most closely describes this entry.

<b>Judging Guidelines</b>	<b>Excellent</b> Outstanding work that exceeds expectations	<b>Very Good</b> Well done, with few minor if any errors	<b>Good</b> Appropriate for member’s age and experience	<b>Average</b> Solid grasp of fundamentals
<b>Knowledge (40%)</b> Member demonstrates knowledge of basic concepts, skills, safety protocols (if applicable), and other project information.				
<b>Communication (20%)</b> Member communicates effectively with a positive attitude and with appropriate personal appearance.				
<b>Project Book (20%)</b> Project book is completed appropriately and provides an accurate record of project activities.			(book is complete)	(book needs some work)
<b>Display (20%)</b> Content is accurate, complete and displayed in a way that is neat and creative. It showcases knowledge and skills gained through project work.				
Strengths:				
Areas for improvement:				

White copy – 4-H member, Yellow copy - Judge