

SUMMARY OF 4-H CHANGES FOR THE 2026 OHIO STATE FAIR

DROPPED EVENTS/CLASSES

- Health Day
 - Staying Healthy
- Self-Determined Day
 - Crop Production
 - Field to Faucet
- Leadership Day
 - Diversity the Source of our Strength
- Stem Day
 - Electricity 1
 - Electricity 2
 - Wheels in Motion

NEW EVENTS/CLASSES

- Creative Arts Day
 - Knitting it Together
 - Self-determined Needle Felting
 - Self-determined No-Sew Fun
- Family Life Day
 - Empowering Personal Finance replaces Teens on the Road to Financial Success
- Home Decorating Day
 - Living on Your Own
- Natural Resources Day
 - Field Crops and Forages
 - Water Matters
 - Self-determined: Aquaculture: Rasing Seafood and Restoring Fisheries
 - Self-determined: Backyard Fireflies
- Stem Day
 - Paper Circuits
 - Smart Circuits
- Veterinary Science Day
 - How the Herd Multiplies
- Workforce Preparation Day
 - Self-determined: Building the Future: Construction Careers

NEW GUIDELINES/CHANGES

Cake Decorating Day is once again its own day and will be held on July 30th in the Lausche Youth building.

Family Life Day has been moved to Tuesday, August 4 in the Lausche Youth Exploration Space – guidelines for genealogy projects have been incorporated into the Family Life guidelines. Delegates are eligible to compete in one Family Life Day class.

Food and Nutrition Days are being condensed into two days and will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, July 5-6.



Health Day is being split between Mental, Emotional, and Social Health (MESH) and a Physical Wellness Day. Both are taking place on July 29 in the Lausche Youth Building and youth may compete in a class from each day.

Welding Day classes will move to 4-H age basis instead of size of weldment. Jr is 4-H Age 8-13 and Sr is 4-H Age 14+.

Workforce Preparation Day has amended county check-in times and made age adjustments for mock interview classes. Junior is 4-H Age 8-10, Intermediate, 4-H Age 11-13, and Senior is 4-H Age 14+

Woodworking Day has updates on tool usage and will have one delegate per class from each county



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