

# 2024 4-H Teen Opportunities County and State Activities

Wood County and Ohio State Activities Information available on our website at:

<https://wood.osu.edu/node/279>

## WOOD COUNTY COUNSELOR OPPORTUNITIES

### Midnight Madness

**February 10 – First United Methodist Church, Bowling Green Ohio (subject to a winter weather date change if inclement)**

Seeking responsible and enthusiastic teens who are a minimum of 13 years of age and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up to be counselors. Midnight Madness is an evening camp held annually for Wood County 4-H members who are 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. To learn more about Midnight Madness visit our website at: <https://wood.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-fair-events>. Chosen counselors must attend a training the evening of January 30 at the Extension Office. If you would like to be considered for a counselor position at Midnight Madness, reach out to Jenny Morlock at [morlock.3@osu.edu](mailto:morlock.3@osu.edu).

### Cloverbud Day Camp

**May 18 – 4-H Camp Palmer, Fayette Ohio**

Seeking responsible and enthusiastic teens who are a minimum of 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up to be group day camp counselors. New in 2024, Cloverbud Day Camp is back and better than ever at 4-H Camp Palmer for Wood County Cloverbuds age kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. More information will be forthcoming in 2024. Chosen counselors must attend a training the evening of May 17 overnight at 4-H Camp Palmer. If you would like to be considered for a counselor position at Cloverbud Day Camp, email 4-H Extension Educator, Liz Avers at [avers.16@osu.edu](mailto:avers.16@osu.edu).

### 4-H Camp

**June 15-19 – 4-H Camp Palmer, Fayette Ohio**

Seeking responsible and enthusiastic teens who are a minimum of 14 years of age and a freshman in high school to be counselors. Wood County 4-H Camp is a long-standing summer tradition and a highlight of the 4-H season each year for nearly 225 of our members. A separate application and interview process are necessary to select the teens needed for this event. Chosen counselors must attend a minimum of 22 hours of youth development training and work closely with other counselors to plan a dynamic and fun camping experience. Please visit our website with detailed information about the responsibilities and time commitment required: <https://wood.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/everything-camp>. The application deadline to apply is no later than January 5, 2024. Questions, may be directed to 4-H Extension Educator, Liz Avers at [avers.16@osu.edu](mailto:avers.16@osu.edu).



## **WOOD COUNTY CLUB/COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Livestock Judging**

Livestock Judging is a 4-H based activity in which participants learn to evaluate market and breeding animals for quality and performance. This club has a long history of high achieving 4-H members that have gone on to win state and national livestock judging awards. If you would like to learn more about animal evaluation, contact the Livestock Judging Team Coaches Ivan Belleville at 419-308-1894 and Kirsten Kemner 419-266-4487.

### **Shooting Sports**

We build lifelong skills for 4-H members through the National 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum and activities that enable youth to reach their full potential as capable, caring and contributing citizens. Our program is taught by state and nationally certified 4-H Shooting Sports instructors and include nine program disciplines: Archery, Crossbow, Hunting & Wildlife, Living History, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun and Western Heritage. We also offer specialized Shooting Sports Educational Summer camps for kids of all ages. If you would like to learn more about Wood County 4-H Top Shots, contact Advisors Steve Arnold at [divebum@earthlink.net](mailto:divebum@earthlink.net) or Megan Mantel at [megan.l.mantel@gmail.com](mailto:megan.l.mantel@gmail.com).

### **Wood County 4-H Committee**

Seeking teen representatives to join the Wood County 4-H Committee, made up of dedicated professionals, alumni, staff, and advisors. This committee meets approximately every other month in the evening at the 4-H Extension Office and terms for youth are 1-2 years in length. The committee feels that the youth perspective is vital in carrying out 4-H business to benefit all members and advisors. A qualified candidate is an active 4-H member in good standing in their home 4-H club and with county clubs/activities. If you would like to be considered as a 4-H Committee teen representative, please contact 4-H Extension Educator, Liz Avers expressing your interest at [avers.16@osu.edu](mailto:avers.16@osu.edu).

## **OHIO STATE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Ohio Military Kids**

The mission of this group is to support the youth of military families throughout the deployment cycle. The goals of the program are to create community support networks for military youth “in our own backyard” when they experience a loved one’s deployment; educate the public on the impact of deployment on a service members’ family through awareness building and educational trainings; and deliver recreational, social, and educational programs for military youth living in civilian communities throughout Ohio. Resources for this program can be found at: <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/operation-military-kids/resources>. Events and overnight camping opportunities can be found here: <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/operation-military-kids/upcoming-events>.



### **4-H Health Heroes: A Healthy Living Teen Advocates Program**

The Ohio 4-H Healthy Living program is spreading the word that young people can have a strong voice in advocating for healthy changes, both individually and community-wide. 4-H Health HEROES (**Health Education Resources for Outreach, Engagement, and Service**) promotes healthy eating, encourages people to engage in physical activities, and promotes positive community change. Additionally, 4-H Health Heroes help Ohio 4-H accomplish the goals of the National 4-H Healthy Living Mission Mandate, which encourages youth and families to gain optimal physical, social, and emotional well-being. Interested applicants for this program are youth in grades 9-12 and must fill out a separate application in October annually. To learn more visit: <https://ohio4h.org/healthheroes>.

### **Career Pathways**

The Ohio 4-H **Pathways to the Future** approach meets 4-H youth where they are and provides awareness, exploration, and prepared experiences to help youth find their own career pathway. Being the college and career readiness program within The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences to prepare youth to successfully accomplish their college and career goals following high school. Youth will engage in specialized events, activities, and curricula focused on career exploration and career readiness. The program is focused on developing and refining skills through experiences and a variety of strategies to help youth successfully transition to post-high school learning experiences and the workforce. Parents also have an opportunity to engage in conversations about the admission and financial aid process and other topics to support their child's career aspiration. To learn more about this state program visit: <https://ohio4h.org/workforce-development>.

