

2026 4-H Teen Opportunities Camps and Trips



The Wood County Trips and Award Application is required for all opportunities. Follow the QR Code and fill out the information. Deadline for applying is January 9, 2026

Carving New Ideas – Fall of 2026

Boogie into Leadership next fall at Carving New Ideas (CNI), held at 4-H Camp Ohio November 21-23! CNI is a statewide camping opportunity that focuses on workforce development, future-forward thinking, and program facilitation for 4-H members in grades 8-12. Campers develop their leadership skills while making new friends from across Ohio. Held at 4-H Camp Ohio, this fall camping experience fosters new ways of thinking as older youth begin to explore their future careers and educational paths. Hosted by Collegiate 4-H at The Ohio State University, Collegiate 4-H members serve as session presenters, camp counselors, advisors, and more. Learn more at go.osu.edu/cni

National 4-H Conference Delegate – Deadline to apply December 1

2026 National 4-H Conference Delegate Opportunity! Applications are now open for Ohio 4-H members (ages 15–18 as of January 1, 2026) to represent our state at the 2026 National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C., held April 9–15. This prestigious event focuses on civic engagement, civic education, and personal development, bringing together youth from across the country to connect, learn, and lead. Interested members must complete the online application by December 1. More details and application link can be found here: <https://go.osu.edu/N4HC>

Ohio 4-H Conference

March 21, 2026 - Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus Ohio

This event is designed to bring together 4-H volunteers and teens from across the State of Ohio. The objective of this event is to learn together and from each other to improve our abilities to deliver the Ohio 4-H Program to its members. We truly believe that these educational selections offer something for everyone and can satisfy every interest and need. Nearly 150 sessions will be available to choose from! All Ohio 4-H TEENS (age 13 and older) AND VOLUNTEERS are welcome to attend. Registration due ASAP (when sessions are updated); sessions fill up fast (first-come, first served.)

For more information and the registration form go to: <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>

Buckeye Leadership Workshop

March 18-22, 2026 - Recreation Unlimited, Ashley Ohio



Partial scholarships will be awarded to older 4-H members at least 14 years of age and freshman in high school and adult volunteers. Buckeye Leadership Workshop, held annually at Recreation Unlimited, provides sessions that strengthen participant's leadership skills within a recreation setting. Sessions include Dance and Games, Leadership, Team Challenge, Camp Skills, Song Leading, Photography, Quilting & Crafts and Outdoor Adventure. Additional scholarship money is available, but members must apply for these in late January of 2026. For more information and scholarship application (part of your registration) go to:

<https://buckeyeleadership.com/> Contact the Extension Office ASAP if interested in attending.

****Registration is currently open until full**

Citizenship-Washington Focus

March 2027 - National 4-H Center, Washington D.C.

As part of the National Ignite y 4-H summit two or more members will enjoy an exciting, innovative approach to citizenship education. Citizenship-Washington Focus will bring high school youth participants to the National 4-H Center for a weeklong experience in our nation's Capital. Workshops will reinforce the importance of government issues, develop a new perspective of international relations and stress personal growth and leadership skills. Delegates must be at least 14 years of age, currently enrolled in 4-H, and have completed at least one year of 4-H club work. Interview date is to be announced. Watch your opportunity to apply this summer.

Visit: <https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/citizenship-washington-focus>



Making Extreme Counselors

February 28 to March 1- Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau Building

an interactive and quick-paced training that offers innovative camp ideas to new and veteran camp counselors. MXC participants will leave with skills that will enable them to assist in their county's camp program planning and delivery and prepare them to deliver a great camp program to their campers. For counselors' youth ages 14 to 18.



National Ignite by 4-H Summit – SOLD OUT FOR 2026**March 25-29, 2026**

Is a National Summit designed to bring high school youth (between 14-18) together from across the country and give them the opportunity to explore the best 4-H has to offer in different tracks including Agriscience, Animal Science, Community Accelerators, Healthy Living and STEM. (Individuals interested in representing their county at Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) in 2026 at Ignite are encouraged to contact their county 4-H professional for additional details regarding this opportunity, as it is NOT a part of this application). A hallmark of Ignite is the Lead to Change campaign which empowers youth to be Agents of Change where you (as a delegation) will create and present a proposal to address issues within your community.

State Leadership Camp**June 1–5, 2026 – 4-H Camp Ohio, St. Louisville Ohio**

Are you interested in growing as a leader alongside your peers? Consider attending Ohio 4-H State Leadership Camp (held June 1-5 at 4-H Camp Ohio)! This camp is a premiere leadership development opportunity that offers participants engaging sessions in topics such as motivation, communication, teamwork, and more! While at camp, participants are actively learning AND teaching their peers! This opportunity is open to Ohio 4-H members ages 14-18 – contact your county 4-H professional for more information on cost, scholarships, and registration or visit go.osu.edu/leadershipcamp for additional information.

Visit: <https://ohio4h.org/camp/leadership-camp>



Ohio 4-H Sea Camp

July 20-24 – Kelleys Island 4-H Camp, Kelleys Island Ohio

Through partnerships of Ohio State University Extension and organizations that offer aquatic education and water recreation, Ohio 4-H Sea Camp at Kelleys Island has offered hundreds of young people the opportunity to learn about aquatic science and experience a variety of recreational watersports on Lake Erie. Ohio 4-H Sea Camp offers teenage youth an introduction to the Great Lakes through hands-on experiences in a variety of aquatic-based programs. Teens 14-17 as of January 1, 2026, will gain an understanding of safety applied to watercraft, sun and open water recreation. Participants will explore a variety of potential career opportunities through learning from professionals in aquatic science, natural resources, and watersports. Participants will gain lifelong skills fostered through educational and recreational water-based activities, while developing lasting friendships and comradery with peers. \$400 fee per camper that is enrolled in 4-H.

Visit: <https://ohio4h.org/camp/sea-camp>

