Clermont County
4-H Youth Development

4-H is a youth organization for ages 5 to 19 that allows members to learn by doing. With more than 200 projects to choose, the possibilities are endless - learn to cook, create a blog, how to speak to a crowd or show an animal all while attending camps, gaining leadership skills and building lifelong friendships.

**BENEFITS OF 4-H**

- 4-H members are 20% more likely to hold a leadership position in their school or community
- High school-aged 4-H’ers are 2 times more likely to be civically active
- Youth involved with 4-H are 24% more likely to be involved in community service projects
- 4-H’ers are 2 times more likely to make healthier choices than their peers
- 40% of 4-H alumni have earned a university degree, compared to the national average of 28%
- 4-H’ers are 2 times more likely to participate in STEM programs outside of school hours
- 4-H encourages independent thinking and career planning

Statistics from *The Positive Development of Youth: Comprehensive Findings from the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development, 2014*

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Clermont County 4-H Programs

**CLOVERBUDS**  Children, ages 5 to 8 (K to 2nd grade), engage in short-term, non-competitive activities to gain self-confidence and develop positive attitudes. Many clubs have special Cloverbud activities, and Clermont has dedicated Cloverbud events during fair time for its youngest 4-H members!

**CARTEENS**  As an educational traffic safety program for first-time juvenile traffic offenders, Clermont CARTEENS serves more than 500 juvenile traffic offenders and parents annually through peer instruction.

**CAMPS**  Clermont partners with Hamilton County to offer youth overnight camp at 4-H Camp Graham in Clarksville, Ohio. Activities include swimming, sports, hiking, campfires, songs and the annual dance. Older teens have the opportunity to become a camp counselor. Additionally, other state, national and international 4-H camp opportunities are offered to Clermont 4-H’ers.

**JUNIOR FAIR**  All 4-H members have the opportunity to participate in the Clermont County Fair. The fair is held the last full week of July at the fairgrounds in Owensville.

**FCS TEEN BOARD**  Youth in grades 7-12 lead activities related to health, wellness, nutrition, fashion and clothing construction.

**SHOOTING SPORTS**  Youth learn life skills, self-worth, conservation, marksmanship, safety, the responsible use of firearms, the principles of hunting and more through one of the county’s shooting sports clubs.

**DOG PROGRAM**  4-H members can participate in Clermont’s dog program to learn from qualified instructors about obedience, showmanship and general dog care. They can take part in the dog skill-a-thon, county judging and many levels of state competition.

**LOOK TO CLERMONT**  A leadership development program for high school juniors and seniors, the program is managed by OSU Extension in partnership with the University of Cincinnati.

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**4-H MISSION**
Empower youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults

**4-H VISION**
A world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change

**4-H VALUES**
The four H’s represent the values members work on through 4-H programming:
- Head: Managing, Thinking
- Heart: Relating, Caring
- Hands: Giving, Working
- Health: Being, Living

**4-H PLEDGE**
I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.