



Ohio State University Extension

Portage County 4-H Calendar 2026

**Please note, dates, times and locations are subject to change. Be sure to check your emails, portage.osu.edu ("4-H Youth Development") and the Portage County Extension Facebook page for updates.*

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Extension Office Closed**
- 6 Life Skills Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Room 101, Oakwood St.
- 9 Camp Counselor Applications Due**
- 10 4-H Volunteer Mandatory Training, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Waterloo Elementary School
- 15 Beef DNA/EID Kits Due to State Fair
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Extension Office Closed**
Camp Counselor Interviews at Portage Fairgrounds & Mahoning Office
- 21 Ohio 4-H Achievement Record Applications Due to Extension Office for State Awards**
- 22 4-H Volunteer Mandatory Training, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Waterloo Elementary School
- 25 State Horse Volunteer Training, State 4-H Center
- 28 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Community Room 101, Oakwood St.
- 31 Club and Committee Paperwork Due to Extension Office**

February

- 1 Deadline for new 4-H Volunteer Applications**
Achievement Records Due for Trips and Opportunities sponsored by Fair Board
- 13 Camp Counselor Training, 5:30 p.m., Portage County Fair Office
- 15 Volunteer Background Checks for Re-Screened Volunteers Due**
Ohio 4-H Scholarship Applications due to State Office
- 16 Quality Assurance Test Out, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Extension Office (Or by appointment)
- 18 Registration for Ohio 4-H Conference Due to Extension Office**
- 21-22 Camp Counselor Overnight Training, Camp Whitewood (**Counselors must attend one overnight training*)

March

- 1 Honor Club Form and Early Club Enrollment & Fees Due for Honor Club Points
- 7 Horseapalooza (Clinic) & Horse Communications Contest, Ohio 4-H Center, Columbus
Horse Recognition Banquet and Awards Ceremony, Ohio 4-H Center, Columbus
- 15-21 Ohio 4-H Week
- 15 Quality Assurance Training, 1-2 p.m., Waterloo Middle/Elementary
- 15 Gold Medal and Youth Recognition Ceremony, 2-3 p.m., Waterloo Middle/Elementary



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- 14-15 Camp Counselor Overnight Training, Camp Whitewood (**Counselors must attend one overnight training*)
- 18 4-H Enrollment Deadline - No enrollment/re-enrollment accepted after 11:59 p.m.**
(Project changes/updates accepted until April 1)
- 18-22 Buckeye Leadership Workshop, Recreation Unlimited, Ashley, OH
- 19-22 Ohio Beef Expo, Ohio Expo Center, Columbus
- 21 Ohio 4-H Conference - Columbus**

April

- 1 Club Member Fees Due/Final date for project updates/changes**
Ohio State Fair Scholarship Due
- 7 Life Skills Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Room 101, Oakwood St.
- 5 State Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Ohio 4-H Center, Columbus
- 9-12 Equine Affaire, Ohio Expo Center, Columbus
- 9-15 National 4-H Conference, Arlington, VA
- 17-19 Forestry Wildlife Conservation Camp, Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
- 18 DairyPalooza, Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster
- 24-26 Spring Shooting Sports Workshop, Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
- 25 Quality Assurance Training, 9-10 a.m., Portage County Fairgrounds (before beef clinic)
- 29 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Community Room 101, Oakwood St.

May

- 4 Junior Fair Committee Communications Meeting, 7 p.m., Portage County Fair Office
- 5 Life Skills Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Room 101, Oakwood St.
- 7-9 Portage County Advisory Committee Rummage Sale, Portage County Fairgrounds
- 13 Quality Assurance Training, 6-7 p.m., Hubbard Building, Portage County Fairgrounds
- 21 Cloverbud Day Camp, 10-2 p.m., Dix Park
- 25 Memorial Day - Extension Office Closed**

June

- 1 Final Book Order Forms Due – Emergency replacement of books after June 1**
Quality Assurance (QA) Training Documentation Due (Required for Market & Lactating)
Horse Safety & Ethics Training Documentation Due
Fair Entry Access Open for 2025!
Portage County Campership Applications Due





June

- 2 Life Skills Committee Meeting, Community Room 101, 7:00 p.m.
- 1-5 State 4-H Leadership Camp
- 9 State Achievement Award Banquet, 4-H Center
- 9-11 Space Adventure Camp
- 10-13 Ohio 4-H Spark EXPO, 4-H Center, Columbus
- 12-14 Junior Shooting Sports Camp (Grades 3-6), Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
- 19 Juneteenth – Extension Office Closed**
- 20 Portage County PAS Show, Fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m
- 21 Ohio State Fair Junior Livestock Entry Postmark Deadline – Ohio State Fair
- 21-23 STEM Camp, Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
- 21-27 National Shooting Sports Championships, Grand Island, NE
- 27 Cloverbud Engineering Showcase, Portage County Fairgrounds

July

- 1 State Fair Horse Show Entry Deadline**
Large Animal Identification and Pictures in 4-H Online
Portage County 4-H Endowment Scholarship Application Due to Extension Office
Horse Alumni Scholarship Due to Extension Office
- 4 Independence Day - Extension Office Closed**
- 5-10 4-H Camp Whitewood – Portage, Stark & Summit**
- 7 Life Skills Committee Meeting, Community Room 101, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Life Skills Project Judging and Communications Contests, PC Randolph Fairgrounds**
11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Food and Nutrition, Life Skills, Shooting Sports and Natural Resources
4 p.m. - Public Speaking and Mock Interview Contest
- 12-17 Senior Shooting Sports Camp (Grades 7-12), Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
- 18-21 Ohio 4-H Sea Camp, Kelly's Island 4-H Camp
- 23 Clothing Day and Life Skills Awards, Ravenna High School**
12-4:30 p.m. Clothing Grade Day
5-6:15 p.m. Style Revue
7:00 p.m. All Life Skills Awards
- 29 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Community Room 101, Oakwood St.

July 29-Aug. 9 Ohio State Fair





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August

- 1 Fair Entry (early deadline)
- 2 Ohio 4-H Food Challenge, Ohio 4-H Center
- 3 Junior Fair Committee Communications Meeting, 7 p.m., Portage County Fair Office
- 11 Life Skills Committee Meeting, Community Room 101, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Fair Entry Final Deadline, 4 p.m.
- 19 Fair Packet Pickup, 5-7 p.m., Portage County Fair Office
- 22 Fair Packet Pickup, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Portage County Fair Office

25-30 Portage County Randolph Fair

September

- 1 Life Skills Committee Meeting, Community Room 101, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Labor Day - Extension Office Closed**
- 15 Portage County Gold Medal Applications Due to Extension Office**
- 22-24 Farm Science Review**
- 27-Oct. 1 National 4-H Dairy Conference, Madison, WI
- 28 Junior Fair Committee Communications Meeting, 7 p.m., Portage County Fair Office

October

- 2-4 Fall Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop, Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
- 4-10 National 4-H Week**
- 6 Life Skills Committee Meeting, Community Room 101, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Community Room 101, Oakwood St.

November

- 1 4-H Enrollment Opens for 2027
- 6-12 National 4-H Week**
- 11 Veteran's Day - Extension Office Closed**
- 26-27 Thanksgiving - Extension Office Closed**
- 27-Dec. 1 National 4-H Conference, Atlanta, GA





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December

- 1 Ohio 4-H Teen Award Nominations Due**
4-H Hall of Fame and Volunteer Award Nominations Due to State 4-H Office
Ohio 4-H Clover Award Level 5 (Platinum Clover) Forms Due to State 4-H Office
National 4-H Conference Delegate Applications Due
- 5 Ohio 4-H Horse Judging Clinic**
- 24-25 Christmas Eve & Christmas - Extension Office Closed**
- 26-31 University Winter Recess - Extension Office Closed**

January 2027

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