

Older Youth Opportunities

Junior Fair Board – The Junior Fair Board is organized with representation from Junior Fair youth group participants, including 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Skills USA, and Farm Bureau and is responsible for planning, conducting and evaluating various activities of the Junior Fair. The Junior Fair Board is accountable to the Senior Fair Board and may have advisors representing the various youth groups participating. The Junior Fair Board meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month. The current constitution states that members must attend at least 50% of the meetings to remain a member of the Morgan County Junior Fair Board.

Junior Leaders – A group of older 4-H youth who participates in community service projects in Morgan County. Junior Leaders also are responsible for helping at 4-H project judging. Many Junior Leaders promote 4-H in the schools in Morgan County by giving demonstrations and putting up posters in their school. They also get to go on team building trips throughout the year. Recently, Junior Leaders meetings have had workforce development and life skills lessons to prepare teens for their future endeavors. The Junior Leaders meet once a month on the last Monday of the month.

Junior Fair Sale Committee – The Livestock Sale Committee was established to assist the Senior Fair Board and representatives from the youth organizations in determining the need and direction of the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. The committee assists with the planning, implementing, and evaluating of the activities related to the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. The committee also seeks local financial resources and support, as needed, to conduct, promote, and expand the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. The Junior Fair Sale Committee meets on a bi-monthly basis on the second Thursday of the month. Currently only 5 youth can serve as junior fair board representatives. Voting members (3 per specie) must be at least a freshman in high school.

4-H Advisory Committee – The Morgan County 4-H Advisory Committee serves a major purpose and works with County Extension Staff to help determine the needs and direction of the county 4-H program while following state and national policy by:

- Helping analyze the needs and interest of all county youth 5 to 19 years of age.
- Helping to ensure a balanced program regarding all potential clientele, including adults and youth on a nondiscriminatory basis.
- Assisting with planning, evaluating, and recommending of 4-H educational experiences, methods, and programs.
- Assisting in the recruitment and development of leadership to work with the 4-H program.
- Seeking local financial resources as needed to conduct, promote, and expand the 4-H program.

Currently, 4-H Committee meetings are held bi-monthly on the last Monday of the month. The 4-H Committee is open to local 4-H families, volunteers, community members, and youth representatives. Currently only 3 youth can serve as representatives.

4-H CARTEENS - 4-H CARTEENS is a traffic safety program conducted by 4-H teen leaders and their program partners for juvenile traffic offenders. Teens gain leadership, public speaking, and organizational skills. 4-H CARTEENS goals include:

- Reducing the number of repeat juvenile traffic offenders,
- Decreasing the number of teen traffic offenders, and
- Increasing teen awareness of traffic/vehicular safety.

Currently, the 4-H CARTEENS meet approximately 4 times to plan the 3 programs offered during the year. Older youth must be at least 15 years old with their permit to lead this program.