

The Fair is Over... Now What?

The barns are empty, the booths are packed away, and the ribbons are proudly hanging at home — another 4-H fair season is officially behind us. But don't be fooled: 4-H doesn't stop when the fair ends.

In fact, some of the most valuable parts of the 4-H experience happen in the “in-between” — in the quiet moments of reflection, the pride of a job well done, and the excitement of looking ahead.

As summer winds down and school gears up, 4-H members carry with them more than just their projects. They carry new skills, stronger confidence, and friendships that last well beyond the fairgrounds. And as routines return and backpacks replace feed buckets, those life lessons continue to grow.

Before we know it, a brand-new 4-H year will be here. Enrollment opens in October, and whether your family is full of long-time members or just starting to explore what 4-H is all about, we can't wait to welcome you.

So yes — the fair may be over. But 4-H? It's just getting started.