



Defiance County Blue Ribbon Classic Animal & Me Livestock Show Wed., August 26, 2026

Participant Application

The 4th Annual Blue-Ribbon Classic (Animal & Me Show) will be held on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026 in the Defiance County Junior Fair main show arena**. This heart-warming event provides an opportunity for individuals with special needs to experience what it's like to exhibit an animal at the fair. Participants will pair up with a 4-H/FFA show buddy and show an animal in the livestock show ring.

- All participants will receive a t-shirt and special participation awards.
- Participants will receive a one-day fair pass.
- The animal options include goats, sheep, rabbits, hogs and feeder calves.

We encourage youth and adults with special needs to join us in the Defiance County Blue Ribbon Classic (Animal & Me) program on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at the Defiance County Fair.

Please contact me should you have further questions.

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Important 2026 Animal & Me Dates

Livestock Buddy Meeting:

Thursday, August 6, 2026 @ 6:00 pm
Fairgrounds Main Show Arena

Animal and Me Event:

Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Meet Buddy at 4:00 pm
Show: 4:30 pm
Main Show Arena





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Participant Application

Participant Application Form: This form must be completed by the individual's parent/guardian.

Submit form by April 30, 2026 to: Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Attention Toby Bostater
195 Island Park Ave.
Defiance, Ohio 43512.

Animal & Me Participant First and Last Name:					
Age (Must be 9 years old as of 1/1/26.):			Birth Date:		
Street Address:					
City:		State:		Zipcode:	
Phone:		Email:			
Parent/Guardian First and Last Name:					
T-Shirt Size:		Dietary Restrictions:			

Animal & Me Practice/Meet & Greet: Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 6pm at the Defiance County Fairgrounds.

Animal & Me Event: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 4:30pm at the Main Show Arena. Arrive at 4pm.

Animal Choices Include: Goat, Sheep, Rabbit, Feeder Calf, Hog

List below (in order of preference) which animal(s) you would be willing to show. Please note, there is no guarantee that participants will be paired with their top animal pick.

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Describe participant's present accessibility needs and anything else the mentor may need to know.

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Consent Form

Permission to Participate & Informed Consent

I understand that my individual, will be participating in the Defiance County Blue Ribbon Classic at the Defiance County Fair. I understand that my individual will be participating in this event with other 4-H members and volunteers from Defiance County 4-H. I understand that participation in this activity is strictly voluntary.

I have read, understand, and have discussed with my individual that:

- Participants are expected to follow instructions of adult volunteers and other individuals that are hosting our group.
- Participants are expected to fully participate in activities outlined by the adults/person in charge of events and activities, unless parent/guardian has made prior arrangements.
- Participants are expected to respect each other, equipment/materials that are made available to them, and adults in charge of the event.

I have discussed with my individual the importance of following directions and safety procedures that will be outlined by the adults in charge of the activity. I understand that my individual is not required to participate in this activity, but grant permission for him/her to do so, despite the possible risks. I recognize that by participating in this activity my individual may risk personal injury. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this activity, and that I assume any expenses that may be incurred in the event of accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses.

Parent/Guardian Signature:		Date:	
Participant Signature:		Date:	

Photo and Video Release

I give permission to The Ohio State University, OSUE, the Ohio 4-H program, and the Defiance County Fair to record and edit into video and/or photographs the likeness, voice, image and video images of my individual, and to use all or parts of the video or photographs in print or electronic materials for The Ohio State University, OSUE, the Ohio 4-H program, and Defiance County Fair to promote any and all public awareness for the program(s) in which my individual is involved.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date



Getting to Know You Form



Participant Name:

Age:

Grade:

School:

Work:

Favorite Food:

Favorite Sports Team:

Hobbies:

**Number of Years
participating in the
Defiance County Blue
Ribbon Classic?**

**What is the best thing
about showing an animal
at the fair?**
