

**Community Service Ideas to Do At the County Fair**  
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**Fundraisers:**

- ★ *Remember to find an agency, family, or cause to donate funds raised. Money raised should not benefit the Junior Fair Board, because you are giving back to the community.*
- Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
- Dinner/Cookout - Ox Roast, Hog Roast, buy a wristband to get into the dinner
- Apple Pie Contest - auction of pies/cakes/cookies after contest
- Kiss the Critter - Kiss the Pig Contest (if person doesn't want to kiss the animal they can buy their way out of kissing the animal and instead kiss a photo or stuffed animal)
- Sheep Shearing Contest
- Tractor Pull for Kids
- Dance
- Scavenger Hunt - Treasure or picture hunt (Find Mr. Bargain?)
- Amazing Race Contest
- Silent Auction
- Eating Contest
- Singing Contest
- Talent Show Contest
- 5K (3.1 miles) Race
- Fun Run around Fair Grounds
- Sport Contests - Dodgeball tournament (Glow-in-the-Dark Tournament), foul shooting contest, horseshoes,
- Game Day Fundraisers
- Raise money to send children to camp
- Bake Sale
- Car Cruise-in or Shows - entry fee for cars
- Antique Tractor Show
- Mascot (Duck or Chris Clover) to rent to groups for parties
- Money Scramble
- Blue Ribbon - sell ribbons and wrist bands for donations for new fair buildings
- Sell Baskets
- Raffle (check with Sr. Fair Board if raffle is going to be conducted on fair grounds)
- Benefit Horse Show - Dog Show, etc.
- Hog/Duck/Frog Races
- Euchre Tournament - Card tournament (caution on any gambling games)
- Alumni Showmanship
- T-shirts to sell
- Stickhorse Contest - Race for younger children
- Fair Fear Factor - caution -check out your risks of events, release forms, insurance, etc.

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**Donations:**

- Food Bank Donation for a Fair Entrance Discount
- Food Drive
- Book Drive for Libraries, Homeless Shelter, Schools, Victims' Safe Shelters
- Gun Lock Give-Away
- Pennies for Smiles - pay for dental work for children
- Free Meal or Day at the Fair - for good grades
- Collect Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House(s)
- Collect items for Troops - need donations to pay for shipping also
- Collect school supplies for Families
- Toys for Tots
- Adopt-A-Pet
- Raise money for Police Dogs - bullet proof vest, training, feeding, etc.
- Dog/Cat Food Drive for Animal Shelter
- Blankets for Homeless
- Fans for the needy or Elderly
- Smoke Detectors

**Other Events to be held at the County Fair:**

- Family Fun Night
- Kiddie Game Night
- Puzzle
- Parades (pets, dogs, bikes, etc.)
- Skateboard Floats
- Health Oriented Events (provide info about health issues)
- Fun Fairs/Mini Fairs
- Park Cars
- Provide rides to fairgrounds from parking lot for elderly or handicap fair goers - People Mover
- Fair Beatification - plant flowers, plant trees, paint the buildings, trash can painting contest, barn decorating contest, "Golden Pitchfork" for cleanest barn
- Farmer for A Day - Public get a chance to experience 4-H/Agriculture - displays, live baby animals with information about livestock feeding, production, by-products, etc.
- Help with Fair Events - Help Sr. Fair Board
- Light up barns to help with watching the barns at night (Barn Block Watch)
- Recycling - collection point for cans and paper - turn items into cash to donate
- Find Mr. Bargin (does anyone remember what this was?)
- Set up Fingerprinting Identification Booth for young children - picture ID's
- ID Booth for dogs
- Letters to soldiers
- Coloring Contest for children  
(Check with local Farm Bureau for crayons from the Ohio Soy Bean Council)
- Special Spots/Backgrounds for Family Fair Photos to be taken
- Pass out Water Bottles at Events

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**Other Events to be held outside of the Fair:**

- ★ *Wear your Junior Fair Shirt (nametags) so your group is easily identified*
- Visitation - Bring the fair to those who cannot attend or make a video of fair highlights to share
- Yard work for Senior Citizens - plant flowers, mulch, rake leaves & shovel snow
- Rent a Junior Fair Board member to do yard work and miscellaneous jobs
- Helping at Retirement Centers - Bingo, cards, making greeting cards on less popular holidays,
- Habitat for Humanity - contact agency for their needs and age requirements to work on building
- Hike for Hospice
- Relay for Life (American Cancer Society)
- Car Wash (donate money to non-profit, beatification project, family)
- Bike Derby
- Road Side Cleanup  
(check with Ohio Department of Transportation - they will provide safety vests, trash bags, safety training, and road sign)