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4-H ChickQuest

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What is 4-H ChickQuest?

4-H ChickQuest is a school enrichment program provided by OSU Extension Jackson County that challenges youth to use science, engineering, technology to investigate the life cycle of an embryonic chicken egg. From monitoring living eggs to observing fluffy chicks, these lively activities pique curiosity, encourage collaboration and communication, and provide young scientists with unforgettable experiences. To see how 4-H Chick Quest meets classroom education standards, please visit https://ohio4h.org/chickquest.

What is in the classroom hatching kits?

Kits include, for the duration of the program (~30 days):

- Incubator
- Egg turner
- Egg candler
- Brooder box, bedding, & heat plate
- Feeder (w/ feed) and waterer
- One teacher guidebook
- One student logbook
- One dozen fertilized eggs

What is the cost?

At most, $5.00 to cover the cost of fertilized eggs. Classrooms also have the option to source their own fertilized chicken eggs. Educators can purchase additional curriculum and student logbooks at extensionpubs.osu.edu, although everything needed to complete the program is provided by the Extension Office in our classroom hatching kits.

Who can participate?

The program is designed for grades K-5, although it can be adjusted for younger and older children. There is also a Chickenology curriculum for middle school students that touches on more advanced science topics.

What happens after hatch?

We can assist you in finding homes for the chicks after they hatch if needed. ALL chicks must be placed together after hatch. Chicks cannot be sent home with students.

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