

## 2020 Project Book Evaluations/ Skill-a-Thon

It goes without saying that this has been an unusual year. That is going to translate to how judging activities are conducted. The plan that is outlined below was created in consultation with the Preble County Health Department so that we can protect the health of all those involved – members, judges, families, volunteers, JFM members etc.

### 2020 NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

**The schedules for food and nutrition, clothing and special interest project judging are posted at [www.preble.osu.edu](http://www.preble.osu.edu)** on the Project Completion tab. If you cannot access the schedules from the website, please contact our office so that we can get you a copy.

The schedules are created using the information retrieved from the Fair online entry system. If you notice that your name is missing, please let us know via email so that we can figure out why. Sometimes it is a simple cutting and pasting error. You can e-mail Nancy ([tilton.47@osu.edu](mailto:tilton.47@osu.edu)) or Christy ([millhouse.10@osu.edu](mailto:millhouse.10@osu.edu)).

Remember, that there will be wait time at the judging – that is normal. We want every child to feel that the time that he or she has spent on a project is valued and that each member has an equal chance to share his or her project with the judge. **If you know prior to the judging day, that you will not be completing a project, please let us know.**

### SPECIAL INTEREST PROJECT JUDGING – JULY 20

**beginning at 2 p.m. TONEY BLDG.**

Special Interest judging is being moved to the late afternoon/early evening. With the number of projects this year, we do not need as much time. We are going to use the morning to be sure that we are set up to meet all the guidelines that we need. We are hoping that by starting later in the day, parents who take off a partial day of work might be able to plan better.

A schedule with specific interview times will be sent to all members who completed a Fair entry for their special interest project. If you realize that you will not be completing a project, please let us know as soon as possible. These scratches greatly affect the schedule.

- We ask that members with livestock projects who are coming to special interest judging also bring their livestock project books to be evaluated.
- Only the member will be allowed in the building for judging. Parents/grandparents/guardians etc. will be asked to wait in cars or to socially distance outside the building.
- To minimize contact with people, members will visit with one judge about all their projects. For example, if a member has 4 projects, he or she will take all those projects at the same time to the judge. So, members will only see 1 judge where in the past they may have seen several. Please prepare for members to carry their materials to the judge – it might take multiple trips. Think about using wagons, tote bags, or trash bags to carry multiple items. Accommodations will be made according to Winning 4-H Plans, as necessary.
- The schedule has also been made so that all the members of one family are close together in time.
- Judges and members will sit at the opposite ends of tables which will be sanitized between each exhibitor. Exhibitors will be asked to share their project book with the judge without actually having the judge touch the project book.
- As a member checks in for judging, he or she will be given a number. When we are ready for an exhibitor to enter the building, his or her number will be written on a white board at the edge of the building.



- Areas for social distancing will be clearly marked both inside and outside the building.
- Per Ohio 4-H guidelines: Face masks are expected to be worn at all 4-H in-person meetings and events. Face masks refer to disposable procedure masks or cloth face coverings, not surgical or N-95 respirators. They should fit snugly around the mouth and nose and be worn appropriately to be effective. Remember – it is possible to have COVID-19, not exhibit any symptoms and transmit the virus to others. Wearing a face mask is a measure to protect others.
- Face masks are required at the following events: individual interviews, skill-a-thon, and other judging events that may accidentally result in less than 6-foot social distancing space.

## **FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT JUDGING – AUGUST 3**

**TONEY BLDG.**

**REMINDER:** There is no pre-fair project judging this year.

- Admittance to the judging area will be limited: Immediate family will be given priority with others being admitted as space permits.
- Participants and others in the building will be asked to follow social distancing protocols. This will include family groups sitting six feet apart.
- Judges and members will sit at the opposite ends of tables which will be sanitized between each exhibitor. Exhibitors will be asked to share their project book with the judge without actually having the judge touch the project book.
- Per Ohio 4-H guidelines: Face masks are expected to be worn at all 4-H in-person meetings and events. Face masks refer to disposable procedure masks or cloth face coverings, not surgical or N-95 respirators. They should fit snugly around the mouth and nose and be worn appropriately to be effective. Remember – it is possible to have COVID-19, not exhibit any symptoms and transmit the virus to others. Wearing a face mask is a measure to protect others.
- Face masks are required at the following events: individual interviews, skill-a-thon, and other judging events that may accidentally result in less than 6-foot social distancing space.
  - Facial coverings in the work setting are prohibited by law or regulation
  - Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards
  - Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons
  - Facial coverings are in violation of the business's documented safety policies
  - Facial coverings are not required when the employee works alone in an assigned work area
  - There is a functional (practical) reason for an employee not to wear a facial covering in the workplace.

### **For 2020**

- Portfolios are optional.
- Table settings and food will still be a part of the food show. Please be sure to practice food safety guidelines as you are preparing food. Wash you hands frequently, sanitize surface and be sure to keep food at the proper temperature.

## **CLOTHING JUDGING – AUGUST 8**

**TONEY BLDG.**

**REMINDER:** There is no pre-fair project judging this year.

- Admittance to the judging area will be limited: Immediate family will be given priority with others being admitted as space permits.
- Participants and others in the building will be asked to follow social distancing protocols. This will include family groups sitting six feet apart.
- Judges and members will sit at the opposite ends of tables which will be sanitized between each exhibitor. Exhibitors will be asked to share their project book with the judge without actually having the judge touch the project book.
- Per Ohio 4-H guidelines: Face masks are expected to be worn at all 4-H in-person meetings and events. Face masks refer to disposable procedure masks or cloth face coverings, not surgical or N-95 respirators. They should fit snugly around the mouth and nose and be worn appropriately to be effective. Remember – it is possible to have COVID-19, not exhibit any symptoms and transmit the virus to others. Wearing a face mask is a

measure to protect others.

- Face masks are required at the following events: individual interviews, skill-a-thon, and other judging events that may accidentally result in less than 6-foot social distancing space.
  - Facial coverings in the work setting are prohibited by law or regulation
  - Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards
  - Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons
  - Facial coverings are in violation of the business's documented safety policies
  - Facial coverings are not required when the employee works alone in an assigned work area
  - There is a functional (practical) reason for an employee not to wear a facial covering in the workplace.

For 2020

- Individual Judging to examine project completion and construction will take place immediately prior to the Style Revue. As of now, there will be no fair parade. Even if the parade is able to take place, the judging will start after many who are involved in the parade are done. If accommodation need to be made due to parade participation, that will be done closer to the day.
- For the individual interview, members will bring items normally brought to pre-fair judging,
- A changing area will be provided.

## 2020 PROJECT EVALUATION AND SKILLATHON INFORMATION

### Livestock Projects (including Dogs and Horses)

Each member must have a book for each project in which he or she is enrolled. Some livestock books are all inclusive, for example, Poultry. Some, like rabbits, require a different book for breeding and market.

If this is your 2nd year or beyond, you may use the supplement that is available to print from [www.preble.osu.edu](http://www.preble.osu.edu). If you choose to use this supplement, you still need to bring your copy of your project book. A 3-ring binder is a great way to organize your books and each year's supplement.

A rubric that will be used to evaluate the projects is posted on the project completion tab. Project completion guidelines can also be found posted there or in each project book.

Each member is asked to sign up for a time according to the projects that he or she is completing. There are 2 ways to do this. See below for the specific information.

### *For members competing in the Skill-a-thon...*

**SKILL-A-THON – JULY 21**

**beginning at 2 p.m.**

**TONEY BUILDING**

Skill a thons will again be conducted using computers. Accommodations will be made according to Winning 4-H Plans, as necessary.

Participants must sign up for a specific time. **Your project book evaluation will be completed during skill-a-thon—bring your livestock project books with you.** You will sign up for a time slot for each species in which you are planning to complete. For example, you could do beef at 6:00 and swine at 6:15

### **There are 2 ways to sign up:**

Sign up for your time online. Log in to your 4honline account. On the first page you see after you log in, click on My Meetings (located right above the Announcement and Newsletters area). Sign up for a time slot.

Email Nancy ([tilton.47@osu.edu](mailto:tilton.47@osu.edu)) to let us know what time you would like to complete the skill-a-thon. Each time slot is 15 minutes. We will fill requests on a first come, first served basis.

### Guidelines for Skill-a-thon

- Only the member will be allowed in the building. Parents/grandparents/guardians etc. will be asked to wait in cars or to socially distance outside the building.
- For livestock book evaluations: Book evaluators and members will sit at the opposite ends of tables which will

be sanitized between each exhibitor. Exhibitors will be asked to share their project book with the judge without actually having the judge touch the project book. Computers will be spaced apart according to social distancing guidelines and sanitized between each group.

- As a member checks in, he or she will be given a number. When we are ready for an exhibitor to enter the building, his or her number will be written on a white board at the edge of the building.
- Per Ohio 4-H guidelines: Face masks are expected to be worn at all 4-H in-person meetings and events. Face masks refer to disposable procedure masks or cloth face coverings, not surgical or N-95 respirators. They should fit snugly around the mouth and nose and be worn appropriately to be effective. Remember – it is possible to have COVID-19, not exhibit any symptoms and transmit the virus to others. Wearing a face mask is a measure to protect others.
- Face masks are required at the following events: individual interviews, skill-a-thon, and other judging events that may accidentally result in less than 6-foot social distancing space. Exceptions:
  - Facial coverings in the work setting are prohibited by law or regulation
  - Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards
  - Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons
  - Facial coverings are in violation of the business's documented safety policies
  - Facial coverings are not required when the employee works alone in an assigned work area
  - There is a functional (practical) reason for an employee not to wear a facial covering in the workplace.

## VIRTUAL SKILL-A-THON OPTION

This year we will be offering the option of taking the skill-a-thon virtually. There will be limited spots available. This option is intended only for those who have a reason that prevents them from attending face to face - for example, a vacation, band camp etc.

The skill-a-thon will be proctored on ZOOM. Connection information and links to skill a thons will be sent the day of the skill a thon.

Participants MUST:

- Have reliable internet – be able to connect to ZOOM for the entire length of the time slot
- Have an e-mail that can be used to send the connection information and link to skill-a-thon
- Be able to use a camera the entire ZOOM session—camera will be required to be turned on and the participant and his or her workspace must be completely visible. For example, the camera cannot be pointed at the ceiling with only a portion of the participant visible. During proctoring, it must be clear that the participant only has the computer/device that he or she will be using for the skill a thon in the area.
- Clear the area where he or she is taking the skill-a-thon—no project books, resource books or any other type of materials will be allowed.
- Register by July 17, 2020 at noon. Register at: [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eFnNz2DhdzgHdaZ](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eFnNz2DhdzgHdaZ)

**Please remember that you need to complete the skill-a-thon for the appropriate age group:**

Beginners/Junior:	8-10 years old
Intermediate:	11-14 years old
Senior:	15 and older

***For members NOT competing in the Skill-a-thon...***

**LIVESTOCK PROJECT BOOKS**

**July 22– 24, 2020**

**TONEY BUILDING**

For those who do not have a special interest project or whp are participating in the skill-a-thon. Please sign up for 1 time slot if you are completing 1-3 projects (i.e. swine, breeding sheep, market lamb) or 2 slots if you have more than 3 projects.

**There are 2 ways to sign up:**

Sign up for your time online. Log in to your 4honline account. On the first page you see after you log in, click on My Meetings (located right above the Announcement and Newsletters area). Sign up for a time slot.

Email Nancy (tilton.47@osu.edu) to let us know what time you would like to complete your livestock book evaluation. We will fill requests on a first come, first served basis.

## **Make-Up Judging – July 27**

This day has been set aside for members who cannot attend the regular evaluation days due to a commitment that he or she cannot be excused from. This might be a family vacation, band camp or other mandatory activity. Work is not a reason to schedule a time for this day. It is expected that members attend the regularly scheduled days. Please contact either Christy (millhouse.10@osu.edu) or Nancy (tilton.47@osu.edu) by email to sign up for Make-up Judging.