

Weekly 4-H Word

June 19, 2020

Thanks to everyone for your patience as we navigate all of the changes and guidelines that we have to follow. We are working as quickly as possible to get specific information out to you about judging dates and book evaluation times.

PREBLE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES

Thank you to everyone for completing your fair entries! If you know of any changes to your entries, we would like to have those by June 26 but preferably sooner. The quicker we can make sure the information is accurate, the quicker we can move forward with what needs to get done before the Fair.

Parade entries — We are now going to move forward with the 2020 Fair parade. The parade entry form is updated on our website. Please help us spread the word in the community.

Booth entries — The updated booth entry form is now posted on our website. The entries are due by July 3. There will be changes to the way we set up booths to provide for social distancing. This will most likely include staggered times for set up. Look for details once entries are received

FEEDER CALF TAGS

This year tags will be purchased at the Senior Fair Board Office. Tags are \$4 each. DNA and paperwork must be returned to the Sr Fair Board office by close of business on June 22, 2020. If you need help with tagging or need to borrow a tagger, please contact the Senior Fair Board office at 937-456-3748.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

This year quality assurance will be held virtually via ZOOM. In order to use this option, ODA gave us strict guidelines to follow which includes a limited number of participants per session. A new flyer with details is posted on our website. Please be sure to look for this. Dates, registration information etc. is on the flyer.

Since registration is limited, registration for sessions will be required. Use the link below. Please register for a session as soon as possible to insure that you do not miss quality assurance. ZOOM connection information will be sent to those registered for the sessions.

[2020 QA Registration](#)

NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECT COMPLETION

A reminder in this unusual year as members are working on completing non-livestock projects... Each year, a 4-H member is expected to complete a new project/ new activities. There are some projects that are designed as multi year projects with new activities for each year.

For example, a member who is completing a clothing project cannot use the outfit that was constructed in 2020 again in 2021. A member who completes Family History Treasure Hunt in 2020 would need to complete all new activities in 2021.

With no Ohio State Fair competition this year, 4-H Members who have that as a goal need to remember that what you complete in 2020 cannot be used again in 2021.

With that being said, to help us as we are planning for project judging this year, **PLEASE LET US KNOW** if you do not intend to complete a project that you enrolled in this year. If you have not completed your Fair entry, do not put a project on the entry that you do not intend to complete—we use these entries for planning. Knowing a number to expect at judging helps us plan for the judges that we need and for any social distancing guidelines related to Covid-19 that we have to follow. You can email Nancy at Tilton.47@osu.edu or Christy at millhouse.10@osu.edu. As you make this decision, remember that for you to be considered a 4-H member in good standing and to receive credit for this 4-H year, you must complete one 4-H project.

JUDGING SCHEDULES AND FAIR RELATED DETAILS

Specific schedules and details will be provided after fair entries are completed. This is the information that we use to build our schedules.

FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT JUDGING

With the cancellation of the Ohio State Fair, there is not the need for us to do pre-fair judging where the primary purpose has been to select State Fair delegates. In 2020, there will be NO pre-fair food and nutrition judging. The Food Show at the Preble County Fair will serve as the project evaluation for members with foods projects. As of now, the judging will be held in the same manner as the past, however, there may be some modifications to logistics to meet social distancing guidelines.

CLOTHING JUDGING

Prefair clothing judging has also been for the main purpose of selecting Ohio State Fair participants. This year, we will NOT be having pre-fair judging for clothing projects. Interviews with judges to evaluate construction will be held in the morning on Saturday, August 8 followed by the Style Revue at 2 p.m.. This will allow members more time to complete projects as clubs begin to meet face to face after July 6.



SKILLATHON AND LIVESTOCK BOOK EVALUATIONS

Skill a thon and livestock book evaluations will be held the week of July 20. This is a change from the original calendar. Again, this will give clubs an extra week with members before these evaluations.

A skill a thon study guide is posted on our website.

Livestock project books should have been purchased through Extension Pubs in Columbus. Information about this process can be found in previous newsletters or at ohio4h.org. If you need project books and have not purchased those yet, please do so as soon as possible. We have not been able to order books while teleworking and were just getting ready to place our spring order when everything shut down so our supply of books in stock at the office is low.

For those members in the 2nd year of a project or beyond our livestock supplement can be found on the project completion page at preble.osu.edu. This can be used instead of purchasing a new project book.

DUNF COLLECTION

This year, the Ohio Department of Agriculture is offering the option for online collection of Drug Use Notification Forms. The advantages of this method are many including that we will no longer have a set time for collection at the Fair which will help this year with social distancing. There will still be a set due time which is still being determined. Once we get more details on how this will work, we will share.

4-H BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Just in case there are those who have not purchased books yet.

WONDERING HOW YOU CAN GET A 4-H PROJECT BOOK?

While county offices are closed and local distribution of project books is on hold, choose one of these methods:

Download one for free.

A special collection of project books is available for free on the Perfect Stay-at-Home Projects web page. Click on the book you want, and when the file opens on your screen, save or print it from there. Horseless Horse and Science Fun with Physics are being added soon! (For accessible formats of these publications, visit cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility.)

Buy one online.

If you would like to buy a print copy of a Perfect Stay-at-Home project or any other project book, you can order directly from extensionpubs.osu.edu with one of these special discounts for Ohio residents: FREE2020 (for free shipping) OR 20IN2020 (20% off the entire order). Use the coupon that works best for you. Orders can be shipped directly to a person's home as long as it is an Ohio address. Please review your order carefully. Extension Publishing is unable to take returns. There is no restriction on the number of times a coupon can be used. See printable ordering instructions [HERE](#).

Make your own.

If you would rather not purchase a book in this way, self-determined projects are an excellent choice for self-motivated members eager to get started by creating their own projects. Although self-determined projects may be better suited for older 4-H members, they are available for any member and are often based on idea starters already available online. Many of the idea starters are great stay-at-home projects too, for example, Music, Bats, String Art, Climate Change, American Sign Language, etc. Our extraordinary educators are even preparing one called My Stay-at-Home Summer! (For project judging, self-determined projects are judged in self-determined categories.)

If none of these options work for you and your family because of affordability or internet access, contact Jane Wright, 4-H curriculum manager, who may be able to help (wright.646@osu.edu).