

Email via 4HOnline sent July 10, 2020

Happy Friday, T-County 4-H!

I hope you're staying as cool and comfortable as possible with the high temps this week. Just a quick update this week. We wrapped up our 10th and final virtual Livestock Quality Assurance session last night. Wheew! It's been a strange year but we're doing the best that we can. Please read on for some more details of upcoming activities/events.

Project Judging

Next week, we will be launching our virtual project judging and skillathons. We have built a new page on our website that lists all of the flip-codes and instructions for our Flip Grid platform for miscellaneous projects. PLEASE read the instructions before you start!

Flipgrid is set to go live on Monday and you will have access to the information then on our website then. Flipgrid will stay live through July 31 but I would encourage you to not wait until the last minute! If you have not already filled out the survey we emailed out on Tuesday regarding how you plan to get your miscellaneous project judged this year (advisor completion, Flipgrid or dropped project), please do so ASAP so we can use that when recruiting judges and keeping Flipgrid organized! You can find the survey here: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ctlQ6CA87akbwFv

We are still in the process of putting together our virtual Skillathons on Qualtrics. Some species are finished and representatives for those species are "testing" them to make sure all is good and those that are ready will be made live on Monday. We may not have every single specie ready on Monday but they will ALL be launched next week! These will also remain live through July 31. We will send out emails as each specie's skillathon becomes available. Please be patient with us as we work to build these. They take a lot of time and we want to make sure they are done well, accurately, and fair! Look for our emails through 4HOnline next week alerting you when your specie's skillathon has gone live!

4-H Project Showcase

We understand that a "showcase" doesn't take the place of our beloved Ohio State Fair and we recognize that this is yet another on the long lists of disappointments that 2020 has brought us but Ohio 4-H still wants to give 4-H members an opportunity to showcase their hard work.

This summer we invite 4-H members in good standing to submit a photo of themselves with their 4-H project for display in an online project showcase. You'll be asked to share what you liked about the project and one new thing you learned. Parents will also need



to sign their approval for youth to participate.

Here's more:

- Select your favorite project – one per person
- Send a great photo – at least 2 MB
- Photos will be display after September 8 at ohio4h.org

Submit your photos by August 15 at go.osu.edu/4H2020Showcase

Questions? Contact Sarah Longo at longo.79@osu.edu.

Cloverbud Camp Canceled

I had held off on making this decision because I was really hoping things would get better but unfortunately, we're a month away and that's just not enough time to put together Cloverbud Camp and with the ever-changing circumstances due to COVID-19, we feel that it's for the best that we cancel the 2020 Tuscarawas County 4-H Cloverbud Camp. Thank you for your understanding.

Reminders Regarding Return to In-Person 4-H Activities

We're happy to share we've received approval from Ohio State University leadership to resume in-person 4-H club meetings and activities starting immediately. This is welcome news for our 3,039 Ohio 4-H clubs across the state. Ohio 4-H clubs that choose to begin meeting in-person must follow the guidelines listed below to promote the health and safety of our 4-H community, as we face the challenge of COVID-19.

Clubs choosing to meet in-person should provide virtual connection options for members who have that preference. Please note that in-person 4-H club meetings, activities, and other events may be suspended at any time if local, state, federal, and/or university authorities issue new restrictions. 4-H meetings and activities can only be held in person if Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-Person Meetings & Events guidelines can be followed. The Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-Person Meetings & Events guidelines provide expectations for all members, volunteers, and their families while participating in 4-H club meetings and activities. County and Independent Fairs work closely with Ohio 4-H/The Ohio State University but are separate entities and follow different guidance. When 4-H members and volunteers participate in Junior Fair animal activities, they follow guidance from these local partners, as Ag Societies have the responsibility for the Junior Fair. 4-H non-livestock project judging that takes place during the fair is conducted by OSU Extension and must follow Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-Person Meetings and Events guidance.

The Tuscarawas County OSU Extension office is open by appointment only 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you're only dropping off paperwork, please utilize our black drop-box outside the front

door. We will continue to send information to you via email. You will also find the guidelines, a tip sheet, and resources at ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected. Ohio 4-H teen leaders are developing video tutorials to assist educating club members on the in-person meeting expectations and will share those as they are available. When possible, we encourage OSU Extension programs, meetings, and events to meet virtually.

Enjoy your weekend!

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