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Hello T-County 4-H!

What's Going On Right Now:
I just wanted to send out a quick update for the week since I didn't send one out last week. We continue to work on plans for a Jr. Fair Schedule with the Senior Fair Board and hope to have that plan approved and ready to be released in the coming weeks. We also continue to work on getting our virtual project judging set up in Flipgrid (misc. projects) and Qualtrics (livestock projects). We are meeting with a couple specie reps per week (virtually!) to go over plans with them and build our skillathons while keeping them as close to our guidelines as possible while still remaining simple. As a reminder, youth who plan to exhibit their animal at fair (as long as they met all requirements beforehand) must complete skillathon and receive a 75% or higher to pass. We plan to have Qualtrics ready to go live on July 13 and it will be taken down on July 31.

Miscellaneous projects will be utilizing Flipgrid. I hope to have more specific information ready to release next week as we finish building our grids in the system. In order for a project to be judged, members will submit a 3-10 minute video. Youth may also submit photos and slides in a cloud-based presentation (Google Slides, Prezi, etc.) but these are not required. Submissions are due July 31. Our Flipgrid portal will be launched on July 13 to accept submissions.

Why are we using Flipgrid?
Although this differs from our traditional 4-H judging format, we are excited for this unique opportunity for members to be creative in how projects are presented and to learn valuable skills for today's digital world. It will also provide us with great promotional video footage featuring 4-H members and projects.

Several characteristics of Flipgrid make it our best solution for virtual judging:
- Families can record videos when their schedule allows.
- Live streaming applications like Zoom require more reliable internet connections. An internet connection is only required during the submission process for Flipgrid.
- It enables judges to evaluate projects in a consistent format, which is important when selecting county award winners. Since there is no Ohio State Fair competition in 2020, county award winners may be selected by judges for any misc. project area. In order to be eligible for county awards, youth must utilize Flipgrid.

- Judges will be able to review submissions at their own pace during the judging period. Flipgrid's grading rubric feature will allow judges to grade submissions in the platform.
- Judges will reserve the right to Zoom with members to ask additional questions in the event of a tie in a category.

I have gotten some questions on what members should include in their videos:
- Videos should be 3-10 minutes in length.
- Youth with more than one still project should complete a different video for each project.
- Review project specific requirements found on our website: https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects
- Members should showcase completed books, educational displays and other items made for the project in their video.
- Review this short sample/instructional video: https://youtu.be/qAity49zs-k
- Plan ahead. As with anything new, extra time and planning will pay off. Procrastination creates added and unnecessary stress.
- Maintain the same professional attire and behavior virtually that is used in face-to-face interviews.
- Choose a neutral background to avoid visual distractions.
- Articulate slowly and clearly. Ensure there is limited background noise. Make sure the judge will be able to hear you!
- Consider having a project helper provide prompts or questions throughout.
- Practice several times before recording.

Include the following information in your video:
- Name, 4-H Club, 4-H Age
- Answer these questions as you develop your video.
  - The project activities I completed include...(show us in your project book and/or in display or pictures)
  - I learned about...
  - My favorite part of the project was...
  - The most challenging part of the project was...

I hope this helps you as you begin to work on your videos!

If you are a miscellaneous project member who is not interested in competing for county placings, you will have the option to receive a "completion" mark from one of your club

advisors instead.

FINAL Livestock Quality Assurance Reminder
There is ONE virtual QA left! It's scheduled for July 9 at 6:30 p.m. Emails were sent directly to families earlier this week who still need to complete QA. There's roughly 30 members who need to complete this annual requirement for 2020. Please sign up here using this registration link: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Y2dcC3R7CbSgxD At this time, there are no other QA sessions scheduled. If a member misses the July 9 QA, they have the option of completing YQCA online but please note that YQCA costs a small fee and as it does not belong to OSU, I cannot get that fee waived. See our animal sciences page for more information: https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-livestock/quality-assurance-qa

You can still pick up hard copies of the Jr. Fair supplement in the plastic tote right outside the front door of the Extension Office OR you can access it here: https://www.tusccountyfairgrounds.com/fair-books.html

Camp Piedmont
Thank you to those who continue to support 4-H Camp Piedmont. Even though the online portion of the "Keep the Lights on at Camp" Campaign has ended, we are still accepting donations and we are now over $11,000!

As a reminder, our staff will not be working on Friday, July 3 in observation of Independence Day but will be back at it again on Monday. Enjoy your weekend with your family and friends and remain safe and healthy.

In 4-H spirit,
Kiersten