

*Email via 4HOnline sent June 12, 2020*

Greetings T-County 4-H!

It's been another busy week and this email is going to outline the general plan for 4-H judging for the summer so please read carefully! We still have logistics to work out and details to determine but we'll send out more specific information to 4-H families in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, don't forget that this coming Monday, June 15, is the deadline for all livestock registration forms! They ***MUST*** be in the drop-box at the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m.! All livestock forms and guidelines can be found here:

<https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects>

\*Please remember to attach your pictures to your form before putting them in the drop-box. If you paperclip or tape them to the form, they tend to fall off and when we take them out of the drop-box, it's difficult to tell who the pictures belong to or which animal is the primary or back-up. Thank you for your cooperation!

\*\*Market chickens, market ducks and market turkeys do not have a project registration form that needs turned in as we know you'll have them in possession when you pick up the birds! You'll just need to turn in fair entry forms for those projects.

\*\* We have received feedback that pictures for the market hogs are a little difficult when trying to read both tags and show the hog's entire head in the photo. As long as we can see both tags and be able to read the county tag, this should suffice.

### **General Outline of Project Judging:**

After careful consideration and feedback from Midvale Elementary, project judges & specie representatives, etc. it has been decided there will be no face-to-face project judging this year. There will also be no premiums based off of judging scores from the Senior Fair Board due to the loss of revenue from the spring and summer.

### **Miscellaneous Projects:**

Even though there is no state level project judging this year, we would still like to give our 4-H members the opportunity to judge for county placings like we normally do. To keep things fair and allow the same judge to judge everyone in the same category, we will be utilizing a platform called Flipgrid. Many schools use this system as well as other



counties and we have received positive feedback. Members taking miscellaneous projects will record a video clip of themselves discussing their projects, explaining the activities they completed, showing off their displays and going through their project books that will be uploaded to Flipgrid. Videos should be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of ten minutes. We plan to open our Flipgrid account on July 13 (which would have been the first day of “normal” project judging) and we will close Flipgrid on July 31. This will give members nearly a three week window to complete and upload their videos. Judges will reserve the right to schedule a Zoom interview with members should they wish to ask additional questions when considering their top rankings.

If members are not interested in county placings, they have the option to receive a “completion” mark from one of their advisors. This is an option for Miscellaneous projects **ONLY**. We will be sending lists to advisors who have members taking miscellaneous projects and if they choose to go this route, advisors may talk with their members through a face-to-face conversation or a Zoom interview. Completion will need to be reported to the Extension Office by mid-August.

### **Livestock Project Judging (Skillathon)**

In order to exhibit at the county fair in September, youth must complete their virtual Skillathon which will be housed on a platform called Qualtrics which is through Ohio State. This is the same system we utilized for Quality Assurance registration. Like as Miscellaneous judging, we will open up Qualtrics on July 13 and it will close on July 31. Again, this will give members nearly a three week window to complete their judging requirement. Members can complete their judging at any time of the day or night as it will not be with a live judge. Also, we will not be collecting books at this time. For those with market animals or those who receive share checks from the small animal or dairy sales, you will still need to complete your project record book to be checked over at sale check distribution in November. Virtual Skillathon will look very similar to what the youth complete in-person at Midvale in July, just in a virtual format. We encourage youth to utilize this as an “open-book test” as you must receive a 75% or higher in order to exhibit your animal(s). If you receive less than a 75% and Qualtrics has not closed, you will have the option to complete Skillathon again so please don’t wait until the last day!

Again, more information to come as we work through the logistics but we wanted to let you know the general plan.

### **Virtual Livestock Quality Assurance**

If you haven’t completed QA yet and want to sign up for a virtual option, there are still sessions open. You can complete registration here:

[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9Y2dcC3R7CbSgxD](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Y2dcC3R7CbSgxD)

Remember, you only need to complete QA once a year and please only take one registration spot per family. The only projects that do not need to complete QA are dogs and pet rabbit. Horses have their own version with Safety & Ethics. YQCA is still an option for those who wish to complete that version instead. Details can be found here: <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>

\*I have received questions on whether or not we'll still hold a face-to-face QA at some point. This is still the **goal** but I don't know when or what this will look like yet as guidelines seem to change on a weekly basis.

#### **“Keep the Lights on” at 4-H Camp Piedmont**

Only **SIX** more days left on the BuckeyeFunder Campaign to “keep the lights on” at 4-H Camp Piedmont as the majority of our summer events and all 4-H camping opportunities were canceled resulting in a huge loss of revenue for the camp. Our goal is to reach \$25,000 and we have SIX days left for this online platform. Will you help us reach our goal? I challenge all of you to share the BuckeyeFunder campaign website for 4-H Camp Piedmont and/or donate. If every family who loves Piedmont from our eight counties who utilize the camp makes even a small donation of \$5.00, we would be in great shape! If you would like to donate using a check instead, please make the check out and send it to: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, Attn: 4-H Camp Needs You Now, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr, Columbus, OH 43210. Write CAMP PIEDMONT in the MEMO. Your donation will be posted to the Camp Piedmont page along with the other donors. And yes, checks can be sent after the online campaign has ended. Thank you in advance! <https://buckeyefunder.osu.edu/4hcamp Piedmont>

#### **Public Speaking Contests:**

Our 4-H Committee has decided to not hold a county public speaking contest this summer due to the cancelation of OSF and state level judging. However, it was announced earlier this week that those interested in Health and Safety Speaking still have the option to compete virtually in area contests! \*Please note that “with the cancelation of the Ohio State Fair, there will not be a state 4-H health and safety speaking contest in 2020. State winners in 2019 are not eligible for competition in 2020 but may resume competition in 2021 at all levels.” As the 4-H professional, I must register any participants with the area contest coordinator. Area contests will be held virtually on July 1 and July 15. Youth may enter either contest. We will post the registration materials

and guidelines on our website next week but if you're interested, you can email me directly and I'll get that sent to you. I need to register you at least three business days in advance of the contest in which you want to participate so please let me know ASAP! They will still have skit contests and individual contests.

### **Project Showcase**

The Senior Fair Board is moving forward with the opportunity for people to sponsor some Facebook posts of the Jr. Fair Board and some photo collages. They would like to begin collecting photos and short video clips of 4-H members working on their projects at home and via social distancing methods. If you haven't already posted something to their Facebook page, please email me your photos and videos and I will forward them on!

### **No In-Person Meeting Reminder**

I just wanted to remind everyone that due to COVID-19 and the continuance of university closures – including Extension offices, all (in-person) programming planned until July 6 has been canceled. This includes county 4-H club meetings. **NO CLUBS ARE TO BE MEETING IN PERSON BEFORE JULY 6.** I received word this week that a couple clubs were planning to meet in person during the coming weeks – this is not permitted. Many clubs are utilizing the Zoom platform for their meetings. We understand this temporary situation is not ideal. However, since Extension is under the university – which includes all county 4-H clubs - we must adhere to the rules set in place by the university. If you need assistance with Zoom – questions or how to set a meeting for your club – please contact me ([heckel.13@osu.edu](mailto:heckel.13@osu.edu)) or Michelle ([moon.317@osu.edu](mailto:moon.317@osu.edu)). Thank you for your understanding and adherence to this decision.

Have a nice weekend!  
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