

Email via 4HOnline sent May 29, 2020

Happy Friday, 4-H Family!

The two most frequently asked questions in 4-H right now – “Are we going to have project judging?” and “Will we have a county fair?”

I’ll start with the first question. Yes, we are going to have judging in some manner. On our state-wide 4-H professionals conference call this morning, we all expressed for guidance sooner rather than later on whether or not there will be state level project judging for miscellaneous projects. If there is, our county level judging will need to accommodate that for youth who want to be in the running to be selected for state level. If there’s not going to be state level, our county level judging will look different. We are hopeful to have an answer by next week then we can start really hashing out the details of what our county judging will look like while providing enough opportunities for everyone. I promise we are working on it and I thank you for your patience and understanding. As a reminder, we cannot hold the June pre-judging event that was originally on the calendar. Nor are we sure we can hold the July 9 pre-judging event. There are many details that need worked out but we will do our absolute best to meet your needs. We’re also sharing many ideas and resources across the state to best fit every county’s need as well. There’s a lot going on behind the scenes!

As for the fair question, The governor just released guidelines yesterday. The decision-making processes in the days that follow will be difficult for everyone involved, no matter the outcome. There are a variety of factors at play - short and long term financial implications, ability to adhere to current guidelines that frequently change, and even the layout of the fairgrounds. My hope is that our community will exercise patience and understanding. Rather than resorting to speculation and criticism, this is an opportunity to unite - reach out to Senior Fair Board members, who live and work in your communities and love your fair, and ask how you can help as an individual, family or business.

A few updates/Items:

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!



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

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>

Livestock Registration Deadline

The June 15 livestock registration deadline is quickly approaching! Remember we will not hold county-wide tag-ins for market hogs, sheep, or goats. Instead, you will complete Registration forms with pictures that CLEARLY show the county and EID tags (hogs) and scrapie tags (sheep and goats). The process has not changed for non-market animals. All registration forms and guidelines can be found here:

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

Forms with pictures must be turned into the Extension Office (mailed or placed in the black drop-box outside the front door) **by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15.**

Market Poultry

A letter was emailed to all market turkey exhibitors on Wednesday regarding details for market turkey pick-up in June. We will send information directly to those enrolled in market ducks and broilers in the coming weeks.

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

Last week we launched 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 20 days left to accomplish this goal! 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. Thank you in advance!

https://buckeyefunder.osu.edu/project/20979?fbclid=IwAR2E_T3oV8IGo4tAESAXUNZDC hGgbjB9XAu-jcehA-COrsEaNUfyxp7Azbw

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) or Michelle (moon.317@osu.edu). Thank you for your understanding and adherence to this decision.

Ohio 4-H Presents Statewide “Camp...ish” Opportunity!

Calling all stay-at-home campers! Ohio 4-H staff miss summer camp as much as you do, and we want to do what we can to bring elements of camp to your home! On June 9-11, you are invited to join us for Ohio 4-H Camp...ish! It is open to any youth ages 8-18 across the state of Ohio. Friends who are not in 4-H are welcome to register, too! There is no cost for attending, although some activities will require the use of basic art supplies, household items, or things found outdoors. Please visit go.osu.edu/campish to register by **June 7!** Activities will be hosted at the following times each day: 9-11 AM, 1-3 PM, 4-5 PM. Campers are not required to attend all sessions, so sign up and come for the times you can enjoy Camp...ish activities brought to you by Ohio 4-H Camp...ish Directors!

Have a great weekend!
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