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Hello 4-H Family!

I glanced at the calendar earlier this week and couldn’t believe this was the final week of May! Where on earth has the time gone?! 4-H activities are definitely picking up and while some of our favorite and beloved activities still may not look quite the same, we’re a little more on the road to “normal.” Read on for some reminders and updates!

Update to the Mask Mandate
GREAT NEWS! We were just informed that beginning June 1, masks will NOT be required at 4-H camps! This is for both residential (overnight) and day camps! YIPPEE! In other good news, if your 4-H meetings are outside, the state will no longer require face masks beginning June 1 either. If you are inside, the state still requires that they be worn. However, if you’re in a structure like a pole barn for your meeting and the doors are up and it’s more “outside” than inside, then the mask rule will not need to be enforced. Social distancing and all other guidelines still apply. We’re headed in the right direction!

Public Speaking Contests
This is a pretty quick turnaround but now that we know a little more about state judging, we need to get the ball rolling on county public speaking contests! Registration is due to the Extension Office by June 9. Both Health and Safety Speaking AND Demonstration will be on the same day this year (Saturday, June 12 at 2:00 p.m.). As a reminder, you do not HAVE to do health and safety speaking at the county level. There will be TWO regional contests and state fair contestants are chosen from there. If you want to be eligible to be selected for state Communication Days, you have to be selected from the county level. Let me know if you have any questions! And if you’re only interested in the regional Health and Safety Speaking info, let me know and I’ll send it to you!

County Public Speaking Registration Forms can be found here: https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/public-speaking-contests?fbclid=IwAR0qHCPPq9crHMaMie1sKr4oYerA1zy0w7QFJNy0tL790wyjBCu4J7nLVQ

4-H Camp Reminders and Updates

- **Day Camps** - As a reminder, registration for Carnival Camp closes TODAY, Friday, May 28. Carnival Camp is on Thursday, June 10 at the fairgrounds. Registration for all three of the day camps can be found here: http://go.osu.edu/TuscDayCamps2021 We are planning that these day camps will last all day (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). One camp will cost $30. If you attend two camps, your cost will be $50, and if you attend all three, your cost will be $60. Your registration fee will include a t-shirt, lunch, craft, and fun educational opportunities.

- **Residential Camp** - Aloha from 4-H Camp Piedmont! (Overnight Camp) – Registration is still open for grades 5 and up and will open TODAY at Noon for 3rd grade and up! All residential registrations will close on June 7 OR when camp is full. Don’t forget that there is a limited
number of primitive camping spots up on the hill! If campers are interested in camping in tents, you can mark that in the online registration. Registration is $120 which is a little cheaper than past years because activities will be limited, and we will not have a pool available. Remember, camp registration is done entirely online this year. You can find the link for camp registration here: [http://go.osu.edu/2021Tusc4-HCamp](http://go.osu.edu/2021Tusc4-HCamp) You can pay with a credit card at the time of registration OR you can submit a check or cash to the Extension Office. As a reminder, campers must be active Tuscarawas County 4-H members.

*We held a Camp Parent Meeting via Zoom earlier this month. We gave an update as to what camp will look like this year. What will look different, the same, how registration will work, and what drop-off/pick-up will need to look like. If you were unable to join that evening and are interested in listening to the recording, please send me an email (heckel.13@osu.edu) and I will get that sent to you.

**Project Judging Update:**

- **Project Judging (July 12-15)** We are still working on putting all the details together for this summer’s project judging. We are still planning to be in-person AS LONG as the COVID situation does not go backward. As of right now, we are scheduled to be in-person at Port Washington Elementary (please note the location change from where we normally hold judging!) the week of July 12. We will keep the same schedule that we’ve had in the past which means Hogs and Horses (including Horseless Horse) on Monday, all Miscellaneous and Companion Animal on Tuesday, Small Animal (all rabbits, poultry and goats) on Wednesday, and all remaining Large Animal (sheep, dairy & beef) on Thursday. Clothing judging will also take place on Thursday, July 15 in the afternoon at Broadway UMC in New Philadelphia (members will be sent individual clothing judging times).

- **Zoom Option:** For those who do not feel comfortable attending in-person judging, we can offer a Zoom interview with the judge, but it must take place during regularly scheduled judging. This is especially important for miscellaneous projects as our judges volunteer their time and to keep things fair, anyone wishing to compete at state fair must all be judged and selected at the county level by the same judge. Should you need to select this option, all project materials will need to be dropped off at the Extension Office no later than Friday, July 9 and a Zoom interview time will be given to you. We must know if you are selecting this option by **July 1** so we can plan accordingly.

- **Makeup Judging** - For those of you who are unable to attend regularly scheduled judging, make-up judging options are:
  - Livestock projects – will be done only through Qualtrics (same judging format as last year). Please email me (heckel.13@osu.edu) or call the office at 330-339-2337 to be added to the makeup judging list for livestock projects. Links and info will be sent to you in the coming days. **Please inform us by July 1 if you need to participate in makeup judging.**
Miscellaneous projects – We have secured a judge and set two dates for makeup miscellaneous project judging: Wednesday, June 23 and Monday, August 4. These dates will be held at the Extension Office. You can call the office (330-339-2337) beginning June 1 to set up an appointment for one of these dates.

*Please remember that should you participate in makeup judging, you will not be eligible to be selected for state fair or any project judging awards*

**Project Guidelines**
Project guidelines are all posted on our website. Please make sure you review these so you know you’re completing your projects correctly and accurately. You can find all guidelines here: [https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects](https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects)

**Ohio State Fair Competition**
The guidebook for all non-livestock OSF competition materials was updated on the state website and can be found here: [https://ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook](https://ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook)
If you are planning to exhibit livestock at OSF, entries must be made and submitted by June 20. If you are planning to exhibit market swine and have not reached out to me to get the updated swine department info, please do so ASAP!

**Upcoming Deadlines (Items are due to the Extension Office)**
- June 1: Self-Determined Project Plans Due
- June 15: Member Evaluations (for those who need special accommodations for judging)
- June 15: Registration/ID forms (with pictures and ear tags visible) for market hogs, market lambs, and market goats due by 4:00 p.m.
- June 15: Registration/ID forms (some with pictures) for all non-market poultry, dairy goats, pack/utility goats, pygmy goats, all dairy cattle, beef breeding, beef feeders, breeding sheep, breeding rabbits (that are already tattooed) – all due by 4:00 p.m.

**Poultry Reminders**
- As a reminder, turkeys will need to be picked up and paid for at Heritage Country Store in New Philadelphia on June 14.
- Ducks will arrive on either August 4, 5 or 6 and will also be picked up and paid for at Heritage.
- Broilers will need to be picked up and paid for at Heritage on August 5.

**Rabbit Reminders**
- Breeding Rabbits – If your rabbit(s) are already tattooed, please turn in the Registration ID form to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on June 15. If your rabbit(s) need tattooed, please plan to bring them to the fairgrounds on Saturday, June 12 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Market Rabbits – Market does will need to be checked in/tattooed on Saturday, June 12, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds and the meat pens will need to be tattooed on Saturday, August 24, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. There is no market rabbit ID form.
That was a LOT of information! Please make sure to read through carefully and reach out if you have questions!

Have a nice, relaxing Memorial Day weekend,
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