

Geauga County 4-H

News & Notes



July | 2020

All 2020 Project Judging will be completed virtually.

The safety of our members, volunteers, and families is our top priority. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and recommendations from OSU and Governor DeWine, we will not be conducting 4-H project judging in the capacity that we have in the past. For this year, all 4-H project judging will be virtual. Method of completion depends on the project. Complete guidelines have been outlined.

Members will have from July 1 through July 31 to complete their project judging. All project judging must be completed by 4:30pm on July 31st to complete their 4-H year and be eligible for Jr. Fair participation as a 4-H member. Clubs will receive a member completion roster in August.

Project Areas	Method of Completion	Notes:
Beef, Dairy, Dog, Goats (all), Horses, Poultry (all), Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine	Ohio 4-H Skillathon Tests	Study Guides available. Tests will not follow county species score sheets. Club Advisors should check members project books. Tests are not timed. Members can take the test from any computer or smartphone. Tests will close at 4:30pm on July 31.
All Other Projects: Cavy, Small Animals, Pocket Pets, Idea Starters, Self-Determined, Miscellaneous, Clothing & Textiles, etc.	Video Based Presentation (MOV files are best and file size is limited to 100MB)	Videos submitted to secure OSU site. Judges will only have access to the project videos they are judging. Score sheet provided in guidelines. Videos can be uploaded directly from a smartphone. Follows the 2020 Miscellaneous Judging Guidelines

Please refer to the 2020 Project Judging Guidelines for complete details on tests, video content requirements, and submission instructions. We understand that our 4-H year is not that of a typical year and we thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we work to Make the Best Better.

Complete project judging details and test links can be found at:

<https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-judging-skill-thon>

CLUB NEWS

Hunger Task Force Food Drive

Greener Fields 4-H Club, in partnership with all of Geauga County 4-H and Dr. Augustine Kellis, will again be running a food drive for the Geauga Hunger Task Force. Our drive this year is being led by our club secretary, Jayme O'Neill. The GHTF supports six local food pantries in Geauga County, as well as provides support to NextStep, to groups that deliver home based meals, to provide lunch meals to Seniors at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, financial support to local churches providing community meals, and financial support to Claridon Cares which provides summer lunches to students.

All donations and money from 4-H clubs and businesses who give through the 4-H drive, will be matched up to \$25,000. In 2019, the Geauga 4-H and business donations, plus the match from Dr. Kellis, totaled over \$36,000! If any club wants to send a financial donation, please mail it to the Geauga Hunger Task Force (check made out to them), Attn: Claudia Toth, 209 Center St., Chardon, OH 44024. Please indicate in the memo line that it's for the 4-H food drive. If it's not a club check, please also include the club name so your club's participation can be noted. If possible, also let Christine Belliveau know of the donation by email at christine_belliveau@yahoo.com or 440-313-2864. Because of COVID 19 and the suspension of community service activities through 4-H that prohibit food collections through July 6, Dr. Kellis will also match personal donations made through the drive. If a personal donation of food items is made, please contact Christine or Jayme at 216-346-5027 so that club participation and the match can be recorded. Thank you all for your past help and participation! Our help will be needed this year more than ever.

4-H MEMBERS

4-H Senior Recognition

We all know this is not the senior year you were expecting. The challenges you are facing and have overcome are unprecedented. Your 4-H family is always here to support you! Geauga 4-H would like to showcase and recognize our outstanding seniors. We will be featuring senior bio's on the Geauga County 4-H Facebook page and may include them in the 4-H Recognition program this fall. If you would like to participate, please complete the following questionnaire, and upload your photo(s) (First year in 4-H photo and current photo). To complete the senior bio, visit [Gauga 4-H Senior Recognition](#).

4-H Photography Contest

Here is a chance to show off your photography skills. All pictures must be taken between Fair 2019 and August 15, 2020. Members are not required to take a 4-H Photography Project to enter contest. Entry deadline is 4:30pm on August 15th. All eligible entries and winners will be displayed in the Jr. Fair Building during fair. See flyer for complete contest details.

The Safety Poster Contest will not be held this year.

Cloverbud Show & Tell

4-H Cloverbud Members are invited to share what they have learned in 4-H. They can show something they made, share a poster of what they have learned, do a demonstration or skit, and more...the possibilities are endless. Be creative.

Cloverbuds are limited to 10 mins each. Only families who registered and Geauga 4-H volunteers requesting permission to watch will have access to watch the event. *We must have at least five Cloverbuds interested to hold the ZOOM Show & Tell. Registered families will be sent a ZOOM link one day prior. Please register by 4:30 pm on Friday, August 14th at

[**Gauga 4-H Cloverbud Show & Tell Registration**](#)

Wednesday, August 19 @ 6pm via ZOOM

Scholarship Opportunities

4-H Advisory Committee Scholarship

The Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee Scholarship may award up to two \$500 academic scholarships for the 2020 year. See application for details and requirements. Deadline to apply is July 31st.

4-H Horse Committee Scholarship

The Geauga County 4-H Horse Committee may award up to two \$500 academic scholarships. See application for details. Deadline to apply is August 1st.

LIVESTOCK/HORSE

Ohio Youth Skillathons

As many of you know, the 2020 Ohio State Fair has been cancelled due to concerns about the spread of coronavirus - including the 2020 Ohio State Fair Skillathons. To support the continued learning needs of youth livestock and companion animal exhibitors throughout Ohio, Ohio State University Extension and the Department of Animal Sciences are pleased to offer virtual Skillathons this year. Our 4-H Animal Sciences team will conduct online Ohio Youth Skillathons in 2020 with the chance to compete for the highest score. Unlike in-person State Skillathons, no cash awards will be involved. These Skillathons will encompass the same educational materials, by species, that would typically be evaluated at the Ohio State Fair and give the opportunity to put your 4-H project knowledge to the test! Please save the date(s) for the species you would like to participate in below. For complete details see attached Ohio Youth Skillathon (State Fair Version) Flyer. **Completion of state skillathon DOES NOT fulfil county project judging.**

Registration is due by JULY 15, 2020.

Please register by visiting: www.go.osu.edu/skillathonregistration. Please answer all of the survey prompts. All exhibitors with need an email address specific to that exhibitor that can be used as your log-in credential (this is also where the first-time registration will be). For example, a family with 3 children participating must have a unique email address for each child. If you have any questions, please contact 4hanimalscience@osu.edu.

Dates:

Horse Skillathon: Thursday, 7/23/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Goat Skillathon: Friday, 7/24/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Dairy Skillathon: Saturday, 7/25/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sheep Skillathon: Wednesday, 7/29/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Dog Skillathon: Monday, 8/3/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Poultry Skillathon: Tuesday, 8/4/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Swine Skillathon: Wednesday, 8/5/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Beef Skillathon: Thursday, 8/6/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Rabbit Skillathon: Friday, 8/7/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

JUNIOR FAIR

Senior Fair Board has been very busy working on set up and schedules for this year's fair. Many of the activities need to be adjusted to accommodate social distancing and safety of their visitors, exhibitors, parents, and vendors. Please monitor the Fair website (geaugafair.com) to keep up with any new information and changes.

Online Entry

Remember that you must set up an account for each individual exhibitor. You can use the "Family" set up for the children in your family only. That allows you to use only one email address for all of your children. This is not for advisors to do your entries.

Fair Booths

The booth set up times are the same as always, but to avoid exposure by having several clubs in the Junior Fair Building at the same time, we will set up a schedule, based on where your booth is located, in an attempt to keep the clubs within the social distancing parameters. The schedule for setting up booths will be distributed and posted on the building once we have the booth assignments. With this in mind, please consider having all of your booth items done and ready to hang before you arrive at the building to make the final assembly more efficient.

Animal Drop Off

The schedule for animal drop off on Wednesday will be available closer to Fair. There is a schedule being developed that will take into account social distancing and possible elevated exposure. Again, please monitor the Fair website for the schedule and other pertinent information.

Online DUNF

For all those projects requiring a DUNF, this year we will be doing these online. Information will be sent out once we get closer to fair.

Sale Information

This year there will be no animals physically going through the sale. This is to keep the exhibitors safe. With the animals in line, social distancing is difficult if you have to deal with an anxious animal. We would encourage the exhibitors to create a poster for their project to have in the sale ring.

The buyer's boards, information stickers, and scholarship donation cards will be available on **Saturday, July 18** when your market assessments are due.

Buyers packets will not be handed out during the sale. We are asking that you have the exhibitors complete the buyer's boards that we give to the buyers in their packets. Poultry exhibitors may keep these and give them to their buyers when they deliver their birds. Beef, goat, lamb, and swine exhibitors will turn theirs into the sales office to be mailed to their buyer. Any gifts your club or exhibitors have for their buyers will be the responsibility of the club/exhibitor to deliver.

We gratefully acknowledge the continued help and financial support of our Geauga County Commissioners; Jim Dvorak, Tim Lennon, and Ralph Spidalieri.

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