**A word from Alisha...**

Summer is here and it is a hot one! We hope you are staying cool while putting the finishing touches on your 4-H projects. Whether this is your first or final year in 4-H, this is your time to soak in all that 4-H has to offer.

This newsletter contains project judging information and reminders, community service projects for clubs to participate in, and important information relating to Junior Fair. As with all things 4-H, we do our best to give our members, volunteers, and clubs as much information and support possible so that they can do impactful work. Can’t find the answer to something? Have a new idea? Let us know and we’d be glad to help.

Yours in 4-H,

Alisha Faudie

4-H Extension Educator
A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to all our hard-working counselors who overcame many obstacles and constantly changing guidelines to offer a great camping program. We are so proud of the Geauga-Trumbull Camping program!

*2022 counselor applications will be out soon.*

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**Member Information: Project Judging**

Please read the Project Judging Packet for complete details and information. Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

**Livestock Project Judging:**

Online Livestock 4-H Project Judging (Skillathon) is open from 12:01am, July 1st through 11:59pm, July 17th. Links will automatically open and close at these times. Members must complete their test in one sitting. If they log out before completion, it results in an incomplete. Upon completion, the member will immediately receive a pop-up message that they have completed that project’s judging along with their score. The head advisor of each club will receive a “so far completed” list around July 12-13th.

Judging Links can be found: [https://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Livestock/2021%20Geauga%20Livestock%20Skillathon%20Virtual%20Links.pdf](https://geauga.osu.edu/sites/geauga/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Livestock/2021%20Geauga%20Livestock%20Skillathon%20Virtual%20Links.pdf)

*Club advisors are asked to review all members project books.*
**Miscellaneous – Alternate Judging**

Members electing to complete judging alternatively will submit their video using OSU’s secure platform, FlipGrid.

Resources available at: [https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-judging-skill-thon](https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-judging-skill-thon)

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**FLIP GRID ANNOUNCEMENT:**
The platform is limiting video length to 3 mins. Member may elect to submit one 3 minutes video or submit part 1 & part 2 videos. Points will not be deducted if they select the 3-minute option as long as the video is close to the 3-minute mark (meaning a one minute video for a senior member would lose points).

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**Trouble Logging In?**

REMINDER:
To access FlipGrid, click on “Enter your guest password”.

Password: Geauga4H

Record and upload your video.

Please label video(s) with the members last name.

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**Member Information**

**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. 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. Deadline to apply is August 1st.
4-H Photography Contest
Here’s a chance to show off your photography skills. All pictures must be taken between Fair 2020 and August 13, 2021. Members are not required to take a 4-H Photography Project to enter contest. Entry deadline is 4:30pm on August 13th. All eligible entries and winners will be displayed in the Jr. Fair Building during fair.

Geauga Park District Equine Opportunities

Horseback Trail Ride Connecting the Parks
Saturday, July 17, 10 AM-2 PM at Holbrook Hollows
Registration: https://reservations.geaugaparkdistrict.org/programs/?id=16386
Facebook event: https://fb.me/e/TNEyd8tS

Trail Horse Nature Challenge
Saturday, August 28, 10 AM-3 PM at The West Woods
Registration: https://reservations.geaugaparkdistrict.org/programs/?id=16419
Facebook event: https://fb.me/e/1lejaQWr

Horseback Riders: Amish Buggy Training & Trail Ride
Saturday, September 25, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM at Swine Creek Reservation
Registration: https://reservations.geaugaparkdistrict.org/programs/?id=16421
Facebook event: https://fb.me/e/PUQgHvLM

Riders must trailer their own horses to the park. Helmets are encouraged. Please bring a shovel to clean up after your horse in the parking lot…thanks!

4-H Cultural Immersion Project – Puerto Rico
Tuesday, November 23 – Wednesday, December 1, 2021 – Castañer, Puerto Rico

The best way to understand a different culture is to immerse yourself in it. Apply to be part of the Cultural Immersion project experience in Puerto Rico. You will build multicultural skills and understanding, as well as an increased ability to communicate in the increasingly diverse society that we live in. You will experience both the Old San Juan urban area as well as life in the remote mountain town of Castañer. We will also be working with 4-H youth from Puerto Rico in joint service projects.

Teens ages 15-19 (as of date of trip) are eligible for this 8-day service-learning experience. The cost of the experience is $500 plus airfare (est. $600). Limited scholarship funds are also available.

Who: Teens ages 15-19 (by the date of the trip)
Where: Puerto Rico (San Juan and mountain village of Castañer)
When: November 23 – December 1, 2021
Application Deadline: August 10th, 2021
Cost: $500 plus airfare -- (Approximately $600)
(Includes most meals, program fees, overnight lodging and transportation)

Contact the Extension Office for an application.
**Geauga Hunger Task Force**
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 five 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, financial support to Claridon Cares which provides summer lunches to students, and to the Veterans pantry. 

All donations and money from 4-H clubs and businesses who give through the 4-H drive will be matched up to $20,000. In 2020, the Geauga 4-H and business donations, plus the match from Dr. Kellis, totaled close to $39,000! If any club wants to send a financial donation, please mail it to the Geauga Hunger Task Force (check payable 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. It would be helpful to also send a tally sheet noting the financial donation to Christine or Jayme. New this year is the option of shopping off of our Amazon wish list for donation items! The items will be shipped to an adviser and personally delivered to a local pantry. If a club donation of food items is made, please send a tally sheet so that club participation and the match can be recorded. Please note the food drive attachments. Thank you all for your past help and participation! Our help will be needed this year more than ever. Food assistance is the number one reason for calls for help to the United Way since the pandemic.

**Blankets for Veterans**
Community Service Opportunity
Sew Sew Sweet 4-H Club

Make No-Sew Blankets for our Veterans that will be distributed at the Great Geauga County Fair on Friday, September 3, 2021 at the Veteran’s Tent.

These blankets should start with 2 fleece fabrics measuring at least 1 1/2 yard pieces.

Please have blankets turned into the Extension Office by August 20th in a bag labeled with your 4-H clubs name on it. Please remember this is a community service project that could count towards your Honor Club application.

If you should have any questions regarding this project, please contact Lisa Briggs at briggsl@ymail.com or at 440-313-2371. Thank you for your help in honoring our Veterans.
**July 2021 – From Jr. Fair Coordinator, Jan Jackam**

Thank you to all of those market animal exhibitors who have completed their information for the online sale. We really appreciate your efforts to get this done.

Also a thank you to all the exhibitors who submitted pictures for the back of our tee shirts. Seven drawings have been submitted and we will be making a decision at the July Junior Fair Board meeting.

Assessments are due for all exhibitors going through the Livestock Sale on Saturday, July 17th at Junior Fair Office (behind the milkshake booth). This year the assessment is $10.00 per lot through the sale. Advisors, please have one check for your club and a list with the member’s name, tag numbers if available, and what they are bringing to fair. At this time you will pick up the “We Support” boards for your exhibitors along with the biography sticker and a livestock scholarship donation form for those who might be interested. The boards from the large animals should be turned in to the Sales Office by August 21st.

Online registration is up and running. Remember, you have to create your account, then sign up for all your classes. Swine and Rabbit exhibitors do not have to enter your tag number – just enter the class. All others should have their tag numbers and be able to enter them. If you need help, please look at the attachment to the newsletter with instructions.

All exhibitors must submit a COVID waiver, which is found at [https://www.geaugafair.com/uploads/9/5/9/4/95943910/waiver_geauga_county_junior_fair.pdf](https://www.geaugafair.com/uploads/9/5/9/4/95943910/waiver_geauga_county_junior_fair.pdf) Waiver must be submitted prior to fair or youth will be ineligible for exhibition/showing.

Livestock exhibitors also must complete and submit a Drug Use Notification Form by August 25. Those can be found on the Junior Fair page of the [geaugafair.com](http://geaugafair.com) website. All exhibitors with market animals must complete the form, along with dairy and dairy goat exhibitors with lactating animals. You need one form per animal.

King and Queen interviews will be on Saturday, July 10th. We will have the ballot out shortly afterward so keep an eye out for it.

If you or your members have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at [jljackam@gmail.com](mailto:jljackam@gmail.com).