

July 11, 2020

Dear 4-H Advisors, Members, and Families,

As you know, we live in ever-changing times right now. Our priority is protecting our youth and community. The tough decision has been made to switch skillathons and judging virtually this year. Please read the new procedure carefully.

DO NOT COME TO SCHEDULED TIMES FOR JUDGING AND SKILLATHONS THIS UPCOMING WEEK.

Non-Livestock Project Judging

There will be no face to face judging this week. Instead, you will be sent a link to upload a video of your project. Links will go out Monday and Tuesday. Members need to submit the information back no later than July 29th in order for project to be considered completed. If you do not have access to completing project entry on-line, please contact Kiley Horn, 4-H Program Assistant

Skillathons

There will be no face to face Skillathons. Links to Skillathons will be sent to members email on file in 4H online. Members will need to complete skillathon no later than July 29th. Skillathons must be done for project completed and eligibility to participate in junior shows at the fair. Skillathons can be completed by computer, ipad, or cell phones. If you do not have access to complete virtually, contact Melinda Ryan, 4-H Educator.

Fair Passes Distribution

Fair passes for advisors will be available at the fair secretary office beginning July 24th. Fair pass vouchers for members will be distributed once members have submitted their judging videos and/or skillathons. The fair pass vouchers will be available to pick up at the Jr. Fair office located in the southeast corner of the woodruff show arena or at the Extension Office. PLEASE NOTE LOCATION ON EACH OF THE DAYS. Advisors can pick up club pass vouchers for members who have met completion requirements as a group and distribute at a meeting if you choose.

Friday, July 24th 9am-5pm **at Jr. Fair Office**

Saturday, July 25th 9am-11:30am **at Jr. Fair Office**

Monday, July 27th 11am-3pm **at Extension Office ONLY**

Wednesday, July 29th 11am-3pm **at Extension Office ONLY**



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Saturday, August 1, 9am-11:30am at Jr. Fair Office

Monday, August 3, 11am-3pm at Extension Office

Tuesday, August 4, 9am-11am and 4pm – 6pm at Junior Fair Office

Once a member picks up their fair pass voucher, they can go to the fair Secretary office under the grandstand to have their picture and receive photo fair pass. Livestock members can also pay their stall/pen fees at the same time. All stall/ assignments will be posted so you will only pay for actual stalls received. A huge thank you to advisors for getting all stall request in on time!!

Junior Fair Event Cancellations for 2020 only

All peewee showmanship classes
Pig and Calf Scramble
Guys and Gals Sheep Lead In Classes
Open Class Carcass Lamb Contest
4-H Dog Obedience Showmanship Demonstration
Dress-a-Goat Contest
4-H Cook-Off
Llama Show

Junior Fair Schedule/Time Changes for 2020 only

Rabbits will have a carry-in show on Tuesday (Details on website)

https://champaign.osu.edu/sites/champaign/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/4HRabbitCavy/2020%20Champaign%20County%20Fair%20Week%20Updated%20Schedule%20additions.pdf

Poultry and Rabbit Sale will be held Thursday at 5pm (Details under Sale Information on website and in this letter)

Swine Sale will begin Friday at 9am (Details under Sale Information)

Milk Sale will be held prior to the start of the Dairy Steer and Dairy Feeder Sale (Details under Sale Information)

https://champaign.osu.edu/sites/champaign/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/4HNewsblast/2020%20sale%20changes.pdf

All projects should be removed from the 4-H Activities Building Thursday, August 13th between 10am and 3pm.

Poultry Fancy projects will be released at 6pm following the show.

Market Poultry projects will arrive Wednesday Morning between 5:30am-7:30am. Birds will be released at the conclusion of the entire Poultry show that day.

Fair Barn Clean-Up Day moved to Sunday, July 19th from beginning at 3pm till done.

On the original 4-H Calendar, we were planning county-wide barn cleaning day at the fairgrounds on as a community service project to help prepare the fairgrounds for fair. We still need your club's help. The barns have to have leaves and anything else in livestock barns cleaned out so the barns can be disinfected prior to the start of fair.

Individuals helping can bring rakes, brooms, leaf blowers, etc. to get the barns ready. The following barns need to be cleared of debris. Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Goats, Horse, Swine. If you arrive and your barn area is done, your help would be welcome in other barns.

The swine barn was being worked on already. The beef barn only needs any leaves and manure removed. The base mulch will stay and new top dressing will go on for this year.

If your club or you as an individual plan to come and help, please notify the Extension Office so we know how many people are coming.

SALE UPDATE FOR 2020

Junior Exhibitors will be permitted to go through a premium sale only 1 time except those with scrambles. This includes all sales (horse, rabbit, poultry, swine, dairy steer, dairy feeder, beef, sheep, and goats). NO ANIMALS WILL BE GOING THRU THE SALE RING. ONLY THE EXHIBITORS.

Exhibitors must declare which species sale they will participate in and draw a number for that species after the show. Members should only draw 1 number regardless of number of species they exhibit. If a member does not draw a number for any species, they will not be included in the premium sale. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to draw a number. WE WILL NOT BE HUNTING MEMBERS DOWN THIS YEAR TO DRAW. IF YOU MISS DRAWING, YOU MISS SALE. NO EXCEPTIONS OR EXCUSES.**

If an exhibitor misses their sale slot, they will not be placed back in sale order or permitted to participate in another species sale.

Horse Auction will continue to be on Tuesday.

The Rabbit and Poultry sale will be held Thursday at 5pm in the Woodruff Show Arena.

Friday sale will be in the following order beginning at 9am – Swine, Sheep, Beef, Dairy Steers, Dairy Feeders, and Goats.

Absolutely **NO Add-ons**. **The bid the exhibitor receives in the ring is the final premium price. No hidden amounts from bidding buyers in the ring.** The sales office will not accept any add-ons. If you have someone who wants to give money, someone will need to be in the sale ring to bid for them or up to the price of prior donations you may have received.

Payments will be accepted day of sale. Credit cards, cash or check will be accepted.

All Champions and Reserve Champions are terminal and may not go home.

For 2020 only, an exhibitor may take their animal home and still go thru the premium sale. (Again, if you have Champion or Reserve overall of your species, the animal is terminal and not permitted to go home). If an exhibitor has more than one champion or reserve, they choose which spot they want in the sale but all champions and reserves are still terminal.

If an exhibitor wants to sell their animal at the fair and put on the truck with Producers, a card must be filled out for **every** animal being sold directly from fairgrounds and going on the truck. In the past, it was only extras had to fill out cards. For 2020, all animals must have cards.

The cards for swine must be filled out and turned into Jr. Fair/Sales Office no later than Tuesday at 4pm. The cards for sheep, goats, and dairy steer/feeder must be filled out and turned into Jr. Fair/Sales Office no later than Wednesday 4pm. Beef Steer cards are due by Wednesday 8pm in the Jr. Fair/Sales office.

Producers will send checks directly to exhibitors that sell their animals thru the fair. The checks should be received within 1-2 weeks following fair.

Premium Sale checks will be distributed as soon as possible following the fair. Exhibitors selling to Producers and going thru Premium Sale will receive 2 separate checks.

Swine projects going on Producers truck will be loaded out Wednesday night. All other species going on Producers truck will load out Thursday. (More exact times will be published when they are available).

If a member wants to take their animal home for 2020 only, the animal is released at the conclusion of its' last show.

As things change, we will keep you updated. Our communication methods will be one-calls emails and our website News Blast section. I will list changes by sections to make it easier to find and look back on.

Stall/Pen Fees

Fees will be due to the Champaign County Ag Society and can be paid beginning July 24th at the fair secretary's office. It is preferred that clubs collect fees and turn in as a group. Additional details will come out when pen/stall assignments are posted.

Swine - \$2.50

Sheep/Goats - \$5.00

Horses - \$10

Cattle - \$10

Livestock Shows

During the shows at the fair, everyone will need to do their best to social distance. Bleachers will be marked to help you spread out. We will be live streaming on our 4-H Facebook Page the shows being held in the Woodruff Show Arena. We are working on the possibilities of setting up view areas under a tent in the park area and other locations. If anyone has expertise in helping us figure out all this out, please contact Melinda Ryan or Wayne Cook.

Members please DO NOT SHAKE JUDGES HANDS THIS YEAR. You are all so wonderful and know that it is not going to be an acceptable practice this year. You can walk by and say thank you as you leave the ring, but do not shake hands.

Families, please be courteous to one another in allowing family members watch their youth in the show arena.

Safety Precautions recommendations for fair week:

1. Take temperature daily and stay home if you have a fever or have been exposed to anyone who tested positive for COVID
2. Wash hands often and use sanitizers available at the fairgrounds.
3. Social distance
4. Wear mask if you can't keep social distance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email ryan.1608@osu.edu or call 937-484-1526 and press my extension. Your call will come directly to my cell phone.

Thank you all for you cooperation as Extension, Fair Board, Local Health Dept. and Specie Committee Volunteers are working hard to give the youth the best and safest experience possible in this unusual year. We will have a great week by looking out for one another, following guidelines and working together.

Sincerely,

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