Dear 4-H Volunteers,

It is an exciting time of year for 4-H’ers! Some members are currently showing at the Ohio State Fair, members on the east side of the county are preparing for the Hartford Fair, and most of us are now stepping it up to prepare projects for the Delaware County Fair. With the start of school also coming up, we will all be juggling many schedules and deadlines. An extremely important deadline to keep in mind is our county fair entry deadline. Lessen the stress of the entry deadline by completing your fair entries prior to August 24th. This provides you time to review entries and submit entry corrections prior to the deadline.

As we prepare for the fair, remember that show committees and the Junior Fair Board members are volunteers who also have many things on their schedules, and contribute many hours behind the scenes to 4-H and the fair. Some show committees could use more hands to make things run smoothly. If you see the need, please offer your help.

Good luck through this fast-paced fair and back-to-school season!

Through 4-H,

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DATES & DEADLINES

August
4  Poultry Judging Contest & Avian Bowl Contest – Buckeye Sports Center (registration due 7/6)
4-11 Hartford Independent Fair
9  4-H Committee Meeting - 7 PM, Extension Office
10 Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council Applications Due to State 4-H Office
11 CARTEENS - 8:30-11 AM, Willis Government Building (Rt. 23 North beside Big Lots)
13 Livestock Committee Meetings – 7:00 PM, Extension Office
18 Dairy and Beef Feeders Tagged and Vaccinated – 8-9 AM, Delaware Co. Fairgrounds
24 Delaware Co. Jr. Fair Entries Due on-line at http://DelawareCoJrFair.fairentry.com by 11:59 PM (Late entries pay $50 per exhibitor fee)
25 Goat Exhibitors Barn Work Day – 9:30 AM, Delaware Co. Fairgrounds Goat Barn
26 Livestock Interview & Still Exhibit Make-Up Judging – 3-5 PM, Extension Office
27 Horse, Dog, Alpaca, Small Animal & Home Economics Committees – 7 PM, Extension Office

September
3  Extension Office Closed - Labor Day
4  Junior Fair Board Meeting – 7-8:30 PM, Delaware County Fairgrounds
6  4-H Committee Meeting - 7 PM, Extension Office
7-8 State 4-H Horse Competitive Trail Ride – Waynesville, OH (registration due 8/25)
8  Still Exhibits Judging (Related Home Economics, Arts, Mechanics, Dogs, and Sciences & Conservation; Food & Clothing Judging make-up) - 9 AM - 1 PM, Delaware Co. Fairgrounds, Jr. Fair Building
8  Livestock Project Judging (Alpaca, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Dairy, Rabbits & Poultry) – 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM, Delaware Co. Fairgrounds, Merchants Building
8  Animal Skillathon Judging – 10 AM - 1 PM, Fairgrounds Merchants Building (HORSES TOO)
8  Rabbit Tattooing and Poultry Pullorum Testing – 9 AM-noon, Fairgrounds WDLR Stage
10 Rabbit, Poultry, and Small Animals Work Night – 6-9 PM, Delaware County Fairgrounds
10 Junior Fair Board Work Night – 6:30-9:00 PM, Delaware Co. Fairgrounds Jr. Fair Building
15-22 Delaware Co. Fair
23 Booth Tear Down and Still Exhibit Pick-Up 9 AM – 2 PM, Jr. Fair Building
23 Junior Fair Board Meeting – 1:30 PM, Jr. Fair Building
22 Ohio 4-H State Horse Groom & Clean Contest (registration due 9/10)
25 Carcass Contest & QA – Arrive promptly at 6 PM for QA certification, Delaware Meats
29 CARTEENS - 8:30-11 AM, Willis Government Building (Rt. 23 North beside Big Lots)

October
2-28 Quarter Horse Congress - Ohio Expo Center
3-14 TSC Clover Days
4  4-H Committee Meeting - 7 PM, Extension Office
15 County Achievement Forms, Officer Books & Club Reports Due to Extension Office
15 Livestock Committee Meetings – 7:00 PM, Extension Office
COUNTY 4-H UPDATE

Youth with Disabilities and Fair
If you have members who have physical, mental or learning disabilities that require an accommodation, their parent should complete the Winning 4-H Plan form to request the accommodation. Those that completed the Winning 4-H Plan form with their 4-H enrollment in April will be getting forms to put in their project books in the next week. This process will notify judges in a discrete way of approved accommodations for a child in regards to their project. Forms are available at the Extension office for those that did not already complete the paperwork. The form must be turned in at least 2 weeks prior to judging.

Still Exhibit Project Poster Exhibits
Fair guidelines specify that poster exhibits must not be larger than 22” x 28”. We do not have room for tri-fold or oversized (science fair type) display boards and they might not be displayed. It is popular to use foam board for displays, and we will put these up with a fastener and nail. Please caution to families there will be a nail hole left in the foam board. Mechanics displays (such as small engine parts, rope, welding displays, etc.) can be on heavier board or plywood. Please refer to department rules. While many exhibitors make posters for these projects, we do not expect all displays to be posters. Most departments allow for creativity and allow other types of displays.

Feeder Calf Tagging Reminder
Feeder calf tagging and vaccination is 8 – 9 AM, Saturday, August 18th at the fairgrounds. Required vaccinations are $14 (cash payment only). Remind members to make sure their calves are castrated and de-horned. If not done properly by time of fair, the animals will be disqualified and sent home.

Dog ID/Vaccination Forms Due August 24
Please remind dog exhibitors that an up-to-date ID/Vaccination form and certificate of license are due by August 24. The form was mailed in mid-May to members with dog projects. The vaccination form is at [http://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/fair](http://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/fair). It may take a few days to get the vaccination form filled out by the vet. Exhibitors may need to stop by the Auditor’s Office to get their Certificate of Dog License if they cannot find their paper copy. Making a copy of the tags is NOT sufficient.

Goat & Rabbit/Poultry Barn Work Days
The Goat Barn work day is Saturday, August 25th beginning at 9:30 AM. Bring rakes, gloves, and tools to help secure loose boards. Rabbit and Poultry exhibitors are needed to help with cage set up and tear down. The set up will be 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Monday, September 10th at the Rabbit & Poultry Barn. Bring work gloves to handle the plywood and cages.
Guidelines for Exhibitor Attire for Weigh-In, Show and Sale

Some departments and the Sale Committee have specific rules for attire. See your department rules and the new Sale Committee rule (Rule #8 on page 32) of Exhibitors Handbook. Regardless of the rules, every exhibitor should be aware of how they dress and how it reflects our 4-H and FFA organizations.

There are several times a minimum standard is necessary. That standard is a long or short sleeved, button/snap and collared shirt closed within one button from the top; long pants without rips or tears; and closed toe shoes. Shirts should have no logos or advertisements, other than 4-H club or FFA chapter. The times this minimum standard is expected are:

- At Weigh-In
  Pictures are taken during weigh-in that are used to give the buyer of your animal. Beef exhibitors pictures are taken at the show, so this does not apply during their weigh-in.
- At Horse Interview and Grading Line
- In the Show Ring
  For some shows there are traditional specie standards. Rabbit exhibitors may use a white coat or white long sleeve shirt. Dairy cattle and dairy goats show in all white.
- During the Sale

Reminder New Check-In Procedure For Animals At Fair

There are new check-in procedures for most all livestock species. See the enclosure in the Along with a vet check, a pen release form must also be completed during the check-in process. The exhibitor and the responsible adult must sign this form prior to putting the animals in the pen. Forms will be available to pick up during interview judging on September 8 for families to look over before animals are brought to the fair.

Specified check-in times are listed in the junior fair schedule. Please check these before you bring your animals to the fairgrounds.

Make-Up Interview Judging for College Students

College students that will not be able to make the September 8th or August 26th need to call the office to make an appointment with Bev to schedule judging before they go off to school. There will be no Friday judging prior to fair for college students. Please plan ahead.

Goat Exhibitor Nominations for Taylor Warrick Inspiration Award

The goat committee annually presents an award in honor of goat exhibitor, Taylor Warrick, who has been a true inspiration to others. The recipient will be recognized during the goat show(s) at the fair. Anyone can nominate a goat exhibitor for the award. The award recognizes youth who work hard and are an inspiration to others. To nominate a goat exhibitor, please type your submission and send it to the Extension office, due no later than August 24. The nomination should include:

- Exhibitor’s name
- 4-H age
- goat project(s) taken
- description of how the exhibitor is an inspiration to others, in 700 words or less

Thank You Notes after Fair

Please note that thank you notes to buyers from the 2018 sales are required to receive your sale check. Notes must be turned into the Drop Box located outside the Junior Fair Office on the fairgrounds. Remember, thank you cards are to be stamped, addressed and ready to be mailed to the buyer.

Remember to also send notes to award sponsors. These notes do not need turned in. We hear feedback from sponsors that did or did not get a thank you note and showing thanks does matter.

Carcass Contest & QA Program

Come to the Carcass Contest and get credit for 2018 Quality Assurance! The contest is 6 PM, Tuesday, September 25th at Delaware Meats, 1175 London Road, Delaware. Arrive promptly at 6 PM to get QA certification. An OSU judge will evaluate a select number of lamb and beef carcasses, and you’ll have the chance to test your carcass evaluation skills!

Goat & Lamb Weights

Want to check on the weight of your goat or lamb as we near fair? Schedule a time with Jacci to use the scales in the Pig & Lamb Barn. Call 740-833-2039 to schedule. Appointments are not available when the fair has events.
4-H Committee Fundraisers

Thanks to all those that donated or helped with the Garage Sale in July, which raised $870.35. The 4-H Committee raises funds for trips, awards, scholarships and educational materials to support our 4-H program.

Buffalo Wild Wings – August 15
Dine between 11 AM and 11:30 PM at the Delaware Houk Road location and 10% of your total will benefit the committee.
Download the coupon at https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/club-activities-and-happenings

Food Concessions on September 8
During the judging events on September 8th, there will be food trailer concessions available from 8:30 AM to 1 PM. The 4-H Committee will earn a percentage of the food sales. Breakfast and lunch items will be available so you can eat while on site and help our campership and award funds.

T-shirts
The 4-H Committee is again offering t-shirts, which will be on sale during the September 8th judgings. This year they will feature a Delaware County 4-H design. Colors will soon be determined. All shirts are $10.

4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Fair Trophy Sponsors
Jr. Fair trophy sponsorships are $28. Contact Bev Tidd, Junior Coordinator, at 740-833-2034 to find out what trophies need sponsored.

Please Work the Fall 4-H TSC Paper Clover Promotion Days!
National 4-H Council is again partnering with Tractor Supply Company (TSC). The 4-H TSC Paper Clover Promotion is Wednesday, October 3 to Sunday, October 14. For each $1 Paper Clover that a customer purchases, the money is distributed to the local 4-H program, the state program (10%), and National 4-H Council (10%). Funds raised must be used for youth participation in leadership and camp experiences.

We’d love to see more clubs participate. In the past, some clubs have tied in their own fundraiser (like bake sale or dog clipping)! Clubs may also do things like help customers load their purchases or set up a display of the club’s choice. We ask that you wear a 4-H t-shirt or item while working. Shifts are available on Saturdays from 9 AM to 7 PM, on Sundays from 9 AM to 6 PM. You can work a weekday evening shift if you choose, but we realize evenings are busy. Please contact Julie at 740-369-3024 to sign up.

4-H Volunteer Banquet & Member Achievement Program
The banquet is Tuesday, November 27th at All Occasions Catering in Waldo. Reservation forms to volunteers will be mailed after fair.

Members will get information about the achievement award application process via web and email in late September. If you have members that have excellent project work, you are welcome to send them the forms from the website. We allow a maximum of 4 areas in which a member can submit. We will also have a nomination form for Friend of 4-H Award. After winners are selected, invitations will be sent to the winners, who will receive their award at the banquet.

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