

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Hello 4-H Advisors, Parents and Volunteers

Please find below important information as we get closer to summer 4-H programs! Be sure to read things closely, this will have judging information attached, along with additional information about fair.

Rabbit Tattooing – Saturday, May 28, 2022

The annual Rabbit Tattooing will take place on Saturday, May 28 from 8AM to 11PM. We ask that everyone be there no later than 10AM so that we are done by 11AM. Located in the Show Arena. We will also have someone there to trim toenails if anyone needs their rabbits trimmed. Anyone planning to exhibit a market rabbit at the fair must bring their animal(s). If your animal is not tattooed prior to the fair, it will be ineligible to show. Breeding rabbits may be brought also if they do not have a tattoo. Livestock entry forms for rabbits are due on June 3rd.

4-H Junior Achievement Scholarships – are you a 4-H member between 12-14 years of age? Consider applying for a \$50 Junior Achievement Award. Application found [HERE](#)

4-H Senior Spotlights:

Parents, if you have a 2022 senior who is in 4-H we are highlighting them through our OSU Extension Facebook page and High School Senior Board in the Junior Fair Building during fair. Please send email to downing.310@osu.edu for more information.

Taking a Pig to the Fair?

All pigs entered into the Junior Fair must be ractopamine free. Form found [HERE](#)

We will distribute the affidavits during skillathon judging along with the DUNF form link. Forms are also online. We will collect the completed affidavits at fair weigh in. Our market pig buyers will require this form in 2022.

DUNF Changes - Please read if you are taking an animal to the Putnam County Fair

The Putnam County Senior Fair Board and the Ohio Department of Agriculture has made it mandatory that exhibitors fill out a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for MARKET GOATS, MARKET SHEEP, MARKET HOGS, LACTATING DAIRY, MARKET RABBITS, POULTRY PENS, and MARKET BEEF. The DUNF will need to be completed online per ODA requirements. The DUNF online link will be distributed at skillathon judging and needs to be completed prior to start of the fair. If the DUNF's are not completed, you will not be able to show at the Putnam County Fair. No late forms will be accepted.

Please prioritize this requirement and deadline. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Extension office at 419-523-6294.

Health & Safety Speeches and Demonstrations

If your child is interested in doing a health or safety speech or demonstration, there will be no county judging this year. The 4-Her will be sent directly to state for judging. If interested, please call the office at 419-523-6294.



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Are you selling market animals to Junior Fair or bringing them home?

To help Junior Fair officials prepare for the livestock sale and provide accurate numbers to our livestock buyers for base bids, exhibitors must declare if their market project animal will be going to market through the fair or taken home at weigh in time on Sunday. Exhibitors will also need to indicate if they are participating in the livestock auction (premium sale). If animals are taken home, exhibitors cannot participate in the premium sale. No private purchases of animals at premium sale (cannot mark animals for 'fair' or 'home' at sale). Exception – families can make changes if they have multiple market entries and if their entries in the market projects win as champions/bred and fed champions. In these cases, families can change sale trips/pull non champion animals by visiting the junior fair office within an hour after the show and completing a request form. If this form is not submitted, exhibitor's market livestock will be required to sell (either through the ring or at market value).

Reminder: All junior fair market Champions/Res Champions must sell to fair.

Junior Fair Premium Sale:

One trip: Each exhibitor gets one trip through the sale. If exhibitors have multiple Champions will sell separately this year.

The sale will go in order of last name starting with "A" to "Z" this year.

No animals will be brought through the sale arena (except Grand and Reserve). All sale animals will be sold by premium only.

All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market animals must be sold through the sale and be slaughtered. To cover advertising, ribbons and supplies for the show and sale, a deduction of 4 1/2 % of gross sales on beef, swine, lambs, poultry, rabbits, goats and dairy will be made. A \$20.00 charge will be deducted from all Grand and Reserve Grand Champion animal checks to cover the cost of two sale pictures provided to the buyers. The Single Fryer rabbits will not go through the livestock sell! We will ask the rabbit buyer if they will take the single fryers for market value. If the buyer takes them, you will need to fill out a form to take the single fryer home and not sell by June 23, 2022. NOTE: Exhibitors must attend sale or have a designated stand in - no shows will not sell!

DAIRY/BEEF FEEDER CALF MARKET SALE: All feeder calves which are selling will go through the sale arena as "fair" animals. Thus, each feeder calf will have a base bid prior to entering the sale arena. Base bid animals will be put in groups of THREE by gender and similar weights and then base bids will be given on each group. These animals must go to the fair with the high base bidder receiving the calves.

Attention 4-H Horse Exhibitors

PAS registration forms: [Putnam County PAS Show](#)

Fair Activities

Be sure to check out the non-livestock shows at the fair this year!

Cloverbud Recognition: All cloverbuds are welcome to attend! Cloverbuds will get recognized for their hard work during the 4-H year. This program is on Tuesday June 21, and starts at 11AM, so please arrive a little bit early in the entertainment tent.

Style Review: All clothing projects are invited to participate in the 2022 Style Review on Tuesday June 21 at 7:00 PM. If interested, the 4-Header will need to fill out a [NEW NARRATION CARD](#) about their project to get announced at the style review. The member will be able to model their clothing they made. This is not mandatory; however, the results of clothing projects will get announced that night. So, all participants are encouraged to attend and participate!

Barn Games: Wednesday, June 22 - 8:00 PM; This is a fun-filled time for all Jr. Fair exhibitors, other youth and adults to get together and have fun with various games and activities in the Main Show Arena. Planned by the Jr. Fair Board, activities are held for all age groups from toddlers up to adults. Come and join the fun! No entry or registration is needed.

Decorated Animal Contest: This event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22 - 7:00 PM; Decorate your animal and yourself and enjoy the fun at the annual Decorated Animal Contest. These activities will be split into small animals (rabbits, poultry, chickens, goats) and large animals (sheep, cattle, horses and pigs). Each Jr. Fair Exhibitor will be judged on their originality and creativity. Registration is required. Forms are available on-line. Prizes will be awarded. This event is sponsored by Ag Credit. A short narration card is to be completed prior to the event.

Wristbands for Fair

Jr. Fair exhibitors will be admitted into the fairgrounds free of charge. However, 4-H'ers must have a Jr. Fair Wrist Bands to show their involvement with the program. All 4-H/FFA members who exhibit at the fair can pick-up their wrist bands on Sunday, June 19th.

Please note: Bands must be securely attached, secure enough not to be removed or slid over wrist and worn upon entry to fairgrounds. Bands will be issued to individuals, signed for, and cannot be picked up as a pack for club members.

* Lost wrist band passes can be replaced, but there may be a charge to get a new one.

King/Queen Applications Due

Don't miss out an amazing opportunity to try out for Junior Fair King/Queen. Applications are due May 20th. Interviews will be held June 9th starting around 5:30 at the Extension Office. Anyone 16 and older can apply! Follow the link to the [Junior Fair King and Queen Application](#)

4-H Judging Notes

Special Interest Project Judging

Kalida High School, June 14th, 2022, 8:30AM – 1PM

All Special Interest/Home Ec Projects will be judged individually by experienced judges. Times are scheduled by clubs within each project area so be sure to check for all your times when schedule is released. When arriving at Kalida High School, please report to the Registration Table. There you will be given a Judging Sheet, location of the judge, and complete instructions. Details about schedule will be released soon.

If you have a conflict with the Kalida Special Interest Judging (because of vacation, camp, school, or church obligations) please call the Extension Office at 419-523-6294 for make-up judging time slots (June 16). Remember if you complete your project through make up judging or advisor judging you are ineligible for a county placing. All projects to be completed prior to fair start date.

Misc Project Judging - Merchants Building at Fair Grounds, June 15, 8:30AM - 1PM

All Misc Projects will be judged individually by experienced judges. Times are scheduled by clubs within each project area so be sure to check for all your times. When arriving at the Merchants Building, please report to the Registration Table. There you will be given a Judging Sheet, location of the judge, and complete instructions. Details about schedule will be released soon.

If you have a conflict with the Misc Judging (because of vacation, camp, school, or church obligations) please call the Extension Office at 419-523-6294 to schedule make-up judging option (June 16). Remember if you complete your project through make up judging or advisor judging you are ineligible for a county placing. All projects to be completed prior to fair start date.

Livestock Skillathon Judging

Held on Thursday, June 9th from 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM at the OTTAWA K of C HALL located on 10759 Co. Rd H Ottawa.

PLEASE READ: 4-H Skillathon participants will be required to register for a time slot online. This will help us maintain attendees in the building as this judging event is large. Only youth will be permitted beyond registration tables. There is limited waiting areas for parents.

All 4-H members enrolled in a livestock projects will need to participate in a livestock skillathon judging. Members are responsible to bring their completed, up-to-date project and record book with them to judging. All members need to participate in the skillathon judging process to exhibit at the county fair. Members will need to sign up for a time slot. The link for sign up will be released on May 15. Make up skillathon is scheduled for June 16. Call the office for a time slot for makeup skillathon judging.

NOTE: If you are taking a dairy feeders or dairy steers please sign up for dairy skillathon time slot. If you are taking a beef feeder or beef steer/breeding/heifer please sign up for a beef skillathon time slot.

Weigh-In Schedule for Sunday June 19th

Rabbits/Poultry: 8AM-12:00 PM, animal will be weighed at arrival. (Rabbit/Poultry Barn)

Swine: 4:00 PM (North and South Swine Barn)

Lamb/Goat: 5:00 PM (Lamb/Goat Barn)

Feeders: 5:30 PM (Dairy Feeders weigh in the South Swine Barn & Beef Feeders weigh in the North Swine Barn)

Steers: 6:30 PM following Beef Feeders (North Swine Barn)

Advisor Information

FAIR BOOTHS: Attached is the flyer for booth assignments for clubs. The booth assignments are based on the number of special interest/miscellaneous projects of each club. Please remember that this space is for clothing, food, health, woodworking and other miscellaneous type projects only. Premiums will be paid for only one item per class project. Booth set-up times are listed in the Junior Fair schedule. Cloverbud projects may also be displayed in your booth.

Please remember when planning and setting up your booth the goals of the fair booth: To provide education to the viewers, to promote 4-H and the work done by members, and to offer a neat, attractive display. All exhibits should be arranged to be within the eight feet of exhibit area from the back wall. Remember to bring well marked tools and tables for your use when setting up booths. All projects must be on display the entire time the fair is in progress. Exhibits can be taken down starting **Sunday, June 26th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.**

NOTE: An advisor from each club will need to come to the Jr. Fair Building on Sunday, June 19th between 11AM – Noon to put up placing ribbons in your club booth if they have not been completed prior.

A packet with your clubs' ribbons will be provided. Ribbons will not be put up unless an advisor is present to do it.

Notes/Reminders from Sr. Fair Board

- There will be no parking permitted on the grounds or around campers. The only exceptions include staff parking, handicap parking and fair judge parking. The infield of the track will be opened for buyers to park on sale days.
- There is no longer "Load/Unload" permits during the entire fair. No parking is permitted along south/north swine barns during Sunday's animal load in day. Weigh-ins are throughout the day and Sr. Fair Board needs those lanes open.
- There will be limited requests to move vehicles that are illegally parked. They will be towed more often without announcement in 2022. Please follow all parking guidelines and traffic patterns.
- Manure Bins at fair – the senior fair board wants to remind everyone that only manure is to be placed in the manure bins provided on the fair grounds. No trash. When placing manure in bins, do not dump it at entrance of bin.
- Campers and power cords – all cords providing power to campers must be rated at 30 amps and not spliced. If an extension is needed to reach power supply, they must be connected via plug only.
- Per Putnam County Sheriffs Department: All campers must be registered to someone over the age of 18 and this individual will be held liable and responsible for all activities at the site.
- Premium checks will no longer be cashed after the 90 day expiration of the check. All non-cashed checks will be void after 90 days, so please be diligent about cashing them within the time frame.
- Fair Sale Premiums – exhibitors sale premiums will be deducted if projects are not taken care of throughout fair week. This includes continual washing, feeding, watering and stall cleaning. If an exhibitor receives one sign for a dirty pen, they must clean pen as within 12 hours. If the same exhibitor receives another "clean pen sign"; they will forfeit sale premium money.
- Each feeder calf in dairy barn must have a neck-tie along with a halter.
- Dairy/feeders/females will have first order of placement in dairy barn. Placement of beef feeders and market steers are the responsibility of beef barn superintendents. If questions, please contact appropriate barn superintendent.

Late arrival/early release of animals at fair

Any Putnam County Junior Fair nonmarket animal requesting late arrival or early release due to another show, must provide proof of entry to that show. This documentation and request must be provided to the Senior Fair Board Livestock Committee and Horse Committee (if applicable) and be preapproved to arrive late or leave early. Requests will be considered if it does not conflict with the animal showing in the Putnam County Junior Fair show.

Barn Fans

Dairy Barn Fans – if exhibitors are bringing fans for their livestock in the dairy barn, ALL fans will be required to face south.

Swine Barn Fans—North barn fans blow north, South barn fans blow south.

Rabbit / Poultry Barn Fans – fans are provided by committee. No personal fans permitted.

Fans – under the guidelines of the Fire Marshall there will be no fans used in the barns that are considered “indoor fans” (box fans). All fans must have ground plugs. Surge protectors need to be plugged directly into outlet without use of extension cords.

Are you taking a Poultry Project? Avian Influenza update and fair – Currently there are no restrictions for showing poultry at fairs in Ohio due to avian influenza. If these restrictions are put into place, the senior fair board will permit market poultry exhibitors to have a trip through the premium sale/auction as long as they complete the alternative junior fair poultry show plans that are put into place.

4-H Club Pallet Contest

Attention Clubs: Do not forget to make an entry in the Pallet Decorating Contest! Clubs can get a pallet through the Extension Office or obtain their own. Entries should be made as a team or club project. Use your imagination! Be creative!

Pallets will be displayed and silent auctioned at the fair. Decorated pallets will be judged at fair. All silent auction funds generated at the fair will be used to support Honor Club Awards and camp scholarships.

Contest guidelines and registration form click [4-H Pallet Contest](#)

Contest Entries Due June 17, 2022.

4-H Photo Contest

Any 4-H member wanting to make an entry into the 2022 4-H photo contest is welcome. Three categories include:

- 4-H in Action
- 4-H Selfies
- 4-H Projects

Contest Entries Due June 17, 2022. 4-H’ers may have as many as three entries so long as they submit each entry in a different category. Please call the Extension Office for more details or visit: www.putnam.osu.edu and click [4-H Photo Contest](#)

4-H Endowment Auction Items Needed

A silent auction is being sponsored by the Putnam County 4-H Council during the county fair. Items for the silent auction can be donated by clubs, volunteers and area organizations. The high bidder for each item will be contacted and arrangements will be made to exchange payment for items.

Each 4-H Club in Putnam County is asked to donate one or two items for the auction. As a general guideline, the 4-H Council is asking that the value of the item be equal to a dollar or two per member. For example, if your club has 50 members, the value of the item should be around \$50.00-\$100. Items should be dropped off at the Extension Office no later than June 13, 2022. The earlier the better!

Please show your support for the Putnam County 4-H Youth Program, visit the silent auction, have fun bidding and possibly win some great items.

Jr. Fair Livestock Entry Forms

Remember that Jr. Fair Livestock entries are due June 3, 2022. Entry Forms can be found [HERE](#)

All 4-Her’s wanting to exhibit livestock at the fair MUST complete a Jr. Fair entry form. Forms should be completed using Jr. Fair Classes listed on pages in the back half of the Putnam County

Fair Book. Please be sure to use the 2022 Fair Book when completing forms in order to get the correct class numbers.

*NOTICE: All late fair entries will be considered ineligible for awards and will exhibit for a grade only!! A \$10 per week late fee will be assessed for any entries turned in after the deadline.

Class Numbers for Jr Fair Livestock Entry Form – cheat sheet of J numbers

Visit [Junior Fair Class Numbers](#) for a quick cheat sheet outlining class numbers (J numbers) for entering junior fair livestock.

4-H Camp Scholarships

Camp Scholarships are being offered by Putnam County 4-H Council. Click [4-H Camp Scholarship Application](#) to download form. Camp Scholarships are due May 15 to the Extension Office.

Junior Fair Show Schedule – Please be sure to review the 2022 Putnam County Fair Book and take time to read through the Junior Fair section. There are several significant schedule changes, guideline changes, and show restructures.