

Marion County Pre-Fair Information

Please read the ENTIRE packet to ensure you do not miss anything! If you have specific questions, please email Margo (long.1632@osu.edu). We are looking forward to a great fair!

MARION COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION

You can find the most current information on the Marion County 4-H website. You will find answers to many of your questions, as well as forms and resources on the website.

MARION COUNTY FAIR BOOK

The fair book will be available at the Extension Office or the Senior Fair Board Office. An electronic version is available [here](#).

The information in your advisor handbook is the same information in the fair book so you can also use that for class numbers. Be sure to use current year's information as classes and rules change from year to year. Fair information is also available in the department packets in the members' books, at the Extension Office or on the OSU Extension Marion website at <http://marion.osu.edu>.

MARION COUNTY FAIR PHOTO IDENTIFICATION BADGES FOR MEMBERS

This year the Marion County Senior Fair Board is again using photo identification badges for youth to enter the fairgrounds during the week of the fair.

Youth will need to get their pictures taken, at the Sr. Fair Board office, during the following dates and times:

Monday, June 10	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Wednesday, June 19	9:00am – 8:00pm
Tuesday, June 11	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Thursday, June 20	9:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday, June 12	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Friday, June 21	9:00am – 4:00pm
Thursday, June 13	9:00am – 8:00 pm	Monday, June 24	9:00am – 4:00pm
Friday, June 14	9:00am – 4:00 pm	Tuesday, June 25	9:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday, June 15	9:00am – 4:00 pm	Wednesday, June 26	9:00am – 4:00pm
Monday, June 17	9:00am – 4:00pm	Thursday, June 27	9:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday, June 18	9:00am – 4:00pm		

The Sr. Fair Board has set a fee of \$10 for all photo ids NOT made by **THURSDAY, June 27 at 4:00 p.m.**

As you can see, there are evening and weekend times in an effort to give parents as much flexibility as possible. Youth will have their picture taken during one of these times and get their badge made. They will receive this badge when they check an exhibit in at the fair on Saturday or Sunday prior to fair. Sr. Fair Board has set a fee of \$10 for all badges that need to be replaced during fair week. For questions about photo identification badges, please call the Sr. Fair Board office at 382-2558. If you do not pick up your photo id by Sunday prior to fair, you will need to pay to get onto the fairgrounds.

FAIR PASSES FOR PARENTS & ADVISORS

Passes will only be available for purchase and the Senior Fair Board Office NOT the Extension Office. Parents are encouraged to buy a weeklong fair pass at the Sr. Fair Board Office. They are \$25.00 for the week. Daily admission to the fair is \$8.00.

Only advisors who have met orientation, club attendance, and administrative requirements (finger printing, application and **attended policy 1.50 training**) will receive their fair membership pass at a reduced price (**\$15.00**-Advisor Pass, \$25.00-Season Pass and Membership). A membership pass includes the right to vote for board members. The ½-price advisor pass allows advisors to enter open class, but **does not give you the right to vote or parking privileges**. Passes will be available at the Senior Fair Board Office after **June 10 through the fair**.

MILKSHAKE STAND HELP

The 4-H Advisory Council fundraiser helps support Marion County 4-H activities and helps to keep costs down for members. Parents and older members, 14 and over, are needed to work shifts of 2 1/2 hours. Please call your advisor and volunteer to work. ***Advisors, if you have not contacted the Extension Office to sign up for a shift, please do so ASAP.***

MARION COUNTY FAIR T-SHIRT

This year the Jr. Fair Board will be selling fair T-Shirts and the **order form is available here**. Preorder your shirt by June 13. Shirts will be available in the Jr. Fair Board office the week of the fair.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 6, 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (Picnic Pavilion)

The 4-H Advisory Council is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast for all 4-H and FFA exhibitors. Parents and other guests can also eat for \$5.00. Please call in reservations by June 28.

JUNIOR FAIR CORONATION

This year's Junior Fair Coronation will be held on Monday, July 1 at Noon in the Picnic Pavilion, following the Opening Ceremony.

4-H AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Nutrition and Miscellaneous Projects Show

July 4 at Noon in the Picnic Pavilion

Projects must be placed by 11 a.m. Exhibits will be on display until the awards are announced.

4-H Project Awards Program (including all Crop/Shop and FCS projects, Booth Awards,

4-H Style Revue and 4-H Advisor Recognition)

July 4 at Noon in the Picnic Pavilion

Outstanding 4-H Member Awards

July 4, during the 4-H Project Awards

PRE-JUDGING ON JUNE 20

If you are enrolled in a Family and Consumer Sciences project and/or Crop, Shop, Science and Engineering Project and cannot attend regular judging, you may call the Extension Office and make an appointment to be pre-judged.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES/CROP, SHOP, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING JUDGING

A judging schedule and project judging information will be sent out to all members enrolled in Family and Consumer Science projects as well as Crop, Shop, Science and Engineering projects at the beginning of June. For planning purposes, projects will be judged:

June 24 – 4 – 7 p.m. at Tri-Rivers Career Center

June 25 – 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Tri-Rivers Career Center

Please make sure you check the list of project and judging times to ensure you arrive during the appropriate time.

IDENTIFICATION ON ALL EXHIBITS

Mark all exhibits using tape, pen, magic marker, etc., to identify exhibitors' name, club, phone number, and address. This should be other than on the exhibitor's card and should be under, on the back of, or somewhere unseen by the public. Every year there are unidentified projects that are left at the fair.

Junior Fair FFA/4-H Project Exhibit I.D. cards will be available for pick-up at the Extension Office. Please see that one person is designated to pick up your club's or chapter's cards. These are the 4"x 6" cards (color printed with the respective 4-H/FFA Emblem) that identify the respective project exhibit for the public. Clubs/chapters can also make their own exhibit cards if desired.

AWARDS AND TROPHIES

Every year over \$5,000 worth of special awards and trophies are given out at the fair. Do not forget to thank your sponsor. You should have an address attached to the award, but if not call, the Extension Office and we will give it to you.

FAIR PREMIUMS AND RIBBONS

Whether it is your first year in 4-H or your last, the ribbon you earn for your project represents the hard work you have done. The Marion County Sr. Fair Board sponsors the ribbons, as well as your premiums. Be sure to send them a thank you!

Marion County Sr. Fair Board
220 E. Fairground Street
Marion, OH 43302

JUNIOR FAIR GRADING AND PREMIUMS

Premiums are incentives paid by the Senior Fair Board to encourage exhibitors to participate in the fair. Projects must be entered, judged, and exhibited at the fair in order to receive premiums. ****All members taking livestock projects (horse, beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, poultry and rabbits) must participate in a skillathon to be eligible to receive premiums.** All Jr. Fair exhibitors' premiums are paid during the fair. Department officials fill out a premium voucher for each exhibitor. After **1:00 p.m.** the day following judging, premium vouchers may be picked up at the Jr. Fair Board office, **Exception: Small animal** premium vouchers are handed out at judging on Thursday, **dog** premium vouchers are handed out at the show on Friday. **Family Consumer Sciences** and **Crop, Shop, Science and Engineering** premium vouchers will be in a special packet for your club at the Booth Building on Saturday. The voucher must then be taken to the Sr. Fair Board Office for premium payment. Exhibitors, parents, or advisors may do this. Identification may be required (fair pass, driver's license, etc.). **Premiums not** picked up during the fair **will be forfeited**. Premiums are paid at the Coliseum Senior Fair Board Office.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR INFORMATION:

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

Youth are required to attend and participate in at least one skillathon to complete their project and be eligible for exhibition at the Marion County Fair. In order to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, all county requirements must be met. Remember the exhibitor must participate in at least one skillathon to receive their animal premiums AND exhibit at the fair. To be eligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor, the 4-H or FFA member must complete that species' skillathon.

The record book inserts will be a required part of the Jr. Fair Livestock Skillathons for FFA exhibitors. 4-H members should receive project books from club advisors to meet their record keeping requirement.

June 23: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Feeder, Goat, Poultry, and Sheep

1:30-5:00 p.m.

To help with crowd control, exhibitors with the last names beginning with A-L register at 1:15 p.m. and M-Z register at 3 p.m.

Tri Rivers Career Center

June 26: Swine

5:00-8:00 p.m.; registration begins at 4:45 p.m.

Marion County Fairgrounds (Evers Arena)

Rabbit

6:00-7:30 p.m.; registration begins at 5:45 p.m.

Marion County Fairgrounds (Evers Arena)

June 26: Horse (Horse Barn)

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Marion County Fairgrounds

Since skillathon is required, a pre-skillathon judging will be offered on June 19 and by appointment only. Please call 740-223-4040 to set up an appointment. Times are limited.

NEW FAIRGROUND POLICIES

Pop-up Tents

Pop-up tents will be permitted in designated areas only. Pop-up tents will not be permitted within 20 ft. of all buildings. No tents shall be placed before 8 a.m. on the Monday of fair week. No shearing or fitting in pop-up tent areas.

Picnic Pavilion

No animals are allowed in the picnic pavilion.

For more information or questions, please contact the Marion County Senior Fair Board Office at 740-382-2558.

LIVESTOCK CARE AND GROOMING TO BE DONE BY EXHIBITOR!

Only Junior Fair exhibitors should feed, water, train, or groom exhibit animals during the fair with a minimum of HELP from parents, advisors, and family members only. There is a difference between HELPING and DOING and rules in the fair book specifically cover this topic, particularly for livestock. Please inform your members and parents of these rules and make sure they realize that the exhibit is to be done by the exhibitor under the supervision of the advisor or parent. There are few reasons, other than safety, where an adult should be fitting an animal, particularly a "PROFESSIONAL." Our philosophy believes strongly in "Learning by Doing." Watching doesn't count! The purpose of the Junior Fair is for Junior Fair exhibitors to demonstrate their own abilities to care for, fit, and show their animals. In addition, exhibitors need to be aware of and follow other rules such as not removing exhibits before release time. The rules exist for a purpose but

occasionally a few people challenge them. Again, advisors can help by explaining the rules and why they exist. There is a good reason for each rule. Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing their own bedding, feed, feeding equipment, and show equipment. Pens are furnished for rabbits and poultry, although exhibitors are required to furnish their own wood shavings. Swine must bed their pens with dry shavings/sawdust.

LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Have members review the health requirements in the fair book. Be sure they have the proper certificates when they come to the fair. It is embarrassing for a member when they cannot exhibit an animal because they did not have the proper papers and health tests.

Any animals arriving at the fair with signs or symptoms of infectious diseases will not be permitted to stay at the fairgrounds, i.e., ringworm, sore mouths, snuffles, abscesses - will be sent home. It is highly recommended that all exhibitors have their animals inspected by a knowledgeable person - preferably a veterinarian NOW! --so any infectious diseases can be treated and cleared up by fair time.

Swine will be checked at the gate by the fair veterinarian. Any animal showing signs of illness will be sent home. *The Jr. Fair Swine Show is a terminal show.* All swine on the fairgrounds will be taken directly to slaughter. All swine exhibitors must declare at weigh-in where their second animal is to be taken. All undeclared animals will be taken to Producer's. There will be no changes made to locations after the time of weigh-in.

LIVESTOCK HEALTH CHECKED BY VETERINARIAN AT WEST GATE!

All livestock must enter the west gate (State Street) of the fairgrounds. Animal Health Regulations require that health papers and exhibit animals be inspected by a veterinarian. This will be done again at the west gate as animals enter the grounds.

Details for goat, sheep and swine check-in traffic flow will be forthcoming.

Beef, dairy feeders and dairy will only be admitted between 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Sunday. **Poultry** will be entered from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Rabbits will be entered from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Horses must be on the fairgrounds June 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m. for mandatory health check. **All horses** must be in place by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of fair through Gate 1 ONLY.

DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF)

Market animals must turn in a (DUNF) during check-in at the Marion County Fair to be eligible to show and sell. The form requires the exhibitor and parent/guardian to certify that each individual animal was never treated with drugs or that the drug withdrawal time has elapsed per label directions and that the exhibitor has participated in a Quality Assurance program this year!

It is important that all livestock exhibitors accurately complete the record books provided for project animals, that they understand and follow the Quality Assurance guides found in the back of the project book and it is required to participate in a Quality Assurance program.

OUTSTANDING MARKET LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR!

All market livestock exhibitors will earn points toward the Outstanding Market Livestock Exhibitor Award. This achievement carries the prestige and financial reward of selling in the SALE OF CHAMPIONS. Encourage your market livestock exhibitors!

LIVESTOCK SALE THANK YOU LETTERS

The sale committee department members will provide thank you cards to each seller in their barn. They **must be** completed.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

An activity for all Junior Fair Exhibitors and adults is the Livestock Judging Contest to be held at **1:00 p.m., during fair week** in Evers Arena. Participants will judge market and breeding classes of sheep, beef and swine for high team or individual honors. The high team will consist of the three highest scores. No pre-registration is necessary. Begin now to organize club teams. More information can be found in the fair book.

SHOWMANSHIP SWEEPSTAKES

All department showmanship winners (beef, dairy feeder, dairy/specialty goats, market goats, horse, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine) are eligible for Showmanship Sweepstakes honors **at 7:00 p.m. during fair week** in the Evers Show Arena. It is a fun activity, if you are not lucky enough to be a participant, be sure to be a spectator.

STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES DEADLINE JUNE 20 - THIS INCLUDES POULTRY AND RABBITS

Remember, the Ohio State Fair no longer prints a fair book. The livestock information and entry forms are available online at www.ohiostatefair.com.

ALL STATE FAIR (JR. FAIR) ENTRIES MUST BE SIGNED BY EITHER THE RESPECTIVE EXTENSION EDUCATOR OR VO-AG INSTRUCTOR (OR APPROVED ONLINE).



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