

2022 Madison County Special Interest Judging Booklet



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Dear 4-H Family:

Please read this booklet carefully as things do change from year to year.

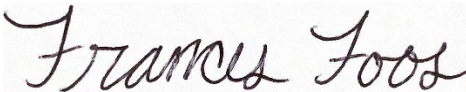
Judging interviews allow 4-H members to present their completed project & share knowledge gained through project work. Many alumni credit 4-H for helping them build valuable interview skills! The [Project Guidelines](#) document on our website contains guidelines & judging requirements. Information regarding posters, extra papers, etc. is useful in preparing for judging. Please be sure to look at the general guidelines for the topic area as well as the project specific guidelines. Scores may be lowered if the guidelines are not followed. If you have questions, please call your advisor-- or OSU Extension at 740-852-0975

All Non-Livestock 4-H projects for 2022 (and any year) are completed with an evaluation interview, either at the fair judging, with the club advisor, or arranged with the extension office.

- We want all 4-Hers to have a positive experience with the evaluation portion of their project. Please contact the Extension office by July 3rd to make arrangements for members with special needs so reasonable accommodations can be made.
- Please notify the Extension Office if you are not planning to participate in the scheduled county fair judging if they have signed up via Fair Entry by June 1.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Extension Office at 740-852-0975!

Sincerely,



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2022 Jr. Fair Special Interest Judging

Date	Location	Projects
July 9 12:30pm- 5:30pm	Madison County Fair Della Selsor Building <i>Enter from Extension Office Parking Lot (217 Elm Street)</i>	All non-livestock projects (special interest, sewing, food and nutrition, shooting sports, etc.)
July 9 12:30pm- 5:30pm	Madison County Fair Extension Office Conference Room <i>Enter from Extension Office Parking Lot (217 Elm Street)</i>	You and Your Dog Projects

Phone number to contact on day of judging: 614-296-7446

General Layout for Project Judging

- There will be ~15 interview stations. Upon Check In at assigned time, participants will be directed to the appropriate judge's table for their project. If showing multiple projects, you may have to check in multiple times.
- Enter the Extension Office parking lot. There will be volunteers checking in at the parking lot and directing you where to go. Enter the Extension Office building to go through to the Della Selsor building to check in
- After the project is judged, participants will check out with a volunteer and leave their project to be displayed. You will leave the parking area in the Extension Office and can enter the fairgrounds or return home

Project Display Information

- Projects will be displayed in the Della Selsor building. Participants must leave an item to display through fair week. Displays can be picked up after 12pm on Saturday, July 17
- All youth will have a photo taken with their project display during check in for their judging time. Food and Nutrition project members will have their photo displayed for their project display following photo releases signed when enrolling in 4-H

Special Interest Auction

This year, all youth exhibiting a special interest project that are NOT selling a livestock animal in the Jr. Fair sale have the option to auction off an item related to your special interest project! The form below must be turned in at the time of judging check in on July 10th and has the additional rules listed: [Special Interest Auction Entry Form and Rules](#)

- When: Thursday, July 14 at 5:00pm (check in at 4:15 with item and get photo taken)
- Where: Della Selsor Building
- How: Turn in Auction Entry Form at Project Judging on July 9th
- Item must be 60% homemade, raised, or in some way created by the exhibitor and must be related to your project. You may only enter 1 item per exhibitor.

Award System

Three kinds of ribbons may be awarded for each project area:

- 1) Honorable mention: for projects that are deemed excellent, but could use improvement
- 2) Outstanding: highest level of award for 2022 for a project area
- 3) State Fair Delegate: given to one or 2 in each project area deemed eligible for the state fair project judging (may also receive outstanding)



Outstanding Overall Trophies will be awarded in the following categories for 2022

- Animal Science
- Clothing and Textiles
- Leadership and Communication
- Creative and Leisure Arts
- Food and Nutrition
- Home and Healthy Living
- Natural Resources
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
- Self-Determined

***Top participants will be selected as the State Fair Delegate, with another selected as the alternate. Packets will be handed out at awards ceremony.**

All participants will receive a certificate of participation. Other award results will be posted on madison.osu.edu and shared with all participants.

June 15 Writing Projects Due

⇒ The Writer in You (588)

Writing packets are due to OSU Extension office by 4:00 pm for pre-judging review. See **Project Guidelines** for what is required in a packet.

The project interview will be at the ALL Non-Livestock Project Judging on **July 9**.

July 9 ALL Non-Livestock Project & You & Your Dog

Madison County Fairgrounds (Della Selsor Building)

217 Elm Street, London

PLEASE ENTER FROM EXTENSION OFFICE PARKING

General Project Guidelines

- Judging is assigned for each youth that registered in fair entry. Letters were sent directly to families with judging times as well as to club advisors. If your name is not listed, or something is incorrect, contact the Extension Office ASAP. (NO firearms of any kind (bows, arrows, gun, etc.) should be brought to judging.)
- Bring completed project book & exhibit. (Refer to [Project Guidelines](#) for project requirements)
- Upon arrival, register with volunteer and get photo taken (Do not arrive more than 15 minutes prior to scheduled time.)
- Wait in appropriate area & listen for a volunteer to call you at your judging time
- County placing will be announced at the Special Interest Awards Ceremony, Tuesday, July 12 at 7pm in the Della Selsor. Nutrition and Clothing project awards will be announced at the Style Review on Wednesday, July 13 at 7pm in the Della Selsor. They will also be posted at madison.osu.edu.
- Participants must arrive within their scheduled time to be considered. If you do not arrive on time, you will have to set up alternative judging opportunity later and will not be eligible for county awards.
- Please check Ohio State Fair Guidelines or Madison County [Project Guidelines](#) for individual project requirements. Members with Self-Determined projects may use a tri-fold display board for judging since this is a specific state fair requirement.

Food & Nutrition projects

Refer to [Food and Nutrition Project Guidelines](#) to review the general and project specific guidelines and have all required components (menu, cost analysis, single serving & place setting).

Cake Decorating projects

Bring completed project book. Bring a decorated cake based upon your skill level.

- **Beginner:** single level cake decorated with beginner level techniques from various categories (border, leaves, flowers, lettering, etc.)
- **Intermediate:** shaped, or level single or two-layer cake decorated with intermediate level techniques from various categories.
- **Advanced:** level stacked or tiered cake decorated with advanced level techniques from various categories.

Clothing and Textiles Projects

- Bring project items & accessories selected as part of 'total look'; project book/records, pattern, or poster as required by project, and the project calculation sheet. Refer to [Clothing and Textiles Project Guidelines](#).
- Upon arrival, register and change into outfit or set up quilt display
- Be prepared to discuss your project work & project calculation sheet, and turn in your style review narration sheet
- Members must participate in the Style Review to place in their class
- Members are to return to the Madison County Fair at 6:30pm on July 13 and change into their total look for the 4-H Style Review. There will be a brief modeling practice and line up for participants, with the Style Review beginning at 7pm. Awards for each project will be announced during the review. Family and friends are encouraged to attend the Style Review.

Pet/Companion Projects

- Please **DO NOT** bring your pet to judging. If participating in the small animal show, you bring your animal then.

Judging Tips

- ⇒ Be well groomed—clean hair & hands, dress appropriately. Don't chew gum.
- ⇒ Be prepared to talk about your project. Know what you did, how you did it, what you learned, what you might do differently next time. Remember, the real purpose of judging is sharing and learning.
- ⇒ Use good posture, smile and be enthusiastic. Be proud of your accomplishments.
- ⇒ Look directly at the judge during your interview. Give the judge your full attention and don't allow yourself to be distracted by other people or noises around you.
- ⇒ Speak clearly and loud enough for the judge to hear you when answering the judge's questions (practice wearing a mask!)
- ⇒ Be polite—Use your best manners, be pleasant and confident. Thank the judge when the interview is completed.