

2020 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.

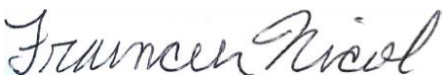
Judging interviews allow 4-H members to present their completed project & share knowledge gained through project work. Many alumni credit 4-H for helping them build valuable interview skills! The [Project Guidelines](#) document on our website contains guidelines & judging requirements. Information regarding 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 2020 (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 your child has chosen to not participate in the Jr. Fair judging opportunity, they likely have already completed their project with their advisor or have chosen to drop the project or continue to work on it for 2021 . If they wish to have a virtual judging opportunity via zoom with the extension educator this summer, please contact the office directly at 740-852-0975. These judging opportunities would not be eligible for any county awards.

Sincerely,



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2020 Jr. Fair Special Interest Judging

Date	Location	Projects
July 11 8:00am- 12:30pm	Madison County Fair Equine Arena <i>Enter from Gate 4 (Elm St. Vendor Entrance)</i>	All non-livestock projects (special interest, sewing, food and nutrition)

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

Members and/or family members or volunteers cannot attend if they or anyone living in their household is experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, or shortness of breath

COVID-19 Guidelines for Non-Livestock Project Judging

- There will be 11 interview stations. .
- Physical distancing will be practiced by maintaining six-foot distance between people and interview stations
- There will be a chair at each station that will be disinfected between each youth. 4-H'ers may stand and conduct their interview if they would like.
- Face coverings are expected for 4-H participants and are required for judges and volunteers.
- All traffic will enter through Gate 4 off Elm Street (vendor entrance) and exit off Garfield Street (past grandstands) There will be volunteers guiding you to your parking spot and to guide youth to their judging table
- It is discouraged to shake any hands during the interview

COVID-19 Guidelines for Awards

- Participation tokens will be distributed to members on the day of judging
- All other awards (honorable mention, outstanding, outstanding overall) will be determined and shared by the end of the day Monday, July 13 at the latest via email to participants and on our website at madison.osu.edu.
- Non-livestock awards will be available for pick up at the Extension Office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2-4pm or by appointment only.

Project Display Information

- There will be no project display on the fairgrounds
- All youth will have a photo taken with their project display during check in for their judging time.
- Photos will be compiled into a digital project display format and shared via social media and email to 4-H families and volunteers (per photo permissions signed in 4-H Online at time of 4-H registration) *If you do not wish to have your child's photo included, please contact Frances by July 10.*

Award System

Two 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 2020 for a project area

Outstanding Overall Trophies will be awarded in the following categories for 2020

- 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



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

***There are no State Fair delegates for 2020 for any project area.**

June 15 Writing Projects Due

⇒ The Writer in You (588)

Writing packets are due to OSU Extension office by 4:30 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 11**.

July 11 ALL Non-Livestock Judging

**Madison County Fairgrounds (Equine Show Arena)
205 Elm Street, London**

PLEASE ENTER FROM GARFIELD STREET ENTRANCE

Shooting Sports Projects

Only Basic Archery and Safe Use of Guns projects will be judged on the 11th. All other 700 level shooting projects will receive more information about meeting with instructions soon.

Food & Nutrition projects

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

**No food will be permitted in judging this year only.* All other guidelines will be required.

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 Sewing 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 [Project Guidelines](#)
- Be prepared to discuss your project work & project calculation sheet
- There will be no style review for 2020, so no need to turn in narration sheet

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 awards will be announced virtually within a few days and sent to all participants. Non-livestock awards will be available for pick up at the Extension Office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2-4pm or by appointment only.
- 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.

Pet/Companion Projects

- Please DO NOT bring your pet to judging for 2020.

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.

Madison County 4-H Poster Guidelines

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.