

MIAMI COUNTY 4-H NEWS UPDATE

WEEK OF JULY 13, 2020

## IN-PERSON 4-H MEETINGS HAVE BEGUN

As shared on June 29, the Ohio 4-H Program has received approval to resume in-person 4-H club meetings. The [Ohio 4-H Planning Guide for In-Person Meetings & Events](#) guidelines provide expectations for all members, volunteers, and their families while participating in 4-H club meetings and activities. This document was updated on July 6 to include additional information specific to Shooting Sports participants. Please read the document in its entirety. Here's a quick video demonstrating ways to safely host in-person meeting and events, following the information in the Planning Guide: <https://go.osu.edu/4Hmeetingguidelines>.

Prior to any meeting, please send out a notice to all club members and their families to inform them of the following:

- State that members and/or family members cannot attend the meeting if they or anyone living their household is experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
- Provide an option for members to participate virtually.
- Note that physical distancing will be practiced by maintaining a six-foot distance between people.
- We expect face masks will be properly worn during the 4-H meeting.
- Encourage participants to bring their own snacks and drinks for the meeting.

## MIAMI COUNTY 4-H VIRTUAL SKILLATHONS

Miami County 4-H members enrolled in animal projects must complete a skillathon for each animal project species (excluding cats, llamas, alpacas, and cavies) in which they are enrolled. For the remainder of 2020, skillathons will only be available virtually. This is not a pass/fail activity. Links are available at <https://go.osu.edu/MCskills>, and close **Wednesday, July 15**. Thank you to those that pointed out the sheep feed tag answer error. It has been corrected.

## VIRTUAL PROJECT PRIDE DAY

Project Pride Day, project evaluations for 4-H members enrolled in non-livestock projects, are being held virtually. Projects will need to be completed and submitted to Flipgrid by **Thursday, July 16**. Families were emailed project Flip Codes on July 1. If you did not receive this information, please email [veach.7@osu.edu](mailto:veach.7@osu.edu). Additional details are available at <https://go.osu.edu/PPD>.

## MIAMI COUNTY FAIR

For the latest information on the Miami County Fair schedule, concert, and more, please visit <https://www.miamicountyohiofair.com> or the [Miami County Fair Facebook](#) page. A special thank you to the Miami County Ag Society, Jr. Fair Board, staff and volunteers for the countless hours that they are contributing to offer our 4-H families and the people of Miami County an amazing fair.



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## OHIO YOUTH SKILLATHONS

The Ohio 4-H Animal Sciences team will host online skillathons this year! These skillathons will include the same educational materials, by species, that are typically evaluated at the Ohio State Fair. They are open to any Ohio 4-H member, age 8 and in the 3rd grade, or 9 years old and older regardless of grade level, to age 18 as of January 1, 2020, and FFA members. Put your 4-H project knowledge to the test! Click [here](#) for further details.

- Horse Skillathon: Thu 7/23/2020 (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM)
- Goat Skillathon: Fri 7/24/2020 (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM)
- Dairy Skillathon: Sat 7/25/2020 (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM)
- Sheep Skillathon: Wed 7/29/2020 (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM)
- Dog Skillathon: Mon 8/3/2020 (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM)
- Poultry Skillathon: Tue 8/4/2020 (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM)
- Swine Skillathon: Wed 8/5/2020 (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM)
- Beef Skillathon: Thu 8/6/2020 (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM)
- Rabbit Skillathon: Fri 8/7/2020 (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM)

## YOUTH INVITED TO PITCH THEIR BUSINESS IDEAS!

The Ohio Afterschool Network Pitch Challenge is for students entering Kindergarten through high school 2020 graduates. All you need to do is come up with an idea for a business – it can be a product, technology, or service business – or even a way to improve your school or community. You don't need to start the business; you just need to enter a 45-90 second video pitching your idea! Deadline to enter is July 31, 2020. Check out this [flyer](#) for prize information and registration details.

## 4-H FORMS POSTED

The following forms have been posted to the Miami County Extension website at <https://go.osu.edu/MC4hforms> :

- Ten Year Member and Final Year Member Recognition Form (due July 24)
- County Award Nomination Form (due July 24)
- Cloverbud Show N Tell Form (due July 31)

The documents are fillable forms. Please email completed forms to [woods.372@osu.edu](mailto:woods.372@osu.edu).

## OHIO 4-H PROJECT SHOWCASE

This summer we invite 4-H members in good standing to submit a photo of themselves with their 4-H project for display in an online project showcase. You will be asked to share what you liked about the project and one new thing you learned. Parents will also need to sign their approval for youth to participate. Questions? Contact Sarah Longo at [longo.79@osu.edu](mailto:longo.79@osu.edu)

Here's what to do:

- Select your favorite project – one per person.
- Send a great photo – at least 2 MB. Photos will be displayed after September 8 at <https://ohio4h.org>.
- Submit your photos by August 15 at <https://go.osu.edu/4H2020Showcase>.

**Take care, stay safe, and just breathe.**