2019 OFMA Junior Fair Conference Presentation Schedule

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Facebook Live and Jr. Fair

Katie Feldhues, Extension Educator – Ross County & Ross County Junior Fair Board Members

Facebook LIVE is an opportunity to increase interest in an upcoming event, show outsiders behind-the-scenes perspective, or highlight significant moments to an online audience. Presenters will share their experience and then help attendees consider how to replicate for themselves.

Finding Your Voice

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Attendees will practice speaking to various audiences, specifically their word choice, tone, timing, and how to react in many scenarios, including: phone calls, announcements, confronting upset parents, show announcing, hard conversations with coaches

Hit the Road! Make Time to Gather Ideas from Other Fairs.

Lisa McCutcheon, Extension Educator - Licking County & Hartford Senior and Junior Fair Board Members

Come explore the many benefits that can be experienced by visiting with other fairs. Whether you travel or host; whether the fair is in operation or simply preparing to get underway; the opportunities to gain ideas and information are endless! During this session, participants will explore the benefits of visiting with board members of another fair.

It's Show Time!

Leslie Cooksey, Extension Educator - Fairfield County

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11:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

A Step Beyond - Experienced JFB Members Explore the World of Entertainment Contracts

Andrea Rees, Extension Educator - Knox County

This program will provide experienced JFB members, who have completed at least two previous years of service, an opportunity to take the lead in securing entertainment for their fair. Participants will work with trade show vendors, OFMA Board Members, and OSUE professionals to explore the many aspects of working with those big shows – musical acts, rough truck, truck and tractor pulls, and so much more! Pre-Registration Required. Fifty participants will be accepted, with no more than five from any one county.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Bring Your SKILLS to Our Skillathon

Dustin Homan - State 4-H Program Manager

Skillathon events are an exciting and effective way of learning and evaluating knowledge. Join the team who coordinates the animal science skillathons at the Ohio State Fair to demonstrate what you know, and take home ideas for your fair.

Creating an AgMazing Agriculture Awareness Building

Connie Smith, Program Assistant – Fairfield County; Christi Bachman, Bloom Carroll FFA Advisor, & Bloom Carroll FFA Students Want to help visitors learn about the impact of Agriculture in their lives? It's easy, make connections with SWCD, FB, OSU Extension plus local FFA Chapters. Let students find their passion in displaying projects while sharing learning experiences. Empower students to become the teachers! Come.. learn from the driving forces who have made the AGMazing Agriculture building a reality in Fairfield County.

Dealing with Those Challenging People at the Fair

Judy Villard Overocker, Extension Educator - Richland County

Participants will learn a practical approach to understanding, preparing for and dealing with exhibitors, parents, observers, volunteers and other people who pose difficult situations for the Junior Fair. Session includes role-playing and discussion of various Junior Fair program situations.

Do's & Don't of Judging Junior Fair Livestock Shows

Tim Barnes, Extension Educator – Marion County

After judging junior fair livestock shows for the past forty plus years the enjoyment has been unbelievable but judging experience helps with show ring management, when the tears flow, crowd control, microphone comments, and when one gets loose.

Dynamics to a Dynamite Meeting

Hannah Epley, State 4-H Specialist - OSU Extension

This session focuses on learning strategies for making meetings worthwhile along with creative approaches to reach decisions in a short amount of time. We will also discuss ways to utilize committees that can meet during and outside of the meetings.

Farm Chore Olympics

Adrienne Anderson, Extension Program Assistant – Licking County

Learn what the Farm Chore Olympics is at the Hartford Fair, as well as how it began and some of the tips and tricks we have learned along the way to help make it successful.

Ohio 4-H Horse Updates

Dr. Kim Cole, Extension Equine Specialist

Updates on new classes and changes to the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows.

The Power of 30 Seconds: Using Video to Promote Your Fair

Amanda Raines, Extension Educator – Hardin County & Sally McClaskey, Program Coordinator – State 4-H Staff

Videos can be a powerful tool to market and promote your fair online. Participants in this session will learn how to plan and create short, effective videos through hands-on activities and leave with a ready-to-use video about the OFMA Conference.

The Winning 4-H Plan – Scenarios for Inclusion and Access

Laura Akgerman, OSU Disability Services Coordinator, Laryssa Hook – Extension Educator – Delaware County & Heather Gottke, Extension Educator – Van Wert County

Come for a quick review of the Winning 4-H Plan, then use the creativity, inclusiveness and problem solving that 4-H is known for and work together on several scenarios for accommodating 4-H club members with disabilities.

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Biosecurity Basics

Dr. Tony Forshey, Ohio Department of Agriculture – State Veterinarian

There are a number of ways that fairs can increase biosecurity, and it doesn't always have to be difficult. Come and learn what Junior Fair Board and Senior Fair Board members can do and say to assist with keeping animals and fair visitors healthy and happy throughout the fair!

Draft Picks & Gold Stars – How do you ignite you JFB Board?

Ella Lorentz, Holmes County JFB Advisor & Janessa Hill, Extension Educator - Holmes County

A little friendly competition goes a long way. The Holmes County JFB members participate in a "JFB Draft" throughout the year, earning points to win a top pick of events and shows to work during the week of the fair. This session will also cover additional recognition programs, committees, and how members to go into the shows prepared.

Drug Abuse Prevention at the Fair

Meigs County Junior / Senior Fair Board Members and Meigs County Drug Prevention Members

In Meigs County, organizations partnered to sponsor a Drug Abuse Prevention Day to address needs in our community. A fun event was held to share motivation to make good choices, resources, and giveaways with school-aged children. Come learn about it!

Into the Barn and Out of Trouble, Connecting Juvenile Court Youth to the 4-H Program Through a 4-H Club Experience

Tracie Montague, Extension Educator - Clinton County & Chad Mason, Clinton County Juvenile Court

Youth mandated to complete community service through the juvenile court needed a program to engage them in the community, This need was met through a partnership between OSU Extension and the Clinton County Juvenile Court. The Bacon & Bits 4-H Club was established, creating hands-on involvement and experimental learning in a 4-H club setting, with caring adult volunteers, for court program participants.

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Learning the Ropes of Being a Good Junior Fair Board Member

Judy Villard Overocker, Extension Educator – Richland County

How to young leaders become great Junior Fair Board members? Designed goals, training, good preparation and practical learning experiences prior to the Junior Fair help youth become productive JFB members. Learn tips in this session to build your county's JFB program.

Stepping Outside the Show Ring

Beth Guggenbiller, Extension Educator - Mercer County & Mercer County Junior Fair Board Members

Come explore other activities and events that our Jr Fair organizes and plans outside the normal livestock shows. These shows give exhibitors a fun way to compete and share their skills during the week of the fair.

Taking Care of Yourself: Mental Health

Jami Dellifield, Extension Educator – Hardin County & Amanda Raines, Extension Educator – Hardin County

Mental health is an important part of our everyday life. Amanda and Jami will share tips and tricks on navigating stress, depression, and anxiety as you balance school, work, volunteering, athletics, and play.

What's New? Ohio 4-H Animal Sciences Program Updates

Elizabeth Share, Program Specialist – OSU Extension; Lucinda Miller, State Specialist – OSU Extension; and Dustin Homan, Program Manager – OSU Extension

Come hear about what's new in 4-H Animal Sciences programming: Youth Quality Assurance, Livestock, Companion and Small Animals, Judging Clinics and Contests, Knowledge Bowl Competitions, and State Fair Youth Opportunities.

Working & Playing as a Group (Teens and Adults)

Larry Hall, Extension Educator - Knox County

How can adults and teens function as a group if they don't spend time together? Experience ways to have fun and open lines of communication between Junior and Senior Fair Board members in this active session. A handout will be provided.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Getting Kids Off to a Positive Start with a Market Hog Project!

Tracie Montague, Extension Educator - Clinton County & Clinton County Swine Committee

Many counties are seeing changes in 4-H numbers and it's directly impacting the number of livestock projects exhibited at the fair. With increased cost to buy and raise a market project one committee in Clinton County is making the swine project more affordable for first year swine exhibitors, educating new members & families and bringing more pigs into barn through the Clinton County Swine Start Up Program.

HEALTH: Promoting the 4th H at Your Fair

Carol Smathers, State Specialist – OSU Extension & Theresa Ferrari, State Specialist – OSU Extension

4-H "Health Heroes" help educate others about healthy living and advocate for healthier options in their communities. Learn how to connect with Health Heroes, try out Healthy Living learning kits, and explore ways to promote healthy living at the fair.

Junior and Senior Fair Boards: Bring Together the Best of Both Worlds!

Lisa McCutcheon & Members of the Hartford Junior & Senior Fair Boards

During this session, participants will learn how building friendships and respect between the JFB and SFB can bring great benefits. Junior and Senior Fair Board members of the Hartford Independent Fair will explain the ways that they have worked together so as to make for a successful fair season. Through joint meetings, trainings, a bi-annual road trip and simple name games and mixers, these two boards have learned to work together so that each of them reap rewards. If you are looking for new opportunities, and are willing to make the effort to create them, this is your session.

Methods to Making Better Decisions

Jackie Krieger, Extension Educator - Summit County & Travis West, Extension Educator - Vinton County

Is there a better way to make decisions? Are we faced with a difficult decision that involves friends or relatives? Learn and practice the D.E.C.I.D.E. method and touch on how Emotional Intelligence can assist in the decision-making process.

STEM Challenges @ the Fair

Elliott Lawrence, Extension Educator – Lucas County

Are you looking for some new exciting and hands-on activities for your Fair? Experience for yourself how science and engineering challenges are both Fun and educational. Leave with the tools to be able to facilitate them yourself and train others to help you.

Talking Beyond Words

Morgan Domokos, Extension Educator - Medina County & Jenna Hoyt, Extension Educator - Ashtabula County

Understand the many ways to communicate with Fair-goers, Jr. Fair Families, Fair Representatives and 4-H volunteers while representing your best-self as well as the fair. Understand the benefits of communicating using various communication tools beyond the spoken word.

The Life of a State Junior Fair Board Member

Ohio State Fair Board Members – Ohio 4-H Representatives

It's a fun and exciting environment to work alongside youth from across the state and network with adults in all aspects of life. From announcing livestock shows to ushering concerts, the role of a state fair board members has some interesting responsibilities during their 14 days at state fair. In this session, we will talk about how to get on the state fair board, the roles/responsibilities of state fair board, and the knowledge and experience you learn while serving in this leadership board. Working together to make the Ohio State Fair the best possible experience for all exhibitors, youth, and adults is the goal of the state fair board and I hope that when we are done with this session, YOU will be inspired to work hard to try to serve on the Ohio State Junior Fair Board!

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Tough Stuff

Kristen Campbell, Extension Educator – Pike County; Rachael Fraley, Extension Educator – Lawrence County; & Michelle Stumbo, Extension Educator – Meigs County

"Tough Stuff" – Many times as a fair board member or volunteer, we are presented with situations that are challenging to know how to approach and resolve. Join us in a session where we will be evaluating real life scenarios, setting conversation ground rules, comparing paradigms to principals, and walking away with a check-list preparing you for the "tough stuff".

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