

2016 OFMA Junior Fair Conference Presentation Schedule

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Dress for Success

Katie Feldhues – Extension Educator, Ross County; and Ross County Junior Fair Board

As a member of the Junior Fair Board, you are a constant image of the county's elite. Everything about you is constantly watched by young exhibitors, parents, Senior Fair Board, and fair supporters. Attend this session to learn how to represent your board well through your attire, body language, and attitude.

Dynamics to a Dynamite Meeting

Hannah Epley – State Extension Specialist, *Camping and Older Youth*

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Podium Power

Jill Stechschulte - Extension Educator, *Fulton County*

Junior Fair Board is an opportunity to learn leadership and skills. This is accomplished by the experiences in which you participate during the fair. Public speaking gets easier when you have learned the tools to use to be successful. Announcing during the shows means more than calling numbers to go to a show ring. The show announcer should have some public speaking skills and know and understand what is going on during a show. They should be able to explain to the audience what is happening in the show ring. The announcer's job includes helping to make sure the show runs smoothly by keeping exhibitors, helpers, and spectators informed as well as calling classes and announcing winners. You are invited to Podium Power where you will learn general microphone procedures and show expectations through hands on interactive speaking.

You Made the Cut, Now Make it Count!

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

Now that you're on the Board, do you know what is expected of you? Can you meet those expectations? What happens if you fall short? Let's chat about how you manage this new leadership role and the ways in which your performance will impact your future involvement in 4-H, FFA, and other junior fair programs. It is a tremendous opportunity – make it count!

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

Andrea Daubenmier - Extension Program Coordinator, *Knox County*; Darrell Cubbison - OFMA Director (*Muskingum County*); and Variety Attractions Representative

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.

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Equine Risk Management

Jackie Krieger – Extension Educator, Summit County

Equine activities are inherently risky. Throw in the competitiveness of a horse show and those risks increase. How can we create an environment where host sites and participants both accept risk AND strive to reduce preventable risks? It is important for everyone to have a clearer understanding of the Ohio Equine Law which does not render everyone, every time, immunity from fault. A solid risk management plan for equine activities begins with an awareness of risks, then an understanding of the need for risk management then action for a safer equine environment.

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Lemonade Out of Lemons: Rising to the Poultry Challenge

Don Black – Miami County SFB / Poultry Committee Chair; Jenna Hoyt – Extension Educator, Ashtabula County; Joy Sharp – Extension Educator, Pickaway County; Jenny Strickler – Extension Educator – Coshocton County; and Demetria Woods – Extension Educator, Miami County

On June 2, 2015, “In an aggressive move designed to help protect Ohio’s \$2.3 billion poultry industry from the avian flu”, the Ohio Department of Agriculture canceled all live bird exhibitions in 2015. Some of the most innovative and inspirational moments of the fair season occurred when exhibitors across the state rose to the occasion and developed creative ways to participate in their county fairs. Attend this session to learn how Jr. Fair Poultry participants took on the challenge of finding unique ways to exhibit their “poultry”.

Making Decisions on Junior Fair Board

Jane Keyser – Extension Educator, Belmont County; and Michelle Fehr – Extension Educator, Muskingum County

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A Blue Ribbon ShoWork...Teens and Adults Make a Tech-Savvy Team!

Erin Dailey – Extension Educator, Jackson County

Each of our counties have a great deal of data to enter during the fair in order to output show bills, sale bills and other documents quickly. In each county, this is done of a little differently but there are ways in which all of our entities can help to make these processes smoother. Our Junior Fairboard Members and young 4-H alumni are very tech savvy and can be a big asset when it comes to data entry and computer work. In this session, you will be able to share ways that this happens in your county and find out how other counties are making this happen. Whether you are using ShoWorks, Blue Ribbon Fair or some other type of program...there is plenty of work to be done and we are always looking for easier ways to get that accomplished!

A Junior Fair Program for All Ages

Michelle Stumbo – Extension Educator, Meigs County; and Meigs County Junior Fair Board Members

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Getting Off to a Good Start with Your Junior Fair Board

Judy Villard Overocker - Extension Educator, Richland County

Junior Fair Boards are structured differently across the state, but everyone deals with getting the kids off to a good start. Participants will learn ways to get board members and advisors acquainted with each other as well as learning more about their local Junior Fair program. The session will include role-playing, plus interactive games and activities.

More than Rides & Rodeos

Jenna Hoyt - Extension Educator, Ashtabula County; and Ashtabula County Junior Fair Board members

Learn activities you can use to bring awareness to fair goers about agriculture and the many opportunities for families at the County Fair. Participants will learn and share the aspects of what makes their fair unique for families and fair goers.

ODA Update: Learning from the 2015 Fair Season, Preparing for a Successful 2016!

Dr. Tony Forshey, ODA State Veterinarian & Cindy Bodie, ODA Business Operations Manager

Information will be presented regarding regulatory issues experienced during the fair season, and suggestions for improvements that can be made during the coming year. This session will be very similar to the one offered on Friday for SFB Member and Records Officials.

NOTE: Intended for SFB Members, OSUE Staff and JFB Advisors – but open to JFB Members as well.

Ohio 4-H Horse Program Updates

Dr. Kim Cole – OSU Extension, Equine Specialist

Annual update will be provided for Ohio 4-H Horse Programs including the Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show.

Quality Assurance Updates for 2016

Joy Sharp – Extension Educator, Ross County

Each year Ohio 4-H selects three good production practices to focus on during annual Quality Assurance training programs. Attend this session to find out which three GPP's your county will be teaching this year, as well as ideas for activities that can be used during training. Attendees will also have an opportunity to share ideas about their county's training program and exchange ideas with others. (Please note that this session does not count toward personal QA certification.)

STEM Challenges @ the Fair

Patty House – Extension Educator, Clark County

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Family-A-Fair

Jan Jackam, Ryann Chapman and Kimberly Dobay - Geauga County Junior Fair

Do you think your fair is the best in the state? Are there families in your county that have never gotten to come to fair? Would you like to give them the opportunity to experience your fair? It can be done with a little work and ingenuity. You can share your fair with neighbors who don't know the excitement the fun and tastes of fair. At this session we will share Geauga County's success in 2015. We were able to reach out to the community and bring families to fair. We were able to invite 33 families that otherwise would not have been able to come to fair, some had never been and were so excited to get to experience the sights, sounds and flavors.

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ShoWorks & Auction Management

Kelly Coble – Extension Educator, Allen County, Sarah Jackson – Allen County Fair and Sue Butcher – Allen County Fair

Presenters for this session will share how Allen County fair utilizes ShoWorks for Junior Fair management. Presenters use a team approach when using ShoWorks, each working with the programming at different states of Junior Fair implementation, problems and solutions encountered, and represent diverse perspectives of the fair management program. Participants will learn 1) Utilizing on-line entries 2) Creating premiums to pay out during fair 3) Steps to a successful livestock auction from sale order to check writing all with ShoWorks. Participants will leave this session with ideas and resources for using ShoWorks in 2016.

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