

2024 OFMA Junior Fair Conference Presentation Schedule

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Destressing During the Fair! | ROOM: UNION E

Becky Barker, Extension Educator – Morrow County; Russ Mayer, Morrow County 4-H Volunteer & Morrow County Junior Fair Board

Fair can be stressful for everyone, including animals. As fair board member you have added another level to the busy, best part of your summer “fair” and possibly more stress. Come learn ways to balance everything and destress during fair.

Engaging Junior Fair Youth Who Do Not Show Animals | ROOM: MCKINLEY

Angie Allison, Extension Educator – Jefferson County

The county fair can be a foreign place, especially for youth who are not the typical show kid. Short of a fair pass, how can we engage youth who specialize in still projects, or are not accustomed to barn life?

It’s Show Time! | ROOM: HAYES

Leslie Cooksey, Extension Educator – Fairfield County

“Now entering the ring, Market Gilts Class 1.” It’s time for the show to begin and you are asked to step up to the microphone. Are you ready? Learn more about you can develop skills to enhance your public speaking and recordkeeping skills to be an effective youth member of your Show Committee that adults can trust and depend upon to get the job done. Learn how to effectively coach your peers to enrich their public speaking experiences while understanding the process for announcing a Junior Fair Show.

Showman of Showmen: Giving the Best, Your Best | ROOM: MORROW

Amanda Fulk, Jonathan Barrett and Mackenzie Lowe, Extension Educator - Meigs County

Looking to overhaul your Showman of Showmen? After revamping our contest, it has gained massive popularity from participants and spectators. By combining a three-judge panel, organized scoresheet, and unvaried participant apparel, we have found tremendous success. Learn more here!

Walk the Walk | ROOM: UNION D

Jenna Hoyt, Extension Educator – Ashtabula County

First impressions are formed within 7 to 17 seconds of meeting someone and can last a lifetime. Learn more about making a good first impression and how the impression of you leave is based on how you conduct yourself beyond your physical appearance.

What’s your Fruit? Are you a Grape, Orange, Banana or Melon? | ROOM: CHAMPAIGN

Audrey Dimmerling, Extension Educator – Columbiana County & Jamie Stacy, JFB Coordinator – Columbiana County

Learn to appreciate differences, diversity isn’t only external, it’s also internal. Everyone has a unique way of thinking, communicating, and making decisions. This session will help participants understand their “fruit” style and how to work with others when making decisions.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

A Guide to Fair Royalty | ROOM: FAYETTE

Abby Winslow – Lucas County Fair

Being a new royalty member can be overwhelming. Join us to help guide royalty members to better understand the rules and what is expected of them during their reign.

All About the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board | ROOM: HAYES

Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board Members

Serving on the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board (JFB) is an experience of a lifetime. It's a fun and exciting opportunity to work alongside many different people, as well as network with youth and adults from across Ohio. JFB members have a variety of responsibilities throughout the Fair that may include giving show welcomes, ushering concerts, working at ODNR Park, assisting with special events, and much more. This session will help you understand the roles and responsibilities of a JFB member, as well the qualifications and process to become a member. We hope that YOU will be inspired to be part of the Ohio State Junior Fair Board!

Community Service with Line Dancing! | ROOM: UNION E

Butler County Junior Fair Board

Junior Fair Boards can be impactful when it comes to Community Service projects. Come line dance with us in this session and learn how collecting canned goods for a local foodbank and dancing come together, as a Win-Win for all!

Find the Bang to your Buck: Making the Most from your JFB Donations! | ROOM: MORROW

Meigs County Junior Fair Board, Amanda Fulk and Mackenzie Lowe, Extension Educator – Meigs County

Did your JFB receive a donation? Looking for tips on how to use it? After receiving money from Congressman Wenstrup, our JFB constructed a veteran memorial landscape. Come learn ways to properly use donations to your JFB- start to finish!

Oh, the Places You'll Go! | ROOM: TAFT CD

Hartford Junior Fair Board Members

Now that you've been selected to serve as a Junior Fair Board member, it's time to talk about the many other state and national 4-H opportunities that are available to you. You have so many options, you just need to decide what's next! Come hear from the teens who have been there, done that, and have the shirt (and amazing experiences) to prove it!

Ohio 4-H Horse Program Update | ROOM: MCKINLEY

Kim Cole, Professor – OSU Animal Sciences & Dani Seitner, State Program Coordinator - Equine

Ohio 4-H is introducing two new horse project books – Gymkhana and Ground Roping! Join us to learn about these exciting new opportunities for 4-Hers in your county as well as additional program updates!

Running Meetings Effectively using Parliamentary Procedure | ROOM: UNION D

Jenna Hoyt, Extension Educator – Ashtabula County

Through this interactive session, Youth Leaders will learn tips for handling officer positions and tips for officers on using time together efficiently and effectively.

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Animal & Me - Building Partnerships and Forging Relationships | ROOM: FAYETTE

Kara Colvin, Extension Educator – Warren County & Warren County Animal & Me Committee

Animal & Me partners special needs participants in the community with 4-Hers to build relationships and show in a special livestock show during fair. The program has tripled in participation and created partnerships with participants, mentors, and the community.

Being the Best Character | ROOM: GARFIELD

Beth Guggenbiller, Extension Educator – Mercer County & Alicia Knapke

What famous tv character would you want on your board? What skills and characteristics make a good Jr Fair Board member. Let's explore the role and spotlight of Jr Fair Board Members.

Cloverbud No-Bake, Bake-In | ROOM: UNION E

Butler County Junior Fair Board FCS Department

Join us for this interactive session as we share a brand-new event designed for Cloverbuds! The No-Bake, Bake-In is a great way to get our youngest 4-H members involved during fair week! Learn how to engage with Cloverbuds while sampling a No-Bake treat!

Divide and Conquer: Sharing the Workload | ROOM: HAYES

Kristy Watters, Extension Educator – Adams County & Adams County Junior Fair Board

Fair is a monumental task that runs much smoother when we know the expectations, play to our strengths, and share the workload. Learn how our Junior Fair Board members divide duties, work within committees, and willingly take on responsibilities.

Junior Fair Cloverbud Activities | ROOM: MCKINLEY

Amy Gerber, Peyton Lunn & Jacki Baca, Extension Educator – Lorain County

Providing fun and engaging learning opportunities for youth ages 5-8 serves as both recruitment and retention strategies of youth in this age category. JFB and 4-H in Lorain County provide several learning experiences for our youngest: Show & Tell, Graduation, and Royalty.

Ohio 4-H Animal Sciences Program Update | ROOM: TAFT CD

Elizabeth Share, Program Specialist – OSU Extension & MacKenzie Dore, Program Assistant – OSU Animal Sciences

Come learn what's new with 4-H Animal Sciences programming including: Youth Quality Assurance, state livestock judging, upcoming clinics and contests, state-level Skillathons, and about other Ohio State Fair youth livestock opportunities.

Strangers to Family: Friendship on the Junior Fair Board | ROOM: MORROW

Kate Wells, Extension Educator – Ross County & Ryan Kline, Extension Educator – Ross County

Friendship can impact your ability to work effectively together, demonstrate resiliency and grit, and your own personal happiness. This presentation will be a combination of sharing information on how friendship impacts your countywide Jr. Fair Board and will offer a few tried-and-true fun activities to build friendships on your board.

Veteran Junior Fair Board Member... Now What? | ROOM: UNION D

Andrea Rees, Extension Educator – Knox County & Joy Sharp, Extension Educator – Pickaway County

After being a Junior Fair Board member for a couple of years, what more can you do? How can you contribute? How might you be able to mentor younger members? This session will help you to explore how older members can stay engaged, and how they can connect with younger members to make a difference.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Am I Prepared for the Challenging People at our Fair? | ROOM: UNION E

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. The session will include role-playing and discussion of various Junior Fair program situations.

Engaging Cloverbuds... Without Reinventing the Wheel | ROOM: FAYETTE

Allison Cooper, Extension Educator – Crawford County

Cloverbuds are the next generation of exhibitors at our fairs. You likely already have great fair week contests at your fair, so is there a way that you can involve 5–8-year-old Cloverbuds into the work you are already doing? Don't let the word "contest" scare you from including Cloverbuds. See how Crawford County has added Cloverbud categories to many of their already established fair week contests and how we are able to build a love of fair at an earlier age.

Fun, Interactive Activities at your County Fair | ROOM: HARRISON

Jo Williams, Extension Educator – Scioto County and Rachael Slone, Program Assistant – Scioto County

Come learn about fun 4-H activities for Junior Fair Boards to offer at your fair. Session participants will leave with one completed activity, lesson plans, schedules, and ideas for replication in their own counties.

Get Up, Get Moving, Get to Know Others! | ROOM: BALLROOM FOYER, 3rd Floor

Hartford Junior Fair Board Members

Looking for a chance to get up, move around and meet Junior Fair Board members from other counties? This is your chance! Hartford Junior Fair Board members will share a few of their favorite mixers and name games for you to enjoy, and then take them back to use in your county! We look forward to meeting you!

Junior Fair Board – WHY Do You Do It? | ROOM: TAFT CD

Jessica Rockey, Extension Educator – Perry County & Perry County Junior Fair Board Advisors and Members

You're HERE because you are 'doing Jr. Fair Board' – but HOW and WHY? And how do you convince others to give it a try? Sometimes it just helps to hear what your neighbor does. This session will offer guiding topics and questions but give participants the freedom to chat, share, and ask questions of their own.

Roles, Responsibilities, and Relationships | ROOM: MCKINLEY

Joy Bauman, Extension Educator – Pike County; Brandon Greene, Pike County Fair Board President & Pike County Junior Fair Board Member

Building and maintaining good relationships between SFB, JFB, and OSU Extension personnel is vital to a smooth fair. Clear understanding of roles and responsibilities by each group as well as by fair participant families can help reduce tension and stress.

Ross County JFB on the Road: Bringing Back Lessons from Attending a National Livestock Show | ROOM: MORROW

Kate Wells, Extension Educator – Ross County & Ryan Kline, Extension Educator – Ross County

Our 2023 Jr. Fair Board planning retreat went on the road to attend the North American International Livestock Expo as a board. This session will highlight noteworthy observations, takeaways, and things we plan to do differently because of what we experienced! Teens will share at least 10 key lessons learned and ways they could impact how your board operates differently this year!

Your Digital Footprint | ROOM: UNION D

Andrea Rees, Extension Educator – Knox County

Our digital footprints can have a powerful impact on our future.....it is our public appearance. This can be a scary thought, given that what's in our digital footprint isn't always within our control. There are many factors that can lead to a negative digital footprint - whether it is on an individual level or at a bigger level. Digital footprints are an opportunity to showcase our best selves and craft a footprint that leads to future success.