

2023 OFMA Junior Fair Conference Presentation Schedule

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Don't Forget to Say Thank You | MCKINLEY

Lydia Flores, Extension Educator – Marion County

The value of the words “Thank You” can go a long way for donors, supporters, volunteers, and parents. Come and share ideas for the best ways to thank our people that make the county fair happen.

Engaging Future Showmen at the Junior Fair! | CHAMPAIGN

Aubry Fowler, Extension Educator – Fairfield County

Cloverbuds are the future of the Junior Fair Program. How do you involve 5-8 year old Cloverbuds and other young fairgoers in your Junior Fair Program? Getting younger youth excited and engaged at this age will help instill a passion for the Junior Fair. Additionally, engaging future showmen into the Junior Fair Program allows them to feel a sense of belonging to the program as they look up to older 4-H youth who are participating in the program. Learn more about Fairfield County's Cloverbud Show & Tell, Stuff Animal Show, Cloverbud Graduation, and Junior Fair Buddies Program!

It's Show Time! | MORROW

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.

Road Trip Adventures: Absolutely Priceless! | UNION E

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

Traveling together to visit other fairs in small groups or as part of an organized bus trip helps Junior and Senior Fair Boards develop stronger relationships while gathering new ideas. Learn about different formats and ways to incorporate road trips into your Fair Board experience.

Show us your Showmanship and Extra Shows | UNION D

Beth Guggenbiller, Extension Educator – Mercer County & Alicia Knapke

Let's explore all the ways to set up your showmanship shows. How does your county fair compare? Let's share your showman or showmen or other similar style shows.

Walk the Walk | HAYES

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.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

All About the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board | MCKINLEY

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!

Fair Friends | HAYES

Becky Gall, Hannah Zwick, Jessica Eherman, Lexi Crow, and Kaylann Cherry – Medina County Junior Fair Board

Fair Friends is a pre-fair event for 4-H age kids (4-18) with developmental disabilities. Junior Fair Board members work with Senior Fair Board members to volunteer their time to plan and work this annual event.

Horse Show Headaches? | FAYETTE

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

Have your horse shows become headaches to manage? Join us for strategies and tips to help make your horse shows more manageable for show committees and volunteers and fun for exhibitors.

Line dance your way into learning creative parliamentary procedure | TAFT CD

Butler County Junior Fair Board, Emily Masters, Extension Educator – Butler County & Erin Simpson-Sloan, Program Assistant – Butler County

Not your typical parliamentary procedure lesson! Butler County Junior Fair Board members will use music (feel free to make requests to “DJ Becky”) to teach youth how to make a motion, second a motion, amend a motion, and finally, pass a motion.

Passing the torch – actual learning by doing | UNION D

Holmes County Extension Office and Junior Fair Coordinators

“Learn by doing” How are we allowing youth to do this during Junior Fair programming? Come find out how our JFB members are taking ownership of their board by creating and executing new initiatives/events for their peers at the fair.

Princess for a Day Program – Cloverbud Opportunity | HARRISON

Morgan McCutcheon, Junior Fair Royalty Coordinator – Hartford Fair / 2018 OFMA Queen

Come learn about giving 4-H Cloverbuds the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a royalty member and shadow their role models. Our goal is to give them a way to flourish as future leaders and 4-H members, much like the Pee Wee showmanship classes!

Repping the Red Jacket | MORROW

Leslie Cooksey, Extension Educator – Fairfield County

You’re on the Board, fair is coming, now what? In this session, discover roles and responsibilities for fair week as a Junior Fair Board Member. Learn how to prepare yourself as a JFB member with the expectations adults, exhibitors, and show committee members have of you in your role.

Your Digital Footprint | UNION E

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.

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Dealing with Challenging People | MORROW

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

Exploring and learning about your fair and agriculture. | TAFT CD

Russ Mayer, Morrow County Junior Fair Volunteer

Each of our fair's presents a great way to learn about your fair and county, state and national agriculture. Learn ways to help fairgoers see the whole fairgrounds and explore agriculture using trivia and scavenger hunts.

From clothing to executive board, lets chat about JFB layers | UNION D

Holmes County Junior Fair Board & Executive Committee Members

Although fair season is our favorite, our board strives to have fun in all seasons! Come learn about the different layers in our board and how we create fun to keep new members excited and returning members invested.

Getting Rest to Maximize Performance Fair Week | HAYES

Travis West, Extension Educator – Vinton County

County Fair can leave us exhausted and negative. Sleep is not the only type of rest that we need to recharge our batteries, come learn tips for getting all 7 types of rest needed for top performance.

Ohio 4-H Animal Sciences Program Update | FAYETTE

Elizabeth Share, Program Specialist – OSU Extension & Dr. Benjamin Wenner, Associate Professor – 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, the future of state-level Skillathons, and about other Ohio State Fair youth livestock opportunities.

Prevention at the Fair | MCKINLEY

OSU Extension - Meigs County, Meigs County Fair Board Members & Meigs County Prevention Coalition Members

In 2018, community organizations in Meigs County added a prevention component to the county Fair. 2022 saw the 5th year of the partnership in Meigs County, with similar events in 2 nearby counties. Come discuss the possibilities for your fair!

To Get the Best, You Gotta Give the Best! | BALLROOM FOYER

Kate Wells, Extension Educator – Ross County

Jr. Fair Board is a great opportunity to help the fair you love, but also a chance to get to know others in your county. This session will offer some interactive games that you can replicate with your own Jr. Fair Board to build a closer group that is ready to work hard together next spring/summer.

Veteran JFB Member... Now What? | UNION E

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 Ready for this Junior Fair Board Experience? | MORROW

Judy Villard Overocker, Extension Educator – Richland County

Participants will self-analyze what they hope to gain from the Junior Fair Board experience, then set personal goals to meet their expectations. Session will include role playing and discussion of what it takes to be a good Junior Fair Board member.

Responsibility and Memories: The Junior Fair Board Experience | UNION D

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

Keep board members coming back year after year by creating a meaningful junior fair board role. Establishing a culture that values teamwork, reliability, and responsibility has kept our board seats filled and provided a rewarding, memorable experience for our teens.

Showcase Projects with a County Fair Barn Tour | UNION E

Jo Williams, Extension Educator – Scioto County; Abbie Mowen, Extension Educator – Scioto County & Scioto County Junior Fair Board

Join the Scioto County Junior Fair Board to learn how to organize and conduct barn tours at your fair. Tours have been conducted for stakeholders, community groups, and Cloverbuds. Tours are a great way to showcase projects and teach others.

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work | BALLROOM FOYER

Rachel Stoneburner, Program Coordinator – Franklin County; Beth Boomershine, Extension Educator – Franklin County and Sara Lewis, Extension Educator – Fulton County

Need help creating a sense of community amongst Jr. Fair Board Members? This session will share team-building activities that can be used at county junior fair board meetings to help members get to know one another through fun and games.

The Still / Life Skills Project Auction | FAYETTE

Christine Ulman & Katrina Nitz, Extension Educator – Carroll County

Come join us to learn how you could offer a still / life skills project auction at your fair. Skill / Life Skills project exhibitors have a lot of different “Goods” they can offer to your community. Join us to learn how you could incorporate this into your fair line up.

Thinking Outside the Box to Tackle Fair Entry Programs | TAFT CD

Erin Dailey, Extension Educator – Gallia County

Whether you use Fair Entry, ShoWorks or something else tackle your fair entries and show day materials, there never seems to be enough time or help. This session will focus on thinking creatively about how we can use adult, teen or community volunteers to make this process smoother.

Tough Stuff | MCKINLEY

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 checklist preparing you for the “tough stuff”.

You Won the Crown & Sash...Now What? | HARRISON

Joy Sharp, Extension Educator – Pickaway County

Congratulations! You have been named to your county Junior Fair Royalty. Now what? From shows, to luncheons, to county fair visits, attend this session to learn about the responsibilities of serving in a Royalty or Ambassador role. County Royalty Coordinators are also invited to learn what they should be sharing with new royalty as they represent their fair.