2027 OFMA Junior Fair Conference Presentation Schedule

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

From Grandstand to Grand Plan: Making a Difference through Junior Fair "FUN"-draising | ROOM: Morrow
Ryan Kline, Extension Educator – Ross County and the Ross County Junior Fair Board
Ross County's Junior Fair Night brings in over $20,000 annually, empowering the Junior Fair Board to make a difference beyond fair week. Learn how collaboration with Fair Boards and community partners creates "fun"draising opportunities, from apple pie sales to outhouse races!

Repping the Red Jacket | ROOM: Champaign
Leslie Cooksey, Extension Educator – Fairfield County & Fairfield County Junior Fair Board Members
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.

Road Trip Adventures: Absolutely Priceless! | ROOM: Union D
Hartford Junior & Senior Fair Board Members & Adrienne Anderson, Extension Program Assistant – Licking County
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.

Teaming up with your Local Teams | ROOM: Union E
Jess Burns – Extension Educator – Lucas County, Aimee Mottmiller and the Lucas County Junior Fair Board
Agriculture isn't just in the game; it's behind every play! Team up with local high school, collegiate, and professional sports organizations to connect your community with agriculture in fun and meaningful ways throughout the fair's off-season.

Your Future Is Watching: Understanding Your Digital Footprint | ROOM: McKinley
Andrea Rees, Extension Educator – Knox County
Your digital footprint shapes how others see you. Make thoughtful choices about what you post and share. Use your online presence to highlight your strengths, values, and accomplishments, build a positive reputation, and create opportunities for your future.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Behind the Fair: Junior Fair Board | ROOM: Morrow
Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board Members
The Ohio State Fair couldn't happen without the Junior Fair Board. Go behind the scenes through the eyes of a JFB member, discover how they bring the Fair to life, and learn why it's time for you to join the team!

Building Belonging on JFB | ROOM: Taft A&B
Amanda Faulk, Mackenzie Lowe, Extension Educator – Meigs County and Meigs County Junior Fair Board Members
Discover how the Meigs County Junior Fair Board transformed differences in age, schools, background, and personalities into strengths. Attendees will learn practical strategies for building trust, breaking down barriers, strengthening relationships, and creating belonging. Turn a group of individuals into one strong, connected team.

Cloverbud Creations | ROOM: Fayette
Butler County Junior Fair Board
Cloverbud Creations is an opportunity for younger 4-H members to participate and be active during fair week. It provides youth ages 5–8 an opportunity to explore creativity through different age-appropriate projects. Participants will create and display their work, share their project during a brief interview, and participate in a Style Review - building confidence, communication skills, and creativity.

Getting Comfortable with the Uncomfortable | ROOM: Champaign
Leslie Cooksey, Extension Educator – Fairfield County and Fairfield County Junior Fair Board Members
This interactive session will focus on navigating conflict, difficult situations, and challenging interactions as a Junior Fair Board member. We will review real-life conflicts and concerns previously shared by JFB members and work together to identify ways to solve problems, communicate effectively, and move forward. Through group discussion and guided conversation, participants will explore how to handle difficult people and situations with patience, a willingness to listen, and respect for others. We will also discuss the importance of knowing when and how to use the appropriate chain of command, when to speak up, and when to seek help from an adult leader. The goal is to give Junior Fair Board members practical tools and confidence to work through uncomfortable situations while maintaining positive relationships and supporting the Junior Fair team.

Junior and Senior Fair Boards: Making Partnership a Priority | ROOM: Union D
Hartford Junior & Senior Fair Board Members & Lisa McCutcheon, Extension Educator – Licking County
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 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 reaps rewards. If you are looking for new opportunities and are willing to make the effort to create them, this is your session.

Making the Professional Difference: Communication Skills for Junior Fair Board Members | ROOM: Union E
Amanda Raines, Extension Educator – Hardin County and Sherri Beale
Learn how effective communication helps Junior Fair Board members build positive relationships with advisors, Senior Fair Board members, community partners, and peers. Interactive activities will strengthen leadership, professionalism, conflict resolution, and teamwork skills needed to be a Difference Maker.

Running The Show | ROOM: Hayes
Jacci Smith, Extension Educator – Delaware County
Session covers the who, what, when, where, and why of behind the scenes at livestock shows. Topics for success include the staffing, positions, and procedural steps.

Strengthening Lorain County Tradition Through Youth Leadership | ROOM: Ohio Center B
Lorain County Junior Fair Board Members – Kayla Linden, Kyleigh Klingshirn, Olivia Howells, Nick Sword, Morgan Denes, Max Hook, Reece Leiby, and Katie Stannard
The Lorain County Junior Fair Board Officers and Executive Members will explain and demonstrate the role of youth leadership in the county fair, explain how it has made them better leaders, and share ways to incorporate more youth leadership within your county.

There is always that ONE, or is there? (<u>DOUBLE SESSION</u>) | ROOM: McKinley
Melinda Ryan, Extension Educator – Champaign County
Want to understand why people act or react differently in the same situation? Gaining knowledge of personality traits through REAL COLOR(s) can help you understand yourself and others. Learn how understanding general personality traits can make you and your team more effective in accomplishing your goals. This interactive session will help you strengthen your ability to work with peers, adults and younger youth by learning your REAL COLORS personality type and gain knowledge of all the colors and how they interact with one another.

You've Won the Crown & Sash…Now What? | ROOM: Ohio Center C
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.

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Beyond the Show Ring: Growing Ag Advocates Through Your Fair | ROOM: Morrow
Kayla Richter – Monroe Central FFA Advisor, Josilyn Fleeman and Monroe Central FFA Members
Discovering creative ways to incorporate FFA and 4-H programs into your fair beyond exhibiting livestock. Explore hands-on agricultural education, youth-led activities, community partnerships, and advocacy opportunities that transform fairgoers into informed consumers and exhibitors into agricultural advocates.

Customer Service the Disney Way | ROOM: Union D
Teresa Johnson, Extension Educator – Defiance County
It's important to consider customers' needs. Have you thought about the customer service experience that people have with your county fair? What are the factors that go into providing an excellent customer service experience? This sometimes may require a shift in the way we manage and lead. We need to be cheerleaders, coaches and facilitators. We must keep one thing in mind at all times – manage by satisfying the customer.

From Barn to Browser: Your Leadership Brand at the Fair and Beyond | ROOM: Hayes
Frances Foos, Educator – State 4-H Older Youth and Civic Engagement
Discover how to shape your leadership identity during fair week—both in person and online. Learn to build a positive personal brand, practice responsible digital citizenship, and represent your fair with confidence and integrity.

Mastering the Market Sale | ROOM: Champaign
Jenna Hoyt, Extension Educator – Ashtabula County and Leslie Cooksey, Extension Educator – Fairfield County
This session will focus on highlighting and sharing information from buyer surveys to be used by Jr. Fair youth to aid them in finding and better communication with buyers. Attendees will leave with a helpful handout to assist with inviting buyers to their livestock sale as well as communicating and thanking them for their support!

Pack Your Bags and Build Your Board: An Overnight JFB Retreat | ROOM: Taft A&B
Amanda Faulk, Mackenzie Lowe, Extension Educator – Meigs County and Meigs County Junior Fair Board Members
What happens when you trade meetings for an overnight adventure? See how one overnight retreat can energize your JFB through challenges, laughter, leadership, and unforgettable experiences. Leave ready to plan a retreat your members will talk about all year!

Shhhh… Creating a More Inclusive Fair Experience | ROOM: Fayette
Daniela Gomes and Butler County Clover Leaders
Learn about an innovative program developed by a Butler County 4-H teen that created a more sensory-friendly fair experience. The Shhhh Program reduced overwhelming sights, sounds, and other stimuli, allowing participants and their families to enjoy the fair in a calmer, more comfortable environment. In this session presenters will highlight how the program was developed and implemented, accommodations that made a difference, and practical strategies other fairs can use to create a more accessible, welcoming, and inclusive experience for all.

The Junior Fair Survival Guide: Resources, Answers, and Allies | ROOM: Ohio Center B
Kristy Watters, Extension Educator – Adams County and Rachael Fraley, Extension Educator – Lawrence County
This session helps Junior Fair advisors and coordinators identify key resources, understand roles and responsibilities, and connect with the right people when challenges arise. Participants will gain practical tools, communication strategies, and contacts to support efficient, successful fair operations and youth experiences.

There is always that ONE, or is there? (Continued from 11:30 a.m. session) | ROOM: McKinley
Melinda Ryan, Extension Educator – Champaign County
Want to understand why people act or react differently in the same situation? Gaining knowledge of personality traits through REAL COLOR(s) can help you understand yourself and others. Learn how understanding general personality traits can make you and your team more effective in accomplishing your goals. This interactive session will help you strengthen your ability to work with peers, adults and younger youth by learning your REAL COLORS personality type and gain knowledge of all the colors and how they interact with one another.

You Are The One Making The Best Better | ROOM: Ohio Center C
Makenna Johnson, Texas 4-H Alum & Texas A&M Student
Through 4-H and FFA you are in training for the rest of your life. Come interactively explore how to use your unique skill set to serve others and pursue your passions both where your feet are and in the future.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

A JFB Roundtable Discussion | ROOM: Taft A&B
Haley Black, Extension Program Assistant – Fairfield County, Amanda Faulk, and Mackenzie Lowe, Extension Educator – Meigs County
Join us to break the ice, explore JFB requirements and responsibilities, share experiences and best practices, and brainstorm ideas. This roundtable encourages collaboration, knowledge sharing, and open discussion to identify opportunities for improvement and strengthen our collective impact.

Be the One They Can Count On
Kayla Richter – Monroe Central FFA Advisor, Josilyn Fleeman and Monroe Central FFA Members
If every Junior Fair Board member worked the way you do, what would your fair look like? This session challenges you to take initiative, build work ethic, own your responsibilities, lead by example, and become someone your team can truly count on.

Bringing Tech to Tradition… Integrating Technology at Fair | ROOM: Union E
Morgan Baden, Extension Educator – Henry County and Michael Schweinserg, Extension Educator – Paulding County
Learn more about maximizing usage of Junior Fair Board members. Hands-on workshop on using FairEntry software such as connecting RFID wands, using barcode scanners, checking animals in, reconciling results within your fair, and helping check Sale Buyers in.

Customer Service the Disney Way | ROOM: Union D
Teresa Johnson, Extension Educator – Defiance County
It's important to consider customers' needs. Have you thought about the customer service experience that people have with your county fair? What are the factors that go into providing an excellent customer service experience? This sometimes may require a shift in the way we manage and lead. We need to be cheerleaders, coaches and facilitators. We must keep one thing in mind at all times – manage by satisfying the customer.

Don't Forget to Say Thank You | ROOM: Hayes
Frances Foos, Educator – State 4-H Older Youth and Civic Engagement
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.

Fair Issues: Whose Decision Is It? | ROOM: McKinley
Travis West, Extension Educator – Vinton County
County Fair can be a challenge! No matter how much you plan, you will eventually find yourself caught in a discussion or meeting where the decision needs to be made. Whose decision is it to make and should be delivering the message to the family?

I can do that! | ROOM: Champaign
Leslie Cooksey, Extension Educator – Fairfield County
What do you need as a Junior Fair Board Member? Do you need to know where things are if a fairgoer stops you on the midway? Are you asked to give a radio interview on a whim? How about the last-minute fair tour when another county's JFB shows up?! In this session, learn how you can help plan and prepare your peers for the extra things outside of running shows and judging events.

Ready, Set, Show! | ROOM: Fayette
Laura Koenig, Extension Educator – Madison County
Livestock 101: From Barn to Show Ring provides youth with a hands-on introduction to livestock showing, regardless of prior experience. Current 4-H and FFA members serve as mentors, teaching participants animal handling, grooming, showmanship, and confidence while developing leadership skills through meaningful peer-to-peer learning.

You Are The One Making The Best Better | ROOM: Ohio Center C
Makenna Johnson, Texas 4-H Alum & Texas A&M Student
Through 4-H and FFA you are in training for the rest of your life. Come interactively explore how to use your unique skill set to serve others and pursue your passions both where your feet are and in the future.

Youth Led, Purpose Driven: Secrets to a Successful Junior Fair Board | ROOM: Ohio Center B
Adams County Junior Fair Board Members
Adams County Junior Fair Board members share how to recruit and engage new members, foster accountability, and accomplish meaningful goals. Discover real-world strategies for building teamwork, developing leadership skills, and creating a board culture that turns big ideas into action.