



TO: Organizational Club Advisors

FROM: Jo Williams and Josi Brodt
Extension Educator Program Coordinator

RE: Summer Newsletter

Hello all! We are sending this letter out to the organizational advisors only, so please be sure to share all of this information with the other volunteers in your club, as well as all the families in your club. There are a few changes for this year's fair, so we want to be sure everyone is up-to-date.

Also, please remember that your club must have a representative present at the pre-fair advisor meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, August 3, in the south end of the Livestock Complex at the fairgrounds. We will review upcoming items for the fair and hand out club packets with your passes, schedules, etc.

If your club still owes money for candy, meat snack sticks, or from fundraising, they are not considered to be in good standing as a 4-H Club. Please be sure to get any outstanding balances paid prior to the pre-fair meeting, so as not to jeopardize your club's status with the 4-H Program. Also, if you have any volunteers who have not completed their background checks, they will not be considered a current volunteer for 2015. If people have questions about this, they need to contact us before Friday, August 7.

Sale Changes for 2015

Don Gleim Auctions will be managing the 2015 Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Previous years' buyer will receive information about the sale in the mail. The auction company will have a trailer set up at the north end of the Livestock Complex where buyers will have to register to receive a number prior to the sale, Buyers will be permitted to pay the night of the sale with a credit card if they choose. There will be an additional fee to pay by credit card.

Minimum Bids for 2015 Sale

All buyers must make a minimum bid of \$50 per animal or lot of animals they purchase. That means that the least amount a buyer can contribute toward any animal/lot is \$50. Remind youth that they are only supposed to be asking buyers to come and support the sale, not begging for money. We received numerous complaints from buyers about kids asking for money. Also, remind youth and parents that they are not allowed in the sale arena on Sale Day. They need to contact buyers prior to the sale and invite them to come support the sale. Please remember that our buyers are very generous and we need to be courteous and respectful. Not every business that a family works with can contribute to their animal at the fair.

Thank You Notes

All 4-H members should send thank you notes to their trophy sponsors. Each trophy has a sticker on the bottom with the sponsors name and address. The 4-H Committee will pay to send the thank you's if they are addressed to the sponsor. Just drop them off at the Junior Fair Office during the fair. If they are not addressed completely, they will not be sent.

Thank You Signs

This year members exhibiting livestock at the fair will be allowed to make their own Buyer Thank You signs. There will still be pre-printed thank you signs available, as well. If a 4-H'er chooses to make his own sign, that sign needs to be the same size as the pre-printed signs, which is 11x17 inches. Please do not make signs larger, as they will restrict air-flow in the barn and you may be asked to remove them.

Career Achievement Awards

We will be ordering the silver plates for Career Achievement awards based on what members have listed on their enrollment forms. If you have a last-year 4-H member you believe should receive an award for being in 4-H for every year they were eligible, please call to verify that we have them on our list. We will order the awards Thursday, August 6.

Barn meeting to be held immediately following Sheep/Goat weigh-in

Please remind all livestock exhibitors that there will be a barn meeting at the livestock arena immediately following the sheep and goat weigh-in, approximately 8 p.m. Fair veterinarian Dr. Angie Sherman will speak to all members at this time.

4-H Premiums

Remind all 4-H members that they can pick their premiums up at the premium booth, located in the School Building, the day after their final show is complete. Premium booth hours will be posted. Members must have their fair pass with them in order to pick up their premiums.

Turn in Project Books for Awards

All market and breeding livestock project members are eligible to bring in their COMPLETED project/record book during that species' weigh-in at the fair. Books will be reviewed and members names will be added to the pot for a chance to win a \$50 award sponsored by the Scioto County 4-H Committee.

Community Service Awards to be given at Fair

If your club has completed a community service project this year, you need to complete a Community Service Award form and turn it in at the 4-H Building during project sign-in to receive your award banner.

Tack space reminders

Please remember that space is limited, so families and clubs must be conscientious about the amount of space they take up with their tack. Each family is requested to only have one tack box, and be sure they are not blocking aisles with their chairs.

Poultry Show Changes

Please remind any youth signed up with Poultry, they need to check in their displays and sign up for Showmanship Sunday during the times that are normally set for poultry check in. If they have questions, they need to call the office before Friday, August 7.

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