2025 OFMA Junior Fair Conference
Presentation Schedule

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Don't Forget to Say Thank You | ROOM: HAYES
Frances Foos – Extension 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.

NETSMARTZ Online Safety for Teens | ROOM: MORROW
Brian Phillips - United State Secret Service, Southern Ohio District
This session will provide a unique insight to online safety for youth. Participants will be empowered to engage online in a much safe manner.

Repping the Red Jacket | ROOM: UNION E
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: MCKINLEY
Hartford Junior & Senior Fair Board Members & OSU Extension Staff - 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.

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.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

All About the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board | ROOM: UNION D
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 as 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!

Cloverbud Mini Project - Getting Our Youngest Members Involved in the Fair | ROOM: TAFT AB
Emily Masters – Extension Educator (Butler County), Erin Simpson-Sloan – Extension Program Assistant (Butler County) and Butler County Fair Royalty Members
While older siblings may have 4-H projects at the fair, Cloverbuds don't typically have a lot to do… until now! Prepared with their "mini project book" they explore a topic and bring it to the fair to share with Royalty members who interview them. There are no official placings, only interactive interviews and an opportunity to put the mini project on display. It could be Legos or flowers from the garden! It all adds up for a beneficial practice opportunity until Cloverbuds become true 4-H age. They enjoy the experience, and Royalty members do, too!

From Barn to Browser: Your Leadership Brand at the Fair and Beyond | ROOM: HAYES
Frances Foos – Extension 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.

Junior and Senior Fair Boards: Making Partnership a Priority | ROOM: MCKINLEY
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.

Lead, Listen, Learn: Growing as a Junior Fair Board Team | ROOM: FAYETTE
Lydia (Ulry) Thomas - Extension Educator (Fayette County) and Adrienne Anderson – Extension Program Assistant (Licking County)
Junior Fair Board members will engage in a teambuilding session focused on leadership, communication, and collaboration. Through interactive activities, they'll strengthen group dynamics, problem-solve, and build teamwork skills to support their roles and responsibilities.

Mastering the Market Sale | ROOM: UNION E
Jenna Hoyt - Extension Educator (Ashtabula County) and Leslie Cooksey - Extension Educator (Fairfield County)
To better understand the preferences of individuals who support the junior fair youth at the Ashtabula County Market Animal Sale, in 2017 and 2021 the Extension Office conducted a survey of 465 buyers. Information was collected to better understand their reasons for attending the sale, as well as sale logistics, and the importance of buyer recognition. This session will focus on highlighting and sharing information from the buyer survey to be used as a part of the Mastering the Market Sale Program for Jr. Fair youth to aid them in finding and better communicating with buyers. Attendees will leave with a helpful handout to assist you with inviting buyers to your livestock sale!

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12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Building Partnerships to Create an Accessible Livestock Show: You Belong Here!
Kara Colvin - Extension Educator (Warren County), Tracie Montague - Extension Educator (Clinton County), Laura Akgerman - Ohio AgrAbility Program and Disability Services Coordinator, Angie Allison - Extension Educator (Jefferson County), Amelia Ault - Jefferson County 4-H Member, Kaytlyn Graver - Extension Program Assistant (Sandusky County) and Dee Jepsen - Director of Ohio AgrAbility Project
Start a disability-friendly, community-focused livestock show at your fair! Learn to plan, promote, and hold an inclusive event. We cover building partnerships (Extension, 4-H, Fair Board, Stakeholders) and recruiting participants and sponsors to make showing an animal accessible for all.

Difficult People: Should I Run or Meet the Challenge? | ROOM: MCKINLEY
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.

Getting Rest to Maximize Performance Fair Week | ROOM: 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.

I can do that! | ROOM: UNION E
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.

Let's Talk All Things Fair Royalty | ROOM: GARFIELD
Allison Cooper – Extension Educator (Crawford County), Leah Hartschuh, Levi Hartschuh and Brianna Farnsworth
From expectations to attire, we want to share Jr. Fair Royalty experiences and everything it involves. We want to hear from you as well! Through group discussion, let's brainstorm about engaging Royalty into county programs, building up courts, and any challenges your counties have overcome.

Roundtable Round Up! | ROOM: TAFT AB
Butler County Junior Fair Board Members
Using Roundtable Leadership Theory, Butler County Junior Fair Board members will facilitate roundtable discussions with other JFB members from various counties. Each table will offer insights and solutions to common challenges. Topics and questions to answer include: fundraising (how and how much?); do members do anything prior to fair for team building; do members help other departments (outside of their own) during fair; how does the JFB office run (or if there isn't an office, how does the group organize?); how do different departments collaborate; how do members recruit; how do members work with adult advisors?
Come ready to learn and share!

Running The Show | ROOM UNION D
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.

Swapping Dust Collectors for WOW Getters | ROOM: FAYETTE
Kristy Watters - Extension Educator (Adams County), Jo Williams - Extension Educator (Scioto County), and Barb Howser, Brown County 4-H Volunteer
Looking to swap out the same old trophies for more exciting Jr Fair awards? Learn how to work with your fair boards, committees, and volunteers to bring a little pizzazz to your awards table. From class winners to champions, give awards that WOW at every level.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Beyond the Ring: Special Events That Build Community at Your Fair | ROOM: HARRISON
Lindsey Gallik – Morrow County Junior Fair Coordinator and Ashley Huffine – Extension Educator (Morrow County)
Fairs are more than ribbons and shows — they're about people, stories, and connections. This session will showcase the value of special events that engage your broader community: from Adult Showman of Showmen to Pee Wee Showmanship, to inclusive shows like Breaking Boundaries for youth with disabilities.

Divide and Conquer: Sharing the Workload | ROOM: FAYETTE
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.

Get Up, Get Moving, Get to Know Others! | ROOM: BALLROOM FOYER (3rd Floor)
Hartford Junior Fair Board Members & Adrienne Anderson – Extension Program Assistant (Licking County)
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!

Implementing Fun STEM Activities at Your Fair | ROOM: TAFT AB
Jo Williams – Extension Educator (Scioto County)
Join us to learn how to add interactive, inexpensive, and fun STEM activities at your fair. These activities can be led by teens or adults and allow junior fair participants and the general public to participate.

It's Show Time! | ROOM: UNION E
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.

Prince & Princess for a Day Program | ROOM: MCKINLEY
Morgan (McCutcheon) Lanning – Hartford Royalty Coordinator and Hartford Junior Fair Board Members
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!

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

Your Digital Footprint | ROOM: UNION D
Andrea Rees - Extension Educator (Knox County)
Your digital footprint shapes your future. Though not always controllable, it reflects your public image. Use it to highlight strengths, values, and professionalism, turning your online presence into a powerful tool for personal and future success.