

2022 Wayne County 4-H Project Completion Options And Skillathon Interviews Update

Project Completion Requirements

In addition to completing Quality Assurance and Animal ID, **youth must complete one of the four options below** for their animal to be eligible to be exhibited at the Wayne County Jr. Fair. More details about each of these options are available on our website at the links below.

- **Option 1 – Outstanding Exhibitor Exam July 7th 5-9 pm at the Wayne County Fair Event Center.** More information available at <https://go.osu.edu/wcoutstandingexhibitor>
- **Option 2 – Skillathon Interviews July 11th and 12th 6:30 – 9:00 pm at the Wayne County Fair Event Center.** More information available at <https://go.osu.edu/wcskillathoninterviews>
- **Option 3 – Video Submission – video links must be submitted to the Extension Office online by 11:59 pm on July 12th.** More information available at <https://go.osu.edu/wclivestockvideo>
- **Option 4 – State Fair Skillathon – youth must participate in person and bring proof of participation to the Extension Office by August 8th.** Visit <https://go.osu.edu/osfskillathons> for more information.

Do I have to make an appointment to take the Outstanding Exhibitor Exam or Skillathon?

NO – *there is no time slot appointment sign ups for Outstanding Exhibitor Exam or Skillathon Interviews.. Simply come to the Event Center at the Fairgrounds during these events and you will stop at the registration table to fill out the top part of your score sheet and then get in line to either take the OE Exam on July 7th or get in line to do a Skillathon Interview on July 11th or 12th.*

Skillathon Interviews Update

First, please make sure you have read over the Skillathon Interviews Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions page that was mailed out to all families exhibiting livestock this spring. It is available online at <https://go.osu.edu/wcskillathoninterviews>.

Skillathon Volunteers Needed:

As of June 29th we have around 60 volunteers for each night – we could still use about another 20 – 30 volunteers for each night. If you are an adult and interested in volunteering – please sign up online to volunteer for one or both nights of Skillathon at: <https://go.osu.edu/wc22skillathonvolunteers>.



Does my 4-H club have a certain night that we should attend?

To try and spread out attendance more evenly over both nights – you should attend on the night your club is assigned per the list below **if possible**, however, if you have a conflict and must attend on the other night that is fine. FFA members can come either night.

July 11th

Apple Creek Wide Awake

Basically Bovine

Baughman Guys & Gals

Blachleyville 4-H Club

Boots and Spurs

Bounty Hunters

Buckeye Bunch

Buckeye Show & Grow

Canaan Country Cousins

Canaan Hoof & Hide

Carhart Kids

Clinton Lads & Lassies

Congress 4-H Power

Country Acres

Country Critters

Country Strong

County Line Clovers

Cream Of The Crop

Creek Side Clovers

Dalton Equestrians & More

Dalton-Kidron Big 4

Equitation Station

Ewenique Critters

Hearts & Hooves

July 12th

Hoof Beats

Horseman's Hangout

Horses R Us

Howling Coyotes

Ida Sue Kool Kids 4-H Club

Jefferson Pioneers

KOVA Riders 4-H Club

Madisonburg Pioneers

Milton Country Clovers

Milton Shamrocks

Pegasus

Shear Genius

Smithie Whiz Kids

Smithville Simmer & Sew

Springville Country Club

Springville Cowpokes

Sterling 604 Rangers

Sugar Creek Gang

Valley College

Wayne County Cousins

Wayne County Hoof & Hide

Wayne County Trailblazers

West End Rowdy 'Ranglers

Wrangler Kids

Skillathon Interviews Age Divisions

The age divisions for Skillathon Interviews are the same as Outstanding Exhibitor, which are all based on age as of January 1st of the current year and are as follows:

- Junior Ages 8-11
- Intermediate ages 12-14
- Seniors ages 15-18

Record Book Pages that Should be Completed for Grading at Skillathon

A list of record book pages for each livestock species and each age division that should / could be completed for record book grading at Skillathon are listed on the Extension Office website at: <https://go.osu.edu/22wcrecordbookpages>.

2022 Wayne County 4-H / FFA / Jr. Fair Skillathon Interviews Additional Information

Feed ID Expectations

Youth will be asked to match labels of feed ingredients to clear jars containing the Feed Ingredients. Feed ID kits have been made available to all Wayne County 4-H Clubs to study feed ingredients this year. The kits being used at Skillathon are the same as those provided to the clubs. Youth may carefully remove the jars lid to smell the ingredient if they would like.

- **Juniors** (ages 8-11 as of Jan. 1) will be asked to match / identify 5 ingredients
- **Intermediates** (ages 12-14 as of Jan. 1) will be asked to match / identify 10 ingredients
- **Seniors** (ages 15-18 as of Jan. 1) will be asked to match / identify 15 ingredients

Interview Expectations

Each youth participating in the Skillathon Interviews will participate in an interview with an adult volunteer. Youth can expect the following:

- Juniors (ages 8-11 as of Jan. 1) will generally have shorter interviews – typically more around 4-6 minutes and older youth interviews for Intermediates and Seniors are likely to be around 8-10 minutes long.
- Each youth will only participate in one interview regardless of the number of animal species that they are bringing to the fair.
- During the interview the judge will ask a variety of questions. Depending on how talkative the youth is the judge may ask more or less questions.
- Youth should be prepared to greet the volunteer / judge with a firm handshake, smile, and introduce themselves stating their name, 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, and what projects (animals) they are enrolled in this year. Below are some examples of the types of questions the volunteer / judge conducting the interview will ask the youth.
- At the end of interview – the volunteer / judge will give the youth their score sheet and the youth should thank the volunteer / judge for their time and then proceed to bring their scoresheet to the score table.

Examples of Types of Questions that will be asked during the Skillathon Interviews

General open-ended questions such as:

- Tell me about yourself and the animal projects you're taking this year?
- Do you have a favorite animal project and if so, which one and why?
- Tell me some things you do to take care of your animals?
- How often do you feed, water, and exercise your animals?
- What is your favorite memory from working with your 4-H or FFA animals this year or in previous years?
- What is something you have learned from taking animal projects?

Species Specific Questions (content will come from 4-H Project Resource Books)

- Juniors – can you name and describe 1 cut of meat or 3 body parts of your animal?
- Intermediates – can you name 3 cuts of meat or 6 body parts of your animal?
- Seniors – can you name 5 cuts of meat or 10 body parts of your animal?
- Other species-specific questions taken from content in the 4-H Project Resource Books

The goal of the interview is for the youth to have a positive experience and to talk about their projects. Our hope is that it will be a fun and positive conversation between a youth and an adult volunteer.