

2024 Wayne County 4-H Project Completion Options And Skillathon Interviews Information

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 9th 5-9 pm at the Wayne County Fair Event Center. More information enclosed and available at <https://go.osu.edu/wcoutstandingexhibitor>.
- **Option 2 – Skillathon Interviews** July 10th or August 7th 6:30 – 9:00 pm at the Wayne County Fair Event Center. More information enclosed and available at <https://go.osu.edu/wcskillathoninterviews>.
- **Option 3 – 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.

Skillathon Interviews Information

Skillathon Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of help; 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/wc24skillathonvolunteers>.

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: Record Books will be graded during your interview. Please bring them with you to judging.

A list of record book pages for each livestock species and each age division that need to be completed for record book can be found on the Extension Office website at:

<https://go.osu.edu/wcrecordbookpages>.



2024 Wayne County 4-H / FFA / Jr. Fair Skillathon Interviews Additional Information

Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) Activity

Youth will use the given animal scenario and you will fill out the provided DUNF form. The score for this activity will be out of 25 points.

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 Will be Asked During the Interview (content will come from 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.

