To: All 4-H and FFA members with any beef, dairy, dog, feeder, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and/or swine project:

As a member enrolled in an animal project you are required to complete Quality Assurance and a Skillathon or Project Interview for all of your animal projects to be eligible to participate in the Wayne County Jr. Fair. Please read the enclosed information and if you have any questions, call our office.

At Skillathon, you will participate in five learning stations for each species of animal you are exhibiting at the Junior Fair. Be sure to bring your completed project/record book with you, but do not bring your animal. Participating in the Skillathon or Project Interview, as well as a Quality Assurance session, will enable you to meet the ODA and Senior Fair Board livestock exhibition requirements for the Wayne County Junior Fair. The Skillathon serves as a hands-on learning activity while the interview judging provides a one-on-one speaking experience. Study materials are available online. Your Resource Handbook is an excellent source of study material as well.

There are 3 opportunities for you to participate in Wayne County's Skillathon: July 9, July 23, and July 24 from 7-9 p.m. all held at the OARDC, Fisher Auditorium. Check with your club advisor as to which date and time you should attend (the schedule is also enclosed). You must attend one of these evenings. If you cannot come the night your club is scheduled, simply come on one of the other dates. You may also complete Skillathon at the Ohio State Fair for each of the species you plan to exhibit. See the GOLD enclosed page for more information. There will also be a Skillathon session for those with special needs — we will send a letter to any member that noted needs on their online 4-H Enrollment.

Exhibitors may choose to participate in a Livestock Project Interview Judging in lieu of doing skillathon. These interviews will be held during Still Project Judging on July 15 and August 6. Please see the enclosed PINK paper for more information!

Quality Assurance will not be taught at Skillathon this year! Members must attend Quality Assurance at a separate training by July 18. The last countywide session will be May 22 at OARDC, Fisher Auditorium. Registration begins at 5:30 pm and training will begin at 6:00 pm. You may also attend at a species clinic that offers QA (even if you’re not showing that species, but the date works for your schedule), i.e. Poultry & Rabbit, Sheep, Goat, and Dairy Clinics, or training at an out-of-county event. Remember, if participating in Quality Assurance outside of a county event, you MUST provide proof to the Extension Office by August 1st. There will also be a last chance QA session on July 18 available for a $25 fee.

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FFA TEACHERS: Please share with your members!
If you do not participate in Quality Assurance AND either the Skillathon or Interview Judging you will NOT be permitted to show or sell at the Wayne County Junior Fair!

Exhibitors of market steer, market hog, market lamb, meat goat, meat rabbit, dairy goat, dairy cow, or poultry (including meat turkey, duck, geese and chicken) projects: As a member enrolled in a market animal or lactating dairy goat/cow project you are required by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to participate in a Quality Assurance program and complete a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) prior to exhibiting at the Wayne County Junior Fair. Please read the enclosed information and if you have any questions, call our office. At the end of the Skillathon or interview you will receive your official 3-part carbon Drug Use Notification Form to take home and complete. The form is then to be brought with you to the Fair with your animal.

All: Please find enclosed with this letter more information on Livestock Interview Judging, the Junior Fair Code of Ethics, the Skillathon club schedule with a list of possible stations for each species, additional info on the DUNF form, and the ODA DUNF sample form. The highlighted areas are ones you will need to complete, if applicable. Please read each of these carefully.

Several departments have adopted the Outstanding Exhibitor programs to recognize members that go above and beyond in all areas of their projects. Please note that in order for your Skillathon score to count as part of this contest, you must complete Skillathon in Wayne County! Your interview score or Ohio State Fair Skillathon score will allow you to be eligible for the fair, but will not count as the skillathon section of your Outstanding Exhibitor score.

If you have questions about Skillathon, Interview Judging, and/or Quality Assurance do not hesitate to contact us at the office. Remember, every Jr. Fair member with a livestock project/SAE must complete this requirement in order to be eligible for exhibit at the fair.

Enjoy your livestock projects this summer!

Sincerely,

Douglas Foxx  
4-H Extension Educator

Sarah Boreman  
4-H Program Assistant

Michael Goard  
4-H Program Assistant

Remember, school appropriate attire is required for all Jr Fair functions, including Skillathon!
Dear Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors,

In 2019, Wayne County will have livestock interviews during the two Still Project Judging nights:

**Monday, July 15 from 7:00-8:30 pm at Fisher Auditorium, OARDC**

or

**Tuesday, August 7 from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Wayne County Fairgrounds**

Those who wish to participate will need to preregister ahead of time. Exhibitors must register online only – we will not be accepting phone calls to register members.

The registration window will open on **June 1 at 9:00 AM**

Sign up by completing the form at: [go.osu.edu/2019interviews](go.osu.edu/2019interviews)

*When you sign up, you will be asked the date you will be attending and for which species you will be completing the interview. Exhibitors may choose to complete skillathon for one species and an interview for another. You will be responsible for making sure that you complete either skillathon or an interview for each project you are taking to the fair.*

Exhibitors who will be completing the interview should come prepared to answer questions about themselves, their animal(s), and their project experience. Your project record book and poster will be part of your interview score, just like it is a part of the skillathon score. In addition to your project knowledge, record book and poster, exhibitors will also be scored on their interview etiquette, i.e. politeness, handshake, appearance, etc. **Posters are highly suggested, as they do affect your score but they are not mandatory. The poster may be on whatever top you choose related to your project.**

Please note:

- Although you may do an interview in lieu of skillathon, your interview score will not be considered as part of the “Outstanding Market Exhibitor” score for Swine or Beef, or “Outstanding Dairy Exhibitor” in Dairy. You must do skillathon in Wayne County if you want to be competitive in these programs.
- The Judges have the right to mark your interview as incomplete if you cannot answer questions to a basic standard or have your book up-to-date. This is similar to all FCS and Still Project interviews.

On the back of this page, you will find answers to some frequently asked questions about Project Interviews. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Extension Office.

Best Regards,

Douglas Foxx
Sarah Boreman
Michael Goard

**FFA ADVISORS: PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR MEMBERS!**
Livestock Project Interviews FAQ

What are Livestock Project Interviews?
A one-on-one interview with a knowledgeable judge in your species area. The judge will ask you questions about your project experience, as well as allow you valuable time to ask him or her questions. A Livestock Project Interview will be very similar to a Still Project or FCS Project Interview.

How will interviews be graded/judged?
Exhibitors will be judged on their interview etiquette (handshake, eye contact, politeness, appearance, etc.), project knowledge, poster and project record book.

Why should I consider doing a Project Interview this year?
Being able to interview well is an essential skill for future success. The ability to make a good first impression and confidently hold a conversation with someone will help you go far in life – whether it is a future job interview, talking to the judge in the show ring, or answering questions about your project from visitors at the fair. Project Interviews are a learning experience in many ways – not only do they get the opportunity to learn from a knowledgeable judge, but they will develop these workforce preparation skills that lead to success down the road.

How do I prepare for my interview?
The key to any successful interview is preparation! Make sure your project book is up-to-date and you have studied your resource book and understand your project. A great practice would be to sit down with an advisor, project helper, or family member and have a practice interview at home. The more you practice beforehand, the more confident you will feel and the less nervous you will be! You will also need to develop your poster to be neat, orderly and show the things you have learned about your project.

Do I need to bring anything to my interview?
You will need to have your completed project record book and poster (optional) with you for your interview. Come dressed nicely – for example, something you would wear in the show ring, for a presentation at school, or to church. Remember, you want to make a great first impression! And last, but certainly not least, be sure to bring your SMILE! 😊

What are the requirements for the poster?
Bring a 22x28” poster board displaying something you have learned about your project. For example a disease or health related topic, how to take care of the animal, meat cuts, feed, breeds, etc. Make sure to have the members name and club listed in the lower right front corner. Posters are highly recommended but not required.

Do I need to have a certain interview score to show at the fair?
No, there is no minimum score required to fulfill the requirement to show at the fair. We encourage members to prepare and do their best, while using this as a learning opportunity. Although if a judge does not find you to have sufficient understand your project or your book is not up-to-date, or you do not have a sufficient poster, they may mark the interview as incomplete and you must then participate in a skillathon for the species. However, if you wait until the August project judging and receive an incomplete, there are no skillathon dates to participate in.
# 2019 LIVESTOCK QA/SKILLATHON CLUB
## SCHEDULE FISHER AUDITORIUM - OARDC

### Tuesday, July 9  7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Carhart Kids
- Country Acres
- Dalton Equestrians
- Madisonburg Pioneers
- Milton Country Clovers
- Northwestern Neighbors
- Sugar Creek Gang
- Hoof Beats
- Wayne Country Cousins

### 8:00 p.m.
- Boots and Spurs
- Equitation Station
- Horses are us
- Pegasus
- Smithie Whiz Kids
- Smithville Simmer & Sew
- Springville Country Club

### Tuesday, July 23  7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Apple Creek Wide Awake
- Basically Bovine
- Bounty Hunters
- Canaan Hoof ‘n’ Hide
- Canaan Country Cousins
- County Line Clovers
- Clinton Lads & Lassies
- Cream of the Crop

### 8:00 p.m.
- Baughman Guys & Gals
- Creekside Clovers
- Buckeye Show & Grow
- Country Strong
- Ida Sue Kool Kids
- Jefferson Pioneers
- Valley College
- Wayne County Trailblazers

### Wednesday, July 24  7:00 - 9:00 PM
- Burbank Livestock
- Congress 4-H Power
- Dalton-Kidron Big 4
- Ewenique Critters
- Hearts and Hooves
- Howling Coyotes
- Shear Genius

### SKILLATHON INFO
- If a family or member cannot come on the club’s scheduled date, they may come on one of the other dates.
- Skillathon must be completed at the Ohio State Fair or the Wayne County Events above, to be eligible for the Wayne County Fair
- **There is no makeup date. Members must participate in one of the three dates listed above.**
- There will be a reader available for those children who are more comfortable having assistance. Please let us know at registration.