

AUGLAIZE COUNTY 4-H PROJECTS AND FAIR EXHIBIT GUIDE

This booklet lists all 4-H projects presently offered in Auglaize County. Listed is a brief description and the fair requirement for each project. Review the current Junior Fair Premium Book for the most up-to-date requirements.

For a member to achieve the progression of goals needed for development, 4-H projects must be separate and different from those carried in other organizations, such as FFA, Scouts, Camp Fire, Grange, Church, School (including technology education class, science fairs, but not including 4-H school enrichment projects), etc.

Project Skill Level:

- B - Beginning level project for members with no experience in a project area.
- I - Intermediate level project for members with some experience in a project area.
- A - Advanced level project for experienced members in a project area.

4-H Membership Guidelines:

1. Open to all boys and girls regardless of race, color, handicap, or national origin who are age 8 and in the third grade, and not have celebrated their 19th birthday, all as of January 1 of the current year.
2. In a group with a planned series of educational experience (project).
3. With an advisor (volunteer).
4. Under the direction and within the scope of Ohio State University Extension.

Projects:

1. All members must be enrolled with a project by April 15, all projects are final on May 15.
2. All projects must be in the possession of the member by May 1 except steers, yearling horses, market rabbits and broilers. See fair book for possession dates for these project animals.
3. All members shall own, care for and exhibit their own project animals. Ownership with parents and guardian is permitted. Leasing is permitted only for Horse and Dairy projects.

Auglaize County Minimum Requirements for Completion of 4-H:

1. Satisfactory progress toward meeting the basic minimum requirements for completion must be made by the member before he is eligible to exhibit at the county fair. Advisors will not sign the fair entry cards of members who fail to make satisfactory progress toward these minimum requirements.
2. The following items are the basic minimum requirements for member completion of 4-H in Auglaize County:
 - a. participate in seventy percent (70%) of the local club meetings after becoming a member.
 - b. give at least one demonstration, illustrated talk, safety talk or project report at a club meeting.
 - c. show progress toward and complete the requirements for the projects as outlined in the project book - Family Guide to 4-H, or as designated by the county requirements.
 - d. participate and assume responsibilities in local club activities and programs such as paying dues, helping with community service, club tours, helping with fund raising, serving on committees, etc.
 - e. increase knowledge and understanding of project subject matter and increase skills related to project.
 - f. maintain up to date financial records for each project.
 - g. optional with each club: complete a self evaluation from one to four times during the club year.

AUGLAIZE COUNTY 4-H PROJECT JUDGING

1. A member's project is considered complete when an advisor's project grade is assigned. Judging and fair participation are optional for all projects.
2. Members must receive a grade A from their club advisor to be eligible for project placings. Projects that receive B's or C's will not be eligible to compete for placings or awards in graded classes. Members are permitted to participate in project related non-graded events, such as the style review or livestock showmanship. Members taking eligible projects should review additional rules pertaining to these events and award eligibility.
3. Members must attend the appropriate regularly scheduled judging date for their project to be eligible for awards and placings. Alternate dates are not scheduled except as stated below.
4. Members not attending the regularly scheduled project days:
 - a. still projects - accept their advisor grade to be considered a complete project and receive credit for the 4-H year. Member may display project in fair booth, but will not be eligible for awards or premium money. No alternate judging dates will be made available.
 - b. livestock – members are ineligible for awards for classes in which project judging occurs. Showmanship classes are exempt. All 4-H members must have their livestock interview on the regularly scheduled date in order to be eligible for county awards. The only exception to this rule will be when a 4-H member has been selected to represent Auglaize County at a state 4-H event or the Ohio State Fair. State Fair tryouts, however, do not take the place of regular scheduled judging. An alternate judging plan will be made only when the member is showing at state fair or attending the state 4-H event on the SAME day as the interviews. Alternate judging will be conducted prior to the regular interview date. This date will be established by the 4-H educator. If a member fails to attend the alternate date or the regular judging date, the member will not be eligible for county awards. Only the specie being shown at state fair on the interview date will be allowed an alternate judging plan. All regular judging requirements stand for any other species being shown by the member. Member must return a signed form verifying their participation at state on the date of the regular judging day. Failure to return this form will result in the member not being eligible for county awards. Livestock can still be sold through the sale ring.
 - c. The alternate plan applies only to livestock interviews because the actual project animal is not placed at the interview, it is an advanced step to get to the fair and have the project animal placed.
5. In addition, there will be no alternative judging for livestock interviews unless:
 - a. 4-H member is hospitalized for an unplanned condition. Documentation will be required.
 - b. funeral of an immediate family member in on the same day as interviews. Immediate family is considered parent (or legal guardian), grandparent, sibling, aunt/uncle. This definition includes "step" relationships mentioned above. Documentation must be presented as evidence of relationship and date of the funeral.

Fair:

1. Members are invited to exhibit and enter in competition with their projects at the county fair.
2. Members do not have to enter in competition at the fair to receive a complete for their project. An advisor's grade serves as completion. Advisor's grade is the only grade that appears on the member's permanent record.
3. To receive premium money the 4-H member must be interviewed or entered in the competition and be judged by the official fair judge.