The Educational Board is pleased to announce its continued support for the 2026 Skill-a-thon events. Considering increased participation and the need for improved time management, the committee has authorized several updates for this year's event. Beginning with the 2026 Skill-a-thon, participants must register individually for each division they intend to enter. For instance, those wishing to compete in multiple categories—such as dairy, cavy, and swine—are required to reserve separate time slots for each. Competitors seeking the all-around award must ensure registration for every applicable division.

Participants should also allocate additional time during the Skill-a-thon to complete the tie breaker, which will be used to determine placements within both individual divisions and overall standings due to the occurrence of multiple ties in previous years.

The following outlines division requirements for qualification in the all-around competition:

- Large Animal: Participation in four of six divisions is required.
- Small Animal: Participation in four of five divisions is required.
- FSC: Participation in both divisions is required.
- Shooting Sports: Participation in all four divisions is required.

Please be advised that walk-in registrations will not be accepted this year.

Skill-a-thon Stations 2026

Large Animal

Species	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3
Beef	Feed/ Nutrition	Feet and Leg Structure	Body Parts Choose from Dairy or Beef
Dairy	Feed/ Nutrition	Feet and Leg Structure	Body Parts
Goat	Feed/ Nutrition	Feet and Leg Structure	Body Parts Choose from Pygmy, Dairy, Boer, or Angora Goat
Horse (all)	Feed/ Nutrition	Feet and Leg Structure	Body Parts
Sheep	Feed/ Nutrition	Feet and Leg Structure	Body Parts
Swine	Feed/ Nutrition	Ear Notching	Body Parts

Small Animal

Species	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3
Cat	Feed/ Nutrition	Breeds	Body Parts
Cavy	Feed/ Nutrition	Breeds	Body Parts
Dog	Feed/ Nutrition	Feet and Leg Structure	Body Parts
Fowl	Feed/ Nutrition	Feet and Leg Structure	Body Parts Choose from Duck, Goose, Turkey, Cock or Hen
Rabbit	Feed/ Nutrition	Feet and Leg Structure	Body Parts

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Shooting Sports

Project Area	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3
Archery	Ammo identification	Range Commands	Identification of Parts
Rifle	Ammo identification	Range Commands	Identification of Parts
Pistol	Ammo identification	Range Commands	Identification of Parts
Crossbow	Ammo identification	Range Commands	Identification of Parts

Family and Consumer Science

Species	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3
Clothing and Textiles	Pattern Identification	Measurements	Fabric Identification
Food and Nutrition	Real Food Pyramid	Measurements	Food and Nutrition Labels