JR. FAIR ADVISOR REFERENCE PACKET
For Advisors of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA,
And other youth organizations exhibiting at fair

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WHERE TO FIND …
Lorain County Junior Fair Information

We cannot stress enough the importance of **reading all Jr. Fair General Rules and department rules** for project exhibits. The Jr. Fair premium book is considered the most accurate resource for information about the county fair. Youth organization directors and leaders, volunteers, exhibitors, and their families are responsible for understanding and following rules. The Jr. Fair Board is not responsible for incorrect information communicated through youth organizations participating in the Jr. Fair. The reference packet includes information about approved Jr. Fair activities and notes about what are considered the most common questions and issues related to Jr. Fair exhibition. Questions and inquiries about Jr. Fair rules are welcomed at the Lorain County Fair Office by calling 440-647-2781 or email at loraincountyjuniorfair@gmail.com. Inquiries will be directed to the Jr. Fair Coordinator and the Jr. Fair Board.

Sr. Fair Office Hours

January - July
Monday - Friday - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
August 1 - 15
Monday - Saturday - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
August 16 - 17
Saturday & Sunday - 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
August 18 - 24 (FAIR WEEK)
Monday - Saturday - 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sunday - 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
August 25 - December
Monday - Friday - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Signifies an important change or reminder

JUNIOR FAIR PREMIUM BOOKS – Youth organization advisors are responsible for picking up books for their club/chapter at the Extension Office and distributing them to their students or members. Every Jr. Fair exhibitor family is to receive one copy of the Lorain County Jr. Fair premium book. The premium book is also available at https://loraincountyjfb.com/

CAMPING APPLICATION FOR FAIR - Camping applications go to the Sr. Fair Board Secretary's Office on the fairgrounds. Applications are available at www.loraincountyfair.com. Note the due date on the application. Applications received after will not be considered.

COUNTY JR. FAIR ENTRIES – All **ONLINE** Jr. Fair entries are **DUE JULY 1st**
http://LorainCounty.fairentry.com

County Jr. Fair Dog Show & Agility Dog Show Registrations: Complete one form and vaccination certificate for each dog you enter. These forms are available online or from the youth organization leader.
Bred, Born, Raised (BBR) Forms: Completed BBR Forms are due July 1st. This electronic form may be found at https://loraincountyjfb.com/

JR. FAIR SHOW SCHEDULE: JUDGING TIMES, BOOTH SET-UP, AUCTIONS, CHECK-IN TIMES A complete schedule for junior fair is in the Jr. Fair Book. An overall county fair program schedule which includes open class judging times, grandstand events, plus **some** junior fair show times is in the front of the open class book.

Emphasize to members that different animals may have different check-in times and different weigh-in times. Some animal check-in times have changed. Animals not checked-in or weighed-in properly by exhibitors will be dismissed from the fairgrounds. **All electronic DUNF's (Drug Use Notification Forms) for all animals that stay on grounds *MUST* be turned in within one hour after check-in/weigh-in ending time.**

ANIMAL PROJECT/RECORD BOOK–Project books must be evaluated and receive a minimum score of 15 in order to exhibit a live animal at the Lorain County fair. 4-H and FFA members must check with their 4-H Educator or chapter advisors for deadlines and organization project book evaluation requirements. It is expected project record books be completed for each project.

COUNTY FAIR PREMIUMS – (See Jr. Fair General Rules #29-33) Premiums will be issued to exhibitors in cash only at the fair the last **SATURDAY and SUNDAY of fair.** Times and location will be posted during fair week and in the Jr. Fair schedule. *Exhibitors or their parent are responsible for picking up premiums*. Club premium checks (for booths or marching units) will be mailed to the club organizational advisor – be sure entry information for club activities include the name of club or advisor checks are to be written out to. Advisors may also pick up the club premiums in cash during the scheduled times.

DRESS CODE – This is included in the 4-H Evaluation and Exhibit Guidelines and the Jr. Fair Book. Please make sure you review this information with exhibitors, so they do not get disqualified because of dress code.

FITTING & SHOWING CLINIC DATES FOR ANIMAL PROJECTS - This information is **not** in the fair book. Clinic information is distributed from youth organization directors and leaders.

4-H PROJECT JUDGING DATES & EXHIBITS - Consult the 4-H Evaluation & Exhibit Guidelines distributed earlier this year from the Extension office for specific questions about judging. Each county fair sets its own exhibit requirements that are not included in a member's project book. 4-H project books contain information on what a member must do to complete the project, but do not include information on what must be judged or exhibited at fair if a member wishes to participate in their county fair.

4-H CLOVERBUD ENTRIES – Cloverbud members must complete the online Fair Entry process. Cloverbud exhibitors will receive a $1.00 premium for exhibiting a Cloverbud item. Members do **NOT** have to participate in the Show & Tell to receive the premium…they **MUST** have an item on exhibit at the fair. Cloverbud premiums will be distributed during the Show & Tell event on the first Saturday of fair from noon to 2:00 p.m. Cloverbud exhibits may be displayed in the club's booth or the county Cloverbud booth in Building 14.

AG PRODUCTS AND HOME EC. BUILDING WATCH SHIFTS – If your club includes members enrolled in any Family & Consumer Science or Ag Products/Still Life projects, you are expected to staff at least one building watch shift. Several members, parents, and advisors will patrol the building to hopefully prevent theft from the exhibits, sweep the floor, pick-up litter, greet the public, answer questions, etc. **An electronic sign-up will be available July 1. If you do not sign-up for a shift, your club will be be assigned a shift.** Final shift assignments will be posted in Buildings 11 and 14 on Saturday before fair.

STYLE REVUE–Style Revue will be held in conjunction with the July FCS judging for 4-H clothing and sewing project exhibitors.

COUNTY FAIR PASSES & GATE ADMISSIONS

Jr. Fair Exhibitors (4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Scouts, Camp Fire, Etc.)

- Any child age 8 and under is free at the gates.
- Jr. Fair Exhibitors (youth who have turned in a Jr. Fair entry form and registered at least one exhibit for fair) will receive a wristband pass for fair which allows free admission at the gates.
  Wristband distribution times – the Jr. Fair exhibitor must go in person to get their wristband at the Ross Expo Center during these times:
  SATURDAY, prior to fair – Noon – 2:00 p.m.
  SUNDAY, first day of fair – Noon – 4:00 p.m.
  Exhibitors who cannot wear a wristband (due to sports, allergies, etc.) should request tickets during the wristband distribution times.
- For those Jr. Fair exhibitors who do not pick up their wristband on Saturday or Sunday, wristbands will **ONLY** be issued on **MONDAY and TUESDAY** at the Jr. Fair Office in Bldg. #14. After **TUESDAY, NO** wristbands will be given out. An exhibitor without a wristband will have to pay to get in the gate Monday or Tuesday and then come to the Jr. Fair Office in person to get their wristband.
- ***Replacement wristbands:*** At the Jr. Fair Office during fair week, we will replace a wristband **ONLY ONCE**. To receive a replacement band, an exhibitor must bring in their broken wristband. No replacements will be issued without a broken band being turned in. A lost band **CANNOT** be replaced.

Jr. Fair Advisors (All youth organizations)

- Special advance tickets can be purchased at **$5.00 each** (max. 7 daily admission tickets per person). Any registered advisor of a youth organization which participates in the Jr. Fair, whose name is submitted to the Jr. Fair Coordinator at the Lorain County Fair Office **by JULY 23** by their youth organization, can purchase these tickets. (Extension Office already has 4-H volunteer/advisor names. Other youth organizations **must** submit leader/advisor names.)
- Special advance tickets **must be** purchased at the Sr. Fair Board Office on the fairgrounds only **August 7 through August 15** during posted business hours.
- A Jr. Fair Advisor **CAN EXCHANGE** their 7 tickets for a wristband during the Saturday and Sunday wristband distribution times if that is desired.

General Public Gate Admission: $10.00 age 9 and over

Membership Pass ($40.00) and **Season Pass** ($40.00) will be sold at the Sr. Fair Board Office. Sale of these passes ends Sunday before the fair. These passes give you seven admissions. Membership or Season passes are required of open class exhibitors. Membership passes allow you to vote for the Board of Directors of Lorain County Agricultural Society.

Hand Stamps at the Gate: Anyone using a ticket (rather than a wristband) needs to get a hand stamp the first time they come in the gate each day if they will be going in and out. Gate personnel will not hand stamp as you leave. It **must** be done at the time you present your ticket the first time you go through the gate for the day.

No Free Admission Passes: There are no free admission passes for auction buyers, trophy donors, etc.

BOOTH SPACE FOR Jr. Fair Organizations IN BUILDINGS 11 & 14

See Jr. Fair Booth information in the Jr. Fair Premium Book for rules.

- Booths are approximately 4 feet deep from back wall to front of booth (which will have a fence put across it for protection of exhibit provided by Jr. Fair). Booth decoration and set-up must be done during the designated times in the fair schedule on Saturday and Sunday prior to fair.
- To request booth space in Building 11 or 14, one advisor of each club/chapter must submit a booth entry in the Fair Entry system **by July 1st.** The "Exhibitor name" should be the name that a premium check can be written. Include contact information for questions and mailing of club premium checks. Cash premiums for club booths may be picked up by advisors during premium pick-up times.
- Be sure to sign up for a Building Watch time after July 1st. We all need to take time to help the public as they walk through and keep the barns cleaned up. An electronic link will be in the July Clover Communicator.
- **Organizations that are not clubs/chapters** that are interested in booth space in Buildings 11 and 14 should contact the Jr. Fair Coordinator at the Lorain County Fair Office to request space (Ex: 4-H Endowment, Advisory committee, etc.) by July 1st. Requests need to include the same information: contact information, length of space, and other special requirements. These requests are not eligible for premiums and will need to be approved by the Jr. Fair Board Home Ec/Ag Department.
- Use the department and class numbers listed in the fair book to enter. 4-H clubs entering booths in Building 14 are for the purpose of displaying only Family & Consumer Science projects (most 400 level projects). An educational booth is for the purpose of educating the public and should be related to a project area. Projects should not be displayed in these types of booths.
- Most 4-H clubs should use the following booth entry information: Dept. **35**, Class **325**, Description: **4-H Club booth, length (select 4, 6, 8, etc.)**
- Booth space must be requested in **2 ft.** length increments with a minimum of 4 ft. up to 16 ft. Full length of space is not guaranteed, advisor's name on the entry form will be contacted if adjustments need to be made.
- If you need electricity, please request it on the entry form. A request for electricity does not guarantee your club will get it. Please be prepared with an alternate plan. No Christmas type lights or light gauge extension cords will be allowed in booths. No sound is allowed in booths. Only a minimum of 16/3 extension cord or larger can be used. Ground prong must be intact.
- Booths are not accessible once gates are set up after 5:00 p.m. on Sunday before fair until the following Sunday release time.
- Please be aware of all fire code regulations in addition to Jr. Fair rules. Ohio Fire Code is available at: http://www.wellingtonfd.com/index.asp?pgid=175. All booths must be sprayed with a fire-retardant spray and have a Jr. Fair Board Home Ec/Ag Products Department member post the approved sign.

Homemade Fire-Retardant Recipe:
7 oz. Borax, 3 oz. Boric acid, 2 quarts of hot water

Dissolve the Boric acid by making a paste with a small quantity of water. Add the Boric acid paste and Borax powder to the hot water and stir until the mixture is clear. Warm the solution if it becomes cloudy or gelled from standing. Mixture washes out in laundry.

GUIDELINES FOR VETERINARY SERVICE DURING LORAIN COUNTY FAIR

Vet Service During Fair: An exhibitor must call the vet clinic of his/her choice to obtain the service of a veterinarian during the fair. A vet will NOT be paged from the Jr. or Sr. Fair Offices for an exhibitor. All vet clinics have the means to contact their vets whether they are at the clinic, out on a call, or happen to be on the fairgrounds. An exhibitor needs to give their name to the vet clinic, along with the type of animal, barn number the animal is in, and information about the condition of the animal. The **exhibitor** will pay a veterinarian for service to his/her animal during fair.

Vet Service for Someone Else's Animal(s): An exhibitor is not to call a vet for someone else's animal unless they are responsible for that animal. If an animal appears ill and you cannot find the exhibitor, it is recommended that the Jr. or Sr. Fair Board Office be made aware of the situation. The Jr./Sr. Fair Office will then attempt to contact the exhibitor.

Function of the Official Fair Veterinarian: The official fair veterinarian is appointed by the Sr. Fair Board annually. The official fair vet serves the Jr. and Sr. Fair Boards and Ohio Department of Agriculture. The official fair veterinarian acts on animal health questions and concerns brought to him by the Jr. or Sr. Fair Boards. The official fair veterinarian is not "on call" for exhibitors at the fair. If an exhibitor wants the service of the official fair veterinarian (Dr. Bill Spreng) that exhibitor must call Dr. William Spreng Veterinary Services directly and request service.

Dear Advisors and Families with Market Projects:

The Jr. Fair Livestock auction is a unique marketing opportunity for youth in junior fair organizations and the buyers who support them. It is important that any youth who is taking a market project understands what it takes to develop a producer- buyer/consumer relationship. All youth who take a market project must participate in a quality assurance program to learn good production practices. Health and well-being of the market animals is first and foremost in producing a top-quality product.

In Lorain County, the Livestock Sale Committee and Jr. Fair Board work together to prepare for the Jr. Fair Livestock auctions in order that everyone has the best opportunity to market and sell their animal projects. It is important that every market livestock exhibitor also works to develop the relationship with those who may be purchasing at the Jr. Fair auctions. Buyer's letters are not mandatory for skillathon or project/record book judging. It is highly recommended that each market livestock exhibitor take time to write a buyer's letter to someone they know, inviting them to the Jr. Fair Livestock Auctions. This experience serves multiple purposes in the learning experience of marketing a livestock project.

What should you include in a buyer's letter?

- Your name and city you live in.
- The animal projects you might be selling at the fair.
- Dates, time, and place of the auction.
- A reason to come to the auction, why you are inviting them, or some other information about your project.
- Contact information (may be your parents) if they have questions.
- A sincere thank you for considering your invitation.
  You might consider including a picture of your animal and yourself, such as the one that you must send in with your Jr. Fair entry **(a buyer's photo is mandatory)**.

Other tips: You don't need fancy paper unless you would like to do so. However, keep in mind how important presentation is. A nicely written letter on stationary will have more impact than one written on a paper ripped out of a notebook and scribbled in pencil. Be sure to send your letters in time for someone to make plans to leave their business for a day to attend the fair. Keep your letters simple and straight-forward.
Double-check grammar and spelling. Send out more than just one. Include family, friends, and people you do business with. Advisors should consider setting aside time after a meeting to help out with writing a buyer's letter.

Remember what the purposes of a market livestock project are:

- Acquiring an understanding of market animal production by preparing for, purchasing, caring for, and keeping records on an animal.
- Identifying types and grades of animals and employ efficient methods of marketing.
- Understanding the business aspects and economics of purchasing animals, feeds, facilities, and equipment for an animal project.
- Developing integrity, sportsmanship, and cooperation.
- Developing leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities.

SAMPLE LETTER

July 15, 2022

Kimmell's Feed Store Mr. Frank
Kimmell 1234 South St.
Franklin, OH 44444

Dear Mr. Kimmell:

This year in 4-H, I have raised two hogs, a market lamb, and a turkey which I will be showing at the Lorain County Fair. I have learned lots about record keeping and feeding my animals this year. I attended a quality assurance program and believe I have raised some excellent animals which will be very good on someone's table! I will be selling two of my animals at the Jr. Fair Livestock Auctions.

Market lambs and turkeys will be sold on Thursday, August 22, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Jr. Fair Show Ring #9 on the Lorain County Fairgrounds. The market hogs will be sold on Saturday, August 24, beginning at 8:30 a.m. also in show ring #9.

I hope you will come and bid on my animals! If you have any questions about the auction or my animals, you can call me at 555-555-5555.

Sincerely, Tommy Jones

MANDATORY!!!
MARKET ANIMAL & EXHIBITOR PHOTO FOR JR. FAIR LIVESTOCK SALE BUYER'S SIGNS
Requirement for Market Animal Exhibitors

Rule in Junior Fair Premium Book:

"*Exhibitors in market projects (turkey, meat rabbits, meat chickens, market goats, market steers, market hogs, market lambs)* ***must provide*** *a 4 x 6 landscape format photo of the exhibitor with their animal to* ***to sell*** *in the Jr. Fair Livestock auctions. Exhibitors must provide a separate photo for each lot intended to sell. On the back of each photo must be the exhibitor's first and last name, club/chapter name, and identification number (Jr. Fair ear tag number) of the animal(s). These photos may be turned in with your Jr. Fair entry form to the Extension Office. THIS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A DECLARATION OF SALE LOT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT A PHOTO IS NOT TURNED IN."*

- Jr. Fair Board will mount photo on the cardboard buyer sign that is given to each market animal buyer during the sale.

- Photo must be separate from any photo(s) required in the member's project record book.

- **Photos can be turned in with Jr. Fair Entry Forms due July 1st. All photos must be received by August 1st.**

  On the **back of the photo** write: Exhibitor
  Name
  Type of Animal
  Jr. Fair ID for Steers, Pigs, Sheep, and Goats 4-H Club or FFA Chapter

- Many buyers make positive comments about the photos on the plaque. Buyers prefer a photo with both the animal and the exhibitor together.

- Submit a photo of each animal to be exhibited. Be neat and clean, muddy animals are not appropriate. Pictures not used because you do not sell will be discarded.

PHOTOS NOT TURNED IN WITH JUNIOR FAIR ENTRY may be dropped off at the Junior Fair Office (NOT the senior fair office or Extension office) any time prior to AUGUST 1. There is a DROP BOX located at the front of the junior fair building next to the office window. Please place photos in an envelope and deposit in this drop box.

IMPORTANT JR. FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION INFORMATION FOR 4-H AND FFA EXHIBITORS
It is very important that all exhibitors (and parents) read this information and understand the terms of this auction if they intend to sell any animals at the Jr. Fair auction.

READ THE JR. FAIR GENERAL RULES which pertain to the Jr. Fair auction.

WHAT ANIMALS CAN BE SOLD IN THE AUCTION?
Only animals shown in market classes can be sold in this auction. Animals exhibited in breeding classes are not eligible to sell in the auction. Check the junior fair book for weight limits for eligibility for sale.

DO I HAVE TO SELL MY MARKET ANIMAL IN THE JR. FAIR AUCTION?

Champion and reserve champion animals **MUST** sell. The auction is optional for all other market animals. At the time your animal is weighed-in or checked-in on Sunday you must declare whether or not the animal will be consigned to the auction. Animals can **NOT** be added to the auction line-up later on. Exhibitors who change their mind and withdraw their animal from the sale line-up (or who consign their animals to the sale but then are not at the sale ring at the proper time to sell their animals) will be charged 3% of the buyback price except if vet verifies a health reason for animal's withdrawal from sale. Your decision to sell or not to sell your animals in the Jr. Fair Auction needs to be made **BEFORE** you come to the fair!

EACH EXHIBITOR LIMITED TO SELLING TWO LOTS.

Exhibitors are limited to selling 2 lots in the Jr. Fair auctions. These sale lots must be declared at the time of animal weigh-in on Sunday. If any animals win champion or reserve and that animal was not one of the 2 lots declared for sale, that animal will be sold in addition to the lots declared. A lot is the unit in which the animals are sold: A steer is one lot; a pen of meat chickens is one lot; a single market lamb is one lot.

YOU MAY SELL YOUR ANIMAL ON YOUR OWN to a private buyer, or business or take it to Kidron sales. That's your choice! If you sell it privately, your buyer needs to make their own trucking arrangements. You also need to get an early release form from the Jr. Fair Office to give to your private buyer if they intend to remove the animal prior to the specific exhibit release time on Sunday.

CONTACT BUYERS FOR YOUR ANIMALS PRIOR TO FAIR.
It is **your responsibility** to contact potential buyers and ask them to come to the auction and bid on your animals. Contact friends, relatives, businesses your family deals with. Make a personal contact, write a letter, send a photo of you and your animal, be creative and make those contacts with potential buyers. It will pay off in the price you receive for your animal!

DATES/TIMES OF SALE are given in the current county fair schedule and in the junior fair book. You must be present at the correct time to bring your animal(s) into the sale ring. (Or have a brother, sister, another Jr. Fair exhibitor take that responsibility.) You forfeit the right to sell if you aren't at the sale ring entrance with your animal at the proper time in the line-up. (You will also be assessed a sale withdrawal fee of 3% of the buyback price.) Jr. Fair Board members will be in the barns helping you get into the proper line-up order at the right time.

IN THE SALE RING - You are not permitted to wear apparel advertising products, places of business,

political candidates, family farms, etc. in the sale ring. Exhibitors should wear show attire and only bring awards the earned in type judging or showmanship earned with the animal brought to the sale ring.

HOW LONG AFTER THE SALE ARE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ANIMALS?

You are responsible for feeding and caring for your animals until the time the buyer picks them up on Sunday. The animals are still on exhibit until picked up by buyers. Auction animals are not released to buyers until Sunday. You are considered the owner of the animal and have financial responsibility for it until the animal or carcass is released to the buyer. Be aware of staggered release times.

WHAT IS THE SALE COMMISSION?

If you choose to sell your animal in the Jr. Fair Auction, a **commission of up to 3%** of the total selling price will be deducted from your check. This commission helps to cover the expenses of the Livestock Sale Committee in conducting this sale (cost of computer and printer use, sale forms, printed sale programs, ear tags, etc.). The commission also pays for radio and newspaper advertising to thank the buyers. In addition, State and Federal check-off fees will be deducted for swine, market beef and lambs.

WHEN WILL I GET MY CHECK FROM THE AUCTION?

You will receive a check from the Livestock Sale Committee after fair. You can probably anticipate receiving it by early to mid-October. The check will be mailed to your exhibitor address. If a sale check is lost by the exhibitor and has to be reissued, the bank stop payment fee will be deducted from the reissued check.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE .....SELL IT ON YOUR OWN OR SELL IT THROUGH THE JR. FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION. If you choose to sell your animal(s) in the Jr. Fair Auction, you agree to the terms and policies which have been outlined in this information sheet and the rules in the Junior Fair Book. This handout was developed to help you make an informed decision.

ADD-ONS THOUGH BW FINAL DRIVE The Livestock Sale Committee is again working with BW Final Drive to provide a website for people to make contributions to Jr Fair exhibitors with market animal projects. The 2025 Lorain County Jr Fair Livestock Add-On Sale enrollment **deadline is July 31st**!! You can use either this form link below or the QR code included. Additional information is posted on the Livestock Sale Committee Facebook page.

Only projects that go through the auction are eligible for the Add On site. There will be no exceptions for entries enrolled after the **July 31st deadline**. If enrolled properly, the exhibitor will receive an email confirmation. The Final Drive website will be live for contributions from Wednesday, August 20th at noon until Wednesday August 27th at 7 pm, if exhibitors would like to include that information in their buyer letter.

If you have any questions about the enrollment process, or the auctions, reach out to the Sale Committee through Facebook Messenger or e-mail livestocksalecommittee@gmail.com

DAIRY PROJECT AUCTION

Dairy projects offer a hands-on opportunity to learn about one of Ohio's most important industries and the benefits of dairy products. PLUS, dairy projects offer a great opportunity for 4-Hers to make money with a fair project ***without*** having to say goodbye to their project at the end of the week!

The Lorain County Dairy Youth Auction is organized by volunteers to benefit the youth of the county by providing a financial reward and incentive for completing a dairy project. The auction is held during the noon break in the Jr. Fair Dairy Show. Donated items are auctioned off to the highest bidder. The money raised through the auction is distributed to all Jr. Fair dairy participants with additional money going to recognize Junior and Senior Champions, skill-a-thon champions and showmanship winners. Some of the money is also awarded as scholarships, donated to the Friends of Lorain County 4-H and to support the county's dairy judging team. In 2024, a 4-Her who brought one animal to the fair and participated in the skillathon received $900. Those placing well in showmanship and type championship classes earned even more.

The more successful the auction, the more money each exhibitor receives for each of their dairy projects. The sale committee solicits donations for the auction. In this packet is a sample letter exhibitors can use as a model to contact potential buyers for the auction. You can change the letter and use your own words if you would like to make it more personal. An electronic copy of this example letter can be sent to your email address if you request it from Heather McCann at hjmc267@gmail.com. Individual, personal contacts are even better.

The more bidders that are present at the auction, the higher the prices will likely be. Please help your 4-Hers create list of businesses and individuals with which they do business and send them a letter or make an individual contact. The more contacts they make the more prospective bidders there will be at the auction. Email Heather (hjmc267@gmail.com) or call her at 330-310-6793 for a list of past sale supporters. Please do not limit your contacts just to names on this list.

The auction is a 501(c) 3 non-profit. We will be able to provide receipts for tax-deductible donations and purchases.

Thank you for your help making this year's auction another success!

If you have questions or would like more details on the auction or the incentives paid to junior fair dairy participants, please contact Heather McCann at 330-310-6793. See you at the fair!

(Jr. Fair Participant's Name)
(Address)
(City, ST, ZIP)

(*Date)*

(Recipient's Name)
(Business Name)
(Address)
(City, ST ZIP)

Dear (*Recipient's name*),

The dairy industry in Lorain County is an important part of this area's economy. The dairy community also supports customers for your business, including our (choose one – *family/farm/family farm).* For years (choose one – *we / I / my family and I)* have been (choose one – *supporters of your organization / patrons of your business).* I am excited to share with you a unique opportunity for you to show your support for Lorain County's dairy industry.

Each year, an auction is held at the Lorain County Fair to benefit the youth in Lorain County who are taking dairy projects. I am one of those individuals. The economic opportunities available through market animal projects have led many 4-H and FFA members away from dairy projects. It is important to keep young people interested in dairy and this auction helps make this possible.

Here is where you come in!

We'd love to see you at our annual auction at noon on Friday, August 22, 2025, at the Lorain County Fair. Fifteen to twenty unique items and packages will be auctioned off including many homemade and one-of-kind items. You can see items and learn more about the kids by searching "Lorain County Dairy Youth Auction" on Facebook.

We understand that some people would like to support kids like me who are taking dairy projects but can't make it to the auction. Donations can also be made online at PayPal (paypal.me/lcdya or by scanning the QR code on this letter) or by writing a check to LCDYA and mailing it to Emily Sword, 52237 State Route 18, Wellington, OH 44090.

Not only is the Dairy Youth Auction a great cause, the organization is a 501(c)3 non-profit, so receipts can be provided for your tax- deductible donation.

The money raised will be distributed to all Jr. Fair Dairy participants with additional awards going to recognize Jr. and Sr. Champions and showmanship winners. Remaining funds support the Lorain County Dairy Scholarship program and the dairy judging team.

I hope to see you at the annual Lorain County Jr. Fair Dairy Auction at the fair. Remember, your active support of the Jr. Fair dairy program is indirectly supporting the county's dairy industry. I appreciate your help in continuing this tradition.

Sincerely,
(*signature)*

PayPal

4-H STYLE REVUE COMMENTATOR'S CARD

(Print clearly/Use ink pen or type)

Place a small piece of fabric in this box.

Project Title _____

Name _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____

Age on Jan. 1 _____ **Year in 4-H** _____ **Years of Sewing Experience** _____

4-H Club _____

DESCRIPTION OF OUTFIT: (Describe the design style of outfit, any creative techniques you've used, accessories chosen, and where you plan to wear your outfit. Write it in narrative form as it will be read for Style Revue.)

Other 4-H projects taken this year:

Tell us a little about yourself: (hobbies, interests, and other activities)

(This card SHOULD be turned in at the time you register for project judging)

OVERNIGHT PASS REQUEST

Youth exhibitors are not encouraged to stay in the barns at night. However, if it is deemed necessary by the advisor, with parent approval, an overnight pass must be requested. Any youth exhibitor without an overnight pass is subject to dismissal from the fairgrounds after midnight. Overnight passes must be requested by an advisor and will be given to an advisor for distribution. Advisors are asked to use good judgment in the use of these passes. Please complete this form and return it to the Jr. Fair Coordinator at the Lorain County Fair Office **BEFORE FAIR.**

CLUB _____

LEADER _____ **LEADER PHONE** _____

MEMBER (to receive pass)	**Parents Name**	**Phone #**
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JR. FAIR HORSE ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS BEING HELD DURING COUNTY FAIR WEEK

Entry forms, rules and information on the following horse activities and contests can be found on-line at https://lorain.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-horse-forms-and-resources or are available from the 4-H Office.

Please note some of these activities and contests have an entry deadline in early July. Make sure you send activity & contest registration/entry form to the appropriate person indicated on the form. These forms will be included in the July 4-H Newsletter and posted online.

- Groom & Clean Contests
- Versatility Contests
- Fun Shows

SCHOOL NOTIFICATION FORMS

Advisors should distribute these forms to Jr. Fair exhibitors who will miss school due to participation in their judging/show day. Completed forms with the exhibitor's and parent/guardian signature can be turned-in to the Jr. Fair Coordinator at the Lorain County Fairgrounds or with Jr. Fair Entry Forms. As a courtesy, the school notification form will be forwarded to the appropriate school with a verification letter from the Jr. Fair Coordinator. **The office will ONLY forward school notification forms received BY JULY 1st. After that date, parents are responsible for directly notifying their school of their child's absence.** The Junior Fair has no control how the school treats absences for county fair participation purposes. It is the parent's responsibility to know what their school policy is and whether the absence will be excused by the school or not.

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