



Clover Communicator

Lorain County - Where 4-H is Great!

June 2025

4-H Project Evaluation Edition

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Thank you,
Lorain County
Commissioners!



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Headline News

4-H Project Judging Time!

How does 4-H project judging work?

Each 4-H project has a designated judging date. **Youth sign up** for a judging interview on the date their project is scheduled to be eligible for a project grade, placing, any special awards offered in the project area, and to exhibit their poster and/or exhibit at the Lorain County fair.

July 8, 2025, New Russia Township Lodge
Early/State Fair Judging
FCS Project Judging
Shooting Sports Project Judging

August 5, 2025, Lorain County Fairgrounds
Ag/Still Life Project Judging

August 16, 2025, Lorain County Fairgrounds
Large Ag Project Judging
Animal Poster Judging

Interested in State Fair eligibility?

All youth interested in the possibility of qualifying to compete at state fair with their 4-H project will need to sign up for a project interview on July 8, 2025.

Unable to make your 4-H project designated judging date?

You may sign up for a make-up project interview at a later judging date. If you choose this option, you are only eligible for a project grade and to exhibit your poster or display at the Lorain County fair.

Are you looking for more details and information regarding what to prepare for your 4-H fair exhibit? Then you absolutely **MUST** check out our [4-H Project Judging Expectations](#). This document provides you with the specific things you will need to have prepared for project judging and fair!

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Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) Project Judging

In-person interviews will take place **Tuesday, July 8th, 4:30 – 8:00** at **New Russia Township Lodge**. Each project interview will be 5-7 minutes long.

Click on the heading of each project area below to be directed to the registration link for your project. Interviews are scheduled by project number. Be sure to use the project numbers as listed below.

[Food & Nutrition Projects](#)

459 Let's Start Cooking
461 Let's Bake Quick Breads
462 Yeast Breads on the Rise
463 Sports Nutrition:
467 Cooking on My Own
469 Global Gourmet
472 Grill Master
474 Beyond the Grill
475 Star Spangled Foods
476 Pathways to Culinary Success
477 Party Planner
481 Everyday Food and Fitness
484 Snack Attack!
485 Racing the Clock
486 Dashboard Dining
487 Take a Break for Breakfast

[Clothing Projects](#)

406 Clothes for High School & College
407 Accessories for Teens
408 Creative Costumes
409 Sew Fun
410 Designed by Me
411 Em-bel-lish: Wearable Art
412 Sew For Others
413 Sundresses and Jumpers
415 Ready, Set, Sew Active!
417 Dress-Up Outfit
418 Loungewear
419 Terrific Tops
420 Outerwear for Anywhere
424 Clothing for Middle School
425 Look Great for Less
426 Clothing For Your Career
430 Shopping Savvy
432M Sewing & Textiles

[FCS Special Interest Projects](#)

365 Self Determined – FCS related Topic
405 The Laundry Project
434 Superhero You
442 Family History Treasure Hunt
445 Becoming Money Wise
448 Teens on the Road to Financial Success
490 Science Fun with Dairy Foods
491 It's My Home
492 Cake Decorating
493 Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry
494 Makeover My Space
495 Your First Home Away from Home
496 My Favorite Things
497 Scrapbooking
498 Quilting the Best
499 You Can Quilt

Early Judging- State Fair Qualifier – [Ag/Still Life and Shooting Sports Projects ONLY](#)

In-person interviews will take place **Tuesday, July 8th, 5:30 – 8:00** at **New Russia Township Lodge**. Each project interview will be 5-7 minutes long.

For youth interested in early judging state fair in a project that is not listed above, [Click here](#) to be directed to the registration link for early judging.

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4-H Clothing Projects

All 4-H clothing projects involve a three-part evaluation process.

All youth in sewing projects will need to plan on being at the evening's judging event from 4:30-8:00 p.m.

4-H Project Interview

Come prepared to discuss your project and what you have learned with your interview judge. **Bring with you your completed 4-H project book, project garments on a hanger, sewing basket with your notions and garment pattern.**

Construction Evaluation

Depending on the timing of your interview, you will submit your garments for construction evaluation either before or after your interview. If your interview is between the times of 4:30 and 5:30, you will submit your garments AFTER your interview. If your interview is between 5:30 and 6:30, you will submit your garments BEFORE your interview.

Style Review

Participate in a fun and simple modeling workshop! Be sure to bring your prepared style review commentary to be provided to our Style Review Coordinator, Amy Lake when you check-in for your judging. The commentary is read while you are walking the runway! If you have questions, please call Amy Lake at 440-328-7615.

Clothing Project Judging Agenda- Tuesday, July 8, 2025

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| 4:30 – 6:30 | Project Interviews & Construction Judging |
| 6:30 | Modeling Workshop |
| 7:00 | Receive garments back to dress, comb hair, and create your complete look (accessories, shoes, etc.) |
| 7:30 | Style Review- Open for all to watch and enjoy! |

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Ag & Still Life Judging

In-person interviews will take place **Tuesday, August 5th, 4:30 – 8:00 at Lorain County Fairgrounds**. Each project interview will be 5-7 minutes long.

Registration link: [Click Here](#)

Youth will need their completed project book and records, poster or project exhibit, and come prepared to share their project learning experience with an interview judge.

91 Discovering 4-H	507- 512 Robotics
92 Around the Globe	517-518 Bicycle
117-227, Animal projects which are being exhibited and shown ONLY as poster projects.	527-531 Electricity/Electronics
230 Pet Pals	540 Not Just Knots
244-246 Veterinary Science	584-589M Photography and Creative Writing Projects
300 & 351-360 You're the Athlete and Health Projects	592-593 Arts
365 Self-Determined Projects with an Ag or General Topic	611-624 Outdoors and Natural Resources Projects
370-378 Leadership Projects	630-631 Gun Safety, Basic Archery
382-489 Careers, etc. Projects	641-646 Beekeeping and Insects
500 Science Fun with Physics	651, 652, 670 -673, 691-692 Canning/Freezing; Gardening Projects
501-503 Aerospace Science & Radio-Controlled Vehicles	750-757 Shooting Sports Projects

Exhibitors are encouraged to leave their exhibits and posters with JFB after they have completed judging. Please check your exhibit in with a JFB at the check-out/ribbon pick-up table to be displayed fair week!

Make-Up Judging- FCS

You may sign up for a make-up project interview at this judging. Click on the link above and choose FCS Make-up Judging. If you choose this option, you are only eligible for a project grade and to exhibit your poster or display at the Lorain County fair.



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Large Ag Judging

In-person interviews will take place **Saturday, August 16th, noon- 2:00 pm at Lorain County Fairgrounds**. Each project interview will be 5-7 minutes long.

Registration link: [Click Here](#)

Youth will need their completed project book and records, poster or project exhibit, and come prepared to share their project learning experience with an interview judge.

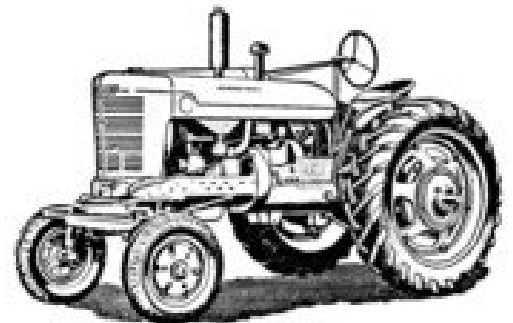
556-560M Woodworking Projects

573 Welding projects

541-543 Small Engine projects

551-555 Tractors/ATV projects

365 Large Self-determined projects



Make-Up Judging-

Not able to make the judging day for your project? You may sign up for a make-up project interview at this judging as well. Click on the link above and choose FCS, Shooting Sports, or Ag/Still Life- Make-up Judging. Those that participate in a make-up judging are only eligible for a project grade and to exhibit your poster or display at the Lorain County fair.

4-H Livestock & Small Animal Project Book Evaluation

The projects listed below must submit their project books for evaluation (Option 1) no later than July 21st OR register and participate in a project book interview with poster (Option 2). Both options must earn a minimum of 15 points in order to show a live animal at the fair.

- Beef
- Cat
- Cavy
- Dairy
- Dog
- Goats
- Horses
- Pocket Pets
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Small Animal Self-determined
- Swine

- July 7- Early review book drop-off (Option 1) OR [Project Book Interview for Large Animals](#) (Option 2)
- July 9- [Project Book Interview Option for Small Animals](#) (Option 2)
- July 14 – Early review books available for pick-up in Extension office (1 rep from club to pick up ALL)
- **July 21-** All books that did not turn in for early review, complete a project book interview, or turned in but did not receive a 15 or higher must submit. **We will be open until 7:00 pm this day.**
- Week of Aug 1- Youth that did not achieve a 15 or higher will receive notice that they are not eligible to show at fair. They may do a poster project only.
- Aug 5- Project books will be available for pick-up at the Ag & Still Life Judging at the Lorain County Fairgrounds. Please arrange for one representative from each club to pick up all Club members books.

To assist you in completing your 4-H Animal Project Records, check out the Project and Record Book Judging Guidelines!! These are located on the [4-H Project Resources page](#) of our website.

Evaluation of project books and records will utilize the scoresheet also available on our website.



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Skillathon- What is that?

In Ohio, a skillathon typically include five stations, each taking about five minutes to complete, although stations can be changed to fit the time available. Some skillathons offer different age- or skill-appropriate stations for juniors, intermediates, and seniors. Youth move from station to station attempting to perform tasks such as matching breeds with descriptions, labeling animal body parts, identifying meat cuts, designing appropriate housing, etc.

Lorain County 4-H is offering skillathon contests in 14 different project areas. Each project area will include three stations. These three station topics were shared in the May Clover Communicator Newsletter. You may also review [station topics by project area](#) on the Educational Board page of our website. Youth may compete in as many of project areas as they would like.

Awards will be offered for the top scores in each individual project area, as well as overall winners for Small Animal and Large Animal. To compete for overall winner, youth must complete a minimum of four individual project areas in one evening.

Large Animal Skillathon

Monday, July 7, 2025, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

New Russia Township Lodge

Includes beef, dairy, goat, horse, sheep, and swine project areas.

[Register Here!](#)

FCS & Shooting Sports Skillathon

Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

New Russia Township Lodge

Includes food & nutrition, sewing & clothing, and shooting sports project areas.

[Register Here!](#)

Small Animal Skillathon

Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

New Russia Township Lodge

Includes cat, cavy, dog, fowl, and rabbit project areas.

[Register Here!](#)

Lorain County Junior Fair



Fair Entry

All youth that are interested in exhibiting any project – animal, poster, or other, **MUST** complete registration through **FAIR ENTRY** by **July 1, 2025**.

This is the system JFB uses to manage all fair entries. JFB does not know that you are planning to go to fair if you are not in this system.

Visit: <https://loraincountyjfb.com/fair-entry/>