



2026 4-H Project Judging Information

Members are responsible for the completion of their project and must attend project judging to remain in good standing with 4-H.

Project Book:

- All members are required to purchase a project book for their project they have enrolled in for the current 4-H year and must bring the completed book to project judging.

Attend Project Judging:

- Attend Judging at the Washington County Junior Fair Building on the fairgrounds July 20, 2026 starting a 6:00 pm
- Members last name A-L arrive at 6 pm and members last name M-Z arrive at 7 pm
- Makeup Judging will be held on Monday, August 3 starting at 6:00 pm in the Jr Fair Building for members not available to attend Project Judging. Signup here to reserve your spot for makeup judging: <https://go.osu.edu/judgingmakeup>
- All Project Judging must be completed on the day of the event or on make-up day.
- \$10 Voucher – all members that attend Project Judging on July 20 will receive one \$10 voucher from the 4-H Advisory Committee. The voucher can be redeemed at the OSU Extension toward the purchase of 4-H Project Books or applied toward 4-H Camp Registration. One voucher per member.

Project Requirements:

- Bring project book with all required pages completed to judging.
- Refer to the 4-H Project Requirements at <https://go.osu.edu/washjudging>
- Arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time to register / check in
- Bring a display item: binder, scrapbook, portfolio, visual aids or props

Scan this code and find exactly what you need to bring to Project Judging on July 20



Project Judging Dress Code:

- The goal of participating in project interviews is to help 4-H members prepare for future interview situations. With that in mind, members should dress as if they were attending a job or college interview. • General appearance should be neat and clean • No t-shirts with inappropriate language or graphics • Jeans or long pants are preferred • Skirts/shorts should reach at least the mid-thigh. • No low-cut tops or visible undergarments • Hats should not be worn during the interview. Examples of appropriate dress: button-down shirts, polos, dressy tops, 4-H club t-shirts, nice jeans, capris, skirts.

Registration Process:

- Arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time to register / check in
- Volunteers will assist you to your judging area and prepare your score sheet
- Parents will wait outside until you have completed your judging

Judging Process and Score Sheet:

- Sign-in at the judge's table at your interview area, pickup your score sheet, and wait to be called for your interview
- If you have more than one judge needed judged, please tell the volunteer
- When you meet the judge, provide them with your score sheet
- The judge will keep your score sheet
- Your score sheet will be filed in a club packet and given to your club advisor for distribution back to you
- Project judging results will be posted by 4:00 pm on July 21, 2026 at www.washington.osu.edu
- Vouchers will be distributed as you leave project judging and ribbons will be in your club's fair booth packet

Ohio State Fair Selection:

- A member attending the July 20, 2026 judging event and scoring a superior (90-100) on their project will be considered for State Fair eligibility. The only exception is that members who cannot attend judging due to another 4-H activity, such as Leadership Camp or Shooting Sports Camp, may have their interview pre-recorded and shown to the judge to be eligible for State Fair participation. If a selected member cannot attend state fair the alternate will be notified and given the opportunity to compete at State Fair.

Ohio State Fair Packets

Beginning Friday, July 11 state fair packets will be ready for pickup. Packets will include state fair information, your scoresheet, and ticket. OSU Extension Office hours are 8 am to 4 pm at 1115 Gilman Ave, Marietta

What Happens at Fair?:

- Clubs will determine which fair they will display a booth. Members are encouraged to display their projects in their club booth and will receive a \$5 premium from the fair.

