

NOTICE

Crawford County 4-H Update: COVID-19

PLEASE BE PATIENT with club advisors as they work through this process. **Your club advisors will keep you informed of date changes and any additional information that is presented to them.** Below are a few updates and resources; advisors will be updating members about meetings and enrollment procedures.

When can we have club meetings?

ALL 4-H events, programs, and activities scheduled between now and May 15th be held virtually, postponed, or canceled. **Please note that May 15th is the date as of now but could last even longer or could be shortened.**

When can I get my project book?

ALL Ohio 4-H books are printed on campus so there is NO PRODUCTION going on at this time. We encourage youth to:

- Visit Project Central- <https://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/>
- Review County & State Project Requirements- <https://crawford.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/member-forms-applications>
- Ask older members who have taken the project before
- Contact the OSU Extension Office with specific questions

Will Fair be canceled? Should I purchase my livestock animal?

No one knows what is going to happen. Youth and parents need to make the decision that is best for their family with the following points in mind:

- Possession dates will NOT be changing for 2020.
- This year is no different than any other year in that there are many risks when purchasing an animal. There is never a guarantee that they will be able to show their animal at fair. Animals may get sick or become lame, this is all part of the learning experience.
- If we would not have a fair in 2020 we will be working with our local fairboard and livestock committees to ensure each Jr. Fair Exhibitor has an opportunity to share their project in some way.
- Some exhibitors may be concerned about their ability to sell market projects if for some reason fair does not happen. The good news is that agriculture is an essential industry and will continue to have livestock sales to keep the county fed. When raising livestock projects, it is always important to consider economics just like your counterparts in the industry.

4-H Camp, Cloverbud Funday, & Other Summer Events

As of now, all pre-scheduled programs after May 15th are still on-going. We will update families and youth if these dates are to change. It is likely that registrations for these events may be handled differently so please follow all directions as they are presented.

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