

How to be successful at *YOUR* 4-H project judging!

Put Your Best Self Forward...

4-H Project Judging (& Livestock Skill-a-thon) is your chance to shine! Here are some tips for presenting your best self:

What to wear:

- Arrive clean & well-groomed
- Dress pants/shorts & nice, clean shirt
- Skirts or dresses (*not too short*)
- Dress shoes/sandals or **clean** boots/tennis shoes
- Appropriate accessories
- **A SMILE!!!!**

What NOT to wear:

- NO jean shorts/cut-offs/gym shorts/*short* shorts
- NO t-shirts (unless club shirt)
- NO hats
- NOT too much perfume/ cologne/makeup
- NO gum while at judging table

Other tips:

- A firm handshake and introduction make a good 1st impression with a judge!
- Skill-a-thon participants may wear show-clothes, but not required.
- Speak clearly and at a steady volume...don't be afraid to talk! **The more you talk, the less the judge will have to!*
- Demonstrate your good manners

What to bring & what to expect...

1. **READ** the Still Project Requirements (in your 4-H Owner's Manual) for all projects you are enrolled in!
2. **BRING** your completed book, poster/display/item made, and any other items listed in the Project Requirements. **For Skill-a-thon, BRING your completed livestock record book!*
3. **WHAT is judging?** A one-on-one interview with a judge who will ask you questions about what you have learned. **KNOW** your project book, and be prepared to **SHARE** your knowledge and experiences with your project! **PRACTICE** ahead of time! **Detailed judging schedules will be sent in early June.*
4. **EXHIBIT** your project at the Perry County Fair to receive your premium \$. **Project book does not qualify as an exhibit.*

4-H Project Judging Awards

- At project judging, projects will be given an A, B, or C letter grade.
- Projects receiving an "A" grade are eligible to be selected for additional awards, including Ohio State Fair competition. **Members must attend their assigned judging day to be eligible for any awards; make-up judging may be conducted by a club advisor, but these youth are not award-eligible.*
- Additional awards include County Rosettes (give to the top individuals in each project) and Best of Show. Members earning a Best of Show will receive a trophy and cash award.
- Members taking gardening projects are eligible for the following awards: Best Display for Garden or Flowers, as well as Jr. or Sr. Sweepstakes. **Gardening projects are judged the day before the Perry County Fair begins, in the H-Building.*