

Ohio 4-H Dairy Program Dates for 2009

Theme: More kids, More opportunities

February 28: Coaches/Experienced Youth Judges Workshop following ATI Invitational Dairy Judging Contest in the Armstrong Building at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Come to develop skills writing and presenting a better set of reasons. Sample sets from an expert will be given on 2-3 of the day's classes. Space is limited, so register online on 4-H dairy website.

March 21st: Beginners Judging Clinic at OSU: Planned for beginning and aspiring judges. Come and judge some live classes, learn how to take notes on the class, and then organize and present a set of reasons. Officials will also be participating so that you can actually HEAR what good reasons should sound like.

March 28th: NEW; "COW"mmunicators, A People Behind the Product workshop developed for young dairy enthusiasts to learn how to help others understand modern dairy farm practices.


*Our program will be sponsored by ADA Mideast



and the ODPA.



It will feature many hands on activities to practice and learn from. Invitations and a program will be available by mid-February. This is a one of kind opportunity for Ohio dairy youth! We promise you will go home with lots to think and act on!

April 11th: State 4-H  Dairy Judging Contest at Spring Dairy Expo, Ohio State fairgrounds This year there are 3 separate divisions, Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-14), Senior (15 and up) Intermediate division will give two sets of reasons with notes and Seniors will present 2 sets of reasons, without notes.

June 22nd: Ohio 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, OSU, Animal Science Bldg. Pre-registration due by June 15th. Junior competition will remain the same, but stay posted for new details on Jeopardy and the senior portion of Quiz Bowl.



July 17: (tentative) **NEW** Buckeye Dairy Camp at OSU; designed for kids in the age range of 8-14. . We are planning for approximately 30 4-Hers who are anxious to develop their showmanship skills, their dairy marketing ideas, and scientific base knowledge. Of course, time for networking will also be on the agenda!

OHIO STATE FAIR

Thursday, July 30th: Dairy Skillathon, 2-5 following Ayrshire Junior Show and Milking Shorthorn Show ~ This date reflects a change from the past 2 years.

Friday, July 31st: Judging Clinic following Holstein Junior Show, approx. 3:00 PM

Friday, August 7th: Second Judging Clinic, approx. 3:00 PM

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