



2022 Elkhart County 4-H Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program

The purpose of the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program (OLEP) is to increase the knowledge of 4-H members, encourage good stockmanship, and recognize 4-H members for their knowledge in animal science.

Rules and Qualifications:

1. To be eligible for the OLEP 4-H members must participate in their species Skillathon contest and participate in showmanship for each species they wish to be eligible for. Exhibitors may enter as many species as they wish.
2. To be eligible for the Overall OLEP 4-H members must participate in their species Skillathon, the overall OLEP Skillathon and showmanship in their species.
3. There will be three age divisions for the OLEP program: Beginner (Grades 3-5) intermediate (Grades 6-8) and senior (Grades 9-12).
4. The OLEP will be for the following species:
 - a. Beef
 - b. Dairy Cattle
 - c. Dairy Goats
 - d. Dairy Feeder Cattle
 - e. Lambs
 - f. Meat Goats
 - g. Poultry
 - h. Pygmy/Variety Goats
 - i. Rabbits
 - j. All Around Skillathon (parts of all categories above)
5. Points will be awarded based on Skillathon station points and showmanship placing in their class during their animal show for the OLEP species. Bonus points will be given for participation in Skillathon open house events.
6. The Overall OLEP exhibitor will count the highest Skillathon station points from the species combined with the showmanship score of that species, and the Overall OLEP Skillathon.
7. Skillathon is a hands on, educational event to test the exhibitor's knowledge of their species. Topics of the Skillathon may include, but are not limited to: breeds, feed/nutrition, equipment, meat cut ID, body parts, and quality assurance. Study resources include, but not limited to: The Ohio State Learning Lab Kits, Ohio State 4-H Resource Handbooks, Standard of Perfection books, Indiana 4-H/FFA State Livestock Skillathon Resource packet.
8. The Skillathon portion of the OLEP will be held prior to fair with a minimum of three stations for beginners, four stations for intermediate division and five stations for seniors.
9. The top 5 exhibitors in each age division per a species will be recognized. An overall winner will also be recognized in each species.

10. Ties will be broken in the following order: (1.) Points earned on Skillathon. (2.) Points earned on section one of Skillathon. (3.) Points earned on section two of Skillathon. (4.) Points earned on Showmanship placing.
11. Awards will be given according to the sponsorship money available.
12. Youth who participate in a showmanship class that is above their Skillathon grade classification will be awarded base points to compensate their ineligibility to compete in their normal age range due to club rules.
13. If an exhibitor isn't eligible to participate in showmanship because of club rules, IE winning master showman, or winning round robin, they will be given showmanship points to make up for that showmanship component.
14. The committee shall make the final ruling if any issues arise that are not addressed by the rules/qualifications.