2022 Elkhart County 4-H Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program Skillathon Contest Information

The purpose of the Skillathon Contest is for 4-H members to test their knowledge of animal science and stockmanship. This is open to all 4-H members regardless if they have any animals.

Rules and Qualifications:
1. Must be a current 4-H member in Elkhart County. Any 4-H member can participate in any of the Skillathon contests.
2. There will be three age divisions for the Skillathon contest: Beginner (Grades 3-5) intermediate (Grades 6-8) and senior (Grades 9-12).
3. Skillathon contests 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/Varity Goats
   i. Rabbits
   j. All around Skillathon (includes parts from all of the categories above)
4. Skillathon Stations will be determined based upon the three age divisions with a minimum of: Three for beginners, four for intermediate and five for seniors.
5. 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. Each Skillathon will be species specific.
6. The all-around Skillathon will be a combination of all species and the topics listed in rule 5.
7. Awards will be given for the top five in each age division by species and recognition of an overall winner in each species.
8. The all-around Skillathon top five in each age division will also be recognized.