

**HOME DECORATING AND DESIGN**  
Lausche Youth Exploration Space  
Tuesday, August 4, 2026  
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**GENERAL GUIDELINES**

1. Age of Participants:
  - Junior (age 13 or under) as of January 1 of the current year.
  - Senior (age 14 or over) as of January 1 of the current year.
  - To be eligible for Outstanding of the Day or Clock Trophy, participants must meet the 4-H age noted in the specific class (project) guidelines
1. Participation Guidelines:
  - The winner of any one class in 2025 is not eligible to participate in the same class for 2026.
  - No more than one participant in any one class will be allowed per county and no one individual may participate in more than one class.
2. Type of Evaluation:
  - Participant will have a personal interview evaluation with a judge.
  - Judge will evaluate participant on the following basis (also see sample score sheet):
    - 40% Knowledge (member demonstrates knowledge of concepts and skills)
    - 20% Communication (able to communicate effectively, appropriate appearance)
    - 20% Project Book (complete, record of activities)
    - 20% Project Display (accurate, complete, neat, creative, and showcases knowledge)
3. Participant to bring:
  - Completed project book.
  - A display representing their learning experience of the current project. The display may be in addition to what was used either at local 4-H judging or at county fair and should be limited in size to what the participant can maneuver on his or her own. Because of space limitations each participant removes his/her display from the judging area when the interview is completed. The display does not need to be a tri-fold display board.
  - Participants will have a 3'x3' square floor area **or** 3 feet of table space to display. Any displays exceeding this space requirement will be ineligible for Outstanding of the Day or Clock Trophy.
  - Refer to additional project requirements as listed in class list below.
4. Judging:
  - Please dress appropriately for judging, it is an interview. Appearance should be neat, clean, and respectful.
  - Be prepared to introduce yourself and present what you have done and learned in your project.

## CLASSES

- J-08 IT'S MY HOME** – Beginner level, for ages 8 years and older with priority given to 4-H'ers within the “beginner level” age group of 8-10 years.  
Participants need to bring an item constructed in the project according to the requirements listed in the project book, visuals to show how the item helps make more pleasing and practical living spaces in the home.
- J-09 MAKEOVER MY SPACE -- Junior (ages 8-13)**  
Participants need to bring visuals (an exhibit of items from the project, or pictures, etc.) and their project book to show their project accomplishments according to the requirements in the project book.
- J-10 MAKEOVER MY SPACE-- Senior (ages 14-18)**  
Participants need to bring visuals (an exhibit of items from the project, or pictures, etc.) and their project book to show their project accomplishments according to the requirements in the project book.
- J-11 THE LAUNDRY PROJECT – Junior (ages 8-13)**  
Participants need to bring visuals (an exhibit of items from the project, or pictures, etc.) and their project book to show their project accomplishments according to the requirements in the project book.
- J-12 THE LAUNDRY PROJECT – Senior (ages 14-18)**  
Participants need to bring visuals (an exhibit of items from the project, or pictures, etc.) and their project book to show their project accomplishments according to the requirements in the project book.
- J-13 LIVING ON YOUR OWN** – Advanced level, for members experienced in the project area or ages 14 and older.

## JUDGING SCHEDULE

The exact schedule of participation will depend on the number reporting at any one time. Members should bring registration information provided by their County 4-H Professional to the registration desk in the Youth Exploration Space.

9:30 a.m.	Ashland, Clark, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Pickaway
10:00 a.m.	Allen, Champaign, Franklin, Logan, Marion
10:30 a.m.	Coshocton, Crawford, Greene, Licking, Madison, Muskingum
11:00 a.m.	Hardin, Hocking, Holmes, Knox, Morrow, Richland, Union
11:30 a.m.	Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Ottawa, Perry, Ross, Wyandot
1:00 p.m.	Athens, Auglaize, Clinton, Guernsey, Morgan, Shelby, Vinton
1:30 p.m.	Highland, Huron, Jackson, Medina, Meigs, Pike, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Williams
2:00 p.m.	Belmont, Hancock, Mahoning, Tuscarawas, Wayne, Wood
2:30 p.m.	Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Darke, Defiance, Erie, Hamilton, Harrison, Lorain, Lucas, Warren
3:00 p.m.	Jefferson, Monroe, Noble, Paulding, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Sandusky, Scioto, Van Wert
3:30 p.m.	Adams, Ashtabula, Brown, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Fulton, Gallia, Geauga, Henry, Lake, Lawrence, Trumbull, Washington

## **AWARDS AND SPONSORS**

1. All participants will receive participation awards, sponsored by The Ohio State Fair.
2. “Outstanding of the Day” ribbons, sponsored by The Ohio State Fair, will be awarded to the top 20% of each class.
3. One overall clock trophy will be presented in each class. In 2025 awards were provided by: **Dr. Denise Shockley, Brad and Mary Beth Arensberg, Ohio Township Association, and Judge Frederick D. and Dr. Kathryn C. Pepple.**
4. Awards will be presented at approximately 5:00 pm (subject to change to later time if needed for additional judging time).
5. Those not able to be present for the awards ceremony may pick up their awards, or arrange for another adult to do so, from the 4-H fair office until the conclusion of the fair. Unclaimed awards will be sent to county Extension Offices after the fair.
6. Results will be posted online at [go.osu.edu/24osfresults](http://go.osu.edu/24osfresults).

## **2025 CLASS WINNERS**

J-08 It's My Home	Isley DeMange, Darke
J-09 Makeover My Space, Jr	Lillian Raines, Hardin
J-10 Makeover My Space, Sr	Addison Hlad, Muskingum
J-11 The Laundry Project, Jr.	Grant Moore, Darke
J-12 The Laundry Project, Sr.	Gage Phillips, Belmont

## 4-H State Fair Project Evaluation Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor number: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of January 1 (current year): \_\_\_\_\_

Project name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years in project: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of what you brought today to display your project (i.e., poster, equipment, etc.):  
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**Keep this sheet with you until the judge calls your exhibitor number.**

Judges—Please place an “x” in the column that most closely describes this entry.

Judging Guidelines	Excellent Outstanding work that exceeds expectations	Very Good Well done, with few minor if any errors	Good Appropriate for member's age and experience	Average Solid grasp of fundamentals
<b>Knowledge (40%)</b> Member demonstrates knowledge of basic concepts, skills, safety protocols (if applicable), and other project information.				
<b>Communication (20%)</b> Member communicates effectively with a positive attitude and with appropriate personal appearance.				
<b>Project Book (20%)</b> Project book is completed appropriately and provides an accurate record of project activities.			(book is complete)	(book needs some work)
<b>Display (20%)</b> Content is accurate, complete and displayed in a way that is neat and creative. It showcases knowledge and skills gained through project work.				
Strengths:				
Areas for improvement:				

White copy – 4-H member, Yellow copy - Judge