



Getting Ready for the Show

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Goal (learning objective)

Youth will learn about the importance of preparation.

Supplies

- Three “mystery” sacks or boxes containing the following items:
 - a. Sack 1: Beef show items including: adhesive, foam, show halter, stick, comb
 - b. Sack 2: Loaf of bread, peanut butter, jelly, plate, butter knife
 - c. Sack 3: Swine show items including: water bottle, cane or show stick, brush or rag
- Livestock show supply catalogs

Pre-lesson preparation

- Review the information in the Ohio Resource Handbook for each species (see resources).
- Obtain livestock show supply catalogs

Lesson directions and outline

Share the following information with the youth:

Late summer/fall is fair time. Members have a certain number of days to prepare their exhibit for fair. Typically the time frame is 150 days for beef, 100 days for swine and 60 days for sheep and goats, 90 days for horse and 100 days for dairy.

Conducting the activity (DO)

1. Split the group up into three teams, have a volunteer come to the front to get a sack, do not let them open/look into the sack initially.
2. Announce to the teams that they have to get ready for a “Beef Show.”
3. Have teams open their sack and prepare for the show.
4. Call on each team to perform their class at the “Beef Show”. The teams that received sack 2 or 3 will not be prepared.
5. Now have the teams get ready for a “Picnic at the Park.”
6. Call on each team to quickly showcase their picnic. The teams that received sack 1 or 3 will not be prepared.
7. Lastly, have the teams get ready for a “Swine Show.” The teams that received sack 1 or 2 will not be prepared.
8. Have the teams perform their class at the “Swine Show.”

What did we learn? (REFLECT)

- Ask: What team was ready for the Beef Show? Swine Show? Picnic at the Park?
- Ask: Although there was not a sack with sheep/goat items what materials are needed to prepare for their show?
- Ask: Could all teams be successful at each show? Why or why not?
- Ask: How did it feel to not be prepared for the show?

Why is that important? (APPLY)

- Ask: What types of things would be considered “preparation” for the fair?
- Ask: Does preparation take time? What are some things that could happen without preparation?
- Ask: How can you relate this activity to a job interview? Who is going to get the job?

Resources

Ohio State University Extension. (2011). Getting Ready for the Show. *Beef resource handbook* (pages 9-2 through 9-5 and 9-13 through 9-19).

Ohio State University Extension. (2008). Preparing Your Animal for Show. *Goat resource handbook* (pages 175-177).

Ohio State University Extension. (2011). Showing and Selling. *Sheep resource handbook for market and breeding projects* (pages 91-96).

Ohio State University Extension. (2000). Showing Your 4-H Market Hog. *Swine resource handbook for market and breeding projects* (pages 12-1 through 12-5).

University of Idaho Extension Beef Showmanship video (#72999) available at: <https://youtu.be/E-7UF-qiSjS4>

University of Idaho Extension Sheep Showmanship video (#72898) available at: <https://youtu.be/2B-VEegUchds>

University of Idaho Extension Swine Showmanship video (#72998) available at: <https://youtu.be/22e-p02oH08>