



June 1, 2017

Dear Ohio 4-H Supporter,

The Ohio State Fair is quickly approaching, and we hope you will consider volunteering as a skillathon facilitator. The skillathons are the largest program we coordinate at the state fair with more than 1,300 youth participating in nine species skillathons last year. The success of the program is dependent upon the generous time of our volunteer facilitators. To those who have helped facilitate the skillathons in the past - thank you!

We hope you might assist us with one or more of the skillathons. The skillathon species include: beef, sheep, swine, dairy, horse, goat, poultry, dog, and rabbit. Attached you will find a response form with the dates and times of the skillathons. Please complete the form and respond by **Friday, June 9, 2017**.

Volunteers for the skillathons are responsible for facilitating a station. A station requires youth to perform a series of tasks to test their knowledge about a subject relating to the species. Facilitators are not required to have broad experience or knowledge about the species; however, we are seeking volunteers who enjoy working with youth from ages 9 to 18 years old and have some knowledge about animals. Enclosed is a *Tips for Skillathon Facilitators* document, which provides more information about facilitating.

The response form is an Adobe Acrobat fillable form. Open the document, enter the information, save the document as a PDF file with your last name and the year (example: smith.2017.pdf), and email it to me at homan.64@osu.edu. Alternatively, you can print, fill-out, and send-in the form. Using a blue or black pen, fill out the form and mail, fax, or scan and email it back to Dustin Homan. An address and fax number are included at the bottom of the form.

If you agree to volunteer, we will send a follow-up letter in July with parking and admission passes, as well as additional facilitator information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 614.247.8305 (office) or homan.64@osu.edu. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dustin Homan
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Attachments: Skillathon Facilitator Response Form, Facilitator Tips