

Starting Up a Judging Program?

Some counties are just now thinking about starting up a judging program. If you are one of these counties, here's a list of some decisions that need to be made before a judging program will float. To avoid stepping on toes by making recommendations, here is just a list of them in question form. If you desire an opinion, give me a call.

Decisions for Building A 4-H Judging Program

- 1. Why do we want a 4-H judging program?**
What do we expect from it?
What do your youth expect from it?
- 2. How much support do we have for the program?**
Examine time commitments and support from community workouts. Also for how long do we expect this program to last?
- 3. Who will conduct the program?**
A coach? A committee?
Special chairman?
Are assistants needed?
Will county extension staff have input (like so but how much?)
- 4. Once program goals and structure are determined, then decide:**
What youth are eligible?
What are expected of youth – guidelines?
Who will make the state team (if any) and how?
- 5. Schedule of events – and “lesson plan” should be decided (person or persons in charge of program will have major input here).**
When will we practice?
How long will each session last?
What will we do at each session?