

617 – EXPLORING PONDS**General 4-H Project**

- ✿ For project COMPLETION and GRADE, Member MUST participate in either:
 1. **County 4-H Project Judging Day** – Ross County Fairgrounds
Member is eligible for County Awards (Judges' Choice, Outstanding, Honorable Mention) and State Fair Selection (if applicable)
 2. **Early 4-H Project Judging** – Ross County Service Center
Members unable to attend County Project Judging Day should plan to attend Early Judging. Member is eligible for County Rosettes (Outstanding, Honorable Mention).
** Exception for State Fair selection at Early Judging - If there is only one member judged in a project, then the judge has the option to select a state fair representative.*
 - ✿ Complete "Thank You" note activity (see copy of instruction sheet included in your project book)
 - ✿ To receive Fair Premiums, your project must be displayed at the Ross County Fair in a Jr. Fair Building booth.
 - ✿ **For Project Judging Dates & Times & Details:**
ASK your Club Advisor
READ the *May Family HOTLINE* sent to every 4-H family
LOOK on the 4-H App or website <http://ross.osu.edu>
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Skill Level: Advanced

Completion:

1. All 9 activities
2. All "Talking It Over" questions
3. At least 2 Learning Experiences
4. At least 2 Leadership/Citizenship activities
5. Prepare an educational exhibit based on this project
 - a. Example: Make your own Water Cycle Terrarium (pg.8)
 - b. Example: Draw a map of your pond (measure using the Pace Your Study Pond activity pg.19)
 - c. Be creative!

Judging:

1. Interview based on skills learned, activities completed and educational exhibit.
2. Bring to interview on 4-H Project Judging Day:
 - a. Complete project book
 - b. Completed educational exhibit

County Fair Exhibit:

Display an educational exhibit in a fair booth.

State Fair Competition:

1. State Fair participants will be selected during county-level competition on 4-H Project Judging Day.
2. Event: Natural Resource Day II.
Completed project book, *display, and interview
**Display should be limited in size to what the participant can maneuver on his/her own.*

