

**622 - TRAPPING MUSKRATS IN OHIO****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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\* This is designed as a two-year project.

**Level 1 - Intermediate** is for the participant who would like to learn about muskrats and trapping, but is unsure whether they want to actually set out a trap-line for muskrats. First-year members should start here because the trapping season is in the fall.

**Level 2 - Advanced** is a step-by-step guide to teach the participant how to ethically and humanely trap muskrats. The participant will actually set a trap-line for muskrats. Continuation of knowledge and should be started in October to be able to participate in the trapping season.

**Completion:**

1. All 7 activities
2. At least 3 Learning Experiences
3. At least 3 Leadership/Citizenship activities
4. Year 1: complete 2 of 3 projects
5. Year 2: complete 2 of 3 projects
6. Prepare an educational exhibit based on this project (item made from project book, photo exhibit, notebook, scrapbook or poster (minimum 14" x 22" and maximum 22" x 28").
  - a. Example: Display of your trapping equipment
  - b. Example: Photos of where & when you set your traps
  - 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 educational exhibit relating to project work in a fair booth.

**State Fair Competition:**

1. State Fair participants selected during county-level competition on 4-H Project Judging Day.
2. Event: Natural Resources Day II  
Bring - Completed project book, display, and interview.

