



Clover Scene

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4-H Information



Are you a generational 4-H family?

Do you look forward to the county fair every year?

The Niagara County Fair Committee is working on a project that can utilize your expertise. People are needed to help research fair history so the present day fair attendees can learn about the history of all the buildings on Cornell Cooperative Extension grounds. If you are a 4-H member, parent, or grandparent and would like to help, or learn more about the project, contact Debi Sweeney @ mapleviewdairy@gmail.com or (716) 531-2386.

2nd Annual CCE Fall Festival and 4-H Expo September 29, 10:00am-2:00pm

On September 29 from 10am to 2pm, 4-H volunteers, youth, and Cornell Cooperative Extension Staff will host a Fall Festival and 4-H Expo for 4-H youth as well as the public. We are looking for 4-H clubs and volunteers to run a booth/table with activities to promote 4-H.

There will be 4-H animal demonstrations, a basket raffle, craft vendors, contests, 4-H informational meetings, kids crafts, food and more. Do you have an idea on what you would like to do? If so, contact Kathy Bowers at krc8@cornell.edu or 433-8839 by August 17. Look for more information on our website and at the Niagara County Fair!



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Attention: Public Presentation Participants

4-H'ers who presented at County Public Presentations may pick up their milkshake coupon on the first day of fair-Wednesday, August 1st in the Administration Office.

Niagara County Fair



Fair Entry Passes

Free 4-H entry to the 2018 Niagara County Fair will be in the form of an entry pass, which you will receive from your Club Leader. Club Head Leaders or designated Club Leaders may pick up their Club's passes starting at the Animal Science Work Bee on **Wednesday, July 11** or from the 4-H Office on **Friday, July 13**. Club Leaders will be responsible for distributing entry passes to their own leaders and members. If you are an individual member, you need to pick up your pass at Work Bee or the 4-H Office.

- Passes will only be distributed to **enrolled** members and leaders.
- Persons without an entry pass will be charged the regular fair daily entry fee, which is \$5.00 per person and 6 and under are free. Sunday will be \$10 a carload or \$3.00 a person. Weekly passes are \$18.00.
- If you have any questions please contact Bonnie at 433-8839 or blb14@cornell.edu.
- Entry passes will be available Friday, July 13–31, office hours are M-TH, 8:00am - 4:30pm and Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm.

Cloverbud Exhibits

- Judging will be Tuesday, July 24 in the Training Center from 2:00-6:30pm.
- All exhibits need a completed white Cloverbud entry card. There is no limit on the number of entries per member.
- A judge will review only three (3) entries per Cloverbud. Others will be displayed, but not judged.
- Exhibit cards are available at the 4-H Office.
- Cloverbuds cannot enter swine or beef. Other species may be entered in special Cloverbud shows only with the approval of that species Key Leader: rabbit, cavy, sheep, goat, poultry, dairy cattle, and equine for learning and experience only. Non-competitive.



Pink & Blue Exhibit Cards

These must be attached to all fair entries, except animals. The index in the Premium Book specifies which color card is to be used for each exhibit. Section and class information is in the Premium Book. Please be sure to use the 2018 year Premium Book when completing these cards. The pink section is now Family & Consumer Sciences. The blue section is now Agriculture, Science & Technology.

“Description” tells what the exhibit is. “Variety” needs more specific description (for clothing-fiber content). “Post Office” includes town, state, and zip codes. “Club” requires the club name or individual member. On both pink and blue cards, the “Description” and “Variety, Breed or Type” should be the same as “Description” on the voucher. The top and bottom of each card must be completed. “Years in 4-H” should include the present year. “Age” is as of January 1st of the current year. “Years in Project” equals the number of years making a specific craft, the number of years completing a club display, etc. The “Approved By” blank should include a signature of the leader who taught and supervised the 4-H member making the project. This certifies that you made/grew/raised this item yourself.

*Check the Premium Book for other entry requirements (recipe for food, project plans for woodworking, etc.).

Exhibit Entry Dates

Tuesday, July 24 - Training Center 2-6:30pm,

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| • Home Environment | • Photography |
| • Woodworking | • Crafts |
| • Model Rockets | • Art |
| • Electrical | • Cloverbuds |
| • Conservation | |
| • Entomology | |

Monday, July 30

4pm—6:30pm
Large Meeting Room

- Foods
- Adult Exhibits

Tuesday, July 31

4pm—6:30pm
Large Meeting Room

- Vegetable
- Fruits
- Flowers

Camping at Fair

See forms and rules online at www.ceniagaracounty.org—under 4-H Youth/Fair Forms. Spaces are limited!

Are You Ready To Enter Your Exhibits?

- Please realize that it can take hours to enter your exhibits in the Fair!
- To make the process quicker, attach your exhibit cards to your project!
- Remember most exhibits are entered on Tuesday, July 24. Won't be here? Ask a leader or neighbor to assist you.
- Do you have your pink and blue cards? These cards are available at the office now.
- Do you have your vouchers filled out? They must be turned in by Tuesday of Fair Week, July 31, by 8:00pm. (Animal Vouchers are turned in to your species key leaders on the day animals are due at Fair.)

Next step – Judging Day

4-H members talk to the judge about their exhibits. It takes time, but the education that happens is well worth it!

Vouchers

What are vouchers? Vouchers are a triplicate form that lists all your projects that you exhibit at the Niagara County Fair. For every pink and blue card that you fill out, you must add that exhibit on your voucher. Animal entries do not require a pink or blue card so 4-H members will fill out a voucher for each class they show their animal in. Vouchers should be turned in to your key leader or in a box on the day you are judged for that exhibit. When you turn your voucher in please keep the last copy for your records, this is also verification for the projects you exhibited at the Niagara County Fair.



Danish Judging System

You may have heard educators or leaders speak of the “Danish System” of judging, and now that County and State Fairs are almost upon us, perhaps you would like to know what it means. All 4-H judging in the county is done on the Danish System. Under this system each exhibit be it a painting, a flower, or a cow is compared to the ideal for that category. Exhibits receive an Excellent (blue), Good (red), or Worthy (white) ribbon as compared to the ideal; considering age, number of years in the project, and skill level. In a class of 15 items there may be 6 blues, 5 reds, and 4 whites as the judge sees fit. Or there might be any other combination since each exhibit is compared to the ideal rather than to other exhibits.

Premium Book

The 2018 Niagara County Premium Book is now available on the website at cceniagaracounty.org under 4-H Youth and Fair Forms.

A limited number of paper copies will be available in the Administration office for a fee of \$5 per copy.

Adult Exhibits

If you are a Niagara County resident, twenty-one years or older, you can exhibit at the 2018 Niagara County Fair August 1 – August 5. Any class from the 4-H Youth Premium Book may be entered such as arts & crafts, horticulture, electrical, clothing and textiles, photography and baked goods to name a few. The same exhibit rules apply to adults as youth. To enter Adult Exhibits: they should be brought to the Small Meeting Room at the 4-H Training Center on **Monday, July 30** between 4:00-7:00pm. All entries will need an exhibit card with it. Cards and premium book will be available on Monday or beforehand by stopping in the 4-H Office. Judging will be done by 4-H teen members throughout fair week, based on their knowledge of the subject and the quality of their own exhibits entered in the same category. Exhibits can be picked up on Sunday, August 5 after 5:00pm or on Monday, August 6 from 9:00 am -4:30pm. Questions, call Bonnie at 433-8839.

Royalty

Do you want to have a good time talking with others about the fun times you've had in 4-H? This is a great opportunity to be rewarded for all of your hard work. Sign up and run to be a part of the 4-H Royalty Court. Royalty Court members will participate in countywide activities to promote 4-H across Niagara County. You will get to ride in parades, be a part of the Fair's opening and closing ceremonies, and be the spokesperson for 4-H in our county. This is a great way to polish your public speaking skills and a chance to get out and meet members of our community. Complete the following 3 steps to become 4-H Royalty:



1. Complete **Form A** and return by July 1
2. Be interviewed on Work Bee night
3. Complete **Form B** and return by Saturday, August 4 by 9:00pm.

All forms can be found on our website at www.ceniagaracounty.org

Grace Herr Award

The Grace Herr award is presented during the Closing Ceremony of the Niagara County Fair each year to honor an adult who has given outstanding time and talent to the current Fair. This recognition is symbolic of collective hours that many adults give to the 4-H Program. During Fair, stop by the 4-H office in the Administration Building and nominate the adult you think is most deserving of this award. 4-H members and adult leaders are eligible to nominate. A person only needs to be nominated once. The awards committee will select the recipient on Sunday morning.

Fair Volunteers Needed!



Volunteers are such an important part of the Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Niagara County Fair. We need many 4-H hands to

make the Fair a successful community event and show the public all your hard work throughout the year. Please sign up for the areas below...

Farm City Breakfast is held on Wednesday, August 1 from 6:00am-9:00am. If you are interested in cracking eggs, cooking the food, serving coffee or cleaning up, please contact Kathy at 433-8839, ext. 239 or krc8@cornell.edu.

Chicken BBQ is held on Thursday, August 2 from 8:00am- 7:00pm. If you are interested in cooking the chicken, serving food, shucking corn or cleaning up, please contact Bonnie at 433-8839, 240 or blb14@cornell.edu.

Pie Kitchen

Rhonda Daigler will be the 2018 manager for the Pie Kitchen this year at the fair. Rhonda is excited about working in the pie kitchen again and is encouraging youth and adults to volunteer. It takes many hands to run the pie kitchen and she needs help making it a success! Sign up forms are on our website at www.cceniaracounty.org on the fair form page.

Milk Bar

Todd McKeever and Michael Kaufmann will be the 2018 managers of the 4-H Milk Bar. Todd has worked in the Milk Bar for many years, and continues to work in the food industry as a chef. Todd has begun planning and preparing for a successful Milk Bar. He invites all leaders, individuals and clubs to work in the Milk Bar for at least a 2 hour shift! Forms are available online under 4-H Youth/Fair Forms.

It takes many volunteers to run the Milk Bar each year, and it is a major undertaking! We thank Todd and Michael for taking on the big responsibility of managing the 2018 4-H Milk Bar. For more info contact Kathy Bowers, 433-8839, ext. 239.

Book Barn at Fair-Help Needed

The Book Barn will be open again this year between 12:00-8:00pm Wednesday through Saturday and 12:00- 5:00pm on Sunday. Two hour shifts are available to greet fairgoers and supervise the book exchange. (12 to 2, 2 to 4, 4 to 6 and 6 to 8)

Help is also needed cleaning and setting up the barn on Tuesday before Fair starting at 10:00am and help with clean up on the Monday after Fair at 10:00am. To sign up email Linda Conlin at lccrib@yahoo.com by July 24.

Those wishing to donate books may leave them in the office vestibule prior to Fair.

Vegetable Sculpture

PLAY WITH YOUR FOOD AT THE FAIR

Creative people of all ages are invited to join the fun in the Small Meeting Room, Friday, August 3 at 3:00pm. Bring 3 vegetables or pieces of fruit and combine them with our mystery materials to create your own food sculpture. Form can be found on the website under 4-H Youth/Fair Forms.

Any questions, call John at 433-8839 ext. 226. Even if you don't participate, come to watch the excitement!

NEW! Junior Iron Chef & Food Showcase

Sign up for the Junior Iron Chef Competition and we will team you up with other participants. Junior Iron Chef teams will receive a basket of mystery ingredients and you will have to transform it into a healthy dish. Junior Iron Chef will take place on Saturday, August 4 at 4pm. Space is limited, first come, first serve!

At the Food Showcase you can demonstrate any recipe from one of your food projects from this year on Saturday, August 4, 1:00-3:00pm. Preparation time can range from 10 minutes to 30 minutes. You should bring all your ingredients; we can supply any equipment you might need.

Prizes will be awarded to all participants. Pre-registration is required by July 24, contact Bonnie Benton at 433-8839 or blb14@cornell.edu.

Fair Exhibit Removal

Please be aware that the exhibits in the 4-H Training Center during the Niagara County Fair are not to be removed until after the Closing Ceremony on Sunday, August 5. If you are unable to pick up your exhibits on Sunday after the Closing Ceremony by 7:00pm, the Training Center will be open on Monday, August 6 from 9:00am - 4:30pm.

If you are not able to get your exhibits on Sunday night or Monday, please contact a leader or member of your club to pick them up for you. It is not the responsibility of the staff to move or remove your exhibits. If they are not picked up, they will be disposed of on Thursday, August 23.

The State Department of Ag and Markets and the Niagara County Fair set this time release. If the exhibits are removed before the Closing Ceremony on Sunday, August 5, the exhibitor will forfeit premium money. If you have any questions about exhibit removal, please contact the 4-H office.

New York State Fair



State Fair Passes

Below are the qualifications for receiving a State Fair Pass:

- ⇒ All 4-H members who qualify to participate at State Fair will receive an entry pass for State Fair, if required, and at least one guardian. Animal haulers will also receive a pass as needed. A second guardian may receive a pass, depending upon availability. Maximum of two guardian passes per family.
- ⇒ As a representative of Niagara County 4-H, if 4-H members with exhibits who are attending the state fair are interested in volunteering in the Niagara County booth, please contact the 4-H Office at 433-8839.

State Fair Cards

The New York State 4-H office has sent along the following ideas for filling out the State Fair EIS cards. **THERE ARE NEW CARDS THIS YEAR.** Please discard any green State Fair cards. Cards can be handwritten or available online so that 4-H'ers can type their information in.

1. You have to fill it out completely, accurately and legibly!
2. Top, bottom, front and back. Make sure you have completed all your exhibitor information requested on the EIS card. Check the NYS Fair premium book for extra required information in your category. Horticulture exhibits lose a placement when the variety is not on the cards.
3. In the horticulture categories the evaluators would like to see the information offered confined to the card.
4. More information will be available at the Niagara County Fair.



State Fair Meetings

Mandatory State Fair Meeting

1. Pick up a State Fair packet at the 4-H office during the Niagara County Fair.
2. Bring the completed packet (including animal entry forms and health forms) to the Administration Building/Board Room between 4:00pm and 6:00pm on Saturday, August 4 and Sunday, August 5 between 2:00pm-4:00pm. Must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. The \$2.00 fee per night for the dorm will also be collected. ** Additional fees will apply to adult parents/relatives that are not enrolled as a volunteer.

State Fair Selections

When an exhibit is selected to go to State Fair, the following items will be attached to it:

- Purple State Fair Ribbon
- Goldenrod instruction sheet detailing how to package your exhibit for traveling.
- State Fair entry card (Exhibitor Information Statement– EIS) that you must complete and bring in with your exhibit on the day entries travel to State Fair.

If you choose to send a selected exhibit to State Fair, plan to meet these requirements:

Drop off: Date: Sunday, August 26
 Time: 11:30am-12:30pm
 Place: 4-H Training Center

Properly wrapped and labeled 4-H exhibits selected for display and judged at the NYS Fair will be accepted. Check the EXACT requirements detailed on the goldenrod paper attached to your State Fair recommended exhibit. Have your exhibit card properly completed. If you are unable to drop off during the specified time, please contact Heidi Feltz 433-8839 ext. 241 to make other arrangements.

Displayed at State: August 26 – August 30
Pick up date: Friday, August 31
 Time: 9:00am-4:00pm
 Place: Administration

Animals at State Fair

If you plan on showing your animal at State Fair, you will need the information on filling out your State Fair entry form. State Fair entry forms will be available from your species Key Leader at the Niagara County Fair. If you wish to review the State Fair Premium Book before this, you can download portions that you need from the website at <http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/program/events/statefair.php>. There will be no extra State Fair Premium Animal Science books at the 4-H office; your best bet will be to download any pages you need.

Policy for Animals at NYS Fair

The Program Committee policy states that all animals must:

- Exhibit at the Niagara County Fair
- Receive a blue ribbon
- Be recommended by the species judge

Year End Awards



Hall 4-H Family of the Year

Annual Dinner

The John K. Hall family has made their award a memorial in honor of John A. Hall and Lorraine Hall, and Betty Hall. The Hall family left a legacy of outstanding service and achievement in the Niagara County 4-H Program.

4-H Citizenship Award

Citizenship Award

Annual Dinner

This award is to recognize all-around work 4-H youth have accomplished and the fine contribution they make to the Niagara County 4-H Program in their club, community, and county. Their efforts are living examples of the 4-H pledge in action.



Outstanding Leadership

Each year the 4-H Program presents special Leadership Awards to adults and youth. We would like your input into this process. This is not a popularity contest. The following awards are based on hard work and leadership that leads to a stronger and more effective 4-H Program. Awards are chosen by a select committee and awarded at the Annual Dinner.

- **Gertrude Warren Leadership**

Provided by an anonymous donor to a 4-H leader with over five years of service.

- **Walker Family Junior Leadership**

Provided by the family of the late Raymond Walker to a 4-H member(s) who have shown outstanding leadership during the current project year.

We hope you will recommend a well deserving family, adult or youth for these awards or apply yourself! Don't be shy; fill out the application! Applications are available at the 4-H office and due on the second Friday of September.

Calendar and Workshops



June 1	6:30pm	LMR	Poultry	Meeting
June 2	10:00-3:00pm	MB	Rabbit & Cavy	Show
June 5	7:00pm	LMR	Working Goats	Meeting
June 6	6:30pm	AEB	Dogs	Guest Speaker
June 10	2:30-4:30pm	SMR	Open Sewing	Meeting
June 11	6:30pm	SMR	Dairy Cattle Cloverbuds	Meeting
June 13	6:30pm	AUD	Jr. Gardeners	Meeting
June 13	6:30pm	AEB	Dogs	Obedience
June 13	7:00pm	LMR	Beef	Meeting
June 18	6:30pm	SHOW	All Goats Showmanship	Clinic
June 19	7:00pm	AEB	Working Goats	Meeting
June 20	6:30pm	AEB	Dogs	Rally
June 20	7:00pm	SMR	Entomology	Meeting
June 26	6:30pm	LB	Sheep & Swine	Meeting
June 27	6:30pm	AEB	Dogs	Showmanship
July 11	6:00pm	Barns	WORKBEE	Mandatory for Animal Science
July 18	6:00pm	SHOP	Junior Gardeners	Meeting
July 18	6:30pm	AEB	Dogs	Rally
July 18	7:00pm	SMR	Entomology	Meeting
July 25	6:30pm	AEB	Dogs	Showmanship

Entomology

Date: Wednesdays, June 20 & July 18
 Time: 7:00pm
 Place: Small Meeting Room
 Questions: Call Toby Mansfield at 597-4438

Archery

Looking for interested 4-H members 8 and older who are interested in participating in our 4-H Archery Program. If you are interested in the program email niagara4h@niagara.edu.

Junior Gardeners

Date: Wednesday, June 13
 Time: 6:30pm
 Place: Auditorium
 Topic: Dragonfly craft
 Cost: \$4.00 per child
 RSVP: no later than 6/6 is a must, contact Bonnie at 433-8839 x 240

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Junior Gardeners

Date: Wednesday, July 18

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Shop

Topic: We'll be doing a garden craft to enter in and display on our Jr. Gardener table at fair. We'll talk about fair and our display table. Continue ➡

Cost: \$4.00

RSVP: no later than Wednesday, July 11th is a must, contact Bonnie at 433-8839 x 240.

Date: Tuesday, July 31st. 2:00—4:00 pm.

Come help set up our Jr. Gardener table. Bring in any garden projects we have worked on. Fair starts Wednesday, August 1st!

Agricultural



Equine

Horse Showmanship Clinic

Date: Thursday, June 14

Time: 6:30pm

Place: 4-H Fairgrounds

This is a pre-fair showmanship clinic. You may bring your horse if you would like, but do not have to, there will be horses there for you to practice showmanship with. Also, entry forms will be available for county fair and the 4-H Regional Horse show. Come fill them out while we are there to answer your questions. This will count as an educational meeting. Info: Cheryl Bish 439-4499 or CKRFARMS@aol.com



2018 Horse Camps

"Big" Horse Camp

Dates: June 25 (evening) - Friday, June, 29 (afternoon)

Miniature Horse Camp

Dates: Monday, July 9 (after 5 PM) - Friday, July 13

Applications for both camps are available on the 4-H website. Please pay attention to deadlines.

Equine Work Bee

Wednesday, July 25 at 6:30pm

Please bring paint brushes, containers for carrying/paint or water seal, forks, rakes and shovels for cleaning stalls.

Work Bee participation is required to receive your herdsman money at fair.

Auction Buyers Contact Forms

Buyers contact forms are due to the 4-H office by July 1, 2018. Each 4-H member must submit 3 per species entered in the auction. Participants are responsible for then delivering the auction invitation/passes to their buyers.

Also due July 1, the rabbit and meat bird auction entry forms.

Swine Meeting

July 9th at 6:30. Swine showmanship clinic at the Luke's farm (8445 Ernest Road, Gasport). We will be learning the basics of showing as well as hand on practice with hogs. Come dressed appropriately, jeans and work boots. Pizza, pop, and cupcakes will follow.

Animal Science Work Bee

Mandatory for members showing livestock

Date: Wednesday, July 11

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Barns

Come help clean up the barns for the Niagara County Fair!



Poultry

Pollorium testing for poultry over 6 months old will be done at work Bee for those birds shown at the fair.

4-H Scholarships

4-H Auction Scholarship

Applications are available at cceniagaracounty.org under 4-H Youth/Fair Forms.

Agriculture Career Scholarship

Applications are available at cceniagaracounty.org under 4-H Youth/Fair Forms.

Bill Ziehm Memorial Award

4-H junior and senior members can apply for a \$100 award. Application and essay must be submitted to the 4-H office by July 1. More information can be found at cceniagaracounty.org under 4-H Youth/Fair Forms.

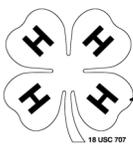
Sheep & Swine Meeting

Date: Monday, June 26

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Livestock Building

Pre-Work Bee preparation for Sheep and Swine. We will be washing the sheep and swine panels and setting up the pens. So make sure you get your advance entries into the office so we set up the correct number of pens! Also dress appropriately cause we will be getting dirty.



Have a Safe and Fun Summer!



Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook!

Niagara County 4-H Program

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