



A WALK THROUGH THE ONTARIO COUNTY FAIR



2019 Edition

The 4-H program winds down the year with the opportunity for 4-H members to share the results of their project work with the community at the Ontario County Fair. All exhibits on display in the Cooperative Extension/4-H buildings represent project work that registered members in the Ontario County Cooperative Extension 4-H Program have completed during the present 4-H year.

How do I know what to exhibit?

The latest edition of the Ontario County Fair book can be found at www.cceontario.org. This describes the type of exhibits from 4-H Club projects that can be brought to the fair and displayed. There is a separate book for project exhibits and animal exhibits.

Where do I get the necessary paperwork to make entries to the fair?

There is an early entry form in it for entering animals in the fair. Entry cards and vouchers are available in the 4-H office. Information can also be found at the Ontario County Cooperative Extension website www.cceontario.org

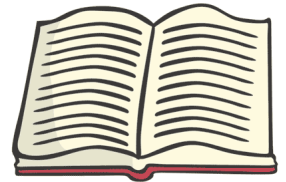
READING THE FAIRBOOK



The fair book contains all the information members need to know about entering 4-H exhibits at the fair.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO READ THE FAIRBOOK!

The fairbook is also available online for easier download.



What are classes?

Classes are the individual items or activities that are available for exhibit under each section. You need to refer to the fair book for specifics pertaining to each class.

What are sections?

Sections are the general categories for the types of exhibits that can be displayed. Examples are foods, gardening, and poultry. Each section is assigned a letter.

ANIMAL ENTRY DEADLINES

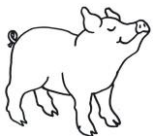
Early Entry for Animal Entries is July 1.

There is an Animal Early Entry Form available in the online fair book, on the website www.cceontario.org or at the 4-H office. **This is for animal entries only! There is a separate entry form for each species of animals.**

List all animal entries on this sheet if you are bringing animals to the fair.

Do not fill this out if you are not bringing animals to the fair.

This form is due to the 4-H office by July 1.



VOUCHERS

What is a voucher and how do I fill it out?

- Prior to arriving at the fair, 4-H members should complete a voucher and list every exhibit being brought to the fair including all animal classes. Vouchers are on line and in the fairbook.
- The easiest way to do this is to make a list of all the exhibits you are entering with the section and class number and the name of the project or article.
- There is a sample of a voucher on the website and in any information about the fair.

If I complete a voucher I get something called a Premium.

What is a Premium?

- A premium is a small monetary stipend attached to each level of award for each section and class.
- The amount varies depending upon the specific class entered.
- After the fair the vouchers are processed.
- Monies are contingent to the NYS Ag and Markets portion of the NYS Budget as to availability to exhibitors.



The voucher will be handed in at the registration table when you arrive at the fairgrounds.

What information is on a voucher?

The voucher is simple to complete; the member fills in the following:

- Name of exhibitor
- Address
- Age as of January 1
- Club Name
- Section letter for each exhibit
- Class number for each exhibit
- Description of Class/article

Example:

- Jr. Holstein Heifer
- Peanut Butter Cookies
- Horse-Jr. Equitation



Cloverbud Entry Cards

- Entry Cards for Cloverbuds have been designed for Cloverbuds to complete with little help.
- Leaders or parents might have to write the words on a separate piece of paper for them to copy but it is important for Cloverbuds to do their own work for them to be part of the entire process of the exhibit.



- Cloverbuds can enter up to 5 exhibits. Others can be exhibited in the club display if desired.
- They enter all of their exhibits in Section A - Cloverbuds.
- Fill out Cloverbud specific Entry cards.
- Securely attach entry card to each exhibit.
- Will go to a special Cloverbud judge at the fair. This person will be talking to them about their fair entry but will not be judging it like the exhibits of older 4-H members.
- Will receive a participation ribbon on all of their entries.
- Complete a voucher for record of entries even though they are not paid a premium.

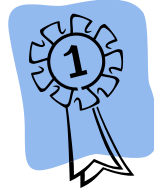
AT THE FAIR

What do I do when I get to the Fair?

Judging Day is on Sunday at Wolcott Park near the 4-H Exhibit Building.

Check the fair schedule for exact times.

1. Go to the Registration Table and leave your voucher
2. Take the exhibits to the corresponding table for judging
3. Present the exhibit to the judge and answer their questions
4. Judge will attach ribbon and return it to you.
5. When you are done judging ALL of your exhibits, take them to your club booth area in the 4-H Exhibit Building where they will be displayed for the week of the fair.
6. The club leader/designee should be available to assist with placing them in the club display at that point. The booths are assigned to the club.



What do the ribbons mean?

Exhibits are judged on the Danish system. This means that projects are evaluated using a set of predetermined criteria taking the members age and experience into consideration.

The ribbons have the following significance:

Excellent- Blue Ribbon

Good – Red Ribbon

Worthy – White Ribbon

Cloverbud – Green Ribbon

Cloverbud exhibits all receive participation ribbons.

Participation – Orange Ribbon



DID YOU TURN IN YOUR VOUCHER?

It is very important to be sure that the voucher is turned in before you leave the fairgrounds.

AFTER THE FAIR

Project Pick-up

Exhibits are released on Saturday night at the end of the fair.

Check the schedule to find out the exact time.

If you are not going to be there be sure to designate someone else to pick them up for you.

NO EXHIBIT CAN LEAVE THE BUILDING BEFORE THE RELEASE TIME.

If an exhibit is taken early the voucher will be pulled and no premiums will be paid.

All exhibits are expected to be out of the building by 8:30 pm unless other arrangements have been made with the 4-H staff.

ADDITIONAL ONTARIO COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

How else can I participate in Ontario County 4-H and Fair activities?

There is always a need for volunteers during fair week.

Help is needed to help watch the exhibit building, help with judging days and the animal shows and even to water the Friendship Garden outside of the 4-H building and the plants on exhibit.

4-H members age 12 and up along with leaders and adults can work in the The 4-H Clover Creamry throughout the week. There is a sign up poster outside the dairy bar.



Fair Passes and Parking

The Ontario County Fair Board offers week long fair passes to 4-H members and families at a reduced rate. Fair Passes are available the day of exhibit judging or at the fair office. These can be used all week to get into the fair.



Always read the Clover Chronicle or visit www.cceontario.org to keep informed. This is our way to reach many of the 4-H families.

If you have questions, please call the 4-H office. We are there for you and want to help you be successful at the fair and with all of your 4-H work throughout the year.

STATE FAIR

State Fair Exhibits

Exhibits that are seen as outstanding may be selected for exhibition at the New York State Fair in Syracuse at the end of the summer. Exhibits may be selected for evaluation or for display only.

Cloverbud exhibits that are chosen to go to State Fair will be for display only.

4-H members with exhibits selected for the State Fair will receive information pertaining to entry cards, dates, etc.

We are always looking for help to transport exhibits and 4-H members to State Fair. Talk with the 4-H Office for more information.



State Fair Flower & Vegetable Exhibitors

If you exhibit flower or vegetables at the Ontario County Fair and receive a blue ribbon, you may exhibit flowers or vegetables at the State Fair.

You do not exhibit the same flower/vegetable that you bring to the county fair. If exhibiting these at State Fair you will bring exhibits of what you have in your garden that is in season at that time.



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Other Ontario County Fair information can be found at www.ontariocountyfair.org