Niagara County 4-H Equestrians Compete in Regional Horse Bowl Contest

Recently 16 Niagara County 4-H horse members competed in the Regional Horse Bowl contest. There were 3 levels of competition: senior, junior and beginner divisions. The Niagara County members competed against similar aged 4-Hers from Erie county. Horse bowl is a knowledge contest where horse related questions are asked and the participants must “buzz” in, much like on Jeopardy but as a team, to give their answers.

In the Senior division, the team of Katie Widmer, 16 (Lockport), Taylor Porter, 18, (Barker), Ashley Randall, 18 (Lockport) and Bailey Shocknesse 15 (Ransomville) placed 2nd. The team of Emma Johnson, 17 (Sanborn), Katelyn Schlager 17 (Akron), Lucy Ebbole 15 (Lockport) and Olivia Schackelford, 14 (Ransomville) placed 4th. Individually, Emma Johnson placed 2nd, Katie Widmer was 3rd place, Ashley Randall was 7th place and Katelyn Schlager was 9th place.

In the Junior division, the team of Maggie Shocknesse, (Ransomville), Michellyn Schroeder, 12 (Pendleton), Autumn Pupo, 13 (Colden) and Madilyn Pawlak, 12 (Colden) placed 3rd. Individually, Michellyn placed 2nd, Autumn placed 8th and Madilyn placed 9th.

In the Novice division the team of Malayna Pawlak, 11 (Colden), Hayley Hillburn 10 (Lockport), Riley Bloomingdale (Gasport) and Brielle Bloomingdale (Gasport) placed 3rd. Individually, Malayna placed 3rd, Brielle placed 7th and Riley placed 9th.

Katie Widmer, Emma Johnson and Michellyn Schroeder will move on to the state horse bowl contest at Morrisville College. They will compete with 4-H’ers from Erie county against other 4-H’ers from around New York State. The winners of the senior division from that contest move on to the Eastern Nationals in Kentucky next fall.

Coaches were Cheryl Bish, Karen Randall, Ginni Platt and Mary Schroeder.
Workshops

Mother’s Day Bracelet
Date:  Wednesday, May 1
Time:  6:30pm
Place:  Large Meeting Room
Cost:  $5
RSVP:  by 4/29, Iesa at 523-4981

Using jump rings and beads to make a lovely bracelet for mom. This is not a very difficult project some eye hand coordination is needed. A separate table will be available for mom to sit at, or even better dad could bring them. Bracelet needs to be returned, to be entered into fair Ages 8 and up. Space is limited to 10.

Discovery Club
Animal Science
Date:  Wednesday, May 15
Time:  6:30pm
Place:  Showring

Please call at least 3 days prior to RSVP at niagara4-h@cornell.edu.

This will be the last meeting of the 4-H year. Discovery Club will resume in October.

Entomology
Toby Mansfield, 597-4438
Dates:  Wednesday, May 15
        Wednesday, June 19
Time:  7:00pm
Place:  Large Meeting Room

Sponsor a Bench at Fair
Would your family, club or business consider sponsoring a bench that will be used during the Niagara County Fair? Sponsoring a bench is a great way to support 4-H and the Fair while increasing seating areas across the fairgrounds. The cost of sponsoring a bench is $100 for the first year of sponsorship, and $25 every subsequent year to cover maintenance costs. All benches come with the option to add personalization to the top rail. Bench sponsors can add a business name, website, 4-H Club, and “in memory of...” message, or even a quote! Orders must be received by June 15 to ensure your bench will be ready in time for the Fair. Download the Bench order form at http://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/4-h-forms.

CCE Office Schedule
Closed
Memorial Day  Mon. May 27
Independence Day  Thurs. July 4
Labor Day  Mon. September 2

Nature Explorers
Junior Gardeners

Metal Embossing
Date:  Wednesday, May 8
Time:  6:00pm
Place:  Auditorium
Cost:  $4.00
RSVP:  5/1, Bonnie at blb14@cornell.edu

We will be doing a metal embossing craft with different leaves as the focal point. Finished piece can be put in a 5X7 frame for displaying.

Pollinator Garden
Date:  Wednesday, June 5
Time:  6:00pm
Place:  Greenhouse

We will be planting our pollinator garden. All supplies will be provided. Bring garden gloves if you would like.

Greeting Cards
Date:  Tuesday, June 18
Time:  6:00pm
Place:  Greenhouse

Junior Gardeners will be learning about recycling and make a greeting card that can be planted. All supplies will be provided.
Cloverbud Activities

Seeds we Eat and Plant
Date: Tuesday, May 21
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Greenhouse
Cost: $2.00
RSVP: by 5/17, Kathy Bowers 433-8839 or krc8@cornell.edu

Cloverbud’s are 4-H members who are ages 5-7 years old.

Agricultural Activities

Equine
Equine Ownership Forms: anyone exhibiting a horse at the 2019 Niagara County Fair in 4-H classes must have an ownership form on file with the horse show chair. These forms are available at www.cceniagaracounty.org. They should be returned to: Cheryl Bish 3796 North Ridge Rd., Lockport, NY 14094. If you are showing the same horse as previous years you do NOT need to submit a new form.

Equine Workbee
Date: Wednesday, June 12
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Equine Area
This a whole month earlier due to the horse camps this year. PLEASE bring you own rakes, shovels, wheel barrows for stall cleaning or paint brushes and buckets for applying watersealer. Workbee attendance is required in order to receive your herdsman award at fair.

Miniature Horse Camp: dates are: July 8 - 12
"Big" Horse Camp: dates are July 15 - 19, note the change this year due to the end of the school year being late. Application/registration forms for both camps are available at www.cceniagaracounty.org

All equine information or questions contact: Cheryl Bish 439-4499 or email CKRFARMS@aol.com.

Equine Showmanship Clinic and Fair Paperwork Session:
Date: Wednesday, June 19
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Equine Area
We will have horses there for you to practice with or you may bring your own. Plus we will have fair and regional horse show entry forms for you to fill out and we can answer all of your questions. This will count as an educational meeting for fair entry requirements.

Livestock Weigh In
(Swine, Meat Goat & Sheep)
Saturday, May 4 at 9:00am

Key Leaders
Auction, Justin Adams, 585-880-6643
Randy Librock, 445-5252
Dairy Goats, Jessica Socha, 807-7621
Entomology, Toby Mansfield, 597-4438
Livestock Judging & Skillathon, vacant
Sheep, Stacey Johnston, 574-6622
Beef, Kathie Librock, 417-4944
Nick Britt, 807-6571
Dairy Steer, Kevin Luckman, 550-2795
Equine, Cheryl Bish, 439-4499
Poultry, Tammy Baltzley, 920-896-2983
Swine, Jessica Daningburg, 930-0385
Dairy Cattle, John Sweeney, 795-9257
Matthew Sweeney, 531-3728
Dog, Dawn Keough, 940-7677
Meat Goats, Abby Criswell, 628-3132
Rabbits, Laurie Clark and Diana Smith
Working Goats, Helen Rowlands, 535-7115

Room Key
Administration Building-BR (Board Room), ADMIN (Administration Building), Training Center-AUD (Auditorium), TC (Training Center), LMR (Large Meeting Room), SMR (Small Meeting Room)
Out Buildings- SHOW (Showring), BARN (Animal Species Barn), MB (Merchants Building), GH (Greenhouse), TBA– To Be Announced
AEB–Agricultural Education Building

Workshops
It is very important to RSVP for the workshops so that the instructors can be prepared and in case the class is canceled due to lack of participation! A minimum of 5 people per class in order to hold it.
4-H/CCE Staff
Cathy Maloney Executive Director
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Bonnie Benton 4-H Community Educator – 433-8839 ext. 240 or blb14@cornell.edu
Kathy Bowers 4-H Community Educator – 433-8839 ext. 239 or krc8@cornell.edu
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