The Jefferson County Fair is now under two months away! In spite of COVID-19, Jefferson County 4-H Educators are working hard to ensure that youth will still have a way to participate in fair, be it in-person or virtually. The Jefferson County Fair is the longest continuously operating fair in America – it has been running since 1817. This year, judging and displaying projects and animals may look different, but it will happen nonetheless.

At this time the Jefferson County Agricultural Society is still planning to hold the Jefferson County Fair in person. We will communicate with our 4-H families when more information is known through a special edition of Green Ink and by contacting each 4-H Leader immediately. In the case that County Fair is cancelled and we move to virtual judging, all of the deadlines found below will still apply, with the exception of 4-H Club Booth Exhibits.

This year’s Jefferson County Fair is July 7th - July 12th. You can find the updated 2020 Youth Fair Book on our website at http://ccejefferson.org/4-h-youth/jefferson-county-fair.

4-H and Cloverbud Member Age

The New York State 4-H Membership year runs from October 1st to September 30th. Youth who are five years of age, on or before January 1st of the current club year, may participate as a 4-H Cloverbud member. Youth who are eight years of age, on or before January 1st of the current club year, may participate as a full 4-H member. Youth who turn nineteen years of age, on or before January 1st of the current club year, may not participate as a 4-H member. Persons with an intellectual disability may participate fully in 4-H programs as long as their developmental age is considered to fall between five and nineteen years of age.

4-H Club Booth Exhibits

All 4-H Clubs are invited to display 4-H projects at a booth in the youth tent at county fair. If your club plans to have a club booth, please let Sam Hollister know by emailing sh2498@cornell.edu or calling 315-788-8450 ext. 235 by June 1.

Animal and Non-Animal Entry Paperwork

All entry paperwork is fillable, and can be found at http://ccejefferson.org/4-h-youth/jefferson-county-fair. Youth can either email their paperwork to Sam Hollister at sh2498@cornell.edu, or mail to Attn: Sam Hollister, 203 N. Hamilton Street, Watertown, NY 13601. All paperwork must be emailed or post-marked by the entry deadlines found below:

Animal entry forms:
- **June 12** – Animal ID forms are due, found at http://4h.anosci.cornell.edu/resources/project-animal-forms/
- **June 12** – Animal entry forms are due for all species.

Non-animal entry forms:
- **June 12** – Action Exhibit Paperwork due.
- **June 26** – All other non-animal entry forms due, if submitting ahead of time. The entry clerk will also be available at the youth tent to enter non-animal projects on Sunday, July 5 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
If you have any questions about the Jefferson County Fair, please contact Sam Hollister at sh2498@cornell.edu or 315-788-8450 ext. 235.

Jefferson County 4-H Livestock Auction

The Jefferson County 4-H Livestock Auction, new for 2020, is still being planned for Saturday, July 11th at the Jefferson County Fair in the Livestock Tent. The Livestock Auction Committee and CCE is dedicated to honoring the efforts of the youth that have been preparing for the auction. In the event that the fair does not go on as scheduled, the committee and CCE has discussed potential virtual options for the 4-H Livestock Auction.

For more information about the Jefferson County 4-H Livestock Auction, visit http://ccejefferson.org/4-h-youth/jefferson-county-4-h-livestock-auction or contact Rachel Nocella at rn278@cornell.edu or 315-788-8450 ext. 244.