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# Cloverbud Supplement

181st Columbia County Fair  
August 30 – September 4, 2023  
Chatham, NY



Here it is! The 37th Annual Cloverbud Fair Letter. We hope you find it very useful. Sara Poggi-Decker is here to help make your experience at the fair an enjoyable one so if you have any questions, please feel free to contact her at 518-622-9820 x107 or [syp27@cornell.edu](mailto:syp27@cornell.edu).

**Please return the R.S.V.P. by July 14<sup>th</sup>.**

We will post a complete list of event schedules (along with those registered for the events) and reminders on our CCE website ([www.ccecolumbiagreene.org](http://www.ccecolumbiagreene.org)) under the dropdown menu “4-H Activities and Forms” by the middle of August.

**WHAT IS THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR?** The Columbia County Fair is an annual exhibition sponsored by the Columbia County Agricultural Society. Cornell Cooperative Extension, a division of the United States Department of Agriculture, is invited to exhibit at the fair each year.

**WHERE IS THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR?** The fairgrounds are located in the village of Chatham. The entrance can be found on Rte. 66. A walk-in entrance is on Rte. 203.

**WHERE IS THE 4-H OFFICE?** At the fair, the 4-H office is located in the Columbia Hall building. If you have questions or need help with any problems, locate staff at Columbia Hall. At least one Cooperative Extension staff person or authorized volunteer will be in the building on a full-time basis. A staffing schedule for fair week will be posted. If you need to speak with a specific person, please leave a message for that person.

**WHEN IS THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR?** The Columbia County Fair will be opening Wednesday at 12 noon and runs through Labor Day. Specific dates for entries, shows, and events are published in the 4-H Cloverbud Supplement annually.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT?** Any Columbia County 4-H Cloverbud member enrolled for the current year.

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## **COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS DUE**

Cloverbud member exhibit displays are to be put up and arranged by each individual club in their assigned space. It is up to each club leader to assure that the entry tags and ribbons are attached when the exhibits arrive and that the exhibits are arranged in your club's display space. Spaces will be labeled with club name and located in the Cloverbud Building (attached to the 4-H Milk Bar). **Please let us know** if your club plans to exhibit so we can plan the space needs. Sign up using the form on the last page of this letter. Club spaces begin at three feet long and are increased as club size increases. Please call if your club has special display needs.

All Cloverbud exhibits, club windsocks, and club banners must be brought to the Cloverbud Building (behind the Columbia Hall building) and set-up between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Monday, August 28. All exhibits should have a Cloverbud entry tag (yellow) and ribbon, both available from the Cooperative Extension Office, attached to them. The **exhibit must have been created as part of a cloverbud club activity or program to be displayed at the fair.**

Each member is responsible for getting their exhibits to the Fairgrounds by 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28.

All exhibits must be on display through the last day of the fair, Labor Day. They may be picked up on Monday, September 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 5 between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

### **CLUB WINDSOCK CONTEST**

All clubs are invited to participate in the Annual Windsock Contest. Why not start now to make a windsock to represent your club? Be creative with ideas and materials. (This should be done as a club activity.)

Previously entered windsocks are not eligible for ribbons, though they may be set up with your club's exhibit. Only new windsocks will be given ribbons.

### **CLUB BANNER CONTEST**

All clubs should have some sort of a banner to put on the wall with their club display. Banners should be at least three feet long by two feet wide, but no longer than four feet long by three feet in size.

Ribbons will be given for new banners. Banners exhibited in previous years may be displayed, but no ribbons will be given.

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATION SHOWCASE**

Takes place on Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open to any enrolled cloverbud member interested in showcasing their public presentation skills. This is a great opportunity to build public speaking skills, gain confidence, and educate the public on a topic that is important to you! Cloverbud Presentations should be less than 5 minutes in length and are best as a "show and tell" format.

Youth who participated in the spring events are able to give the same presentation, or create a new one. *Youth must indicate which one-hour time period is preferred (10-11, 11-12, etc.), on the enclosed R.S.V.P., however there is no guarantee each presenter will receive their preferred time. We will contact you ahead of the fair to assign your presentation timeslot.*

### **WORKING BOOTH DEMONSTRATIONS**

Would members of your club like to show fair-goers something they know? Here's the spot for them! Get a group from your club together to demonstrate for at least a half hour. (If they want to work in shifts it may be longer than a half hour - let me know). We'll have easels for your posters and a table for your materials. You are welcome to have fair-goers join in. Please sign-up, on the enclosed R.S.V.P., with your name, title of presentation, length and what day and time is best.

### **CLOVERBUD PET SHOW**

The Pet Show will take place on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4** at 10:30 a.m. Please R.S.V.P. by July 14 as we need to know how many animals/participants to expect. We will have a list of questions ready to ask each participant. Questions will include name, type of pet, grooming techniques, what you feed your pet, how many times a day you feed it, is there anything special your pet can do, do you have other pets at home. **All pets must be in a cage, get along with other pets and be one the cloverbud member can control. Pets only on a leash (and not in a cage) are NOT allowed onto the fairgrounds.**

Each member is asked to bring ONE pet. Animals must leave fairgrounds immediately after the show. Animals may only be handled by the Cloverbud or a family member. Please allow time for parking/walking to the building. Everyone receives a Pet Show rosette.

**Picture Option** – Cloverbuds may bring up to five pictures of an animal they help care for (farm animals as well as pets). Be prepared to answer the same questions as above, but leave the animal at home.

### **4-H FASHION SHOW**

Cloverbud members who participated in the spring 4-H Fashion Revue are invited to participate at the fair. It will take place at 12 noon on **SUNDAY, September 3**. Please use the R.S.V.P.

### **4-H PEDAL POWER DERBY**

Once again, "The Derby" will take place on **THURSDAY, August 31** beginning at 4:30 p.m. Cloverbuds who have completed grades K-2 can try their skill at a "mini tractor pull." Everyone will receive a ribbon. There is a limit of 25 participants so sign up now. Use the R.S.V.P. and provide the name and grade the child just finished.

### **EXHIBIT PICK-UP**

**ALL** Cloverbud exhibits should be picked up on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4** from 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5** from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

### **ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN MANY WAYS**

All the programs of Cooperative Extension, including 4-H, could not have a successful County Fair display without your help. Please consider volunteering a few hours. Select from the following opportunities and give us a call or complete the R.S.V.P. and return by July 14. **If an adult is volunteering during the fair for at least a three-hour time slot, and signs up by August 18, we will give you a fair entrance pass.**

**JUDGE'S AIDE** – Each of our Monday night judges needs a helper to attach ribbons, punch cards and move exhibits. The more help we have the more smoothly the evening goes.

**MILK BAR ADVISORS** - At least one adult is needed each time period to help supervise the teens as they work. You need not have a team working there to assist.

### **FAIR ENTRY PASS INFORMATION**

A daily pass can be purchased by enrolled 4-H members and enrolled 4-H leaders at the Fair Administration Office on the Columbia County Fairgrounds. The cost of this 4-H pass is \$5.00 per day. Only those enrolled as of June 15 will be eligible for these passes – the Fair Administration Office will be checking the 4-H list provided to them.

Cloverbud members and 4-H members under age 12 cannot purchase these passes as they may already enter for free.

Passes must be purchased before 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29.

Anyone over the age of 12 who is not an enrolled Cloverbud or 4-H member or 4-H volunteer leader is encouraged to purchase advanced sale passes - \$8 each. They can also be purchased from the Fair Administration Office now until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29.

## 2023 COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR 4-H EVENTS

### MONDAY, August 28

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

All exhibits except live animals brought in and evaluated (Columbia Hall)

### TUESDAY, August 29

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

4-H rabbits, cavies and poultry arrive

### WEDNESDAY, August 30

10:00 a.m.

All animal exhibits must be in place

12:00 p.m.

4-H Buildings Open

11:00 a.m. – 8 p.m.

4-H Milk Bar Open (behind Columbia Hall)

5:30 p.m.

4-H Rabbit/Cavy Show (Show Ring)

### THURSDAY, August 31

11:00 a.m. – 8 p.m.

4-H Milk Bar Open (behind Columbia Hall)

10:00 a.m.

4-H Poultry Show (Poultry Building)

1:00 p.m.

4-H/Open Beef Show (Show Ring)

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

4-H Mini-Barnyard (in front of Columbia Hall)

4:30 p.m.

4-H Cloverbud Peddle Power Derby (in front of Columbia Hall)

5:30 p.m.

4-H Swine Show (Show Ring)

### FRIDAY, September 1

11:00 a.m. – 8 p.m.

4-H Milk Bar Open (behind Columbia Hall)

10:00 a.m.

4-H Dairy Cattle Show-heifers and yearlings (Show Ring)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

4-H Public Presentation Showcase (Columbia Hall)

4:00 p.m.

4-H Goat Show (Show Ring)

### SATURDAY, September 2

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

4-H Public Presentation Showcase (Columbia Hall)

11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

4-H Milk Bar Open (behind Columbia Hall)

12 p.m. (approximate)

4-H Dairy Cows Judged During Open Show (Show Ring)

4:00 p.m.

4-H Sheep Show (Show Ring)

5:30 p.m.

4-H Cow Chip Bingo (Show Ring)

### SUNDAY, September 3

11:00 a.m. – 8 p.m.

4-H Milk Bar Open (behind Columbia Hall)

10:00 a.m.

4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Exhibition (Columbia Hall Porch)

12:00 p.m.

4-H Fashion Show (Columbia Hall)

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

4-H Mini-Barnyard (in front of Columbia Hall)

5:00 p.m.

4-H Animal Costume Class (Show Ring)

### MONDAY, September 4

9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

4-H non-animal exhibits release

9:00 a.m.

4-H Master Livestock Showperson Competition (Show Ring)

11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

4-H Milk Bar Open (behind Columbia Hall)

10:30 a.m.

4-H Cloverbud Pet Show (Columbia Hall Porch)

1:30 p.m.

4-H Livestock Sale (Show Ring)

6:00 p.m.

4-H dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goats released

7:00 p.m. – 8:00pm

4-H poultry, cavies, rabbits released

### TUESDAY, September 5

8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

All 4-H exhibits must be removed – any left after this time are at your own risk

## Cloverbud R.S.V.P.

Due by July 14 to: Cornell Cooperative Extension, 479 Route 66, Hudson, NY 12534

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### WINDSOCK CONTEST

\_\_\_ My club will enter a new windsock.

### BANNER CONTEST

\_\_\_ My club will enter a new banner.

### PUBLIC PRESENTATION SHOWCASE – Friday, September 1, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Saturday, September 2, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

\_\_\_ I will do a Cloverbud presentation. Day and time preferred: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

### WORKING BOOTH DEMONSTRATION

\_\_\_ I will present a working demonstration. Day and time preferred: \_\_\_\_\_

Who are you working with? \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

### CLOVERBUD PET SHOW - Monday, September 4, 10:30 a.m.

\_\_\_ I will bring a pet in a carrier – name and type of pet \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will bring up to five photos of my pet instead of my pet

### PEDDLE POWER DERBY - Thursday, August 31, 4:30 p.m. (for those who have completed grades k-2)

Name(s) and Grade(s) Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

### CLOVERBUD CLUB EXHIBIT SPACE

\_\_\_ My club will use:      3 feet      5 feet      7 feet      (circle one) of exhibit space in the CB Building.

### FASHION SHOW - Sunday, September 3, 12:00 Noon

Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## ADULT RSVP

Please return by July 14 to: Cornell Cooperative Extension, 479 Route 66, Hudson NY 12534

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **ASSISTANCE ON JUDGING NIGHT—Monday from 4:00-8:00 PM**

\_\_\_ I would like to help an evaluator

### **ASSISTANCE AT MILK BAR—Wednesday-Monday from 11:00 AM-8:00 PM**

\_\_\_ I would like to help an evaluator