

June 2023

Ontario County 4-H

Clover Chronicle

# June 2023 Event Schedule

June 3	Beef → Swine Showmanship Clinic
June 10	WHEP Banding Songbirds Outing
June 10	Horse Showmanship Clinic/Trail Obstacle
June 17	Sheep & Goat Showmanship Clinic
June 17	Dairy Show Clinic
June 19	Horse Showmanship Clinic/English/Hunt
June 27-29	Career Explorations at Cornell







# Looking Forward...

### July 2023

July 13	Fair Cleanup	
July 21	4-H Project Judging *NOTE NEW DA	YTE!*
July 24	Animal Move In Day	
July 25-29	Ontario County Fair	
July 30th	Fair Teardown Day	

## August 2023

August 7 Roseland Fun Day

Aug 23- Sept 4 The Great NYS Fair!

August 26 NYS Fair—Fair Food Cook Off





# **Ontario County Fair**



## 2023 4-H Event Schedule

FRIDAY, JU	LY	21
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4-H Club Booth Setup and 4-H Club	5:00 PM-8:00 PM
Project Judging at Wolcott Park	
BBQ Contest Presentations	3:00 PM-8:00 PM

#### MONDAY, JULY 24

Poultry Science Contest	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Rabbit Decathlon	1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Barns Open for Animal Exhibits	5:00 PM

#### TUESDAY, JULY 25th

Barns Open for Animal Exhibits	7:30AM
Livestock Challenge—Test Phase	10AM-5PM
4-H Horse Show—English and Minis	10:00AM
4-H Goat Show	10:00AM
Open Class Dairy Show—First Section	4:00PM
Open Class Rabbit and Cavy Show	6:00PM

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**

Poultry BBQ Contest	10:00 AM
4-H Horse Show Cloverbuds	10:00 AM
4-H Beef Show	10:00 AM
4-H Horse Show Mounted Games	11:00AM
4-H and Open Sheep Show	1:30 PM
Open Draft Horse Halter	2:00 PM
Open Class Dairy Show –	3:00 PM
Second Section – Showmanship	
4-H Horse Costume Class	3:30 PM
Open Draft Driving	4:30 PM
4-H Swine Show	6:00 PM

#### THURSDAY, JULY 27

4-H Dairy Show	10:00 AM
Rabbit Showmanship	10:00 AM
4-H Horse Show – Western	10:00 AM
4-H Rabbit Show and Cavy Show	2:00 PM
Livestock Challenge Judging Phase	4:00 PM
Open Swine Show	4:00PM
4-H Pet Show	5:00 PM
FFA Barnyard Olympics	8:00 PM

#### FRIDAY, JULY 28

4-H Poultry Showmanship / Avian Bowl	9:00 AM
4-H Horse Show – Gymkhana	9:00 AM
Open Class Beef Show	10:00 PM
4-H Livestock Auction Buyer's Dinner	4:00 PM
4-H Livestock Auction	5:00 PM
Livestock Challenge – Showmanship Phase	7:00 PM
Bossy Bingo	7:00 PM

#### SATURDAY, JULY 29

Open Class Horse Show	TBD
Beef Jackpot Show	10:00 AM
4-H Costume Class	2:00 PM
Pack Goat Show	4:00 PM
ALL ANIMALS RELEASED FROM BARNS	8:00 PM

#### SUNDAY, JULY 30

Fair Teardown	8:30 AM
Non-Animal Exhibits Released	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM





## The Fairbooks are Out! It's Time to Start Planning!

Our 2023 County Fairbooks are now ready and posted on the Cornell Cooperative Education's Website. You can find them at: Cornell Cooperative Extension | County Fair (cceontario.org)

If you have any questions, or are unable to find the Fairbooks, please email Sarah sab423@cornell.edu

# **FairEntry**

It is almost time to register for fair! We are planning to launch the online FairEntry system on June 1st. Keep an eye on your email this week. We will email you when it is live and provide you with directions on how to register. Registrations will be due by July 1st. Don't forget that the fair schedule, information about classes, etc. can be found on our website. Here is the link to the county fair page: Cornell Cooperative Extension | County Fair (cceontario.org)



## Exhibit Hall Judging Day

July 21, 2023

Reminder that our exhibit hall judging day has been moved to the Friday before fair (July 21st). This is NOT the day that it was traditionally in past years. Also, exhibit hall projects need to be registered on FairEntry just like the animal projects.

Birding Outing June 10, 2023

The June WHEP birding outing will be June 10, 2023. We are heading to the Seneca Meadows Wetland Complex in Seneca Falls, NY where we will be spending time with the folks from Braddock's Bay who band songbirds. While there, we will observe and quite possibly assist in the release of birds that have been caught and banded. We will explore both the hows, the whys and the scope of their bird banding program. Any 4-H'er age 8+ is welcome to attend. Emailing Sarah to register is required.



## Horse Clinics

We are hosting three riding clinics & horse evaluation opportunities this year! Signups for the first clinic are already completed. Second, a trail obstacle and showmanship clinic with Fernando Soberon and Lisa Burley is

scheduled for June 10th from 9am-12pm. Finally, an English/Hunter Hack clinic with Sandy Case is scheduled for June 19th from 2pm-5pm. All clinics are open to register for Ontario County 4-H'ers. The cost to participate is \$10 per member or \$15 per family. Email Sarah to sign up at least one week ahead of each clinic.

#### **FAIR CLEAN-UP**

## July 13, 2023



Don't forget to put fair cleanup day on your calendars! July 13th from 5pm until we are done. Many hands make light work! Attending fair cleanup is RE-QUIRED for anyone participating in county fair. If you cannot make this date, you need to email Sarah too coordinate an alternative time BEFORE fair cleanup day to do some work at the fairgrounds.

## **Community Service Opportunity**

It is the time of year again where the Fairboard is working every week to get the fair-grounds ready for county fair! They meet Mondays at 6:00 PM and Saturday mornings at 8:00 PM. If you are looking for community service hours and/or just want to help make fair a success, please consider joining in on one or more workdays. Fairboard members will be present to give direction on projects that need to be completed. Although not required, it is sometimes helpful to give Sarah or Amy and heads up if you plan to attend a workday so that we can forward you any updates about rain cancellations, etc. as we are on the Fairboard's email list.

## **NEW 4-H T-Shirts!**

We are so excited to launch the Ontario County 4-H apparel site! The ordering window will be open through **Sunday**, **June 11th**. It will then take us about 3 weeks to order/make the apparel.

\*\*\*Ms. Amy Pyra will be picking up the entire group order when it's complete to sort and distribute to everyone. Please make sure you choose Canandaigua as your pick up location during checkout (not shipping or Gates)\*\*\*

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop in or reach out. You can also check out select styles and sizing in the showroom, Screen Printing by Bauers, 2580 County Road 28!

**ORDER HERE:** <a href="https://bauersboutique.com/collections/ontario-county-4-h">https://bauersboutique.com/collections/ontario-county-4-h</a>



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# **Upcoming Programs**



## **Clover Creamery Shifts**

As you make your plans for fair week, don't forget about shifts in the Clover Creamery Dairy Bar! You can raise money for your club by working 2 hour shifts in the Creamery. More information and an opportunity to sign up for shifts will be available in July a couple weeks before the fair begins. Keep an eye on your email!

We are happy to report that the 4-H Fun Day at Roseland Water Park is on again for this year! Thanks to the Paper Clover Funds from Tractor Supply Co. the cost to attend will be

\$10 per person for the first 70 registered Ontario County 4-H'er and immediate family members. Other friends that would like to attend can do so for the group rate of \$25 per person. Our fun day this year will be on Monday, August 7th from park opening time until close (more details on this coming soon). Everyone must arrive within one hour of opening to get your tickets. The discounted rate is on a first come, first serve basis and your spot will not be held until the \$10 per person payment has been made. Stop by the 4-H office to drop off payment and reserve your spot.



# Dairy Leaders

The online application for the NYS Junior DAIRY LEADER and Beginning Dairy Leader programs for the 2023-2024 classes are now open and live. Information about the program and online application can be found at <a href="https://cals.cornell.edu/pro-dairy/our-expertise/youth/junior-dairy-leader-program">https://cals.cornell.edu/pro-dairy/our-expertise/youth/junior-dairy-leader-program</a> This is a yearlong program for youth 16 to 19 who have an interest in learning about the dairy industry and career options along with personal and professional development. Program year runs from September of 2023 until August 2024 with 7 to 8 programs that are anywhere from 2 to 8 days long. Application are due June 30<sup>th</sup>.



#### **Animal Science Contest Opportunities**

Even if you are not showing an animal in that particular species, animal science educational events such as poultry science, avian bowl, and rabbit decathalon are open to any 4-H'er who is interested in participating. Check out the schedule for date and times for these events, and you can find more information these events in the Animal Science Fairbook. Register for them on FairEntry if you are interested.



#### RECREATE FAIR FOOD TO A HEALTHIER VERSION

Do you like to cook and think on your feet? Have you ever thought about how to make comfort food healthier?

Your team will receive a mystery food item from the fairgrounds and some healthy food options in our pantry to recreate a dish.

When finished you will present your dish to our judges and be prepared to answer questions.

#### REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 12th

Space is limited

Contact your county educator to register. For a complete set of rules, email: vjf4@cornell.edu



# The Bulletin Board

# Junior Superintendents

Our six Junior Superintendents attended teen leader training. They participated in some fun team building games, learned about child development stages, and drew a picture to describe the characteristics of a good teen leader. We wrapped up the night enjoying pizza and cookies.







## Fingerlakes Dairy Bowl Team



Congratulations to the Finger Lakes 4-H Dairy Bowl Teams! Both our Junior and Senior Teams placed 2nd. Ontario County 4-H members Emmett Smithling was on the junior team and Nadia Gauss, who placed 8th individual in the senior division was on the senior team. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication to this program!



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## WHEP Club

Our WHEP club met up with the Thompkins County 4-H Birding club and had a great time at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology this past weekend!







## Birding "Fact" for the Month

The green heron is a very crafty bird. It often hunts from perches that overhang the surface of water much deeper than its short legs would normally allow.

Into this water it drops bait (worms, insects, seeds, flowers, feathers, berries, bits of leaf, and pieces of bread) to attract fish. It has even been observed using popcorn! It waits motionless for a meal to swim by and then spears it with it's dagger-like bill.

Sources: "For the Love of Wetlands... A Field Journal" by Rick & Jan Marsi "Naturally Curious A Photographic Field Guide and Month-by-Month Journey Through the Fields, Woods and Marshes of New England" by Mary Holland

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