<u>**Special 2023 Message from 4-H Clover Creamery Manager**</u>

Hello everyone!!

   I wanted to take a quick minute to introduce myself and the Clover Creamery to everyone. Many of you know me from several areas – either with my son Wyatt, with the Hens and Hares club, or with our families goat interest, or the Auction committee… but I also started a project a few years ago to be the on-site fair manager of our 4-H ice cream stand, The Clover Creamery! (Yum!)

   This year, I'm super excited to have our Jr Superintendent Mackenzie Lada, "Mack", along to help as well! Mack has been a member of 4H for the past seven years. During this time she has participated in poultry, rabbit, and cavy projects and has been a member of Teen Council. She has led workshops and been successful in the Ontario County Fair. Next year I will be attending Alfred State for nursing. She has also worked many shifts and has been a huge help in the Clover Creamery so now it's time for her step in to help lead here as well!

   The Clover Creamery was very well run and vastly improved for several years by the hard work and dedicated commitment of Sue Shivley. I'm very excited to keep her vision going and try to maintain all her efforts.

   Along those lines-for those who aren't familiar…an introduction for some of our new 4-H youth and families!

  The Clover Creamery is an awesome part of the 4-H experience. Proceeds help to benefit the 4-H youth scholarship program and add funds to the expense accounts of the clubs of the youth who work shifts. Working at the creamery helps enforce lots of great life skills like community service, food safety, job skills, and responsibilities of a work environment. And…. Youth can earn money towards their clubs activities throughout the year while having some serious fun with their peers! Oh, and I can't forget the free ice cream!!

   The details – youth ages 12+ serve in 2 hour shifts throughout the Tuesday-Saturday of the fair from 10am- 10pm. New last year, we are allowing 5-11 year olds, paired with their adult of choice, to join in the early shift each day from 10-12. We'll also be open on exhibit hall project judging day, Friday, from 4-8pm and fair move in day, Monday, from 10am-2pm and again from 5-7pm. Younger members paired with their parents will be welcome at these shifts as well. We hope this will be an awesome opportunity to get parents involved and help the younger youth get their feet wet with the dairy bar experience, while having the satisfaction of knowing that they helped contribute to their club's activity funds for the year.

   Creamery duties include… smiling at customers and polite thank you's for their support, scooping appropriate ice cream sizes into cones or dishes and serving to the public, making milkshakes (for youth 14+), and regular cleaning of the scoops, counters, coolers, etc. in the dairy bar. An adult is always needed on hand to take orders, relay those orders to the youth, and to handle the money.

   Sarah will be sending out a "Signup Genius" link in an email that will be available for a short time for anyone to sign up online for 1 (one) creamery shift each initially. Then a sign up opportunity will also be available on project Friday and move in Monday in person at the door of the Creamery itself. We ask that each youth only sign up for one shift initially to give everyone an opportunity to work if they want to.

We also ask that everyone signing up please be aware of your animals and show schedules prior to signing up. If something happens and you need to alter your shifts, YOU are responsible for finding an alternate worker for that shift.

The Clover Creamery has been busy these last couple of years with lots of new faces. I am so excited to see what happens when all those great, hard-working kids come back in the creamery to help even more new faces!

Lastly, we will be looking for a new teen assistant again next year so please keep that in mind and ask questions if you're interested.

Can't wait to see you all at fair!

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