

July-August 2023

Saratoga County Fair – What You Need To Know!

Fair Passes: Members exhibiting or volunteering with 4-H during Fair be sure to pick up your pass in the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds on judging day Saturday, July 15th.



Leader's Chicken BBQ: Thursday, July 20th 4:00- 7:00pm at the 4-H Snack Bar at the fairgrounds

or the 4-H Training Center. Again in 2023, we are asking leaders for money so we can purchase pies for the BBQ and not asking them to bake them, so please be aware that someone will be calling you. Jean Weatherby will be heading up the BBQ effort and will be contacting folks who are interested in helping with food prep and serving the day of the BBQ. The cost this year is \$16.00.

Teens needed on Judging Day: We need your help. Judging day is July 15th and teens are needed to assist judges for the day. Call the 4-H Office if you are interested in helping.

Adult Volunteers needed: Adults are needed to supervise the 4-H Building for 2 hour shifts during the fair. Call the 4-H Office if you are interested in helping. Please see inside for more fair. information!

Please look inside this edition of Highlights for links on how you can help at the 2023 Saratoga County Fair!

Upcoming Events and Dates

July

7th - Advanced Entries DUE to the CCE office

15th - County Fair 4-H Judging Day

18-23rd - Saratoga County Fair

20th - 4-H Leaders' Association Chicken BBQ at the Fair or Training Center

24th - Static Exhibits Released 9am-6pm

1st - NYS Fair Dog Show Entries DUE August

7th - State Fair Animal Entries DUE to Office

26th - 4-H Walkathon

Saratoga County Horse Farm Tour

23rd - Sept 4th - New York State Fair

How to Bring Exhibits to the Fair

Is this your first year participating at the Saratoga County Fair? Here is what is needed to have an exhibit displayed in the 4-H Building at the county fair, step by step.

<u>Step1</u>: Stop by the 4-H Office at 50 West High Street and pick up these 3 items; **a 4-H Exhibitors Handbook**, **entry forms**, and a handful of **exhibit tags**. Yellow Advance entry forms are needed for non-static exhibits (including all animals, pet care, group action booths, club exhibits, and Young Farmers Olympics).

<u>Step 2:</u> Read the rules in the Exhibitors Handbook on pages 2-3. Find the department the exhibit fits - for example, Pet Care is Dept. 12. <u>Read the bulleted general rules for the department found directly under the title.</u>

Select the section and class, follow the rules there as well.

For example, Pet Care is Dept. 12 Section A, Class 1

Step 3: Using the Exhibitors Handbook, fill out the entry form. List all the items to be exhibited.

Step 4:

- Fill out an exhibitor's tag for each exhibit; Name, Town and Club.
- Use the entry form to fill in Dept., Section, and Class.
- Under **Exhibit**, write the name or a brief description of the item.
- Add the Variety for vegetables and flowers and photographs.



<u>Step 5:</u> Attach the entry tags to the exhibits. Use pins for garments, tape on flat objects such as photos or drawings, or punch a hole in one corner of the entry tag and use string to tie it on.

<u>Step 6:</u> **Saturday, July 15th, 9:30am- 4:00pm is County Fair Exhibit Judging Day**. Bring the exhibits and the paperwork to the 4-H Building at the Saratoga County fairgrounds. At the end of the judging process, turn the entry form in at the table in the center of the building and get a fair pass. Keep your copy of the entry form. The exhibits will be left at the 4-H building and be displayed during the fair, July 18-23. *Please note - yellow advanced entry forms are turned in directly to the CCE office by July 7th - no exceptions!*

<u>Step7:</u> After fair, stop by the 4-H Building Monday, July 24th, 9am - 6pm, and pick up the items. Helpful hint bring the original entry form with the list of fair items to remember all of your items.

If you are confused or have any questions, please call us at the office at 518-885-8995.

Melvin D. Wrisley Memorial Scholarship

Applications will be received from now until **September 15th** for the Melvin D. Wrisley Scholarship award. Selection will be made by a committee appointed by the president of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County. Criteria will include a demonstrated interest in agriculture, satisfactory completion of at least one year of an accredited New York State College, character, leadership, and service. Preference may be given to applicants from Saratoga County and those with special interest in farming and pursuing an agricultural degree. To receive an application, call Wendy McConkey at 518-885-8995 or email WLM8@cornell.edu.

County Fair Horse Exhibitors Take Note

There will be a **mandatory meeting** for all 4-H'ers showing horses at the fair on Monday, **July 17th** at **6pm.** (the 4-H fair book had a misprint on the date) Everyone should meet at the 4-H Snack Bar at the fair grounds. Ice Cream will be provided by the Horse Advisory Committee.

Horses can arrive Thursday, July 20th before 7:30am.

It will be necessary to provide your own bedding for your stall(s) at the County Fair. There is the option to stay in the barns through Sunday, but you must plan ahead of time and let Nicolina know what you plan to do.

As always, it is the responsibility of each exhibitor to thoroughly clean out the stall(s) before leaving after the show.

Stall decorations are strongly encouraged! As we will have a prize for the best decorated stall!

Small Animal News

If you are bringing swine, poultry, rabbits or cavies to the County Fair, here are some reminders. Cage set-up is on Saturday, July 15th at 9:00am. This is mandatory for all exhibitors - No Exceptions! Do not bring your animals on this day. Your animals can be brought to the fair on Monday, July 17th between 10am and noon or 4pm and 6pm. You must check in with Rylie and have the animals health checked before caging them. Animals will be exhibited until 8pm on Sunday July 23rd. You must help to break down the building before animals are taken home. No animals are to leave the fairgrounds before 8:00pm on Sunday. Call the 4-H Office at 518-885-8995 if you have any questions.

Volunteers needed: Adults and Junior Superintendents are needed to help supervise the Small Animal Building for shifts during the fair. Call Rylie at the 4-H Office if you are Interested in helping.

Get Your Copy of the 2023 Saratoga County 4-H Fairbook!

The 2023 Saratoga County 4-H Fairbook and all entry materials are ready for pick-up at the 4-H Office! Stop by anytime Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm to get yours today!

You can also download the Fairbook on our Website:

CCESaratoga.org

2023 Exhibitor Handbook



County Fair Animal Health Considerations



Showing animals at the County Fair presents a risk for disease transmission. Proper precautions taken before, during, and after the fair can help to decrease an animal's exposure to infectious disease, and help to protect your animals at home as well.

Before the fair, make sure that animals have all required vaccinations, complete any tests required for your particular species, and be sure that you have all of the necessary documentation. Try to minimize stress on the animals and offer the same feeds that you will be taking to the fair. Transport your animals to the fair in clean trailers and avoid the use of commercial trailers.

During the fair, be sure that your animals always have fresh water available and continue the same feeds that were being used at home. Provide plenty of clean bedding as required for each species. As much as possible, do not allow nose to nose contact with animals from other farms, do not share equipment, and use only buckets and tubs from your own farm. For milking animals it is best to use your own milker claw in common milking parlors. If you bring your own milking unit, do not allow others to use it.

After the fair isolate show animals from the main herd for 3-4 weeks upon return. Use separate tools and feed equipment while caring for returning animals, and modify the work routine so that they are taken care of last, potentially stopping the spread of contaminants to other animals. Monitor the animals for signs of disease such as fever, diarrhea, skin abnormalities, heel warts, mastitis, or abortions, while minimizing stress as much as possible. If the home herd or flock is up to date on all vaccinations, it will lessen the chance of a disease outbreak due to infection carried home by show animals.

Do not make the mistake of exposing your entire herd or flock to the threat of disease brought home from the County Fair. The fair lasts for six days, but the ramifications of a disease outbreak could last much longer and perhaps cost many dollars to rectify.



JULY 23, 2023



Sunday
11:30 Preview
12:00 Auction

Come purchase quality market animals raised and cared for by 4-H youth.

STEWART'S SHOW ARENA 162 PROSPECT ST, BALLSTON SPA, NY 12020



NY State Fair

2023 Update

The NY State Fair will be held August 23rd - September 4th.

In 2023 we will be taking youth back to the NYS Fair. Details are still being worked out, however we will have a presence. We will be developing a plan so that youth may experience the fair for one or two nights.

Stay tuned!!!

Exhibiting Animals for 2023 at the State Fair

To be eligible for State Fair exhibition, you must receive a blue award with your animal in the class at the County Fair. If you are interested in going on to State Fair, please contact the 4-H Office for a premium book and entry forms immediately following County Fair.

The completed entry forms must be returned to the 4-H Office on or before MONDAY, August 7th. If you are exhibiting a large animal or a dog, the same animal that was shown at the County Fair must go to State. If you are exhibiting rabbits, cavies, or poultry, substitution of actual animal is allowed, but you must have blue awards to support each entry. This year the dog entries are due August 1st! If you have any questions, please contact Rylie at 518-885-8995.

STEM Week Drop-off Program August 7th-11th

Drop off program for kids interested in STEM

- 8am-12pm
- Available for youth ages 8-14
- Held at the Saratoga County 4H Training Center.
- Ages 8-11 will build a Lego Mindstorms robot and code it using scratch along with other coding activities.
- Ages 12-14 will use cad to design/build larger robot and code it using basic Java. No experience necessary.
- Includes T-Shirt, and a snack everyday.
- \$150 per child

For more information and to sign up, please visit robovines.org/stem-week.

If you have any questions, please direct them to team@robovines.org

Teen Update

Teen Council @ the Fair!

Who: 4-H Snack Bar Volunteers **What:** Snack Bar Orientation

Where: Saratoga County Fairgrounds

When: July 15th

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Stop by the 4-H Snack Bar while you're at 4-H Judging Day for a crash course on working during the fair. Teen Council members and advisors will be there to give you a tour and show you the in's and out's of having a great time in the 4-H Snack Bar!

Don't forget to Sign-Up for Snack Bar shifts. Parents and friends are welcome to help as well. Sign-Up at: https://signup.com/go/jjcXLzR

Youth and Adults Welcome!

Attention 4-H Shooting Sports Youth and Families! Signup to Help 4-H Shooting Sports at the Saratoga County Fair!

Each year, Saratoga County 4-H Shooting Sports operates both the Archery and Air Rifle Booths. These booths not only provide an opportunity for fairgoers to have a first hand experience with 4-H Shooting Sports, but is also one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. These booths are staffed entirely of youth and adult volunteers. Roles include:

Youth instructors: Youth work with Certified Adult Instructors to teach fairgoers safe and proper technique.

Youth assistants: Youth will help interact with fairgoers, reload magazines, replace targets, and a variety of other tasks that fit their experience and personality.

Adult Instructors: Adults who have completed a 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor training are needed to help instruct fairgoers and supervise youth instructors.

Adult Assistants: Any adults are invited to help with the booths. We need adults who can interact with fairgoers and collect donations. Only adults are allowed to handle monetary donations, so it is important that we have someone for each shift.

Shifts are 4 hours long, and you may work as many shifts as you'd like. Each volunteer receives a fair pass for the day of their shift, and a free meal at the 4-H Snack Bar for each shift they are working. It really is a great way for youth to build confidence and make friends with other 4-H'ers who enjoy shooting sports. It's also an opportunity for adults to connect with their youth and others, and also meet other adults who have a passion for 4-H Youth Shooting Sports. Many clubs have been joined or started by conversations had at the Fair Shooting Sports Booths.

To sign-up, please visit: https://signup.com/go/jeRZeSx

Again, feel free to sign-up for as many shifts as you'd like. If you are a parent who would like to volunteer, but is not enrolled as a 4-H volunteer, please sign-up and shoot me an email so I can get the volunteer paperwork taken care of.

MEET THE BREEDS



September 9th, 2023 11:00-2:00PM



556 Middleline Rd. Ballston Spa, NY 12020



- FREE
- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- (518)885-8995



Attention 4-H Sewing and Textile Exhibitors! 4-H Fashion Revue at the Saratoga County Fair!

The Saratoga County 4-H Fair Fashion Revue is open to all 4-H'ers who are entering a Clothing and Textile project into the Saratoga County Fair. This event is a place for members to exhibit their hard work in a fun and engaging setting. This event is also eligible for a premium. Please sign up by July 17th.

Signup here: https://signup.com/go/aOrObBv



Do You Have What It Takes to Be a Junior Superintendent? Looking for Youth and Adults!

There are so many ways to be involved at the Saratoga County Fair, and one of the best is to be a Junior Superintendent (for youth) or a Building Helper (for adults). Junior Supers help keep our building tidy and welcoming by sweeping, watering plants and interacting with Fairgoers. Adult helpers help by supervising the building and answer questions from fairgoers.

Additional help is needed from youth. Helpers are needed for the Animal Sciences portion of the fair. These helpers assist in barn chores and help during the animal shows. It's a great way to share your passion for 4-H Animals!

Sign-up to be a Junior Superintendent or Adult Helper today!

4-H Building Help (Youth and Adult): https://signup.com/go/uTYzVyw
Animal Science Help (Youth): https://signup.com/go/BPpiaYa



Straight From The Horses Mouth

Important Dates

4-H Fair Entries Due to the Office	July 7th
BH-BL Flag Day Parade	•
Horse Show at the Training Center (Free for 4-H Kids)	
Mandatory Horse Fair Meeting (only if you are showing in the 4-H Show at Fair)	

—Helmets —

The weather is beautiful and we are all out riding when ever we can. Show season is here and we are all in a rush to get horses cleaned tacked and to get in the saddle. Next time you run out of the barn to go for a ride don't forget your helmet!

Horseback riding carries a higher injury rate per hour of exposure than downhill ski racing, football, hang-gliding and motorcycle racing.

Head injuries are the most common reason for horse-related hospital admissions. Helmets can reduce this possibility by 70-80%.

Each year approximately 70,000 people are treated in emergency rooms because of equestrian related activities.

The American Medical Equestrian Association calculates that ASTM/SEI approved helmets have reduced all riding-related head injuries by 30% and severe head injuries by 50%.

Signs That May Indicate Your Helmet is Too Big:

- Helmet wiggles when you move your head from side to side or back and forth.
- Your eyebrows do not move when you wiggle the helmet with your hand.
- The helmet obscures your vision.

Signs That May Indicate Your Helmet is Too Small:

- The helmet leaves a line on your forehead when you take it off.
- Wearing the helmet for more than a few minutes gives you a headache.
- The helmet is sitting up too high on the top of your head, leaving most of your forehead exposed.

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Saratoga County 4-H Horse Kids Needing Helmets

If you are a Saratoga County 4-H horse kid and you need a new helmet you can send me a letter or an email and we can get you a proper fitted helmet, FREE.

When you send me your letter or email tell me the following...

- Name, Age, and 4-H club
- Contact information for a Parent or Guardian.
- What size helmet you believe you need.
- Tell me about the horse you ride/work with.
- What is your favorite thing to do with your horse?
- And tell my why you need a new helmet.

My email: nvf5@cornell.edu Send a letter to: Nicolina Foti 50 West High St. Ballston Spa, NY 12020

4-H Helmet Rules

Helmets must be worn at all times when working around or riding a horse. A 4-H'er must wear their helmet when they are...

- On a horse
- Grooming a horse Cleaning the horses stall if the horse is in the stall as well.
 - Working a horse on the ground.

Proper footwear should always be worn around horses. Proper footwear include hard soled shoes with a heal.

NO OPEN TOED SHOES



The Saratoga County
Horse Farm Tour is a
FREE self-driven tour
that is open to the
public. Sponsored by
the New York
Thoroughbred Breeding
and Development
Fund this tour is
designed to
provide community
access to selected
horse farms within
Saratoga County.

For more info please contact Nicolina nvf5@cornell.edu 518-885-8995



4-H Horse Program Spotlight

We are happy to release the 2023 NYS 4-H Horse Communications results from early May!

Representing Saratoga County!

Senior Individual:

4th Place Amelia Fleichmann Region 5B

Congratulations Amelia you make the Saratoga County 4-H horse program proud!











4-H Horse Quick Updates

- We will be adding a costume Class for fair. (You will not find this class in the 4-H fair book. You can sign up for that at Fair)
- Updates will be sent out via email for the BH-BL parade on JULY 6th. If you are interested or have questions and have not seen any emails regarding this please reach out to Nicolina. nfv5@cornell.edu



Spring 5 Week Shooting Sports Course

Meets Every Tuesday Evening September 12th-October 10th

Youth will learn the basics of Air Pistol, Archery, Muzzleloader, Rifle and Shotgun with a focus on Safety, Ethics and Personal Responsibility

Open to Youth 12 Years Old and Older Sign-Up at:

https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/SC4HShootingSportsFall2023_241 or Contact Leland at glb76@cornell.edu for More Information



Thank You to the Saratoga
County Senior
Conservationists for their
hard work expanding 4-H
Shooting Sports at the
Saratoga County Fair!



4-H Leaders

4-H Leader's BBQ Fundraiser

The Annual Chicken BBQ will be held on Thursday, July 20th from 4-7pm. There is a lot of work that goes into getting things ready for the BBQ, and you can help!

This year's BBQ will have order pick-up at the 4-H Training Center, as well as "Eat-In" at the Saratoga County Fair. Please call the 4-H Office at 518.885.8995 to sign-up to volunteer!

We are also looking for Pie Sponsors. A pie sponsorship is \$10, and can be paid by check or cash to the 4-H Office. Checks should be payable to "4-H Leaders Association".



News from Leader's Association

Here are some quick updates from our 4-H Leaders Association:

The golf tournament was a huge success. The best fundraiser ever. Thank you to all that participated and helped make it such a great day!!

Chicken BBQ is coming up on Thursday, July 20th at the Saratoga County Fair or pick-up available at the Training Center. Please register here: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/2023/4HBBQ-2 241

Did you know that Saratoga County 4-H Leader's Association provides many opportunities for our 4-H'ers? This includes helping to pay for many teen trips, giving out scholarships to high school seniors/college freshmen and allows clubs to do things they couldn't normally do.

Did you know that all leaders in Saratoga County 4-H are members of the Leader's Association? That means that many of you receiving this Highlights are already members. Please consider becoming more active by attending meetings (5 a year) or helping out when you get the call.

Please join us for our next meeting on September 18th at 6:30 at the CCE building, 50 West High Street, Ballston Spa.

2023 4-H Scholarship Golf Classic, a HUGE Success!

On June 3, 2023 we had a beautiful day at the 4-H Scholarship Golf Classic! An amazing 140 golfers participated in this year's event! This year we made over \$15,000. The most successful tournament to date. We appreciate all of the support from our sponsors and donors. The 4-H office would like to send a special thanks to our golf committee: Joanne Peck Donnan, Mary Fairley, Jody Pitman, Cathy White, Carol Bayer, Lisa Russell, Laura and Mackenzie Macey. And



our sub committee member (ha ha) Joan Rowland for all she did. Your commitment to 4-H in Saratoga County, is second to none! We'd also like to thank the many sponsors, donors, players, and 4-H volunteers. Without your help this event would not have succeeded. Plans are already underway for next year's tournament. We have tentatively booked the Fairways of Halfmoon for June 1, 2024 for our **23rd Annual Golf Classic**. We are always looking for new volunteers to join our committee. Please look for upcoming planning meetings in future additions of Highlights.

4-H Snack Bar Looking for 4-H Members and Volunteers!

Open to all 4-H'ers 11 Years-Old and Older, 4-H Alumni, Parents, Friends and Family

It's safe to say that the 4-H Snack Bar is "The Place" for refreshment at the Saratoga County Fair. It's also "The Place" for all of our 4-H family to come together in a safe and fun environment to help support 4-H programming. 4-H youth can develop friendships, work skills and a sense of belonging. Parents, Alumni and other supporters can serve as role models for our 4-H youth by providing positive examples that our 4-H members can aspire to.

4-H Teen Council operates the 4-H Snack Bar each year, and they depend heavily on youth and adult volunteers to make each year a great success. Money raised in the Snack Bar is returned in the form of 4-H program support, Scholarships, Trip Funding and much more!

You can sign up online at: https://signup.com/go/jicXLzR

ABC Trip

Save the date for the Agri-Business Careers Conference. This exciting opportunity will be held **October 19-20, 2023 in Cobleskill, NY**. This agriculturally - focused career exploration conference is open to all youth **ages 14 and older** who wish to become more aware of career opportunities in agriculture and also the academic requirements for professional positions available in the various agri-business careers. The trip is held in partnership with SUNY Cobleskill. Contact Rylie, rjl287@cornell.edu for more information. Due to generous donations from the leaders association, the cost of this trip is minimal.



Horticulture Training

Just when you thought it was safe to avoid more meetings - here we go again. The Horticulture Training group will have class once again before County Fair on **Tuesday**, **July 11th** at **6:30pm** and again before competition at the NYS Fair on **Tuesday**, **August 15**th at **6:30pm** at the Cooperative Extension Office.

Don't forget, when filling out your county fair entry form to include the 4-H Horticulture Contest. This year's contest will take place on **Friday**, **July 21**st, **2023** at the 4-H Building at **10:30am**. If you have participated in the county Horticulture Training classes during the year, you are eligible to participate in the Judging Contest at County Fair and

perhaps even represent Saratoga County at the N.Y. State Fair. If you aren't sure what this group does and would like a first-hand look before joining us in the fall, please set aside this time to come and join in the fun and education.

Training Dates to remember include:

Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30pm and Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30pm

So mark your calendar today and plan to join us. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Beebe at 518-885-8995.

Special Note: State Fair contest date will be Friday, August 25th at 10 a.m.



If a 4-H member enters a baked good or preserved food product for 4-H judging, they can also enter products in the Culinary Department.

In 2023 there is **no entry fee** for youth to enter a product in the Junior Culinary division. There are two youth categories, ages 12 and under and ages 13-17. The 2023 Special Premiums section includes several youth categories with prizes up to \$20. Youth may submit in the adult category by paying the adult fee of \$1 per entry, but they will be judged along with adults.

Section 11: Junior Culinary (age 17 and under) of the Exhibitor Handbook starts on page 3 where you'll see all the categories including baked and preserved (canned) goods such as Jelly, Jam, Pickles, Relishes and Sauces.

All the details can be found on-line at www.saratogacourtyfair.org, click on Exhibitors, then Department K Culinary where you can find the Exhibitor Handbook. **Entries close on July 8, 5pm.**



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