



2023-2024 Niagara County 4-H Youth Membership Enrollment & Re-Enrollment Form

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County



Valid for 4-H Year October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024

*****NEW THIS YEAR!** For Animal Program Members: Returning members must re-enroll by Jan. 5, 2024 in order to be eligible to show/exhibit any animal at the 2024 Niagara County Fair***

4-H Member's Name: _____ Birthdate _____

Family Email: _____

This is the email where we will send you Tuesday Tidbits weekly email from the 4-H office

Gender Female Male Non-binary Gender not listed Prefer not to say

School Grade _____

Demographic Information (check boxes that apply)

Residence: Farm Rural non-farm/town under 10k Town 10k-50k Suburbs 50k+ City 50k+

Ethnicity: Are you of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity? YES NO

Race: White Black or African American American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Asian Prefer Not to State

Please list an emergency contact

Name _____ Phone Number _____ Relationship _____

Individual Member (check here) _____ **OR in a club?** Name of club _____

****Note: Animal Programs are NOT considered clubs****

Projects- please answer A or B

A. Re-enrolling? Yes – List what major projects/programs you plan to participate in this year.
 i.e.) Beef Cattle, equine, public presentations, robotics, etc...

B. New member? Yes - What 4-H programs/project areas are you interested in checking out or joining?

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian 1:

Name _____ Cell Number: _____

Parent/Guardian 2:

Name _____ Cell Number: _____

School

School County: _____ District: _____

Specific Name of School/Building: _____

Or Check Here if Home Schooled

Niagara County 4-H is not accepting enrollments or re-enrollments after March 1, 2024



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Military Service

- No one in my family is serving
 I have a parent serving
 I have a sibling serving
 Active
 Reserve
 National Guard
 Branch of service? _____

Consent & Signature

1. Parents & Youth need to read the entire consent packet attached to this enrollment form: Acknowledgment & assumption of risks, code of conduct, photo release, & animal science rules/requirements
2. Then Check all Boxes below that apply to this member.
3. Lastly, Adult Parent/Guardian needs to sign and date.

4-H CLUB ACTIVITY (Check all that apply)

- All 4-H activities and events for program year
- Working with dogs
- Shooting Sports
- Equine

For Cloverbuds (youth 5-7 years old only):

- Cloverbud activities
- Cloverbud working with animals

I have read, understand, and agree to the: (CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY)

- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & ASSUMPTION OF RISK
- CODE OF CONDUCT
- PHOTO RELEASE
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of animal science species rules & requirements
- Acknowledgment of Risk Form For All 4-H Equine Members & Participants

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this document, I acknowledge that this information is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I have read and understand the terms of all acknowledgments and agreements herein, specifically including 4-H Acknowledgment of Risks (including equine), Photo Release, Acknowledgement of the animal science rules and requirements, & Code of Conduct. I sign this form freely and without inducement.

4-H Youth Name: (print) _____

Parent/Guardian(print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

4-H Enrollment Fees: *(Not accepting any 4-H Enrollments or Re-Enrollments after March 1)*

- First time enrolling/New Members between Oct.1-March 1 = \$25 per child
- Returning members, re-enrolling between Oct.1-Nov. 30 = \$25 per child
- Returning members, re-enrolling between Dec.1-March 1 = \$35 per child
- Maximum of \$65 per family for 3 or more children living in same household (between Oct. 1-March 1)

Cash
 Check (made out to CCE Niagara)
 Credit card in office
 Total Paid \$ _____ Entered By/Staff Initials _____ Date Approved _____
 Confirmation Email sent to family



Keep the following pages for your records, tear off from this enrollment form.

Acknowledgement of Risk Form: 4-H Member

This form must be completed to participate in 4-H clubs, programs, and related activities.

This form may be completed during 4-H enrollment for the full program year for 4-H activities and events designated below at the club, county, state and national levels.

I hereby apply for my child to participate in the 4-H club and/or activity indicated below to be conducted by the designated Cornell Cooperative Extension Association and acknowledge as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my child's participation in the 4-H club and activities and my child's participation in said 4-H club and all its activities and use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness or death and damage to personal property. I understand other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other causes may cause these risks and dangers and I hereby accept these risks and dangers.

My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age of 5 for Cloverbud members and 8 for regular 4-H members required to participate in this activity and is able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County. DATE(S): 4-H Program Year: 2023-2024

New York State 4-H Program Cornell Cooperative Extension

NYS 4-H Code of Conduct

All 4-H Participants—youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff—in or attending any activity or event sponsored by Cornell University's Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) 4-H Youth Development Program are required to uphold the values of the NYS 4-H program and conduct themselves according to these standards. The standards also apply to online activity, including social media internet presence.

Ground Rules: The following Ground Rules apply to all 4-H participants and volunteers. In addition to these expectations, CCE volunteers are accountable to additional expectations outlined in the CCE Volunteer Code of Conduct.

#1) Create a Welcoming Environment for All. Encourage everyone to fully participate in CCE and 4-H. Recognize that all people have skills and talents that can help others and improve the community. Though we will not always agree, we must disagree respectfully.

2. Bring Your Best Self. Respect and follow Cooperative Extension rules, policies, and guidelines that relate to 4-H Youth Programs and Events. Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects honesty, integrity, self-control, and self-direction. Accept the results and outcomes of 4-H contests with grace and empathy for other participants. Accept the final opinions of judges and evaluators. Be open to new ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others

3. Obey the Law. Commit no illegal acts. Do not possess or use illegal drugs, tobacco products, firearms, weapons, or any harmful object with the intent to hurt others at any time. (Firearms are allowed only as part of supervised 4-H Shooting Sports programming.) Do not attend CCE or 4-H activities under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.

4. Honor Diversity – Yours and Others’. Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all staff, volunteers, families, and youth who participate in CCE and 4-H programs.

5. Create a Safe Environment. Do not carelessly or intentionally harm youth or adults in any way (verbally, mentally, physically, or emotionally). Refrain from romantic displays and sexual activities either in public or private situations. Be kind and compassionate towards others. Do not insult or put down others. Harassment, bullying, and other exclusionary behavior aren't acceptable. Be considerate & courteous of all youth, adults and their property.

5A) Youth must stay in the designated dormitory lodging areas: boys may not be in girls' dormitory or lodging areas and girls may not be in boys' dormitory or lodging areas.

5B) Report any and all accidents, physical or verbal abuse or unsafe conditions that threaten the emotional or physical well-being of others or yourself to the NYS 4-H, Extension staff, and Event Coordinators as soon as possible.

6. Be a Team Player. Work cooperatively with Extension staff, volunteers, 4-Hers, and all involved in 4-H programs and activities. Be responsive to the reasonable requests of the person in charge. Respect the integrity of the group and the group's decisions.

7. Participate Fully. Participate in all of the planned programs, be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities (including the completion of required records or reports) in a manner that insures the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others. Have fun!

8. Watch What You Wear. Use your best judgment. Wear clothing suited for the activity you will participate in. Clothing promoting alcohol and other intoxicants, or displaying messages that are racist, sexist, homophobic, or any other degrading message that detrimentally impacts the dignity and respect of members of our community are never acceptable. Don't wear revealing clothing, such as short skirts or shorts, midriff-baring tops, and sagging pants. If you are unsure about what is appropriate, contact the local CCE 4-H Educator in charge in advance.

9. Be a Positive Role Model. Act in a mature, responsible manner, recognizing you are role models for others, and that you are representing yourself, CCE, and 4-H. Be responsible for your behavior, use positive and affirming language, and uphold exemplary standards of conduct at all 4-H activities.

Consequences: Any of the following may be used, depending on severity of the situation: 4-H'er will receive a verbal warning; barred from a future event and/or unable to participate any further; may be asked to leave the event/activity; unable to participate in 4-H the following year; and/or a meeting with 4-H Educator(s), Executive Director, 4-H'er, parent/guardian, and/or volunteer.

PHOTO RELEASE

By signing this form, I consent and give permission to allow Cornell Cooperative Extension the unlimited right to use photos, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips that they have of me participating in Cornell Cooperative Extension programs or events. I agree to give up my rights with regards to Cornell Cooperative Extension photos, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips of me. Further, by signing this consent and release form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to the above request and conditions.

Acknowledgement of new animal science species rules & requirements

*****NEW THIS YEAR!*****

- Returning/Re-enrolling members must re-enroll by January 5, 2024, to be eligible to show/exhibit animals at the 2024 Niagara County Fair. Re-enrollments received January 6, 2024 or beyond, can still participate in 4-H and attend all animal meetings & 4-H programs, but are not permitted to show animals at fair in 2024. This is a hard deadline and exceptions will not be made.
- First time enrolling/new members - must enroll by March 1, 2024, and meet the minimum meeting requirements (explained below) to be eligible to show any animal species at 2024 fair.
- Each Clover Bud & 4-H Member must attend at least 5 species meetings per year (between September 2023-July 2024) to meet minimum meeting requirements, in order to be eligible to show/exhibit animals of any species, at the 2024 Niagara County Fair.
- County level 4-H public presentations = can count towards ONE of those 5 meetings, for those showing multiple species, counts for only 1 animal species of 4-H'er's choice
- Farm Safety Course (newly offered in 2024)=can count towards ONE of those 5 meetings, for only 1 animal species of 4-H'er's choice (if showing multiple species).
- College students living on campus/out of town – See your animal science leader
- Each animal species program/leader has the right to require additional requirements in order to be eligible to show that species within their program, at leader's discretion.

Acknowledgment of Risk Form For All 4-H Equine Members & Participants

This applies to all 4-H equine activities and events designated below at the club, county, multiple county, regional, state and national levels.

I hereby apply for my child to participate in the 4-H club and/or activity indicated in this 4-H enrollment packet, to be conducted by the designated Cornell Cooperative Extension Association and acknowledge as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my child's participation in the 4-H club and activities and my child's participation in said 4-H equine club/program/show and all its activities and use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness or death and damage to personal property.

Equine Risks Continued....

I understand other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other causes may cause these risks and dangers and I hereby accept these risks and dangers.

My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age of eight (8) for regular 4-H Equine members required to participate in this activity and is able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith.

CONCLUSION

I have read this entire document and by signing (on page 2) I agree it is my intention to have my child participate in the indicated 4-H activities and I understand and accept the risks involved. This shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators and executors. Any claims or disputes arising out of my child's participation in the activity shall be venued in the Supreme Court of the State of New York of the County where the County Extension office is located. I am at least twenty-one (21) years of age and I am the legal parent/guardian authorized to sign this document on behalf of the child named herein.

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