



4-H Highlights

July-August 2025

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 19th between 9:30am-4:00pm.



Leaders Chicken BBQ: Thursday, July 24th 4:00- 7:00pm at the 4-H Snack Bar at the fairgrounds or the 4-H Training Center. Again in 2025, we are asking leaders for money so we can purchase pies for the BBQ for \$12., 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 of the BBQ is \$17.00.

Teens needed on Judging Day: We need your help. **Judging day is July 19th** 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. Adults are also needed for the 4-H Snack Bar and Shooting Sports booths. 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 2025 Saratoga County Fair!

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

July

July 7th - Advanced Entries Due
July 19th - County Fair Judging
July 22nd -27th - Saratoga County Fair
24th - Leaders Association BBQ
28th - Static Exhibits Released 9am - 6pm

August

1st- NYS Fair Dog Show Entries DUE
7th - State Fair Animal Entries DUE to Office
20-Sept. 1st - 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.

Step 1: 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**. Advance entry forms are needed for non-static exhibits (including all animals, pet care, group action booths and club exhibits).

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

- 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.

Step 5: 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.

Step 6: **Saturday, July 19th, 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 22-27. ***Please note - advanced entry forms are turned in directly to the CCE office by July 7th - no exceptions!***

Step 7: After Fair, stop by the 4-H Building Monday, July 28th, 9am - 6pm, and pick up your items. A helpful hint, bring the original entry form with the list of fair items to remember all of your items.

If you 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.

Get Your Copy of the 2025 Saratoga County 4-H Fairbook

The 2025 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 and other forms on our Website:

<https://ccesaratoga.org/4-H-youth-development/4-H-forms/fair-forms>

4-H Leaders

News from Leaders Association

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

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

Chicken BBQ is coming up on Thursday, July 24th at the Saratoga County Fair or pick-up available at the Training Center. Please register here: www.sc4h.org

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 allowing clubs to do things they couldn't normally do.

Did you know that all leaders in Saratoga County 4-H are members of the Leaders Association? That means that many of you receiving these 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 15th at 6:30pm at the CCE building, 50 West High Street, Ballston Spa.

4-H Leaders BBQ Fundraiser

The Annual Chicken BBQ will be held on Thursday, July 24th from 4-7pm.

This year's BBQ will have order **pick-up at the 4-H Training Center (Pre-Order required)** as well as "Eat-In" at the Saratoga County Fair. Advanced orders can be made at sc4h.org.

There is a lot of work that goes into getting things ready for the BBQ, and you can help! 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 \$12, and can be paid by check or cash to the 4-H office or ordered at www.sc4h.org. Checks should be payable to "4-H Leaders Association".



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 the 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.



ATTENTION ALL 2025 CATTLE SCF EXHIBITORS



ALL BEEF & DAIRY are

**REQUIRED to have a
Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) '840' tag**



Ear tag WITHOUT RFID is **NOT ALLOWED**

New York State Fair

2025 Update

The NY State Fair will be held August 20th- September 1st

In 2025 we will again, be taking youth 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 2025 at the State Fair

To be eligible for the 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 the 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 8th. 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, covies, 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 Kailey at kek255@cornell.edu or 518-885-8995.

Horticulture Training

The Horticulture Training group will have class once again before County Fair on Wednesday, July 9th at 6:30pm.

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 25th, 2025 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:

Wednesday, July 9th at 6:30pm

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

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Holmes at 518-885-8995.

Special Note: State Fair contest date will be Friday, August 23rd at 10 a.m



**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 help out at the 4-H Snack Bar by signing up for a shift or multiple shifts for the week of the Saratoga County Fair. We are looking for energized 4-H'ers who can help in all different stations from scooping ice cream to making fries!

You can sign up online at:
<https://signup.com/go/OJZfLGf>

Small Animal News

If you are bringing poultry, rabbits or cavies to the County Fair, here are some reminders. **Cage set-up is on Saturday, July 19th 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 21st between 10am and noon or 4pm and 6pm. You must check in with Kailey and have the animal's health checked before caging them. Animals will be exhibited until 8pm on Sunday July 27th. 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 the 4-H Office if you are interested in helping.

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 25th.

Signup here: <https://signup.com/go/XgTiriM>



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/FjqfCdy>

Animal Science Help (Youth): <https://signup.com/go/qTfjZDa>



4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

SARATOGA COUNTY 4-H



JULY 24TH



4:00-7:00PM



518.885.8995

CHICKEN
BBQ

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REQUIRED

4-H TRAINING CENTER
CARRY-OUT ONLY

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REQUIRED

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SARATOGA COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS

PRE-ORDER
ENCOURAGED

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GIVE ARCHERY A SHOT!



Saratoga Sand Plains Wildlife Management
Area Archery Range

3099 State Route 50, Saratoga Springs NY
12866



August 16th

9-11 years old 9:00am – 11:00am

12-15 years old 11:15am – 1:15am

16-18 years old 1:30pm - 3:30pm



Do you know anyone from the ages of 9-18 that would be interested in learning to shoot archery? We are offering a beginners archery lesson for children and teens in and around the capital region. This workshop is free to attend, but spaces are limited. You must register for the event prior to attendance.

The lesson is 2 hours long and we will cover a variety of topics including range and equipment safety, proper form, the process of shooting an arrow, and adjusting your aim for accuracy. Once the archers have learned all the basics, we will play some games to test their new skills!

If you or someone you know are interested in participating, please register by emailing brieonna.sewinsky@dec.ny.gov with youths name, age and timeslot.

Please be aware that a parent or guardian must be present for the duration of the lesson for all participants under the age of 18.



Department of
Environmental
Conservation



National Archery in the Schools Program



2025 4-H Scholars



On May 31, 2025, there was a lot of rain at the 25th Annual Golf Classic! Despite the rain, we had an amazing turnout. This year we made over \$13,000. We appreciate all our sponsors and donors. The 4-H office would like to thank our golf committee: Joanne Peck, Donna, Carol Bayer, Lisa Russell, Laura and Marlene. The 4-H office in Saratoga County is second to none. This event would not have succeeded without the help of many sponsors, donors, players, and 4-H members. We have tented for next year's tournament. We have tented for the 25th Annual Golf Classic. We are always looking for new members to join our committee. Please look for us in the future additions of the 4-H office.



Scholarship Golf Classic



Despite the rain at the 4-H Scholarship Golf Classic, an amazing 108 golfers start the day. We appreciate all the support from our volunteers and would like to send a special thanks to Donna Donnan, Mary Fairley, Jody Pitman, and Mackenzie Macey. Your commitment to the event is not to be taken for granted. We'd also like to thank the many 4-H volunteers. Without your help, the event would not be possible. Plans are already underway for our next event tentatively booked May 30th for our next year. We are always looking for new volunteers to help with our upcoming planning meetings in the months of Highlights!



4-H Horse News

Straight From The Horses Mouth

Important Dates

NYSSHA Open Horse Show(At 4-H Training Center)	July 5th
4-H Fair Entries Due to the Office.....	July 7th
Mandatory Horse Fair Meeting (only if you are showing in the 4-H Show at Fair)	July 21st
NYSSHA Open Horse Show (At 4-H Traing Center)	July 26nd
Horse Farm Tour.....	August 16th

—Saratoga County Fair Horse Updates —

Trailer in

4-H Horses ship in on Thursday morning from 7am-10am. VERY FEW stalls are available before then and are only available for special circumstances, and prior approval.

- You will need to schedule with me (Nicolina 4-H Horse program educator) when you will be shipping in!
- When you and the horse arrive at the Fair Grounds, I will need to check your Coggins and Rabies!

Not riding at fair but want to be involved?

We have the following jobs/tasks that you can volunteer in at fair. With each completed shift you will receive a coupon to the 4-H Snack Bar:

· Ring Steward (1 person per shift)

- You accompany the Judge in the ring. They will instruct you to signal the announcer as to how to instruct the class. (we will teach you the hand signals)

· Arena Crew (1-4 people per shift)

- This can be 1 person or a team. Your job is to help open and close gates, and help set the arena up for classes that may have patterns, or obstacles. You are boots on the ground, helping make the show happen!

Shifts

Thursday	Friday
9:30am– 12:00pm	9:30am– 12:00pm
12:00pm- 2:30pm	12:00pm- 2:30pm
2:30pm– 5:00pm	2:30pm– 5:00pm
	6:00pm– 8:30pm

*Shows may run over or under the above times. If they run over, you are only required to help for the time you choose. If you choose to stay longer, it is appreciated, but not necessary. The Show may also end sooner than anticipated.

To Sign up

Call the office and ask for Nicolina (518-885-8995) or email me at nvf5@cornell.edu. This sign up will also be at the Mandatory Fair Horse Meeting on July 21st.

Blue Jay Meadows Farm Drill Team

They will be coming to the Saratoga County Fair on Friday July 25th and will be doing a Demo. Come cheer them on, and ask questions, like...
“What it’s like to ride and practice on a drill team?!”

Other Horse Related things going on at the Saratoga County Fair

- Open Draft Horse Show-*Tuesday July 22nd & Wednesday July 23rd.*
- Open Gymkhana Friday Night-*July 25th* ; Open & 4-H Divisions available
 - Versatility Horse & Rider Challenge-*Saturday July 26th*
 - Open English & Western Show-*Sunday July 27th*

If you would like to ride in any of the open shows you can register in advance on the Saratoga County Fair website and register online/hard copy submitted to the fair office, or the day of the shows. 4-H youth are welcome to show in any of the above shows in 4-H or other divisions.

Registrations and payment for these shows are done through the Saratoga County Fair Office.

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 includes hard soled shoes with a heel.

NO OPEN TOED SHOES



HORSE FARM TOUR AUGUST 16th

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.

Participating farms will be announced in July!

For more info, please contact Nicolina nvf5@cornell.edu

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STEM WEEK

PRESENTED BY ROBOVINES

AUGUST 4-8 • 8AM - 12PM
SARATOGA COUNTY 4H TRAINING CENTER
AGES 8-14

\$200 PER CHILD
INCLUDES T-SHIRT AND
DAILY SNACK

Ages 8-11

- *Learn how to build LEGO SPIKE Prime robot.
- *Learn how to code robot using Scratch.
- *Complete daily programming challenges with your robot.



Ages 12-14

- *Learn to design in CAD.
- *Build the robot using metal stock parts.
- *Learn to program the robot using Java.



NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

This is a drop-off program for kids interested in STEM. It is led by youth team members of the RoBovines, an award-winning Saratoga County FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Team, and supervised by their coaches and mentors.

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.

Attention 4-H Shooting Sports Youth, Volunteers and Families! We need your help at the Saratoga County Fair!

The 4-H Archery, Air Rifle and 4-H Virtual Range are a great place to introduce the public to the amazing work that our 4-H Shooting Sports Program does. Our youth and volunteers are the best advocates of our program and work with fairgoers to provide a safe and positive experience with 4-H Shooting Sports.

Sign-Ups are now available at: <https://signup.com/go/szxMvYT>

Any youth 11 and older, parents, grandparents or any other family members are invited to help. All 4-H Shooting Sports Youth and Adult Instructors are asked to sign up for at least one shift.

With your help we'll have another successful year!



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 21st at 6pm**. Everyone should meet at the 4-H Snack Bar at the fair grounds.

Ice cream will be provided.

4-H Horses can ship into the fairgrounds Monday July 21st (the day before the fair opens), right through until Thursday morning July 25th.

You will need to schedule with me (Nicolina, 4H Horse program educator) when you will be shipping in!

When you and the Horse arrive to the Fair Grounds I will need to check your Coggins and Rabies!

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!

SAVE THE DATE

Meet the Breeds

September 6th, 2025

11am - 2pm



4-H Training Center

556 Middleline Rd Ballston Spa NY 12020



Watch for the start of the new Robotics Season!! Starting in September. Go to Robovines.org for details on how to get involved.



SARATOGA COUNTY 4-H 4-K WALKATHON

**\$30 for
Commemorative
T-Shirt**



**Raise Money!
Earn Prizes!**

**All Proceeds Benefit the 4-H Training Center!
Tie-Dye T-Shirts, Hotdogs, Games, Fun for All Ages!
Alumni Reunion!
Come see all that the 4-H Training Center has to
offer our community!**

**Saturday, September 27th
3:30 Registration, 4:30 Start**

**4-H Training Center
556 Middleline Rd, Ballston Spa**

Register Here



walk.sc4h.org



July 2025



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August 2025



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