

Niagara County Fair



Wednesday, August 5– Sunday, August 9

Important Dates to Know

Weigh In (auction lambs, pigs and goats)	May 2
Fair Entry Online System Opens to Enter Projects	June 1
Equine, Donkey, Mule Ownership Certificates Due	June 1
Animal Online Fair Entries Due (Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Sheep and Swine)	June 16
Poultry Pullorum testing	June 30
Animal Online Fair Entries Due (Rabbits, Cavy, Poultry, Dogs and Cats)	July 1
Auction: Buyer contact forms due	July 1
Online Entries for Training Center Exhibits due	July 11
Auction Meat Bird Show	July 10
Equine Online Entries Due	July 15
Workbee for all livestock youth	July 15
Equine Workbee	July 21
Non-perishable exhibits such as arts & crafts, woodworking, etc. (Judging Day 1)	July 28
Food & Nutrition Exhibits (Judging Day 2)	August 3
Horticulture Exhibits (Judging Day 2)	August 3
Fair Animals Arrive	August 4
Niagara County Fair	August 5-9
Auction: Thank you buyer cards and records due to 4-H Office	August 17
Achievement Night	October 2

Deadline Date

Other important things to note!

- All youth must have been enrolled during the enrollment period
- All enrolled youth will receive a weekly pass to the Niagara County Fair
- All youth showing an animal must have attended 5 educational species meetings in order to show at the fair

Questions about the fair, please call 716-433-8839! See extensions for specific people on page 11.

2026 Pie Auction News!

For the 2026 4-H Pie Auction at the Niagara County Fair, members must have taken a 4-H Foods Pie Class to enter in the auction. **NEW THIS YEAR!!!** The 4-H pie bakers will receive 80% profit from the pie sales and the 4-H Foods Program will receive 20% for future programming. Start asking your bidders now! The 4th annual 4-H Pie Auction will be held Wednesday August 5 at the end of the Farm-City Breakfast. The pie auction entry form will be in the next Clover Scene. Questions? Contact dsweeney7371@gmail.com or (716) 531-2386.



Circuit Stompers FIRST Team 378 Competed at Rochester Institute of Technology - Finger Lakes Regional 2026 Competition. 56 teams competed. For more information on how to join, contact Dan Sherwood at 716-807-9369

Important Reminder for Our 4-H Families

We deeply appreciate our 4-H volunteer leaders who give their time to create high-quality learning experiences for our youth. To help them keep meetings safe and productive, we need everyone's cooperation.

Recently, unsupervised younger siblings/members have caused disruptions during meetings. Please remember:

- **Parents must always supervise their children.**
- **Leaders are not responsible for managing or disciplining children.**
- **If younger siblings attend meetings, close supervision is a must! If this isn't possible, siblings should not attend.**
- **We must minimize disruptions so members can learn and participate.**

Thank you for respecting our leaders' time and helping keep our meetings running smoothly.

4-H Meeting Reminder: Leaving Early/Arriving Late

Do you sometimes have two 4-H meetings occurring on the same night with over-lapping times? When this happens, please be courteous and choose one. Leaving meetings early and/or arriving late to go to other 4-H meetings on the same night is disruptive to programming and frustrating for volunteers. Animal science leaders will not count your attendance as a meeting credit if you arrive late or leave early. If you need special accommodations, please speak to the leader prior to the meeting.

Workshops

*It is very important to **RSVP***

- Instructors need to be prepared
- Less than 5 people, class may be canceled

NO Shows are taking a spot of others and/or leave instructors with extra supplies at their expense!

Important Information:

AGE DIVISIONS Niagara County 4-H age is determined by your birth date:

- Cloverbuds are ages 5-7 (as of January 1 of the current year).
- 4-H members are ages 8-18 (as of January 1 of the current year).

Public Presentations

Public Presentations are one of the most rewarding experiences for 4-H members and leaders. The ability to effectively communicate is one of the most important life skills a young person can learn. Through the 4-H Public Presentation program, 4-H members learn to express themselves clearly, organize their ideas, present them in logical order, research subjects, and have confidence in themselves.

This year, Eighty-nine 4-H youth participated in the Niagara County 4-H Public Presentation program, from ages 5-18. Congratulations to the following 4-H members and cloverbuds:

Abigail Clapsadle

Ada Steele

Adeline Belen

Adelyn Ranney

Ainsley Johnston

Amy Smith

Anna Henry**

Asher Thompson

Aubrey Gojevic

Aurora Smith

Ava Zahno

Avery Criswell

Bailey Tang**

Benjamin Wright

Blake Lindke

Brayden Ranney

Brayden Lindke

Brielle Bloomingdale

Brooke Diamond

Brooklyn Capitumino

Cameron Capitumino

Cara Liddell

Charlie Henry

Charlotte Brucker

Charlotte Gregson

Charlotte Tinder

Christian Schroeder**

Christopher Belen**

Claudia Rodriguez

Colleen Kilroy**

Collin Liddell

Eli Rohring

Elizabeth Nicks**

Elizabeth Neadow

Emma Kinmartin

Erica Smith

Ethan Tower**

Evelyn Wittcop

Evelyn Gasiewicz

Everleigh Faddoul

Finnegan Gattie

Floyd Wright

Gabby Gilbert

Gabriel Gojevic

Gauge Herbst

Gemma Cain

George Faddoul

Gerard Cain

Grace Bedford

Haven Kinmartin

Henry Gregson

Israel Thompson

Ivy Jolbert

Jack Henry

Jackson Philpott

Jacob Kinmartin

Jake Mitri

Juliana Kuriscak

Kelsie Israel

Kolbe Cain

Laikyn Kuriscak

Landon Cappello

Luke Henry

Luke Clapsadle

Makai Martin

Mariana Martin**

Maverick Hildebrant

Michael Krupp

Norah Lowry

Olivia Hamilton

Owen Gojevic

Penelope Jolbert

P.J. Ponzi

Remington Lawson

Revella Brockman

Ricky Cappello

Robert Smith

Rose Zaepfel**

Ruby Darrow

Sadie Henry

Sarah Dabney

Shianne Barnes

Stella Conlin

Stetson Lawson

Thomas Spencer

Travis Bedford

Weston Henning

William Neadow

Zachary Belen

Zoey Dunn

** Top scoring presenters who were invited to the District Regional Public Presentation Contest, taking place March 28 at SUNY Erie (ECC).



Workshops

Cozy Bowl

Date: Monday, April 13
Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Place: Memorial Room
Ages: 8+
Cost: \$1.00
RSVP: by April 6 to Iesa 716-523-4981

Using cotton fabric, thread, and batting, make a microwaveable bowl to put a soup bowl in. All supplies will be provided. Bring sewing machine if you have one and all other sewing tools. Limited to 8 people.

Super Duo Beaded Bowl

Date: Monday, April 27
Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Place: Memorial Room
Ages: 11+
RSVP: by April 20 to Iesa at 716-523-4981

This is a fun beaded project using 2 holed beads to make a little trinket bowl. It's not difficult, just takes time. You need to bring a minimum of 16 grams each of super duo beads in 2 colors. When you sign up I will provide more information about getting beads. I will provide other beads for finishing and supplies needed. Limit of 15 people.

Embroidery

Dates: Saturdays, April 11 & 25 and May 2
Time: 11:00-1:00pm
Place: Memorial Room
Ages: 8+
Cost: \$5 for the first class only
RSVP: to Iesa at 716-523-4981.

We are just finishing up last project and any others that need finishing as well.

Entomology

Date: Wednesday, April 15
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Large Meeting Room
Ages: 5+
RSVP: Toby Mansfield, 716-597-4438,
bigwigkim@aol.com

Youth will learn about insects and how to make it into a great 4-H project! Future dates: May 20, and June 17



Beginner Pie Makers

Date: Tuesday, April 28
Time: 5:30 pm
Cost: \$10
Ages: 8 and up
Place: Large Meeting Rom
RSVP: by April 20 to dsweeney7371@gmail.com with participants first and last name and age, and title of class

In this beginner-friendly class, participants will learn how to make a classic two-crust apple pie completely from scratch. Novice bakers will learn how to peel, core and slice apples and what judges look for when entering pies in a youth fair. Participants may enter pies in the 4-H Division of the Niagara County Fair and the 2026 Niagara County 4-H Pie Auction held on August 5 at the end of the Farm-City Breakfast.

Advanced Pie Makers *with Bob Hall and Lisa Smith*

Date: Wednesday, April 29
Time: 5:30 pm
Cost: \$15
Ages: 10 and up
Prerequisite: This class is for members that have participated in at least two 4-H Foods Pie Classes
Place: Large Meeting Room
RSVP: by April 20 dsweeney7371@gmail.com with participants first name, last name, age, title of class and choice of banana or coconut pie

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED

Take your pie-making skills to the next level in this hands-on baking class. Participants will build on the fundamentals learned in previous pie classes while creating a beautiful lattice-top cherry pie and choice of a one crust banana cream or coconut cream pie. In this class, you'll practice refining your pie dough techniques, and learn how to create an eye-catching lattice design. This course is ideal for bakers who are ready to expand their skills and gain confidence with more advanced pie assembly and presentation techniques.

Participants will leave with the skills to recreate these timeless desserts at home and may enter in the Niagara County Fair 4-H Division and the 2026 Niagara County Fair 4-H Pie Auction held at the end of the Farm-City Breakfast on August 5 at the Niagara County Fair.

German Bell Ornament

Date: Monday, May 4

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Place: Memorial Room

Cost: \$5

Ages: 8+

RSVP: by April 27 to Iesa 715-523-4981

This is the make up class as the first one was canceled due to weather. This is an origami project. We will be making several, using a variety of papers. Also learn how to make a tassel.

All supplies will be provided.

Geology

Fossils

Date: Monday, April 20

Time: Cloverbuds 5-5:30, 4-H'ers 5:45-6:15

Place: Memorial room

RSVP: to Sam Biniecki at 716-957-0672

We will be discussing the formation of fossils and where to find them locally. Reminder, that if you have any rocks, minerals, or fossils that you would like help to identify please bring them with you to the meeting. We will also be discussing fair entries and putting together fair boxes.

Local Rock Types

Date: Sunday, May 17

Time: Cloverbuds 2-2:30, 4-H'ers 2:45-3:15

Place: Large meeting room

RSVP: to Sam Biniecki at 716-957-0672

We will be discussing locally found rock layers, minerals, and fossils, as well as possible entries for fair. Reminder, that if you have any rocks, minerals, or fossils that you would like help to identify please bring them with you to the meeting.

STEM with Miss Chris

Lego Challenge:

Superheroes & Monsters

Date: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 4:30pm

Place: Large Meeting Room

Ages: 5+

Cost: \$2

RSVP: Christina Wright at ckw38@cornell.edu by Friday April 3

Design a hero or a monster to protect our city!

Video Game Design

Dates: Thursdays, April 16, 23 and 30

Time: 4:30pm

Place: Memorial Room

Ages: 8+

Cost: \$5

RSVP: Christina Wright @ckw38@cornell.edu by Friday April 10

Participants will create their own video game levels inspired by Earth Day—rescuing animals, cleaning up pollution, planting virtual forests, and restoring ecosystems

Cloverbud Critterbot

Date: Wednesday, April 22

Time: 4:30pm

Place: Training Center Auditorium

Ages: 5-8

Cost: \$5

RSVP: Christina Wright @ckw38@cornell.edu by Friday April 17th

Robot builders will use their creativity and dexterity skills to build a unique vibrating robot critters that will move on it's own!

Archery Club

Date: Monday, April 27

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Ag. Ed. Building

Note: There are no regular Archery classes scheduled for April.



Junior Master Gardeners (JMG) is a hands-on youth program where kids dig into real science, grow their own plants, explore the outdoors, and build leadership skills — all while having fun. Through gardening, environmental projects, and community service, participants learn how food is grown, how ecosystems work, and how they can make a difference right in their own backyard.

Cool Crops Crew

Sunday, April 19 from 2-3pm in the Greenhouse/ JMG Beds

Participants will plant cool-season crops directly into our outdoor beds, learning how some plants thrive in early spring conditions. We'll explore cold-hardy vegetables and give our garden a strong start for the growing season.

Sign up here. <https://form.jotform.com/260825843271156>

Trellis Time!

Sunday, April 26, 2-4 pm in Greenhouse (come by any time between 2-4pm, you don't have to stay entire time).

Participants will build and design their own potted patio trellis planter while exploring fun, creative ways to support plants that like to climb. Sign up here <https://form.jotform.com/260825599630163>

Agricultural Activities

Congratulations to the 2026 Niagara County 4-H Dairy Bowl Teams that participated at Pioneer Middle School. On March 7, 63 members and 18 teams competed at the Western District 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest where members had the opportunity to test their knowledge about dairy cattle, dairy products and issues in the dairy industry.

Senior Team A - Bella Muck, Captain; Sophie Everset, Alayna Minner, Collin Minner - Coach Seth Muck - 2nd place Sr. team

Senior Team B - Adeline Atwater, Captain; Lucas Jowdy, Alex Moore, Jason Moore - Coach Brian Waters Senior - Kylie McOمبر competed on Wyoming County B team

Junior Team A - Caleb Jowdy, Captain; Jackson Philpott, Allison Niefergold (from Erie County) - Coach John Sweeney

Junior Team B - Travis Bedford, Captain; Avery Criswell, Alexis Minner - Coach Lisa Bedford

Overall top ten individuals:

Bella Muck - 1st place Sr - she will be competing at Cornell University in April

Adeline Atwater - 8th place Sr

Jackson Philpott - 9th place Jr

Dairy Cattle Meetings

Date: Wednesday, April 29

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Auditorium

Date: Saturday, May 9

Time: 10:00am

Place: Show Ring/Coliseum

Come and watch, ask questions, let's do a topline.

Looking animal science meetings?
Check the calendar in this Clover
Scene, for upcoming meetings.

Farm Safety Clinic

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 9:00am - 12:30pm

Place: Training Center

See flyer on page 9 for details.

Dairy Goats, Meat Goats & Sheep Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 21

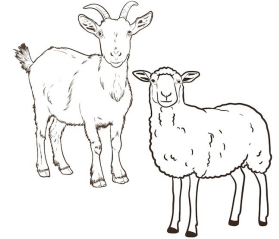
Time: 6:30pm

4-H'ers (Ages 8+)

Place: Auditorium

Cloverbuds (Ages 5-7)

Place: Memorial Room



Equine Happenings

2026 County Equine Educational Meeting: Thursday, April 23 at 7pm in the Auditorium. All meetings will be broken down into 3 knowledge levels (beginner, junior and advanced). We will cover breeds, feeds, health, tack, etc, etc. Meetings are open to anyone interested in horses and fulfill county fair requirements. More info: Cheryl Bish 716-439-4499 or ckrfarms@aol.com

2026 Regional Horse Events:

Hippology - April 25 (Erie Co.)

If you are interested in participating in any of these contests but have not been able to attend any of our county meetings, please contact Cheryl Bish

Dressage Clinic: opportunity: again this year the WNY Dressage Association has offered to do a free clinic for youth on Sat., April 18 at the Niagara Fairgrounds. Details can be found on the WNYDA Facebook page.

Clothing sale: the equine committee will be sponsoring a clothing sale starting mid-April and ending early May. Watch for more details coming soon.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to these Niagara County 4-Hers who participated in the 2026 Region 1 Horse Bowl Contest; Novice division: 4th Place team - Caitlyn Ohar 4th place individual and Samantha Mussel

Junior division: 2nd place team - Brooklyn Capitumino 3rd individual, Kelsey Israel 5th Individual and Corey Tang 6th Individual

Senior division: 1st place team - Brielle Bloomingdale 2nd individual, Anna Henry 4th individual, Bailey Tang 8th individual and Sophie Everest 9th individual.

All junior and senior members are moving on to the state contest April 18 in Ithaca



2026 NYS 4-H ANIMAL CRACKERS

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 2026

FEATURING DOG, SWINE, EQUINE, SHEEP

AGES: 8-12

COST: \$30 PER YOUTH AND CHAPERONE
LUNCH AND TSHIRTS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH REGISTRATION!

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 18TH, 2026!

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS

APRIL 22ND, 2026 (UNLESS IT FILLS BEFORE THE DEADLINE)!

**CONTACT YOUR COUNTY EDUCATOR
FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Stacey Johnston,
433-8839 ext. 243
ssh85@cornell.edu**

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://CAL.S.CORNELL.EDU/NYS-4-H-ANIMAL-SCIENCE-PROGRAMS/STATE-EVENTS/PROGRAMS/ANIMAL-CRACKERS](https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/state-events/programs/animal-crackers)



2026 NIAGARA COUNTY FARM SAFETY CLINIC

Open to 4-H & FFA Members, Farm Families, and the Public

Interactive Safety Demonstrations:

- PTO Safety
- Hydraulic & Loader Safety
- Animal Safety
- Fire Safety
- Lawnmower & General Tractor Safety

SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2026

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Breakfast & Lunch Provided by the Niagara County Legislature

Location: Niagara County Fairgrounds

4487 Lake Ave. Lockport, NY 14094

SPONSORED BY:



PRE-REGISTRATION APPRECIATED FOR LUNCH PLANNING

CONTACT: JOSHUA BIEBER (716) 628-6958

Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Activity</u>
March 29	2:00-4:00pm	GH	Junior Master Gardeners	Workshop
March 30	5:00pm or 5:45pm	MEM	Geology	Workshop
March 31	6:30pm	AUD	Sheep	Meeting
March 31	6:30pm	LMR	Sheep Cloverbuds	Meeting
April 8	4:30pm	LMR	Lego Challenge	Workshop
April 11	9:00am	TC	Farm Safety	Workshop
April 11	11:00am	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop
April 13	6:00pm	MR	Cozy Bowl	Workshop
April 13	6:00pm	LMR	Beef Cloverbuds	Meeting
April 13	7:00pm	LMR	Beef	Meeting
April 14	6:00pm	AUD	Poultry Cloverbuds	Meeting
April 14	7:00pm	AUD	Poultry	Meeting
April 15	6:00pm	LMR	Dairy Cattle Cloverbud	Meeting
April 15	6:00pm	AUD	Working Goats Cloverbud & 101	Meeting
April 15	7:00pm	MEM	Entomology	Meeting
April 15	7:15pm	AUD	Working Goats 202	Meeting
April 16	4:30pm	MEM	Video Game Design	Workshop
April 16	7:00pm	LMR	Swine	Meeting
April 19	2:00pm	GH	Junior Master Gardeners	Workshop
April 20	5:00pm	MEM	Cloverbud Geology	Workshop
April 20	5:45pm	MEM	Geology 4-H'ers	Workshop
April 21	6:30pm	AUD	Dairy, Meat Goats & Sheep (ages 8+)	Meeting
April 21	6:30pm	MEM	Dairy, Meat Goat, Sheep Cloverbuds	Meeting
April 22	4:30pm	LMR	Cloverbud Critterbot	Workshop
April 23	4:30pm	MEM	Video Game Design	Workshop
April 23	7:00pm	LMR	County Horse Meeting	Meeting
April 24	6:30pm	AEB	Rabbit & Cavy	Meeting
April 25	11:00am	MEM	Embroidery	Meeting
April 26	2:00pm	GH	Junior Master Gardener	Workshop
April 27	6:00pm	MEM	Super Duo Beaded Bowl	Workshop
April 27	6:00pm	AEB	Archery Club	Meeting
April 27	6:30pm	BR	Cat Club	Meeting
April 28	5:30pm	LMR	Beginner Pie Making	Workshop
April 29	5:30pm	LMR	Advanced Pie Making	Workshop
April 29	7:00pm	AUD	Dairy Cattle	Meeting
April 30	4:30pm	MEM	Video Game Design	Workshop
May 2	8:30am	BARNS	Livestock Weigh In (pigs, lamb, goat)	Event
May 2	11:00am	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop
May 4	6:00pm	MEM	German Bell	Workshop
May 9	10:00am	SHOW	Dairy Cattle Clipping	Meeting
May 13	4:00pm	LMR	Dairy Cattle Cloverbuds	Meeting
May 13	6:00pm	AUD	Working Goats Cloverbuds	Meeting
May 13	7:00pm	AUD	Working Goats	Meeting
May 14	6:30pm	AUD	Dairy and Meat Goats	Meeting
May 17	2:00pm	LMR	Cloverbud Geology	Workshop
May 17	2:45pm	LMR	Geology 4-H'ers	Workshop
May 18	6:00pm	BR	Cats	Meeting
May 19	6:00pm	AUD	Poultry Cloverbuds	Meeting
May 19	7:00pm	AUD	Poultry	Meeting
May 20	6:30pm	LMR	Entomology	Meeting
May 21	6:00pm	SHOW	Working Goats	Obstacles
May 22	6:30pm	AEB	Rabbit & Cavy	Meeting

Room Key

Administration Building-BR (Board Room), ADMIN (Administration Building), MEM (Memorial Room)

Training Center- TC (Training Center), AUD (Auditorium), LMR (Large Meeting Room)

Out Buildings- SHOW (Showring), BARN (Animal Species Barn), MB (Merchants Building), GH (Greenhouse), AEB–Agricultural Education Building, TBA– To Be Announced

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