

## BASKET RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

CCE Niagara is hosting a Basket Raffle Fundraiser, in conjunction with Niagara Art Trail 2026 Spring into Summer Artists, Craftsmen, & Vendor Fair at the Niagara County Fairgrounds. Saturday & Sunday, May 2-3. The basket raffle will be set up in the 4-H Training Center. All basket raffle proceeds will go directly to CCE Niagara and 4-H Programming. Shifts are in 2-hour increments, and you can sign up for as many as you'd like.

We're looking for help with:

- Setting up
- Selling raffle tickets
- Directing traffic
- General event help  
(floating where needed)

Please consider volunteering,  
ages 18 and up:

Friday, May 1 (Setup): 4-6pm

Saturday, May 2: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 3: 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Please use the sign-up link below to  
choose a volunteer time slot:

<https://form.jotform.com/260916009834055>

We are also welcoming donated gift  
baskets and gift certificates, which can  
be dropped off to CCE Niagara's Admin.  
Building any time before or on May 1.  
Questions about the basket raffle –  
[kgj22@cornell.edu](mailto:kgj22@cornell.edu) (Katie Jastrzab)

## Niagara Art Trail's 2026 Spring into Summer Artists, Craftsmen & Vendor Fair

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Cornell Cooperative Extension**

(Niagara County Fairgrounds)

4487 Lake Ave, Lockport, NY 14094

Admission - \$3 Per Person at the Door

(17 and under admitted free. Must be accompanied by an Adult)

Attendees will be given a wristband to allow for re-entry on both days.

Basket Raffle proceeds to benefit Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County.

Niagara County Master Gardener Plant Sale - Same Days & Hours

Bigger & Better Each Year! In addition to our usual line-up of Vendors,

The Niagara Art Trail is expanding to include Garden Related Goods & Services.

For more info, contact the Niagara Art Trail at: [info@NiagaraArtTrail.com](mailto:info@NiagaraArtTrail.com) or 716.609.0433.



**Weekend Before Mothers Day Weekend  
Booths Still Available**



4-H's &  
Volunteers  
In  
Action!



# Niagara County Fair

Wednesday, August 5– Sunday, August 9

## Important Dates to Know

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

## Deadline Date

May 2  
June 1  
June 1  
June 16  
June 30  
July 1  
July 1  
July 11  
July 10  
July 15  
July 15  
July 21  
July 28  
August 3  
August 3  
August 4  
August 5-9  
August 17  
October 2

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 Fair Premium Book

The premium book is available online <https://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/forms/fair-forms-entries>

Do NOT use any old premium books as it has changed.



## *Achievement Night 2026* *Friday, October 2 @* *6:30pm*

Achievement Night is a fun filled evening as 4-H'ers are recognized for the work that they have done in the current 4-H year. 4-H'ers receiving recognition will receive a letter in the mail approximately 1-2 weeks prior to the event.

All 4-H'ers are invited to come and celebrate at the 4-H Training Center for this annual celebration!

### *Reminder About 4-H Age:*

**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).



# Workshops

## 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

### 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 Bininecki 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.

## Embroidery

Dates: Saturday, 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, May 20  
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! Next date, June 17

## Archery Open Shoot

### Intermediate & Advanced Only

Must have participated in 4-H archery prior to attending this class.

Friday, May 15 at 6:00pm, Ag. Ed. Building  
Cost: \$2

RSVP: By May 13th to Sheridan Auge,  
sheridanauge@gmail.com or 716-560-3196

## Archery Club

Date: Friday, May 29  
Time: 6:00pm

Place: Agricultural Education Building  
RSVP: By May 20th to Sheridan Auge,  
sheridanauge@gmail.com or 716-560-3196.

*Archery Club members must have taken at least one 4-H archery session to join this Club.*



## Junior Master Gardeners: Garden Passport ~ Grow Around the World

Sunday, May 17 at 3:30 PM in the Greenhouse \*\*MUST RSVP, NO walk-ins without signing up ahead\*\*

For May, Junior Master Gardeners will be checking on our cool-season crops to see what's ready for harvest, while also planting additional crops in our garden beds. This season, the beds will follow regionally inspired food themes to help youth connect gardening with cultures around the world:

- **Mediterranean Garden (Southern Europe)** – Inspired by countries like Italy and Greece, featuring tomatoes, basil, oregano, parsley, thyme, eggplant, zucchini, and sweet peppers. Flowers like marigolds and nasturtiums will be incorporated for pollinator support and companion planting.
- **Latin American Garden** – A salsa-style garden with tomatoes, hot and sweet peppers, cilantro, onions, tomatillos, and garlic. Sunflowers and zinnias will be added to attract pollinators and bring color to the space.
- **Middle Eastern & North African Garden** – Featuring cucumbers, parsley, dill, mint, radishes, and leafy greens like arugula and spinach. Calendula and borage will be included for beneficial insects and added visual interest.
- **East Asian Garden** – Including bok choy, napa cabbage, scallions, snap peas, radishes, and Asian greens, along with herbs like garlic chives. Edible flowers and companions such as chrysanthemums and nasturtiums will be added where appropriate.

These themed beds will give youth a hands-on way to explore how food, culture, and agriculture connect, while continuing to build their gardening skills throughout the season.

### Registration Link

<https://form.jotform.com/261044342958156>

# Agricultural Activities

## Mandatory Livestock Weigh-In

Auction Members: Lambs, Goats, Hogs

Date: Saturday, May 2

Time: 8:30 - 10:30am

Place: Livestock Building, front of swine/sheep barn

NEW! Livestock trailers please enter at Gate #1 or 2 (to the North) and exit Gate #5 (due to a large event going on at the fairgrounds this day) \*\*Gate #4 (training center) is for the Vendor & Craft Fair traffic only\*\*

**Bring your COMPLETED auction entry paperwork that you received at the auction meeting.**

Looking for animal science meetings?  
Check the calendar in this Clover Scene on page 9, for upcoming meetings.

## 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.

## New York State Vet Virtual Meetings

Who: All 4-H animal science members & volunteers are welcome

Dates: Tuesday May 19 or Wednesday May 20

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Virtually (Microsoft Teams)

Topic: Fair Animal Health Requirements & Changes for 2026

Pre-Registration: None needed

Meeting Host: New York State Veterinarian, Dr. Allen Fournier DVM

Details: Two dates offered, both meetings are the same.

Does this count as an animal species meeting credit? Up to your leader.

Is this mandatory to attend? No.

May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting link, join here: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/249896846057992?p=PmMWQnZrmzW7yERXoE>

Meeting ID: 249 896 846 057 992

Passcode: Su9a4qe2

May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting link, join here: : <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/261449368658677?p=a4XhYzvRAUCllMvE2W>

Meeting ID: 261 449 368 658 677

Passcode: wW2qb3vC

## Livestock Auction Rule Reminder

Implemented for Niagara County Fair & Livestock Auction. Each 4-H member will be capped as to how many species they can auction off, based on the following:

- ◆ First year as regular 4-H member- (clover bud years not included) 1 species maximum in auction
- ◆ Juniors - 3 species maximum in auction (but not first year members)\*\*see below\*\*
- ◆ Seniors - 4 species maximum in auction

\*\*First year 4-H member could be considered a beginner or junior, depending on how old they are when they join 4-H for the first time.

\*\*See Fair Premium Book for more info\*\*



## Equine Happenings!

**Equine Ownership/Lease Form:** If you are showing a horse at county fair it must be owned or leased by the exhibitor or a family member by June 1, 2025. Forms are available on the CCE website under the Equine Program or at any county horse show. If you have previously turned in a form for your current horse, you do not need to submit new paperwork.

**Equine Showmanship Clinic** - Thursday, June 18, 7 PM in the Indoor Arena. You do not need to bring your horse, we will have both large and miniature horses there for you to practice with. This counts as an equine educational meeting to show at fair.

**Equine 5-Star test make-up:** If you were unable to complete a 5-Star test in March, but would like to take one, no matter what level, please contact me to make arrangements.  
Cheryl Bish 716-439-4499 or ckrfarms@aol.com.

**Equine Coggins test and Rabies vaccination certificates** are required for all horses being exhibited in 4-H classes at the fair. Please have copies of them emailed or handed into Cheryl Bish by July 10 (fair entry deadline). I have to show them to the NYS Veterinarian or you can not show. If your coggins from last year is still good, I kept copies and you only need to send me a rabies certificate. Coggins must be dated 2025 or 2026, Rabies dated between Aug. 1, 2025 and July 10, 2026.

**Equine Fair Workbee:** save the date of Tuesday, July 21 starting at 6:30 PM.

**Horse Camp 2026:** June 28- July 2 - registration form on CCE website

**Miniature Horse Camp 2026:** July 13 - 17 - registration form on CCE website

**Model Horse Show** - Save the date: Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026 details to follow.

If you have questions or need more information on any 4-H Equine event, contact: Cheryl Bish (716)439-4499 or ckrfarms@aol.com



## State Horse Bowl

(With Coach Ashley Randall)



CONGRATULATIONS to our Niagara County 4-H horse girls that participated in the NYS 4-H Horse Bowl Contest at Cornell University. Junior Team members: Brooklyn Capitumino, Kelsie Israel and Corey Tang. Kelsie placed 8th high individual and Corey was 9th.

Senior Team: Brielle Bloomingdale, Bailey Tang, Anna Henry and Sophie Everest. 1st Place Senior Team (undefeated) - Brielle 1st place Individual and Bailey 2nd place Individual. Brielle and Bailey are qualified to go the Eastern Nationals in Kentucky in November.



## Regional Horse Bowl

# Wake up Spring!

at Lytle Nature Preserve May 1st, 4-7pm!  
6637 Canal Rd. Lockport, NY

Dress up as your favorite mythical creature  
and help us wake up spring!

Free activities,  
refreshments,  
guided hikes,  
and more!

Shop local produce  
at the Veggie Van!



Sign up for our Storytime Hike!





## We're Hiring: Milk Bar Managers at the Niagara County Fair

Do you love the Niagara County Fair and have experience with food service or working with youth?

Looking for preferably a team of 2 people, responsible for management of the Milk Bar before & during the Fair.

Selling Hotdogs, Hamburgers, French Fries, Milkshakes, Ice cream, drinks, and possible miscellaneous item(s); Overseeing daily Milk bar operations including food prep, health & safety standards, and volunteers.

Hours of Operation: Wednesday- Saturday 11:00am-9:00pm; Sunday, 11:00am-5:00pm

Manager Hours: Tuesday before Fair opens - set up, approximately 4-8 hours;

Wednesday- Saturday, 10:30am-9:30pm; and

Sunday, 10:30am-until cleaned up

If interested, please email Amanda Henning at [app27@cornell.edu](mailto:app27@cornell.edu)

<https://cceniagaracounty.org/about-us/jobs>



## Public Presentations

Congratulations to the following 4-H members who presented at the Western District Public Presentation Competition 2026 at SUNY Erie (ECC):

Rose Zaepfel, Christian Schroeder, Colleen Kilroy, Christopher Belen, Elizabeth Nicks, Bailey Tang, Ethan Tower & Corey Tang.



## 2026 Annual 4-H Pie Auction

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 & rules can be found online here:

<https://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/forms/all-forms-related-to-fair>

Questions? Contact [dsweeney7371@gmail.com](mailto:dsweeney7371@gmail.com) or (716) 531-2386.

# Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Activity</u>
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	6:00pm	AEB	Working Goat Cookout & Hike	MUST RSVP
April 29	7:00pm	AUD	Dairy Cattle	Meeting
April 30	4:30pm	MEM	Video Game Design	Workshop
May 1	4-7pm	OFF SITE	Lytle Nature Preserve	Event
May 2	10am-5pm	TC	Basket Raffle	Event
May 2	8:30-10:30am	BARNS	Livestock Weigh In (pigs, lamb, goat)	Event
May 2	11:00am	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop
May 3	10am-3pm	TC	Basket Raffle	Event
May 4	6:00pm	MEM	German Bell	Workshop
May 9	10:00am	SHOW	Dairy Cattle Clipping	Meeting
May 13	6:00pm	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 14	4:30pm	LMR	Lego Challenge	MUST RSVP
May 15	6:00pm	AEB	Archery Open Shoot	MUST RSVP
May 17	2:00pm	LMR	Cloverbud Geology	Workshop
May 17	2:45pm	LMR	Geology 4-H'ers	Workshop
May 17	3:30pm	GH	Junior Master Gardeners	Workshop
May 18	6:00pm	BR	Cats	Meeting
May 18	6:30pm	AEB	Beef Cattle Cloverbuds	Meeting
May 19	6:00pm	AUD	Poultry Cloverbuds	Meeting
May 19	6:30pm	LMR	Beef Cattle	Meeting
May 19	7:00pm	AUD	Poultry	Meeting
May 20	6:00pm	SHOW	Swine	Showmanship
May 20	6:30pm	LMR	Entomology	Meeting
May 21	6:30pm	SHOW	Working Goats	Obstacles
May 22	6:30pm	AEB	Rabbit & Cavy	Meeting
May 25	HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!		OFFICE IS CLOSED	Holiday
May 29	6:00pm	AEB	Archery Club	MUST RSVP
June 2	6:30pm	LMR	Sheep Cloverbuds	Meeting
June 2	7:00pm	AUD	Sheep (Ages 8+)	Meeting
June 5	5:00-8:00pm	MB	Rabbit/Cavy—set up for show & basket raffle	
June 6	10:00am	MB	Rabbit & Cavy Show	Event
June 10	6:00pm	LMR	Dairy Cattle Cloverbuds	Meeting
June 10	6:30pm	AUD	Dairy and Meat Goats	Meeting
June 11	6:30pm	AUD	Working Goats	Meeting
June 12	6:30pm	AEB	Rabbit & Cavy	Meeting
June 15	6:30pm	BR	Cat Club	Meeting
June 17	6:00pm	LMR	Poultry Cloverbuds	Meeting
June 17	7:00pm	MEM	Entomology	Meeting
June 17	7:00pm	LMR	Poultry	Meeting
June 20	6:00pm	SHOW	Working Goats	Showmanship
June 23	6:00pm	SHOW	Working Goats	Obstacles
June 30	3:00pm-6:00pm	Barn	Poultry Pullorum Testing	Clinic 9

## 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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