

Clover Scene

Niagara County 4-H Summer Newsletter
July & August 2026



4-H Standards of Recognition

Niagara County 4-H Standards of Recognition are designed to encourage growth over time. Beginning this year, 2026, members may earn each recognition level only one time. If you participated in standards of recognition last year, which ever level you achieved & award you received at 2025 Achievement Night, you will not be eligible to apply for that same award level in 2026. Once a member has earned a level, they will work toward the next level in future years. However, you do not have to achieve the different levels of standards of recognition in any order - just each award level one time per member (4 levels total). But for encouragement of growth, going in order may be best for some! *(The 4-H office will not reference your 2024 awarded level or years prior)*

This change helps ensure that each award represents a new milestone in a member's 4-H journey and encourages youth to try new experiences, build new skills, and continue growing in project work, leadership, service, and participation, while still continuing to practice their record keeping skills throughout their 4-H year.

Once you have achieved all 4 award levels, you have then completed all Standards of Recognition (Learn by doing, making the best better, heart of 4-H, and grow a true leader) and you will not be eligible to apply again in future.

After achieving all 4 levels, we encourage members to participate in the junior leadership project, which can be done annually, no prior standards of recognition needed. A Junior Leader is a 4-H member ages 13–19 who demonstrates an interest in developing leadership qualities and is willing to set goals and plan for growth and achievement.

The above rules will not apply to cloverbuds. Cloverbuds can apply and participate annually for any level, and may repeat levels (head, heart, hands, health) during their time as a Cloverbud.

Print off the application online or pick up a paper copy at the office. Complete the forms and turn in by August 19, 2026. Recognition will be given at the October 2nd Achievement Night.

<https://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/forms/standards-of-recognition-year-end-awards>

Can't remember which award level you achieved in 2025? See the above webpage for a list.



4-H Dairy Cattle Members presented at the Heritage Manor in June, for National Dairy Month!

Agricultural Activities & Offerings

Livestock Auction Participants:

- ◆ Buyer/Bidder Contact forms and Senior Biographies are due by **July 1** to ssh85@cornell.edu or drop off to the 4-H Office. Forms can be found here:
- ◆ <https://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/4-h-livestock-auction>
- ◆ Senior biographies are only for auction participants who are currently in their last year of 4-H
- ◆ Mandatory auction weigh-in for meat goats, lambs, steers, and pigs, will be Tuesday 8/4, starting at 6pm

Animal Science Workbee

Date: Wednesday, July 15

Time: 6:00pm until done

Place: Barns

Come help clean up the barns for the Niagara County Fair and set up your areas! This is mandatory for any youth exhibiting an animal at fair.

If you cannot make it to this workbee, please contact your key leader(s) first, for make-up options. If leaders do not have make-up options, please contact Heidi Feltz. We have a long list of options you can help us with around the grounds for fair preparations! hmk3@cornell.edu

Stop and see Heidi in the show ring during workbee, to pick up fair passes and other last minute details, including exit routes for animals, etc. There will be an animal exhibitor packet handed out.

Fair Animal Drop Off Times & Vet Check ~ Tuesday, August 4

Swine, Poultry, Rabbits & Cavy ~ arrive between 8am-12pm.

Beef Cattle Animals Arrive – Encouraged by Kathie to please come between 10am-2pm.

Dairy Cattle Animals Arrive – Encouraged by Matthew to please come between 4-6pm.

Goats & Sheep – Arrive any time between 8am-6pm unless otherwise specified by your leader.

Equine arrives on respective show dates – See Cheryl with questions.

Do not unload animals off trailer until checked by the NYS vet or NYS vet techs – exception: Poultry, Rabbits, Cavy - can unload any time and place in cages without a vet check.

NYS vets & vet techs do NOT want to handle your animal during the vet check for bio-security reasons. 4-H member or family member will need to show and present animal to vet, show mouth/inside lips, ears, etc. as requested/directed by vet.

Shower Trailer At Fair

Who: 4-H Animal Science Members & Their Immediate Families

When: August 5-9

Hours: To be announced

Where: In between Ag. Ed. Building and coliseum

4-H Families:

Please keep it clean and be respectful. Broken or damaged property in the showers, will result in NO showers at the fair provided in the future. Last year, people or kids shoved paper towels in the toilets. This is a privilege we would like to continue to pay for and give to our 4-H families. It is not open to the general public. If you see something, say something! Report issues, concerns, or suspicious activity to key leaders or 4-H staff immediately. If showers are abused this year, they will be locked for the remainder of the fair. Thank you for your help with this matter.

2026 Fair Theme

“4-H Proud, American Made”

In celebration of America's 250th anniversary (often called the Semi-quincentennial) of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which first established the United States as an independent nation on July 4, 1776....

4-H members are encouraged to follow the theme by decorating your barn, stall, cage, pen, animal area, etc. at fair. Prizes will be awarded at fair's closing ceremony, to individual 4-H members & families. This is optional!

4-H Auction Scholarship

Due Date: Due to 4-H office at or by workbee (July 15)

Application: Go to our website and print a copy or stop by the office and pick one up.

<https://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/4-h-livestock-auction>

Who: Applicant must be enrolled in a post-secondary program at a college or university, technical school, military service, or trade school, and have participated in Niagara Co. 4-H livestock auction for 2 consecutive years or a minimum of three years non-consecutive.

****NEW in 2026** – 4-H members currently employed in the work force may apply for scholarship funds to put towards tools or other equipment for their job.



Animal exit routes, trailer parking during fair & other last minute fair info will be shared in Tuesday Tidbits and Niagara County 4-H Facebook page. We are still working out some details that we will finalize and share with you by the July 15th workbee.





Equine

Equine Coggins test and Rabies vaccination. Your coggins must be dated 2025 or 2026. Your horse's rabies vaccination must have been given between Aug. 1, 2025 and July 15, 2026. All new coggins test papers and proof of vaccination must be submitted to me by July 15. Email copies to CKRFARMS@aol.com. I have to meet with the State Veterinarian and show these two weeks before fair. If I do not have them, your fair entry will not be accepted.

Pre-Fair workbee for equine members: Tuesday, July 21, starting at 6:30 PM. Please bring paint brushes, paint buckets, shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, etc. ready to work. You must do pre-fair work in order to be eligible to show at fair.

Equine BARN DUTY during fair: each equine exhibitor is required to perform a minimum of 2 hours of barn duty in the equine area during the fair. Sign-up will be available before (at the work-bee or an online calendar) or during fair. Options include, but not limited to helping with the stick pony activity, helping in the horse show office, making sure that the barns and surrounding area are neat and tidy, plus more. You do not have to do both hours at one time, you may break it up. If you do not complete the 2 hours, you will not be able to receive your herdsman award.

Region 1 Horse Show: July 10, 11, 12. Open to ANY NYS 4-H member. Pre-enter or enter day of show. Email ckrfarms@aol.com for a class list and entry form. County Fair entry deadline is July 15. Please be sure to enter all possible classes, you may always scratch, but not add.

Miniature Horse Inter-County Horse Show: Sept. 27 & 28

Big Horse Inter-county Horse Show: Oct. 11 & 12

Entry forms are on the CCE website:

<https://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/4-h-programs/4-h-equine-program>

4-H Royalty

The mission is to select two individuals who best represent the Niagara County 4-H Program, as role models and spokespeople at community events and fairs. 4-H Royalty should be well spoken and carry himself/herself with poise, respect, and a sense of self-worth. They should be a leader who shows initiative and a sense of pride and commitment to promote and represent The Niagara County 4-H Program. Ages 14-18 (as of Jan. 1, 2026) may apply. Royalty will be crowned at the Fair Closing Ceremony. Complete the following steps to apply:

1. Complete Form A and return to the office by **July 1**
2. Be interviewed on Workbee night, July 15 (you will be contacted to set up a time)
3. Receive Form B at the Royalty Interview (or print a copy from online)
4. Complete Form B and return by Saturday, **August 8** by 9:00pm to the 4-H Office.



Form A & Form B can be found online here: [Cornell Cooperative Extension | Fair Forms & Entries.](#)



2026 Niagara County Fair

Wednesday, August 5 - Sunday, August 9

Important Dates to Know

Deadline Date

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
Auction Meat Bird Processing	July 11
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

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

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.

Training Center Exhibits: Fair Entry Help

Anyone exhibiting projects at the Niagara County Fair 4-H Training Center, who need assistance with Fair Entry online should call the 4-H Office at 433-8839:
 Heidi x241, Chris x232

See instructions on page 9.



Training Center Exhibit Entry Dates

Tuesday, July 28 All non perishable exhibits including but not limited to....

4:00-7:30pm, Training Center

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| • Home Environment | * Arts & Crafts |
| • Woodworking | * Photography |
| • STEM | * Fine Arts |
| • Electrical | * Communication & Expressive Arts |
| • Conservation | * Textiles & Clothing |
| • Entomology | |

Monday, August 3

4:00 —6:30pm

Large Meeting Room

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| • Foods | • Vegetable |
| • Adult Exhibits | • Fruits • Flowers |

Auditorium

Fair Admission Passes

Free 4-H admission to the 2026 Niagara County Fair will be in the form of a weekly entry pass, which can be picked up on **Wednesday, July 15** at Workbee, by show ring announcer's booth, or weekdays, **Monday-Friday (July 16-31)** at the CCE office, during office hours. Weekly passes will NOT be ready to pick up prior to July 15.

Weekly Admission Passes will only be distributed to **ENROLLED** youth members and enrolled/approved, actively volunteering adults. One extra weekly pass per family, will be given to each animal science member for a parent/guardian. You are welcome to purchase additional fair passes.

- CCE Office hours are M-TH, 8:00am - 4:30pm and Fridays 8:00am -4:00pm. (Office hours will be extended during fair week)
- If you have friends or family who come to fair at least 3 days or more during fair week, we recommend you to purchase the weekly fair pass from the office for \$30 during pre-sale. Admission fees go directly back to CCE Niagara & 4-H to help improve the fair and grounds, and we appreciate your support!
- Pre-sale tickets will be available for purchase at the CCE office, in person only. (No online pre-sale offerings this year, but if that changes we will update everyone). Pre-sale tickets will be available starting July 15.

Category	2026
Parking	Free
Kids (6 and under)	Free
Daily	\$10 pre-sale, \$12 General
Weekly	\$30 pre-sale, \$35 General
Sunday:	
Individual	\$7 (Sunday only)
Carload	\$20 (Sunday only)
Veterans & First Responders	Free (Sunday only)



Paul Bunyan Contest

Saturday August 8 at 6:00pm in Show Ring

The Paul Bunyan Contest needs participants and volunteers to help set up and work the events.

Cash prizes are given to the winners of the Nail Driving, Wood Toss, Wood Stacking, and Wood Sawing contests. This is open to the public, so bring your friends. Adults are needed to assist with event organization. The age categories are from 5-7, 8-13, 14-19, and 20 and over.

If competing is not your thing, sit in the bleachers and cheer on the participants. Jamie and Nate Jackson are running the contest again and welcome cash donations for the prizes and volunteers to make the event successful. Contact them at: jprzybyl104@gmail.com

The 4th Annual Niagara County Fair 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 5th at the end of the Farm-City Breakfast.

The pie auction entry form & rules can be found online, and registration forms are due to CCE office by **July 22**.

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





Volunteer Opportunities

Milk Bar

We have a new Milk Bar manager! We invite all leaders, individuals and clubs to work in the Milk Bar for at least a 2 hour shift! Ideally, no more than 10 people per 2-hour shift for efficiency and space.

This year we will be selling a full menu with items hot off the grill and fryer, serving ice cream products, ice cold drinks, and pies!

It takes many volunteers to run the Milk Bar, as it is a major undertaking & 4-H Fundraiser. To learn more and to sign up, see pages 10 & 11. For Milk Bar Training, see page 8. Milk Bar questions—Shea Masse—sem347@cornell.edu

Book Barn

Volunteers (youth and adults) are needed to work the Book Barn. The set up is Monday July 20 and Tuesday July 21, 10:00-12:00pm at the Book Barn. If unable to meet on those days and want to still help, contact Debi Sweeney.

During fair, 2-3 hour shifts are available: 11:00-1:00, 1:00-3:00, 3:00-5:00, and 5:00-8:00pm. (Except no 5-8pm on Sunday).

The pack-up and close the barn day is Tuesday August 11, from 10:00am-1:00 pm.

Books may be donated and there is a free-will donation for books taken out. The cash donation supports Niagara County 4-H Club Sponsors, Inc. for scholarships, and other prizes and awards for 4-H youth. Sign up with Debi Sweeney at dsweeney7371@gmail.com.

Training Center Greeter

Looking for youth interested in being a Training Center Greeter during the fair. Youth 12 and under should be accompanied by a parent and youth, 13+ bring a friend. There will be a table in the hallway for our greeters to sit to welcome fair go'ers as well as answer any questions about 4-H. If you are interested or want more information go to Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD49AFAF2BA0F5C70-64616963-training>

Or contact Stacey Johnston if you would like a time slot that is not listed. ssh85@cornell.edu

Grace Herr Award

The Grace Herr award is presented during the Closing Ceremony of the Niagara County Fair each year to honor an adult who has given outstanding time and talent to the current Fair. This recognition is symbolic of collective hours that many adults give to the 4-H Program. During Fair, stop by the 4-H office in the Administration Building and nominate the adult you think is most deserving of this award. 4-H members and adult leaders are eligible to nominate. A person only needs to be nominated once. The awards committee will select the recipient on Sunday morning.

*Pictured Below—Working Goats:
Practicing Pack Line & Obstacles!*



STEAM EVENTS

Bucket of Junk Challenge at Fair: Build it in 3D!

Get ready for a fun-filled, hands-on adventure that brings Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math to life!

Challenge:

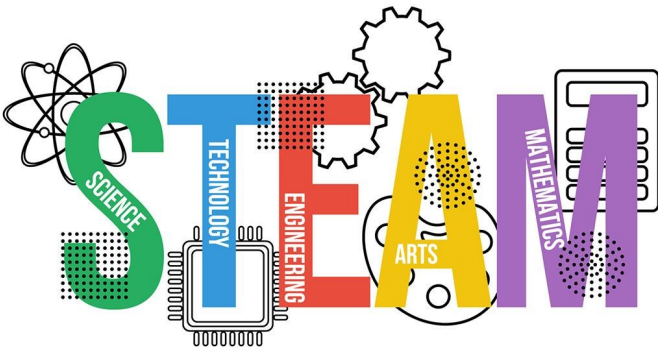
Each family (must include at least 1 youth) or Individual (ages 16 and up) will receive a mystery bucket filled with an assortment of materials. Your mission? Work to design and build a **3-D structure** using only the items in your bucket! Think creatively and let your imagination soar. Your masterpiece will be displayed for the entirety of fair.

Prizes awarded! No experience needed—just curiosity and teamwork!

Details:

Pick up buckets:	Wednesday July 1
Time:	8:30am-until gone (but no later than 4:30pm)
Place:	4-H Administration Building
Drop off 3-D structure:	Tuesday, August 4
Drop off time:	3pm-6pm
Drop off Place:	Training Center, Large Meeting Room
Questions:	Contact Christina Wright, ckw38@cornell.edu

No RSVP necessary. No pre-registration required. First come, first serve, on July 1 only. If buckets are still left over by 4:30pm on July 1, we will post on Facebook and allow bucket pick-up to continue on July 2 or until gone. Only have 20 buckets total to give out.



Friday, August 7, 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Niagara County Fair's 2nd Annual

4-H STEAM Day! Come to the 4-H Tent, next to the Admin. Building. Take part in hands-on activities brought to you from our local STEAM community.

Lego Build Challenge at the Fair

Date: Wednesday, August 5

Time: 4:30pm

Place: 4-H Training Center Stage

Ages: 5+

RSVP: to Chris Wright, ckw38@cornell.edu. Space will be limited!

Join the fun at the 2026 LEGO Fair Challenge! Are you ready to build, create, and compete?

Come show off your imagination and engineering skills at our LEGO Building Challenge — themed around the magic of the fair! Bring your best ideas and let's build a fair to remember — brick by brick!



Milk Bar Training

Niagara County Fair

Dates: Wednesday, August 5th
Thursday, August 6th

Time: 10:00am

Place: Milk Bar

RSVP: Shea Masse, sem347@cornell.edu

This year we have a new Milk Bar manager, so if you are a youth or adult planning on working in the Milk Bar during the fair and you would like to be trained in making milk shakes, the ice cream line or as a runner, please sign up to come in one morning to learn. The Milk Bar can be a fast paced environment which can make learning on the job difficult! Please sign up with Shea!



Danish Judging System

You may have heard educators or leaders speak of the “Danish System” of judging, and now that County and State Fairs are almost upon us, perhaps you would like to know what it means. All 4-H judging in the county is done on the Danish System. Under this system each exhibit be it a painting, a flower, or a cow is compared to the ideal for that category. Exhibits receive an Excellent (blue), Good (red), or Worthy (white) ribbon as compared to the ideal; considering age, number of years in the project, and skill level. In a class of 15 items there may be 6 blues, 5 reds, and 4 whites as the judge sees fit. Or there might be any other combination since each exhibit is compared to the ideal rather than to other exhibits.

Barnyard Play Area

The Barnyard Play Area will be located in the Large Meeting Room during the fair and will be open daily between 12noon until 5pm. Children can pretend



play, build with magnetic tiles, and decompress as their parents take a breather and cool off. While this area is self-guided, fair staff are on hand to maintain the peace, but please do not leave children unattended. Also, please clean up after you have finished in the play area!

Farm City Breakfast

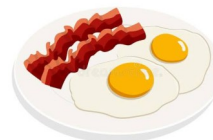
Niagara County Fair

Date: Wednesday, August 5th

Time: 8:00am

Place: Tent next to the Milk Bar

Cost: \$10.00 each, pre-sale will be available at the CCE Office by mid-July, or day-of at the breakfast



Menu: Eggs, Sausage, Diced Potatoes, Cinnamon Rolls & Beverages

4-H Pie Auction to immediately follow the breakfast.



How To Enter Exhibits/Animals For Fair

You must register all your exhibits/animals BEFORE coming to the training center/fair on any judging day. Use this link: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23195> **There are NO paper fair entry forms** Online only.

Tips and important info about Fair Entry:

- To register your children for fair classes using the Fair entry link above, you need a password and email address. **The email to sign on is your family email where you receive Tuesday Tidbits.** (Returning users—The password is what you used last year for Fair entry). If you aren't sure which family email to use, call the office and we can tell you which email is linked to your fair entry account.
- *(4-H online is our enrollment system, which the office still uses even though we only accepted paper enrollment forms. 4-H Online & Fair Entry systems are linked).*
- If you have forgotten your password or are new to 4-H please go to—<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23195>
The webpage will ask: How would you like to participate? Click “As an Exhibitor.”
- Sign on OR if you don't know your password, then click “Go to 4-H online to reset your password”
- Reset your password. After you reset your password, do not go further and do not sign into 4-H online. Go back to Fair Entry website.
- Call the 4-H office to make an appointment with us for one on one help! If you are unable to sign on or having trouble, **DO NOT CREATE a new account or new family email. Do not try to enroll or re-enroll children if you can't get signed onto Fair Entry.** Contact Heidi or Chris, see contact information below.
- Registration Deadlines—See pg. 5 in this clover scene. (Please do NOT wait until due date to begin your online entries in case you have questions or problems getting on fair entry). Fair Entry sections will be locked out online and unavailable after their due dates:
- Use the 2026 Premium book as your guide. <https://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/forms/fair>
- Easiest to use a desktop computer, laptop, or tablet – DO NOT USE A CELL PHONE to enter exhibits.
- **Cloverbuds** (Must be age 5, 6, or 7, years old by January 1 of the current 4-H year). On Fair Entry website: Cloverbuds only need to make ONE entry total per child, which then will ask a series of questions to collect all the info 4-H office & leaders need from them (including animals, foods, crafts, etc.) Cloverbuds are allowed to enter one showmanship class per animal species. For training center exhibits: Cloverbuds will be allowed 10 exhibits in each division (Divisions are Nonperishable exhibits, Food and Nutrition, Horticulture) but can only select three to have judged in each division on Judging day. All 10 projects per division will be displayed and receive green participation ribbons. Cloverbuds are noncompetitive per 4-H positive youth development recommendations.

Do you need help with entries? 716-433-8839, Heidi ext. 241, hmk3@cornell.edu | Chris ext. 232, ckw38@cornell.edu

Arrival & Judging Dates:

- July 28— All Training Center Exhibits except for Foods and Horticulture exhibits, 4:00-7:30pm
- August 3 – Food and Nutrition Exhibits & Adult Exhibits, 4:00-6:30pm
Horticulture Exhibits & Adult Exhibits, 4:00-6:30pm
- August 4 – Animal Exhibits arrive on grounds, 8am – 6pm (animals must be in place by 6pm)

Adult Exhibits

If you are a Niagara County resident, twenty-one years or older, you can exhibit at the Niagara County Fair. Any class from the 4-H Youth Premium Book may be entered such as arts & crafts, horticulture, electrical, clothing and textiles, photography and baked goods, to name a few. The same exhibit rules apply to adults as youth.

To enter Adult Exhibits: Bring to Auditorium in the 4-H Training Center on **Monday, August 3**, between 4:00-6:30pm. All entries will need an exhibit card with it. Adult Entry cards and premium book will be available on Monday by stopping in the CCE Office any time. Judging will be done by 4-H teen members throughout fair week, based on their knowledge of the subject and the quality of their own exhibits entered in the same category. Exhibits can be picked up on Sunday, August 9 after 5:00pm or on Monday, August 10 from 9:00am-4:30pm. Questions, call Christina Wright, 716-433-8839 x232.

MILK BAR



Looking for 4-H Youth and Adults to help in the Milk Bar during the Niagara County Fair. For every completed 2 hour shift, volunteers receive a coupon to use at the Milk Bar.

Each shift could contain:

2 or 3 adults

4 or 5 youth ages 12 and up

3 or 4 youth ages 5 and up

This is an example of a mixed group, it could be mostly teens and adults. 10 people per time slot is ideal. More than 10 people usually gets too crowded in the Milk Bar.

Thank you for volunteering!

SIGN UP TODAY...

See next page for more details!

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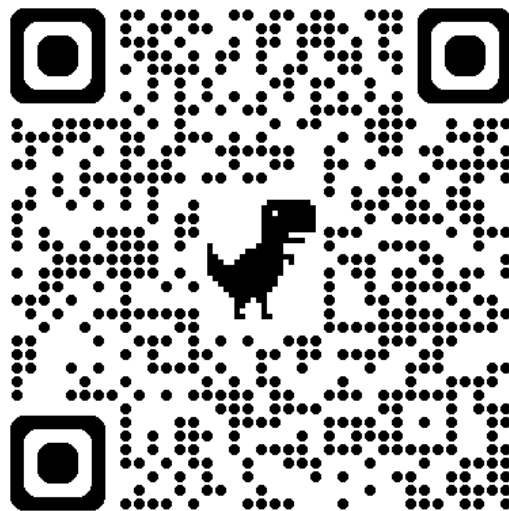
Niagara County 4-H Milk Bar 2026 *Volunteers Needed!*

NIAGARA COUNTY FAIR ~ AUGUST 5-9th, 2026

The Milk Bar is looking for volunteers during the Niagara County Fair. Whether you are a 4-Her, a volunteer, 4-H family, or a club leader, your help is greatly appreciated.



To view available shifts and sign up,
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW.



Questions?



Shea Masse, 4-H Educator
Email: sem347@cornell.edu

If you need assistance signing up, please email Shea Masse, include the names & ages of the youth along with the adults names and/or Club Name, date and time of shift you prefer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0445A9AE22A4F4C34-64380596-milk#/>

COW CHIP BINGO

Niagara County 4-H Animal Science Fundraiser 2026

- We are asking each 4-H member and each Clover Bud member (who are participating in animal programs) to sell 10 cow chip bingo tickets, but more if you can!
- Profits are going to the 4-H animal science fund, which helps to purchase new equipment around the fairgrounds for 4-H projects and improvements, in addition to animal science scholarships.
- Tickets will be handed out at workbee on July 15.
- Or you can pick up tickets at the CCE office or from your animal science leader any time between July 15 and start of fair.

Please turn in your sold ticket stubs and money to Matthew, Debi, or John Sweeney during fair; or to a 4-H staff member or your key leader. Tickets due by Saturday night of Fair to Sweeney Family (in dairy cattle area or at Sweeney camper).

Want more tickets to sell?

Email Niagara4H@cornell.edu and we can get you more before fair!

\$2 per ticket or three tickets for \$5

Three cash prizes given out: \$100, \$75, and \$50

Drawing held in Show Ring on August 9, 2026

Winners announced during fair closing ceremony



Fair Exhibit Removal—Training Center

Please be aware that the exhibits in the 4-H Training Center during the Niagara County Fair are not to be removed until after the Closing Ceremony on Sunday, August 9th. If you are unable to pick up your exhibits on Sunday after the Closing Ceremony by 7:00pm, the Training Center will be open on Monday, August 10th from 9:00am - 4:30pm.

If you are not able to get your exhibits on Sunday night or Monday, please contact a leader or member of your club to pick them up for you. It is not the responsibility of the staff to move or remove your exhibits. If they are not picked up, they will be disposed of on Thursday, August 13th.

The State Department of Ag and Markets and the Niagara County Fair set this time release. If the exhibits are removed before the Closing Ceremony on Sunday, August 9, the exhibitor will forfeit premium money. If you have any questions about exhibit removal, please contact the 4-H office.

State Fair Training Center Exhibit Selections

When an exhibit is selected to go to State Fair, the following items will be attached to it:

- State Fair Ribbon
- Goldenrod instruction sheet detailing how to package your exhibit for traveling.
- State Fair entry card (Exhibitor Information Statement— EIS) that you must complete and bring in with your exhibit on the day entries travel to State Fair.

If you choose to send the selected exhibit to State Fair, plan to meet these requirements:

Drop off: Date: Tuesday, August 25th
 Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm
 Place: 4-H Office (side door)

Properly wrapped and labeled 4-H exhibits selected for display and judged at the NYS Fair will be accepted. Check the EXACT requirements detailed on the goldenrod paper attached to your State Fair recommended exhibit. Have your exhibit card properly completed. If you are unable to drop off during the specified time, please contact Heidi Feltz 433-8839 ext. 241 to make other arrangements.

Displayed at State: August 26th – September 7th
Pick up date: Wednesday, September 9th
 Time: 9:00am-4:30pm

Animals at State Fair

More information to follow... please watch Tuesday Tibits or any important emails from your key leader & Niagara County 4-H Facebook page.

Tickets, Parking & Dorms at State Fair

No information is available at this time. We will get the information to you as soon as it becomes available.



Have a great summer and good luck to everyone at the
2026 Niagara County Fair!

Year End Awards

Hall 4-H Family of the Year

The John K. Hall family has made their award a memorial in honor of John A. Hall and Lorraine Hall, and Betty Hall. The Hall family left a legacy of outstanding service and achievement in the Niagara County 4-H Program.

4-H Citizenship Award

This award is to recognize all-around work 4-H youth have accomplished and the fine contribution they make to the Niagara County 4-H Program in their club, community, and county. Their efforts are living examples of the 4-H pledge in action.

Bill Ziehm Memorial Award

4-H junior and senior poultry members can apply for a cash award.

Award Applications

Will be available on our website and in the office by July 10. Please pick up a paper copy at the office or find them online:

<https://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/forms/>

4-H Spirit Award

Nominate a 4-H member who has demonstrated excellent 4-H Spirit throughout the 4-H year or apply yourself!

4-H Standards of Recognition

See cover page of this Clover Scene for details!

Outstanding Leadership

Each year the 4-H Program presents special Leadership Awards to adults and youth. We would like your input into this process. This is not a popularity contest. The following awards are based on hard work and leadership that leads to a stronger and more effective 4-H Program. Awards are chosen by a select committee and awarded at Achievement Night.

- **Gertrude Warren Leadership**

Provided to an outstanding 4-H leader with over 10 years of service.

- **Leadership Award**

Provided to an outstanding 4-H leader with less than 5 years of service.

- **Walker Family Junior Leadership**

Provided by the family of the late Raymond Walker to a 4-H member(s) who have shown outstanding leadership during the current project year.

- **Outstanding Volunteer**

Know of an outstanding adult volunteer that went above and beyond, but doesn't fit the above outstanding leadership criteria? If they have not been recognized at Achievement Night in the past with a volunteer award, you are welcome to nominate an outstanding volunteer. We will let you know if your volunteer is chosen.

Award Recipients

4-H staff will send out letters to chosen award recipients at last one week prior to Achievement Night. They will not know what award they are receiving, but will receive a formal invitation letting them know we would like to recognize them.

We hope you will recommend a well deserving family, adult, or youth for these awards or apply yourself!

Applications are available online or at the 4-H office and are **due by Wednesday, August 19th.**



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

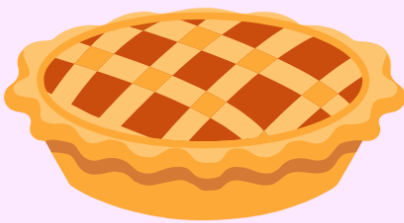
Achievement Night is an evening celebration for all 4-H'ers. Come and celebrate the year end and have fun with friends!

More information to come!

2026 NIAGARA COUNTY FAIR Competitions



Open to the public.
Contest Dates, Rules, & Entry Forms can
be found on our website:
cceniagaracounty.org/niagara-county-fair



**AMERICA 250
COOKIE
CONTEST**



**HOMEMADE PIE
CONTEST**



**HOME WINE &
CIDER CONTEST**



**CONTAINER
GARDEN CONEST**



Check it out online: <https://cceniagaracounty.org/niagara-county-fair>

2026 NIAGARA COUNTY FAIR 4-H SCHEDULES

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday	8am-12pm	Swine, Rabbit/Cavy, Poultry arrive	Barns-Vet check & unload animals
	8am-6pm	All animals arrive to fairgrounds	Barns-Vet check & unload animals
	5:30-6:00pm	Dairy Cattle Clover Bud Practice	Show Ring
	6:00-7:00pm	Auction Weigh-In	Show Ring & Livestock Barn
	7:00-8:00pm	Livestock Judging	Show Ring (see Matt Sweeney)
	7:00-8:00pm	Goat Products Contest	Memorial Room
	8:00-8:30pm	Swine Practice	Show Ring
	8:30-9:00pm	Sheep & Goat Practice	Show Ring
	Wednesday	8:00am	Opening Ceremony, Breakfast, & Pie Auction
9:00am		Miniature In-Hand Show	Horse Arena
9am-12pm		Swine Show	Show Ring
10:00am		Poultry Show	Small Animal Barn
11:00am		Rabbit/Cavy Breed Show, & Meat Rab.	4-H Tent
10:30am-12:30pm		Goat Knowledge Olympics	Memorial Room
After Swine 'til 12:45		Beef Clover Bud Practice	Show Ring
11:00am-6:00pm		Stick Pony Activity	Outdoor horse arena**
1:00-2:00pm		Dairy Cattle Clover Bud Show	Show Ring
1:30-3:00pm		Goat Knowledge Olympics	Memorial Room
3:00-5:00pm		Meat Goat Show	Show Ring
4:00-5:30pm		Rabbit Hopping & Cavy Agility	4-H Tent
5:00pm-5:30pm		Dairy Cattle Milking Demo	Coliseum (Dairy cattle area)
5:00pm-8:00pm		Working Goat Agility & Cart Class	Show Ring
6:00-7:00pm		Tractor Parade	Grounds
After working goats		Beef Practice	Show Ring
Thursday		9:00am	Driving Horse Show
	9:00am-3:00pm	Beef Cattle Show/Dairy Steer	Show Ring
	10:00am	Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship	4-H Tent
	11:00am-6:00pm	Stick Pony Activity	Outdoor horse arena**
	3:00pm	Gymkhana	Horse Arena
	5:00pm-7:30pm	Sheep Show	Show Ring
	5:00-5:30pm	Dairy Cattle Milking Demo	Coliseum (Dairy cattle area)
	6:00pm	Equine Drill Team Demo	Outdoor Horse Arena
	After sheep show	Dairy Cattle Practice	Show Ring
Friday	8:00am	English Horse Show	Horse Arena
	9:00am-3:00pm	Dairy Cattle Show	Show Ring
	11:00am-6:00pm	Stick Pony Activity	Outdoor horse arena**
	12:00-5:00pm	STEAM Day	4-H Tent
	6:00pm	Livestock Auction	Show Ring
Saturday	9:00am-11:30am	Dairy Goat Show	Show Ring
	8:00am	Western Horse Show	Horse Arena
	11:00am-3:00pm	Stick Pony Activity	Outdoor horse arena**
	12:00pm-5:00pm	Working Goat Show	Show Ring
	12:00-5:00pm	Robotics	4-H Tent
	5:00pm-5:30pm	Dairy Cattle Milking Demo	Coliseum (Dairy cattle area)
	6:00pm	Rabbit/Cavy Costume Contest	Rabbit Barn
	3:00pm	Gymkhana-Open Show	Horse Arena
	6:00pm	Paul Bunyan Contest	Show Ring**
	Sunday	7:30am	English/Western Open Horse
8:30-9:00am		Non-denominational church service	Show Ring**
9:00-10:00am		Sheep & Goat Costume Contest	Show Ring
11:00am		Little Britches Dairy Calf Show	Show Ring**
11:00am-3:00pm		Stick Pony Activity	Outdoor horse arena**
12:00pm		Master Showmanship Contest	Show Ring
2:00pm		Cow Chip Bingo	Show Ring
5:00pm		Closing Ceremonies	Show Ring
5:00pm		Fair Closes to the public	Fairgrounds
6:30PM	Livestock trailers allowed up to barns	Animals Dismissed	

** = Open to public participation

Calendar

Date	Time	Place	Topic	Type
July 1	6:00pm	Show Ring	Meat & Dairy Goat	Showmanship Mtg.
July 3	Office Closed		HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!	Holiday
July 5	2:00pm	Show Ring	Beef Cattle	Showmanship Mtg.
July 7	6:00pm	Ag. Ed.	Dogs	Meeting
July 10	6:00pm	Poultry Barn	Auction Meat Birds	Show
July 14	6:00pm	Ag. Ed.	Dogs	Meeting
July 15	6:00pm	Barns	Workbee	Fair set up
July 18	10:00am	Ag. Ed.	4-H Dog Show	Show
July 20	6:30pm	Show Ring	Working Goats	Cart & Pack line
July 21	6:00pm	Ag. Ed.	Dogs	Meeting
July 21	6:30pm	Equine Area	Equine Workbee	Fair set up
July 28	4:00-7:30pm	Training Center	Non-perishable exhibits	Judging Day #1
August 3	4:00-6:30pm	Training Center	Foods, Hort, Adult exhibits	Judging Day #2
August 4	8am-6pm	Fairgrounds	Animals arrive for fair	& Vet Checks
August 5-9	~~~~~	~~~~~	NIAGARA COUNTY FAIR~~~~~	~~~~~
August 9	5-7pm		Pick up your exhibits from training center	
August 10	9am-4:30pm		Pick up your exhibits from training center	
August 25	12pm-2pm	Admin. Building	State Fair Exhibits	Drop Off
September 24	5:00-7:00pm	Training Center	4-H Open House	Event
October 2	6:30pm	Training Center	4-H Achievement Night	Event

Ransomville Flag Day Parade with Northeast Herd 4-H Club!



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