



2026-2027 Niagara County 4-H Youth Membership Enrollment & Re-Enrollment Form

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County



Valid for 4-H Year October 1, 2026-September 30, 2027

For Animal Program Members: Returning members must re-enroll by Jan.4, 2027 for county fair exhibit eligibility

4-H Member's Name: _____ **Birthdate** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **zip:** _____

Family Email: _____ ***This is the email you will use to sign onto FAIR ENTRY website at fair time** This is also the email where we will send you Tuesday Tidbits weekly email from the 4-H office**

Gender ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Prefer not to say **School Grade** _____

Demographic Information (check boxes that apply)

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

Race: ☐ White ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American
☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Middle Eastern or North African ☐ Hawaiian & Pacific Islander ☐ Prefer Not to State

Please list an emergency contact

Name _____ **Phone Number** _____ **Relationship** _____

Type of Enrollment: **Club Member** (club name) _____
OR **Individual Member** (check here) _____ **** Animal Programs are NOT considered clubs****

Projects- please answer A or B

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

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

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian 1:

Name _____ **Cell Number:** _____

Parent/Guardian 2:

Name _____ **Cell Number:** _____

School

School County: _____ **District:** _____

Specific Name of School Building: _____ Or Check here if **Home Schooled** _____

Parent/Guardian: We are always looking for volunteers! If you are interested, please list your area of expertise or areas/ways you may be willing to help 4-H or CCE (i.e. buildings & grounds projects, leading a workshop to youth, joining a CCE committee, marketing, administrative, fundraising, technical skill or trade, etc.) List here:

Niagara County 4-H is not accepting enrollments or re-enrollments after March 1, 2027



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Military Service

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

Consent & Signature

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

4-H CLUB ACTIVITY (Check all that apply)

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

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

- ☐ Cloverbud activities
- ☐ Cloverbud working with animals

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

- ☐ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & ASSUMPTION OF RISK
- ☐ TWO CODE OF CONDUCTS (NYS 4-H & Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct)
- ☐ PHOTO RELEASE
- ☐ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of rules & requirements
- ☐ Acknowledgment of Risk Form For All 4-H Equine Members & Participants

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

4-H Youth Name: (print) _____

Parent/Guardian(print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

- First time enrolling/New Members between Oct.1-March 1 = \$30 per child
- Returning members, re-enrolling between Oct.1-Nov. 30 = \$30 per child
- Returning members, re-enrolling between Dec.1-March 1 = \$35 per child
- Maximum of \$75 per family for 3 or more children living in same household (between Oct. 1-March 1)

☐ Cash ☐ Check (made out to CCE Niagara) ☐ Credit card in office Total Paid \$ _____

Staff Initials _____ Date Approved _____



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

Acknowledgement of Risk Form: 4-H Member

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

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

My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age of 5 for Cloverbud members and 8 for regular 4-H members required to participate in this activity and is able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County. **DATE(S): 4-H Program Year: 2026-2027**

New York State 4-H Program Cornell Cooperative Extension

NYS 4-H Code of Conduct

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

Ground Rules: The following Ground Rules apply to all 4-H participants and volunteers.

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

2. Bring Your Best Self. Respect and follow Cooperative Extension rules, policies, and guidelines that relate to 4-H Youth Programs and Events. Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects honesty, integrity, self-control, and self-direction. Accept the results and outcomes of 4-H contests with grace

and empathy for other participants. Accept the final opinions of judges and evaluators. Be open to new ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others.

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

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

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

6. Participate Fully. Participate in all of the planned programs, be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities (including the completion of required records or reports) in a manner that insures the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others. Make your meeting requirements for fair eligibility.

7. Watch What You Wear. Use your best judgment. Wear clothing suited for the activity you will participate in.

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

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

PHOTO RELEASE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4-H PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT ~ New this year ~

Niagara County 4-H has implemented the following Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct to communicate the important role parents and guardians play in supporting their child's 4-H experience. Parents and guardians are expected to read, understand, and sign this form prior to their child participating in 4-H activities.

Our priority is to create a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for learning, sharing, and collaboration.

Parents and guardians are expected to help create an environment where all youth, families, volunteers, educators, judges, and other participants are treated with dignity and respect.

This Code of Conduct applies to all 4-H meetings, activities, projects, practices, competitions, fairs, events, trips, and other activities sponsored or supported by Cornell Cooperative Extension and 4-H, including online activities and social media related to 4-H.

By enrolling your child/children in Niagara County 4-H and signing page 2 of this packet, the parent or guardian therefore agrees to the following:

- Support My Child's 4-H Experience. I will support my child's participation in 4-H without forcing them to participate in projects or activities they do not wish to pursue. I will remember that 4-H is a youth development program where learning, growth, and enjoyment are more important than winning awards or recognition.
- Encourage Youth Responsibility. I will encourage my child to take ownership of their 4-H projects, records, decisions, and experiences. I will provide age-appropriate guidance while allowing my child to develop their own skills, complete their own work, and learn from both successes and mistakes.
- Follow 4-H and CCE Policies. I will become familiar with and follow applicable 4-H and Cornell Cooperative Extension rules, policies, deadlines, safety expectations, and program requirements.

- **Create a Welcoming Environment.** I will help create a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment where all youth and adults are treated with dignity and respect. I will respect individuals regardless of race, color, religion, political beliefs, national or ethnic origin, immigration status, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, family status, educational level, learning style, physical appearance, body size, veteran status, disability, or ability.
- **Be a Positive Role Model.** I will conduct myself in a mature, responsible, and respectful manner and use positive and affirming language. I understand that my behavior serves as an example to my child and other 4-H members.
- **Respect 4-H Leaders and Decisions.** I will respect the roles and decisions of 4-H volunteers, educators, judges, fair officials, and event coordinators. I will accept judging and competition results with grace and will address questions or concerns respectfully and through appropriate channels rather than confronting individuals during an activity or event.
- **Promote Respectful Behavior.** My guests and I will not engage in yelling, taunting, bullying, harassment, intimidation, profanity, threats, inappropriate gestures, or other disrespectful or disruptive behavior toward youth or adults.
- **Prioritize Safety and Well-Being.** I will prioritize the physical and emotional well-being of all youth. I will not encourage or participate in behavior that could endanger others, and I will promptly report accidents, suspected abuse, bullying, harassment, or unsafe conditions to the appropriate 4-H volunteer, educator, Extension staff, or event coordinator.
- **Encourage Effort, Growth, and Good Sportsmanship.** I will praise my child for effort, improvement, responsibility, leadership, teamwork, and willingness to learn. I will teach my child to do their best, accept success and disappointment graciously, and understand that personal growth and learning are more important than winning.
- **Respect the 4-H Learning Process.** I will not ridicule, embarrass, criticize, or yell at my child or another 4-H member for making a mistake, receiving an unexpected result, or not performing as well as they hoped. I will not interfere with, coach, or direct my child during judging, demonstrations, shows, contests, or other activities unless permitted by the 4-H volunteer or event official.
- **Maintain a Safe and Respectful Environment.** I will comply with applicable laws and 4-H/CCE policies regarding alcohol, controlled substances, tobacco, vaping, firearms, weapons, and other harmful objects. I will respect 4-H property, facilities, animals, equipment, and the belongings of others. I will not attend or participate in 4-H activities while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- **Represent 4-H Positively.** I understand that my behavior reflects on my child, my family, and the Niagara County 4-H program. I will work cooperatively with youth, families, volunteers, educators, and other participants and will uphold these expectations at in-person and online 4-H activities, including social media.

Consequences

Failure to follow this Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct may result in action based on the nature and severity of the situation. Possible consequences may include:

1. A verbal or written warning regarding the conduct.
2. A parent/guardian being asked to correct the behavior or refrain from participating in a specific activity or program.
3. A parent/guardian being asked to leave a 4-H activity, event, facility, or competition.
4. Restriction or suspension from re-enrolling in 4-H
5. Additional action as determined by Cornell Cooperative Extension and/or the appropriate 4-H program leadership.

Serious conduct, including behavior that threatens the safety or well-being of youth or adults, may result in immediate removal from an activity or additional consequences without a prior warning.

***Parents and guardians should be aware that their actions and conduct reflect on their child** and the Niagara County 4-H program. Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in consequences for both the parent/guardian and, when appropriate, may also affect the 4-H member.

CONCLUSION

I have read this entire document and by signing (on page 2) I agree it is my intention to have my child participate in the indicated 4-H activities and I understand and accept the risks involved. I am at least twenty-one (21) years of age and I am the legal parent/guardian authorized to sign this document on behalf of the child named herein.

Parent/Guardian Agreement: By signing page 2 of this enrollment and consent document, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Niagara County 4-H Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct. I agree to follow these expectations and to support a safe, inclusive, respectful, and positive environment for all participants in the Niagara County 4-H program.

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