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**Your Guide
for the
2008
Ulster County Fair**

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The County Observer is the monthly publication for the 4-H Youth Development Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County. Cornell Cooperative Extension is the unique educational network linking Ulster County with resources from Cornell University and the USDA.

The mission of the 4-H Youth Development Program is to “help young people become self-directed, productive and contributing members of society.” Participation in the 4-H Program is open to all interested youth, regardless of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, or handicap. Youth ages 5-19 are invited to be 4-H members.

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Club Chatter

We went over how much more money we have. We started photography and reviewed rabbit parts in a rabbit packet.

Animals Around the World

Lindsay Takacs

Teen Council met and continued working on our youth community action curriculum. We picked the Fair Grounds as our “community” and came up with changes that we would like to see to improve our community. At the 2008 fair we will be looking for improvements that can be made and will then work on a presentation to take to the Fair Board.

Ulster County 4-H Teen Council

Samantha Bruck

Our group met to work on commentaries and bake snacks for clothing revue. We attended the revue on May 9 and two of our members, Meghan Gibbons and Courtney Weis were picked to represent Ulster County at the New York State Fair. All our members did a wonderful job. Our next meeting will be to work on patriotic pillows as a community service project.

ABC 4-H Club

Rondout Valley Country Kids had a booth at the Equifest. Our booth earned \$44.00 for the day. We collected donations, and gave away used VHS children’s movies, books, stickers, pencils, and Angus Beef information donated by family, the Ellenville Library, and the Angus Beef Association. The U.C. Horse Council who put on the event didn’t charge us as we agreed to help with the set up. We will be sending them a thank you card. It was nice for our 4-H group to be there to help support the Equifest, horse and pony 4-H members and other horse enthusiasts. The next meeting will be held the first Sunday in June.

Rondout Valley Country Kids

4-H Barn Bash

Get your dancing shoes on for the August 1st 4-H Barn Bash at the Ulster County Fair! The Barn Bash will be held from 7 to 10:00 pm, after the 4-H Leader’s Dinner, in the Cattle Show Ring. For the first half of the night there will be a surprise dancing lesson, and for the second half, Miguel Angel Alvarado Juarez, will be the DJ for the event. The music may have a little Latin flavor. Send your song requests to both Kristen Wilson, kew67@cornell.edu and to Miguel Angel, miguelaj49@hotmail.com. We’ll do our best to put together a rockin’ selection of songs for you! Remember we’ll be playing only 4-H appropriate music!



Honor Secretaries

April

Samantha Bruck
Ulster County 4-H Teen Council

Lindsay Takacs
Animals Around the World



**Cornell Cooperative Extension
of Ulster County 4-H Program
2008 4-H Dates and Events**



June

6, 7, 8 Poultry Outing
7 Livestock Workshops, (Auction, Poultry, Rabbits, Goat), Fair Grounds
15 Father's Day

July

1, 2, 3 Career Explorations —Cornell University, Ithaca
4 OFFICE CLOSED—Independence Day
7 Entry Fest & Snack Bar Training—6:00pm Fair Grounds, New Paltz
Auction Marketing Meeting—6:30pm Fair Grounds, New Paltz
15 **ENTRY DEADLINE for 4-H exhibits to the Ulster County Fair**
21 Small Animal PDC—6:30pm
Cattle PDC—7:00pm
23 Fair Set Up Prep (painting, washing)
26-27 Fair Set Up Weekend
28 Static Exhibit Judging
28 Horse Ring Clean-Up—5:00pm
29-Aug 3 Ulster County Fair

August

1-3 Ulster County Fair
1 Leader's Dinner @ the Fair
5-6 4-H Staff out
18 County Fair Evaluation Meeting, 7:00pm, Fair Grounds, New Paltz
21 New York State Fair begins
24-28 Ulster County Exhibits @ NYS Fair

September

1 New York State Fair ends
Office Closed—Labor Day
12 Leader's Rally
30 End of 4-H Project Year!!



October

1 Beginning of the new 4-H Year!
5-11 National 4-H Week—Window Display Contest
7 & 9 4-H Information/Recruitment
15 **Awards & Record Due**

November

7 Achievement Night
6 & 13 New Leader Training/Refresher

Organizational Leaders Mark Your Calendars

Leader Rally will be
Friday, SEPTEMBER 12

DEADLINE for Record Books
And Award Applications is
OCTOBER 15

4-H Achievement Night
Friday, NOVEMBER 7



Congratulations County Fair Cover Designers

This year 14 youth entered their unique designs for the Ulster County Fair 4-H Premium Book Cover and the Cloverbud Book Cover. Based on the opinion of ten judges the winners are:

Michelle Campbell
Bryan Huckeba



Plant a Row for the Hungry

Plant a row for the hungry is a people-helping-people program designed to assist in feeding the hungry in our community. You or your club can participate by just planting an extra row of vegetables, fruits, or herbs in your garden, or by sharing any extra that you may have. Deliver your harvest to our office in Kingston. Call our Cornell Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener hotline to enroll: 340-DIRT. When you enroll, the Master Gardeners will send you information as well as a 2008 vegetable varieties list and free row markers.

The Hunger Action Network of NY State estimated in 2003 that one in 10 families in NY was at risk of hunger, and that families in such predicaments often resort to lower-quality diets or emergency food sources to get by. During that same time they estimated that 8.3% of Ulster County's population experienced food insecurity.

Now you can help those who are hungry right here in Ulster County by joining Cornell Cooperative Extension's **Plant A Row for the Hungry**.

Thank you 4-H clubs for all of the great community service projects that you do throughout the year.

2008 Clothing and Textile Arts Revue “It’s a Small World”



4-H members modeled their 2008 clothing and textile art projects on May 9, 2008 at the Old Dutch Church in Kingston. This year the audience was dazzled by adorable aprons, a prom dress, a Harry Potter cape, fleece pullovers, pajamas, and even a wedding dress! There were many more garments at the event as well.

Thank you to everyone who participated! Your projects and modeling skills were fabulous. We look forward to another exciting Revue next year.

2008 participants included:

Samantha Bruck
Michelle Campbell
Ashley Curtis
Meghan Gibbons
Joplin Murray
Caroline Snyder
Tiffany Swart
Kaydee Wagor
Erik Whispell

Tim Bruck
Rebecca Carroll
Juliana DeArce
Adrianna Mason
Nic Murray
Amy Stalzer
Luella Swart
Courtney Weis
Shannon Wolfrum

Katherine Byrne
Bethany Crescini
Sabrina Dugan
Jessie Murray
Gabriel Santosky
Leela Stalzer
Victoria Upshur
Cody Whispell



New York State Fair Clothing Revue Representative for 2008

The following 4-H members have received the honor of being selected to represent Ulster County at the New York State Fair this summer:



Timothy Bruck
Meghan Gibbons
Courtney Weis

Our Alternates are:
Jessie Murray
Joplin Murray
Nic Murray



Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped make the 2007 4-H Clothing Revue such a success, you have made a World of Difference to our 4-H Members!

Our Clothing Revue Coordinator...

Kay Peischel

Our Stage Designers...

Diane and Gary Kleitz

Our Evaluators...

Rosemarie Sullivan, Judy Clarke, Carol Snykus, Erin Papa, Bernadette Miller and Erin Miller

Our Modeling Coach...

VeNona Berglund

Our Piano Accompaniment...

Lori Halwick

A special thank you to The Old Dutch Church in Kingston for allowing us to use their site and for being such gracious hosts.

Thank you Esther and Anthony Sicari for sponsoring our 4-H Outstanding Sewers again this year

Thank you 4-H leaders for helping our youth with their sewing projects!



Ulster County Fair 2008

Tuesday, July 29 - Sunday August 3
Monday, July 28 - Static Exhibits

2008 Ulster County Fair Entry Deadline

Entries will be accepted only by USPS or in person.
NO FAXES

DUE: July 15, 2008

The Costume Class will be for all
species!
Saturday @ 2:30 pm

Records Update

The yellow, simple, 1/2 sheet Project Record Summary is available online! For your records white paper is fine. We would like to encourage you to use yellow paper for the records you will be sending to the Ulster County Fair. Any questions, contact the 4-H Office.

NEW!

Large Animal Check in Hours:

Monday - July 28
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday - July 29
8:00 am - 1:00 pm



Bake Sale

Plan now for the 4-H Bake Sale at the 2008 Ulster County Fair! In addition to selling the remainder of the judged food products, any baked product can be sold on Tuesday, July 29. These funds help support the Ulster County 4-H FCS Program. Watch for Kristen's article on foods that freeze well.

The Barn Bash is Back!
Friday, August 1, 2008, Cattle Show Ring 7:00 pm

Ulster County Fair 2008

From the Agricultural Society

No vehicles on the Fair Grounds after 9:30 AM.

You MUST have a pass at the gate or PAY to enter. (Security will be "guarding" the gates)

All 4-H families participating in the Ulster County Fair must read and sign off on fair rules. The entry form will require a "sign-off" for these rules.

One discount ride pass (replacing VIP pass) will be available to each active 4-H member participating in the Fair. Turn pass in at the gate with \$5.00 on the day you want to ride.

From Ag & Markets

ALL goats and sheep MUST have an Official Scrapie ID.

Large Animal Check in times are 8am-1pm on Monday, July 28 and 8am-1pm on Tuesday, July 29.

Ag & Markets or Fair Board personnel will check your papers and animals as they are unloaded from the trailer.

Cloverbuds & Animals

In case you were wondering, Cloverbuds are more than welcome to participate in the Fair! They do have their own Fair Guide, separate Cloverbud entry tags and special Cloverbud classes. Be sure to read the Animal Section so you will know the rules that are special for Cloverbuds.

Most animals stay on the Fair Grounds. Bowl & Pocket Pets, Dogs & Horses are the exceptions



From the 4-H Office

4-H Fair Books (listing of the Fair classes)

This is a large expense. The books are currently available online and should be available in the office on June 1. Please make arrangements to pick up your book at the office.

Can't get to the office, ask a friend or your 4-H Leader to pick up your copy.

Or

If you would like to pick up your book at the Phoenicia Office please call Jenny at 845-340-3990.

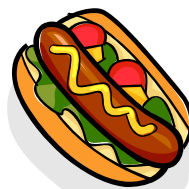
Car Pass for Youth Building

4-H Clubs that would like to drive onto the Fair Grounds to pick up their exhibits on Sunday evening MUST have a pass. Please let us know so we can give you ONE - OR - if you can come Monday, 9am-11am avoid the rush!

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Join the Snack Bar Crew!



Does your club need money for a trip or project? If so, consider working together as a club at the 4-H snack bar at the 2008 Ulster County Fair. It's a great way to earn money and have fun. Learn important customer service skills, interact with the public and show your 4-H smiles.

Working at the snack bar is an all day commitment for the club, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm although we encourage the kids and parents to take shifts. It needs to be staffed by 3-5 club members and 2-3 adults at all times thorough out the day. We also require that one leader/parent from your club act as chair person and stay all day through the final count of the money at 9:30 pm. (This is **not** a job that you can keep young children with you for the day.)

If your club is interested in working the snack bar, but doesn't have enough workers, you might be able to team up with another club. This is yet another bonus, getting to know more 4-H folks.

The schedule is: Tuesday, July 29, 3:15 pm – 9:00 pm, Wednesday, July 30 through Sunday, August 3, 9:30 am – 9:00 pm.



Your club will receive \$200.00 for this job, plus it's a great way to help out at the Fair and learn new life skills. That's what 4-H is all about!

Please contact Jenny or Dona at 340-3990 if you are interested or have questions. The assignments for a particular day will be first picked, first served. All leaders/parents new to working the staff bar must attend the training orientation in July.



Snack Bar Training

Snack Bar Training will take place on Entry Fest Day, July 7, 2008, at 6:30 pm, in the youth building at the Ulster County Fair Grounds. All are invited. Parents and leaders new to working the snack bar should plan on attending this special orientation. If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H Office at 340-3990.

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Fair Evaluation

Monday, August 18, 7:00-8:30 pm
U.C. Fair Youth Building

While the Fair is still FRESH on your mind...

All of the 4-H Advisory/Program Development Committees will meet to evaluate the 2008 Fair. Here is the agenda:

7:00-7:55 pm Individual Advisory/Program Development Committees meet to review 2008 and make written recommendations for 2009. (The committees are: Auction, Cattle, Goat/Sheep, Home Economics, Horse, Small Animals.)

7:55-8:45 pm Everyone meets together to hear a 7 minute verbal report. Written recommendations for 2008 are submitted from each committee.

8:45 pm Refreshments!

Ulster County Fair 2008 State Fair Deadline for Horse Divisions

Interested in showing in a Horse Division not offered at County Fair (like Dressage)? All interested members must submit a **written request** to Patti **no later than July 15**. Please describe any qualifications you may have in the request. Only members that have turned in their Horse Certificates are eligi-

Fair Prep

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Does your barn/area need some work (power washing, painting) BEFORE we set up on Saturday and Sunday? There will be a Fair Prep night at the Fair Grounds! Join us on Wednesday night, July 23 at 7 PM. Bring the equipment/tools you will need.



Save the Date for Fair Set-Up July 26-27

What is Fair Set-Up weekend? Two days when **all** 4-H members are invited to pitch in and help get the 4-H barns and buildings ready for County Fair. Here is the 2008 Schedule:

Day	Date	Time	Area
Saturday	26	9 AM-3 PM	Youth Building
Sunday	27	9 AM	Cattle
Sunday	27	9 AM	Poultry
Sunday	27	10 AM	Rabbits
Sunday	27	1PM	Goats/Sheep
Saturday	Aug. 2	4:00	Livestock Auction



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"Sportsmanship for Parents"

4-H teaches young people how to become contributing, competent, and capable adults. Parents can help by setting a good example and demonstrating the qualities of good sportsmanship before, during, and after competitions.

Tips for Good Sportsmanship

- Do not boo, heckle, or make insulting comments.
- Praise your children and their friends.
- Keep quiet during all introductions and announcements.
- Do not leave an event immediately after your child finishes competing.
- Be polite. Use constructive criticism in private and compliment in public.
- Do not block other people's views when taking pictures or video taping.
- Be honest and respectful, using good judgment and acceptable language at all times.
- Do not sit or stand in aisles or main traffic areas.
- Don't litter.

Teach and encourage your child to:

- Follow rules.
- Be honest and fair in words and actions.
- Treat people and animals with kindness and respect.
- Be prompt for all events during competition.
- Accept Judges' suggestions and results with a positive attitude.
- Congratulate the winners.
- Represent the county with pride, leaving a good impression with others.
- Refrain from complaining or blaming others when he or she doesn't win.
- Be proud of accomplishments but not to brag or act conceited.
- Say thank you.

Master Showmanship 2008

- Master Showmanship is offered to all youth 14 years and older who enter an animal showmanship class at the Fair.
- The top two blue ribbon participants who **signed up** will be participants in the Master Showmanship class. Youth **MUST** sign-up/enter the Master Showmanship Class by the conclusion of the species showmanship class on the day of the species show.
- If both slots in a species are not filled for the Senior Showmanship Class, 12 and 13 year olds in the Junior Showmanship Class of that species are invited to participate.

Youth interested in earning the honor of Master Showman can build their skills in any of the species by attending workshops and participating in the Handlers Workshop. The Handlers Workshop will be held on Saturday morning (August 2) at the Fair. Meet us at 10 AM in the 4-H Show Ring.

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*Get Ready, Get Checked and GO!!
Countdown to Fair*



Before the Fair

- ___ Read the Fair Book.
- ___ Plan Club Booth with your club.
- ___ Check out the specific requirements for your projects.
- ___ Make sure your animals have received their Rabies Vaccine - see the Fair Book for your animal requirements - only Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Dog, Cats and Horses need proof.
- ___ Fill out and send in your 4-H Fair Entry Form(s) - **before July 15.**
- ___ Plan to attend one of the Fair Set-Up Days, either **Saturday, July 26** or **Sunday, July 27.**
- ___ Put the finishing touches on your projects.
- ___ Bring your Static Exhibits to be judged on **Monday, July 28, 2:30-7:00 pm.**
- ___ Bring your animal exhibits to the Fair-grounds on **Monday, July 28 8:00 am-1:00 pm** and **Tuesday, July 29, 8:00 am-1:00 pm** (applies) only to Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goat and Swine)
- ___ Get your cameras ready!

At the Fair

- ___ Set up your animal exhibits with cage tags and make sure they are comfortable and clean.
- ___ Sign up for your 4-H All Star time.
- ___ Sign up to help out in the animal barns - see the Barn Managers for details.
- ___ Wear your 4-H Chevrons to all 4-H Fair events and while working in the Snack Bar, Milkshake Booth and while in any other 4-H capacity while at the Fair. We are proud of you!
- ___ Stop at the 4-H Fair Office (in the Youth Building) to pick up your FREE Exhibitor Passes and Discount Ride pass. Smile at the person at the desk!
- ___ Go for a ride on the Himalaya!
- ___ Ask your leader and/or Barn Manager how you can help out.
- ___ Look at the Fair Schedule (in the 4-H Fair Book and at the 4-H Fair Office) every day while you are at the Fair.
- ___ Have tons of fun!

All County Fair Exhibits Must Have a Record Sheet

Animal records (copy) are to be submitted on July 15 with the pre-entry. Static (non-breathing!) exhibits will attach the record sheet (copy) with the entry to be judged on Monday. Exhibitors may use specific records or the 1/2 sheet yellow Project Record Summary. All Sewing projects must be accompanied by a 4-H Clothing & Textiles Project Record. The Project Record Summary is available from the 4-H office or on line. Go to this link:

<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/ulster/4h/Awards&Records.htm> and click on Project Summary Sheet.

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4-H All Stars Get Ready for Blast Off!!!

Shoot for the Stars! Help Make the Best Even Better!



The Ulster County Fair is one of the best and we need your help to make it even better. 4-H All Stars are important because they act as ambassadors for 4-H and help out where ever they are needed. As a 4-H All Star you may answer questions about what 4-H is, help direct people around the Youth Building and 4-H exhibits, or direct them to the right person if they have a question. 4-H All Stars are polite and courteous and make others feel welcome in the Youth Building and barns. The 4-H All Stars are an essential team for making everyone's time at the Fair an enjoyable experience. We cannot possibly do it without you.

Who is required to be a 4-H All Star?

Anyone entering an exhibit in the Fair that does not do barn duty is required to sign up for a 2 hour shift of 4-H All Star duty. Cloverbuds are required to do 1 hour of 4-H All Star duty. Parents are kindly asked to stay with their Cloverbud and help them to complete their duty.

Youth with 4 or more hours in the barn are Barn Stars!!!

Youth who choose not to participate will forfeit all premiums.

When can you sign up to be a 4-H All Star?

Sign up to be a 4-H All Star on Youth Building Clean Up Day, July 26, 2008, or on Static Judging Day, June 28, 2008. Shifts will be available from 4:00- 8:00 on July 29 and from 11:00-8:00 on July 30 through August 3. Number of All Star's per shift is limited. Shifts will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Wear Your Chevrons and Emblems Proudly!

When you are performing your 4-H All Star duty, please dress in 4-H appropriate attire. Wear a shirt with a 4-H emblem or chevron. We will provide a "4-H All Star" button for you to wear so that you can be clearly identified. Return this button after you complete your shift.

Thank you in advance 4-H All Stars and 4-H Barn Stars for your help in making the best even better!

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***IMPORTANT: WE NEED YOU!
(EVERYONE IN 4-H AT THE FAIR)***

The Ulster County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) is a group of volunteers who run the County Fair. They are asking our help with some unsafe situations at the Fair. Do your best to help out and more importantly, act as ambassadors for 4-H at the Fair. We want everyone, especially the Fair Board members, to know that 4-H is a great program that encourages responsible behavior and that we appreciate the opportunities we have to be part of the Ulster County Fair.

Vehicles on the Fair Grounds

It is very dangerous to have vehicles coming in and out of the Fair while fairgoers are walking around. The Fair Policy is that we can bring in vehicles before the Fair is open (9:30 AM) to drop off items, and then take the vehicles off the Fair Grounds before the Fair opens. The same is true after the Fair closes in the evening.

Release Times

The Fair Board allows 4-H to leave early. It is very nice for us to be able to get out before all of the traffic and chaos of vendors leaving. In the past, the Fair Board needed to have us wait until later to drive on the grounds because of a safety situation. This could happen again at any time during the release. We ask that you respect the decision of the safety personnel on these matters and wait as patiently as you can.

The Release Policy is the same as it has been for the last several years. Here it is again. Please note that the last release time is not for individuals, but for cars picking up exhibits for entire clubs.

Sunday 6:00 p.m.

Large Animals Released

(Dairy Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats & Llamas Only)

If a Large Animal Exhibitor has static exhibits in the youth building, and/or a small animal, they may be removed at this time.

Sunday 7:00 p.m.

Small Animals Released

(Poultry and Rabbits)

If a Small Animal Exhibitor has static exhibits in the youth building, they may be removed at this time.

Sunday 8:00 p.m.

Static Exhibits in Youth Building Released

One car pass per club will be allowed to pick up large static exhibits and/or multiple club member exhibits.

***All times may be changed by Ulster County Fair Safety Personnel**

Note: Youth Building Exhibits may be picked up on Monday, Aug. 4 from 9:00-11:00 am

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July 15 Deadline Really Means July 15

As you know, **July 15** is the big deadline for Fair Entries. That means July 15 is the **last** possible day to get your fair entry forms in to the 4-H Office. So plan ahead. Don't wait! The 4-H Staff can tell you lots of stories about people who waited until the last minute, cut things too close, and missed the deadline! And if you miss the deadline, we cannot accept your entries for County Fair.

Deadlines are good for you because

- They help you set goals.
- They teach you responsibility.
- They teach you to think about other people.

Sometimes in 4-H we have to make deadlines absolute. That means if you miss it, you cannot participate. Why? Most of the time it is because the event requires a lot of planning and preparation by the 4-H staff and volunteers and we really cannot wait for latecomers. It's a matter of courtesy—not only to the people planning things—but also to the whole 4-H community. The less time we spend waiting for you (and tracking you down), the more time we have to “make the best better” for everyone. Wouldn't that be great?



County Fair Checks: Cash Them or Lose Them!

Ever notice that the County Fair premium checks have “remit within 30 days” stamped on them? That means you should cash them no later than 30 days from when they were dated. **Expired checks will not be reissued.** So, remember to cash those checks when you get them.



4-H Chevrons

Every 4-H member who exhibits must wear a 4-H chevron patch pinned on his/her shirt when exhibiting, participating in a show, or working at the Fair, such as in the Snack Bar or on barn duty. Be proud—let everyone know you are in 4-H.

Pick some up at the 4-H Office before the Fair or at the 4-H Fair Office in the Youth Building during the Fair. The cost is \$1.00 per patch.

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"Exhibit Tags"

Each exhibit, not animals, must have an Exhibit Entry Tag attached. The Exhibit Entry Tag must be filled out by the 4-H'er. These tags will be available at the 4-H Office after July 4. It is your responsibility to pick up your own Exhibit Tags or to arrange for someone else to pick them up for you. If you are not able to get to the 4-H Office before fair week, there will be two other opportunities to pick up Exhibit Tags :

- At the Entry Fest on **Monday, July 7**, from **6:00 to 8:00 pm**, at the Fair Grounds, in the Youth Building. Here you will also receive help in filling out your Exhibit Entry tags.

- At the Fair, on **Monday, July 28**, when you bring in your static exhibits to be judged, there will be extra Exhibit Tags available.

Animal Exhibit Cards will be available in the 4-H Fair Office beginning **Monday, July 28**.

What to Exhibit?

Any 4-H'er who has completed a project **this year** can exhibit that project at the Fair, as long as it meets the requirements for a specific class in the Fair Book. Some examples of project exhibits include but are not limited to the following:

Skirt * cookies * insect collection * vegetables * rabbits * horses * crafts * photos *

Remember, Cloverbuds have their own rules.



Some Fun Exhibit Ideas

- Scrapbook
- 4-H Lifetime Portfolio
- Clothing Revue Garment
- Public Presentation (do it again without being evaluated)
- Community Service Projects
- Treasurer's Book
- Parent's Photos
- Natural Resource Projects
- Club Banner
- Educational Booth/Display (club or individual)

See the Fair Book for further details!

4-H Entry Fest 2008!

Monday, July 7, 2008

Have you been wondering about the Ulster County Fair? How to enter? How to fill out your 4-H Entry tag? Where to enter "Grandma's Lumpy Bumpy Brownies"? These and all your fair entry questions will be answered at 4-H Entry Fest! Join us on Monday, July 7 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Youth Building of the Ulster County Fair Grounds. We will be available to answer your questions, help fill out the forms, and take your entry forms. New 4-H Clubs, new County Fair participants, DON'T miss this one! For more information call the 4-H Office at 340-3990.

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Bowl & Pocket Pets

A Bowl & Pocket Pet is any small animal that may live in a bowl, aquarium, tank or some kind of small cage.

They include: hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, mice, rats, snakes, turtles, lizards, birds, or fish.

The Bowl & Pocket Pets will be exhibited on **Saturday only**, during the Fair, from **10:00 am to 6:00 pm**. Judging will be held at **2:00 pm on Saturday**.

NOTE: Bowl & Pocket Pets should be brought to the Rabbit Barn on the Fair Grounds Saturday morning before 9:00 am and picked up between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm that night. **Be prepared to do barn duty in the Rabbit Barn that day.**

Bring plenty of food and bedding for the whole day, for your animal.

You need to fill out a Fair Entry Form for your pet.

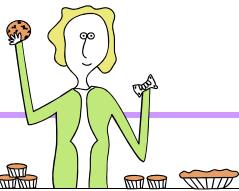
What Happens if I Need to be at Two Different Animal Shows at the Same Time?

4-H teaches important lifeskills, one of which is decision-making. You may need to decide on one show. In some cases (check with the show coordinator), another 4-H'er may be able to show your animal for you. However, the bottom line is you are responsible for being courteous to everyone by not delaying the show and making good plans.



Calling All Entertainers

Do you like to sing? Dance? Do you have a talent you can share with others? We would love to "spotlight" you on stage in the 4-H Youth Building. All Entertainment presentations will be reviewed prior to the event. Call Dona at 845-340-3990.



BAKE SALE

Donations Needed

Every year, the baked items that are entered at the Fair are sold at our 4-H Bake Sale in the 4-H Youth Building. Money earned at this bake sale is used to provide many opportunities for 4-H FCS members throughout the year. We would gladly welcome any other homemade baked items you have to sell at the bake sale. Start baking cookies and muffins now, and then freeze them for the Bake Sale. Everyone knows what wonderful bakers our 4-H members are so the items at the Bake Sale sell fast! The more we have to sell, the more money there will be for our programs. Thank you for all of your generous donations.

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EXHIBITOR GATE PASSES

- What?** An Exhibitor Gate Pass is a small card which enables the card holder to get into the Ulster County Fair for FREE! They are one-time use only. They **do not** get you onto the rides.
- How Many?** Each 4-H-er is allowed one Exhibitor Pass for each day they are involved in a 4-H event, working at the 4-H Snack Bar or Milkshake Booth, giving other 4-H volunteer assistance or feeding of their 4-H animal exhibits. This includes a pass for coming into the Fair Grounds on Sunday after 6:00 pm to pick up any exhibits and any kind of judging that you, the 4-Her, needs to be present for.
- How to Get?** No passes are needed on Monday and Tuesday when you bring in your exhibits. The Fair officially opens this year on Tuesday at 4:00 pm so from then on, you will need to have a pass to get in for free, if you are not already on the Fair Grounds.
- Who Gets One?** Each 4-H member exhibiting Static, Bowl & Pocket Pets, Horse or Dog are entitled to 1 discount ride pass (discount ride passes can be turned in at the gate with \$5.00 on the day you want to ride), 1 one-day pass and 4 one-day passes per family. All other livestock exhibitors will receive non-ride wristband(s) (for all six days, and 1 discount ride pass. **Exhibitor passes are not meant for grandparents, friends or other relatives.** We need people to support the Fair by paying regular admission.

DISCOUNT RIDE PASS - This benefit is only for 4-H members - not for adults. It enables you to get into the Fair for free as well as to get a ride bracelet for only \$5.00. 4-H exhibitors get on the rides for \$5.00 for one day of your choice. Passes for the bracelets can be picked up from the 4-H Fair office starting on Monday. The discount ride pass is only for 4-Hers who are actively involved in 4-H Fair events and/or have at least one exhibit at the Fair, and work a two hour All Star time or barn

Auction Members

Here are some important things to know about selling an animal at the 4-H Fair Livestock Auction:

- You must enter your animal(s) in the appropriate auction class for that animal (See Fair Book).
- **7:00 pm Tuesday:** Weighing all Large Animal Market Classes and Turkeys in Swine Barn
- **6:30 pm Wednesday:** .Weighing all Small Animal Market Classes in/at Auction Class
- **4:00 pm Saturday:** All 4-Her's and their parents, who have animals in the auction are required to be available to help set up for the Auction. When everyone shows up, the set-up doesn't take very long.
- **Saturday pm:** Be ready to work/take down immediately after the auction.
- **11:00 am Sunday:** Post-Auction meeting **required** for all auction members to write thank yous.

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Fair Entry Forms (found at the back of the County Fair Book) Which one do I use?

Static Exhibits: (any exhibit that is not a living animal) Use the form titled “4-H Entry Form.” Bring your static exhibits to the Fair Grounds on **Monday, July 28**, starting at 2:30 pm. No static exhibits will be accepted after 7:00 pm that day. You will need to complete an Exhibitor Entry Tag for each exhibit.

Animal Exhibits: (for all animals except horses) Use the form titled “4-H Animal Entry Form.” The 4-H Office needs as much information as possible to plan for cages/pens, judges and to make sure all health and certification requirements have been met (Refer to General Rules #8, and Rules and Regulations of the Dept. of Agriculture & Markets).

Horse Exhibits: (for all horse entries) Use the form titled “4-H Horse Entry Form”. Attach copies of the Rabies and EIA certificates with this form if we don't already have them.

All 4-H Exhibitors: Fill out each entry form thoroughly - especially your parent/guardian signature. The regular Entry Form and the Animal Entry Forms require a leader's signature as well. Remember there is room for more entries on the back. Enter all possible entries. You can always cross off an entry at the Fair, but you cannot actually exhibit anything that has not been entered on this Entry Form!

Static Exhibit Judging: Be There!

When you enter a static exhibit in the Fair, remember that **you are expected to be there when your exhibits are judged**. Why, you might ask? Well, you will learn from the judge! The judge will make suggestions to make your project better. You can ask the judge questions and you will come away wiser for your experience. Plan on spending the afternoon or evening at the Fair Grounds seeing your work judged.

If you have a conflict with other 4-H events, try to find some time to see your static judges anyway—it'll be worth the effort!

July 15 Deadline

Please remember all entry forms, with animal records, have to be in the 4-H Office or postmarked by **July 15**. There will be no exceptions! If your entry forms are not received on time, you will not be able to participate in the Fair!

Remember...enter **all** possible entries, you can always scratch an entry at the Fair, but you cannot add anything to your entry form.



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Schedule Highlights

Fair opens on Tuesday. Here are the Highlights.

Animals—May be brought either **Monday 8:00 am-7:00 pm** or **Tuesday 8:00 am-1:00 pm**.

Static Exhibits—Will be brought and judged on **Monday**. See the Fair Book for exact times.

Snack Bar—Will be opening daily Tuesday at 4:00 pm and Wednesday through Sunday at 10:00 am. Coffee and doughnuts will be available for purchase before 10:00 for those staying/working on the Fair Grounds.

Leaders Dinner & Recognition—Will be held on Friday evening at 5:30 pm in the Ag. Society Hospitality Tent.

Livestock Auction—Saturday evening at 7:30 pm in the 4-H Show Tent.

Carefully read through your Fair book. It will contain the most accurate, up-to-date information.

How is 4-H Judging Different From Open Judging?

In all 4-H Judging, participants receive a Blue, Red, or White ribbon. These ribbons tell whether the judge evaluated their project at an Excellent, Good, or Worthy level. This is called the Danish System. The Danish System is designed to judge on a standard, not against another exhibit. This means, for example, that a tomato is judged on how close to perfect that tomato is. Jill's tomato is not judged against Robert's tomato.

4-H Animal Judging uses the Danish System but is also based on a Standard of Perfection. For example, a 4-H Animal can come in first place and receive a Red Ribbon. This tells the 4-Her that although their animal was the best animal in that class, it does not meet all the requirements of the Standard of Perfection. It works the other way as well. An exhibitor can receive a Blue Ribbon for an animal that placed last. This tells the exhibitor that although their animal wasn't the top animal, it was still an excellent example of the Standard of Perfection. In open class judging, animals are usually ranked and a certain number (i.e. first—ninth) get ribbons.



Youth Building Check in Procedure

Upon entering the youth building there will be a check-in for all youth and their static exhibits. This is meant to help 4-Hers locate their tables as well as help us remain more organized through 4-H's most chaotic day at the Fair. When you arrive with your exhibits please report directly to this table located in the entrance to the youth building in order to sign yourself and your projects in. Following the brief check-in you will be directed to the tables where you will be meeting your evaluators.

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Volunteer Opportunities Available



We need your help to make the Ulster County Fair a great experience for everyone! Please sign up at the back of the newsletter to help in any of these ways (adults can volunteer too).

Youth Building Ambassador: Answer fairgoers' questions about 4-H and help with fun hands-on activities in the youth building. This meets the State Fair teen leader volunteer requirement.

Barn Duty: Like animals? Positions are available in the barns: rabbit, poultry, sheep, and goats.

Youth Building or Animal Judging Assistants: Help out during Static Exhibit/Animal Judging. Run errands, carry exhibits, assist judges, etc. See Fair Book for details.

4-H Snack Bar Worker: Sign up for a shift in the Snack Bar. Money raised goes to support 4-H Programs. See Fair Book for details.

4-H Teen Council Milkshake Booth Worker: Adults and Teens are welcome to join in the fun. Sign up as a club/group to work a shift. Contact Jenny at 340-3990 for more information.

Public Presentations: Sign up to do your presentation at County Fair! Open to 4-H members with one or more years up public presentation experience. Please fill out an **Entry Form**, and mail it in by **July 15**, please be sure to include the title of your presentation. This presentation will not be judged. Please refer to the Fair Book for more details. Contact Dona at 340-3990 or by email dm282@cornell.edu to schedule your time.

Mannequin Modeling: Strike a pose! Volunteer to mannequin model after the Clothing Revue at County fair. Call Dona at 340-3990 for more details.

Fun Activity Volunteer: Got an easy and inexpensive project that you would like to share with fairgoers members? Volunteer to lead a "fun activity". Contact Dona at 340-3990 for more details.



Become a 4-H VOLUNTEER

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County Call for Presenters

Attention Parents, Leaders, Youth....

Do you have an activity that you would like to share with youth or do you know of anyone that would like to volunteer some of their time? The 4-H office at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County is looking for persons to do fun and educational onstage activities in the 4-H Youth Building at this year's Ulster County Fair.

The Fair is scheduled for July 29, 2008 through August 3, 2008 at the Ulster County Fair Grounds in New Paltz. Stage activities are slated from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm each day from July 30, 2008 to August 3, 2008. Short presentations are needed.

Have story time, do a crafts project, demonstrate how to carve a watermelon, shape animal balloons, provide face painting, bring a karaoke machine, have your band play for everyone, recite poetry, teach juggling with beanbags, do a puppet show, sing a song. The possibilities are endless!

Please consider giving an hour of your time to do an activity in the 4-H youth building.

The activity will be of your choosing, but should be tailored to a 4-H youth audience. If you are interested in being a presenter, now is the time to act! Please contact Dona at 340-3990 or by email (dm282@cornell.edu). We would love to have you!

Youth Building Judges Assistants Needed

Judges assistants are needed to work on Monday, July 30 from 1:30-8:00 pm. There will be a short orientation from 1:30-2:00 pm. If you are interested in one of these positions, please call Jenny at 845-340-3990 or email jl64@cornell.edu.

County Fair Position State Fair Promotion & Sales

4-H members 14 years and older are invited to apply for a paid position at the Ulster County Fair. The NYS Fair will be setting up a promotion booth at our Fair in the Youth Building. They are looking to hire several teens to represent the State Fair in their promotion booth. Duties will include promotion of State Fair and ticket sales. This position is available during the hours of the Fair and pays minimum wage. Candidates must enjoy greeting people, be self-directed, and able to handle finances. Please contact the 4-H office to request an application. Applications are due at the 4-H Office on or before June 27. Interviews will be scheduled in July.



Great Ways to Participate at the 2008 New York State Fair

Teen Leaders- Would you like to be a teen leader at the New York State Fair? If you turned 13 on or before January 1, 2008, you are welcome to apply. We need 6 teens to take leadership in the Ulster County Booth. Teen leaders earn premiums by working at least 6 hours a day in the 4-H Youth Building at The New York State Fair. Teen leaders get the opportunity to meet other teens from across the state and have fun exploring everything that The New York State Fair has to offer. The Ulster County van leaves on Sunday, August 24, 2008 and returns on August 28, 2008. We will provide transportation for teen leaders. If you are interested in this opportunity, call the 4-H Office on or BEFORE June 27.

If selected to be a teen leader, you will be required to pay a minimal dorm fee of \$2.00 per night. Opportunity to participate will be based on a first come first served basis.

State Fair Orientation - Wednesday, July 8, 6:30 pm at the Extension Office

All Teens planning to work at the State Fair booth must attend this orientation meeting. Hear the inside scoop on attending State Fair. We will be organizing the booth activities so they can be "test run" at the County Fair.

Are you interested? Call the 4-H Office at 340-3990 to find out more. Don't miss out!

New! Girls Get S.M.A.R.T. Summer Camp

FREE! Girls entering Grades 7-10

August 4-8, 9:00 am-3:30 pm at Ulster BOCES Career & Technical Center in Port Ewen. This program is designed to encourage girls to explore careers in the manufacturing and metal forming industry.

Students will engage in hands-on projects and learn basic concepts of machine automation and robotics.

Registration deadline: July 25, 2008

Brochures and registrations available at the 4-H Office.

For complete information call:

Evelyn Torres

Tech Prep Coordinator

Ulster BOCES

Career & Technical Center at Lake Katrine

Tel. (845) 382-1281

Animal Science News

4-H Livestock Auction Marketing Project Meeting

Monday, July 7, 2008, 6:30 PM
Ulster County Fair Grounds
Conference Room
New Paltz
Mark this date!

4-H Livestock Auction Workshop

The 4-H Livestock Auction workshop is being held June 7, 8:30-12:00 at the Fair Grounds. Special speaker is Jen Fimbel. We will be evaluating the animals and improving showing skills. This is a required meeting for auction participants. All are welcome to attend!

Cattle Fitting & Showmanship Clinic Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Ulster County 4-H presents a Showing and Fitting Clinic! All dairy & beef project members and anyone interested in Cattle are invited.

The clinic categories will be: Washing, Clipping, Animal Selection, Preparing animals for the Fair, and Showmanship.

The clinic will be held at the Fair Grounds in the show ring, 5:30pm, Tuesday, July 29.

Goat Clinic Saturday, June 17, 2008

Wondering how to show a goat? The Goat Clinic will be held on Saturday, June 7, 12:30 pm at the Fair Grounds. Bring your goat and learn about Showmanship, Grooming, Parts, and Points on being a blue ribbon winner. Also included in the clinic, a visual health check and tattooing.

Poultry Testing & Poultry Clinic

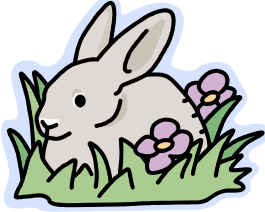
Poultry people mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7, 10 am - 2 pm at the Fair Grounds. Ag and Markets will administer the Pullorum test. ALL birds MUST be Pullorum tested to exhibit at the County and State Fair. Waterfowl and pigeons are NOT included. There will be NO testing at the Fair. Bring your birds! (No more than 20 per person! While you are there join us for a Poultry Clinic! There will be a hands on demonstration on preparing and showing your bird (showmanship), meat identification, and commercial judging. Please pre-register on or BEFORE June 4, 2008 so we know how many birds need to be tested.

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Rabbit Orientation for Fair

Do you have a 4-H rabbit you plan to show at the 2008 U.C. Fair? Please make note of this NEW Rabbit Project requirement. ALL 4-H rabbit exhibitors MUST have a 4-H rabbit barn orientation. The final orientation will be held:

Saturday, June 7
U. C. Fair Grounds
1:30 pm



4-H Dog Program

2008 Young Poets Writing Challenge

Young poets (age 5-19) will have an opportunity to have their original work displayed at the NYS Fair August 21-September 1, 2008. Any youth currently affiliated with 4-H Youth Development Programming in New York State may enter. Qualifying contestants must give permission for their creative writing to be displayed and used for publicity. The contest is entered and selected in NY. You may submit either a limerick or a haikus.

For more information call the 4-H Office or visit <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/index.html>

NYS 4-H Dog Photography Contest



The New York State 4-H Dog Program is searching for new talent! Young Photographers (age 5-19) will have an opportunity to have their original work displayed at the NYS Fair in 2008. Entries are due July 21, 2008.

Any youth currently affiliated with 4-H Youth Development Programming in New York State may enter this contest. Qualifying contestants must give permission for their artwork to be displayed and used for publicity. The contest is entered and selected in NY. The subject matter must be of a domestic dog of any breed or mixed breed. Suggested Categories could be Dog Behavior/Dog Sport/Dog Helper/Best Friend/4-H dog Activity/Breeds around the World. Entries may be electronic (digital) or print (film) format. All entries become the property of Cornell and will not be returned.

For more information call the 4-H Office or visit <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/index.html>

**Please send entries
Postmarked by Tuesday, July 21, 2008 to:
Kathi Chambliss
NYS 4-H Dog Program Photography Contest
1313 Snyder Rd.
Alfred Station, NY 14803
chamblisk@aol.com**

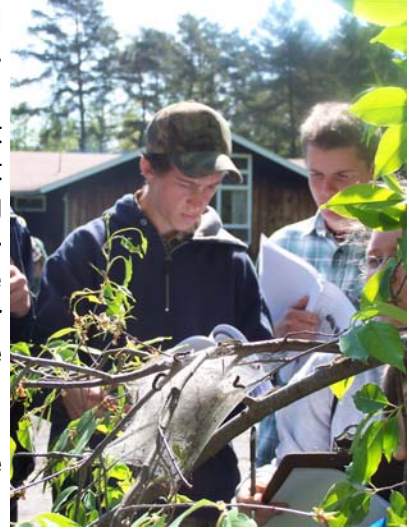
NYS 4-H Forestry Weekend at Arnot Forest



On May 16, five new 4-H members from the new Kingston High School Outdoors 4-H Club traveled to the Arnot Teaching and Research Forest near Cornell for an exciting weekend of learning about forestry. The purpose of the weekend, open to 11-19 year

olds, is to learn about tree ID, tree measurements, tree pests and diseases, and map and compass.

At the end of the weekend, youth participate in a challenge to practice their skills and compete for spots on the NYS 4-H Forestry Team. Four youth and one alternate (age 14-18) are chosen to compete at the National 4-H Forestry Competition in West Virginia in July. This year four 4-H members from Ulster County were invited to participate on the NYS 4-H Team at Nationals!! **Congratulations!**



Philemon George Mommsen
Dean Mercer
Henry Maendel
Travis Litts

This is only the second year that NYS 4-H will send a team to Nationals, but you can anticipate that this program will grow in the years to come. Keep your eye out for the forestry weekend next year in May!

Promote 4-H at The Kingston Farmers Market

The Kingston Farmers Market has invited the Ulster County 4-H Program a spot at the Kingston Farmers Market on 4 Saturdays: June 7, July 5, September 6 and October 4. The market is from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. 4-H Clubs are invited to have a table to promote 4-H and/or to have a fund raiser. If your 4-H Club is interested please sign up with Jenny.



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Use this form to register for any class/workshop offered in the Observer

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OR: Email to: jl64@cornell.edu

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Activity/Training	Date	Names of Attendees	Address	Phone #	Fee