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Your Guide for the 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 shopping for goodies to put in an Easter Basket and made an Easter Card to go with the basket. We put the basket together and wrapped it with Easter cellophane wrap. The Easter Basket went to a girl at the Astor Home.

We sent in an entry for the National Colgate Youth for America Campaign for a Community Service Project. We received confirmation that we won a fourth place prize for our Holiday Baskets to the Elderly of New Paltz. On Memorial Day we marched in a parade in West Shokan to pay tribute to our armed forces.

Samsonville Barnyard—*Whitney Barringer*

Last meeting we went on a tour of the meat department at Adam's Fairacre Farms in Kingston. It was very fun, interesting and disgusting! It was very cold inside the meat department room where everything is stored, cut up, packaged and wrapped. There were a LOT of boxes of frozen chicken parts. There were also corpses of sheep, a pig and sides of cows hanging up. They had a cool hamburger machine and a sausage machine. The sausage machine could wrap the meat, print the price and put it on the meat packages. They said that since their meat doesn't have preservatives it turns brown on the inside. Most people think that means it is rotting but it actually shows that Adams meat has no preservatives and is good to eat as long as it's not over the "use by" date on the label. About 7 people work in their department. They have to be very careful with all the machines and their VERY sharp knives or they can get hurt. We had a fun time at our tour!

After that, we wrote thank-you notes and made thank-you posters for all the people and businesses who helped us with our Spring Fun Festival. A new person joined our club, Kristin Nerone, who is in fourth grade. She has helped her parents raise

Service Dogs but this is the first time she's been in a 4-H club and her first time raising chickens.

Feathered Friends—*Elissa Mardiney*

During the month of April we had 5 weeks of training. Everyone is doing a really great job and working very hard. On April 4 we had our 1st annual dog show-fun match. We had a great turnout and everybody had lots of fun. We had people come from New Jersey to participate. We would like to thank everyone who helped out and made it such an enjoyable event. A special thanks to Gary & Susan Clark for letting us use their facilities. Erin Watters received her 1st leg toward her AMBOR CD—Melanie Munzer achieved her 1st leg toward her AKC CD. Congratulations to all!

During May we had 3 weeks of dog training and one business meeting. On May 5 we had a guest join us for part of the evening. Herman Meyer from the Hudson Valley Tracking Association came to talk to the group. He showed us how dogs track people and objects through high grass. He was very interesting to watch, he even let some of the members participate. We really appreciated him being there to show us what tracking is. We are looking forward to our annual picnic and the fair.

Hounds-n-Hydrants—*Amy Watters*



Besides holding club meetings, our group has also kept busy participating in various workshops such as the Sew A Jam, Vet Science Series and the Photography Workshop.

Crazy Critters

Community Service

Crazy Critters

On May 1, 4-H Crazy Critters members Tim Danchak, Kortni Binns, and Kaylee Lewis volunteered their Saturday morning to the residents of Hudson Valley Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center in Highland. Kaylee arrived a bit earlier than the rest of the group, where she helped to set up the games. The 4-H'ers then assisted the hearing and visually impaired residents to enjoy the centers weekly Bingo games. The residents quickly became fond of the 4H'ers (how could you not?!) and they've been invited to return for another visit. They have the option of doing another morning of games or can assist the residents in a craft.

Samsonville Barnyard 4-H Club Receives Recognition

Colgate-Palmolive's 31st Annual Youth for America campaign has selected the Samsonville Barnyard 4-H Club from among thousands of entries as one of the best examples of community service in the nation.

The Colgate-Palmolive Company states, "Your service work is clearly making a difference in your community and we hope that through this special recognition, your dedication and hard work will inspire others to get involved in their communities."



Clothing Revue

Our Clothing Revue was held May 7, 2004 at the Old Dutch Church. Thanks to each of you who participated. Your textile work was outstanding and your modeling was superb. A special thanks to Diane, Gary and Erin Kleitz for building the set. And to Kay Peischel who coordinated the event.

2004 Participants

*Amanda Bartley
Jaime Churchill
Sarah Cohen
Kacie Giuliano
Cindy Green
Sarah Harrison
Lorren Potter
Steven Potter
Loralee Reidy*

*Paul Scherry
Rejoice Scherry
Sarah Sofranko
Christina Tinti
Elmo Tinti
Megan VanGorden
Amber Weeks
Jennifer Weeks
Amber Westlund*

Outstanding Teens

*Jaime Churchill
Sarah Cohen
Kacie Giuliano
Sarah Harrison
Loralee Reidy
Sara Sofranko
Amber Westlund*

State Fair Representatives

*Jaime Churchill
Sarah Harrison
Sara Sofranko*

Kacie Giuliano (alt)

Animal Science News

Poultry Testing & Poultry Clinic

Poultry people mark your calendars for Saturday, July 10, 1-3 at the Fairgrounds. 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 15 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 July 2 so we know how many birds need to be tested.

4-H Livestock Auction Marketing Project Meeting

**Tuesday, June 22, 2004, 7:00 PM
Extension Education Center
Mark this date, details will be sent to
Market Project Members**

Goat Clinic

Saturday, July 10, 2004

Wondering how to show a goat?!?! The Goat clinic will be held Saturday, July 10, 9-11 AM at the Fairgrounds. 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.

Beef Clinic

Sunday, July 11, 2004

A Beef Clinic is being planned for Sunday, July 11, 9-1at the Wayne Brooks Farm. Registration Deadline is **June 25**.

Dairy Fitting & Showmanship Clinic Saturday, July 10, 2004

This year we will present an Ulster County 4-H Showing and Fitting Clinic! All dairy project members and anyone interested in Dairy are invited to attend. There will be no cost; but you MUST Pre-register.

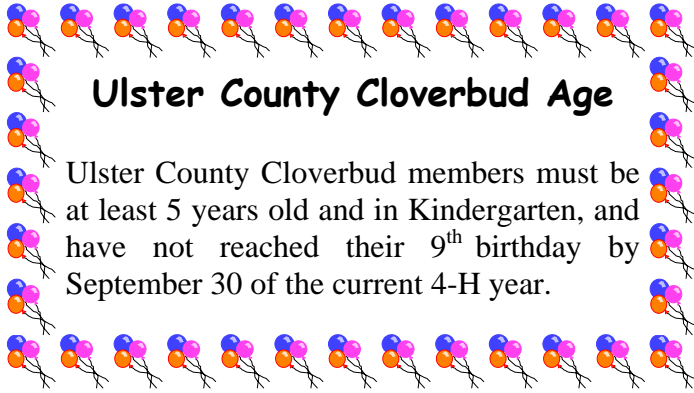
The Clinic categories will be: Washing, Clipping, Animal Selection, Preparing animals for the Fair, and Showmanship.

The clinic will be from 9-1 at Kelder's Farm, Pre-registration is a MUST. To register, sign up, call, or email. Registration Deadline is: Friday, June 25.



NEW! Handlers Workshop

Saturday, August 7, 10 am in the 4-H Show Ring there will be a Handlers Workshop for all youth interested in Master Showmanship. Get hands-on experience with all species in Master Showmanship.



Ulster County Cloverbud Age

Ulster County Cloverbud members must be at least 5 years old and in Kindergarten, and have not reached their 9th birthday by September 30 of the current 4-H year.

Come Join the Safari

Once again the 4-H will be participating in the Children's Day Parade on July 9 in Kingston! We will be designing our safari-themed float on June 23, at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 5:30 pm. We need some creative minds to aid us in this endeavor. If you would like to be a part of the design or construction of the float or if you wish to participate in the parade itself simply come to the June 23 meeting! If you cannot make it to the meeting then contact Jessie at 340-3990 for more opportunities to help out with the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

4-H Sharp Shooters

Did you know Ulster County has a 4-H Shooting Sports program?! On Saturday, August 21, beginning at 10 AM it's youth and ladies day at the Phoenicia Fish and Game Association. Bring your family and be introduced to shooting sports. All you need will be provided. The Fish and Game Club is located on Route 28 in Mount Tremper.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Club meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 7-8:30 PM. Youth ages 10 and up are coached in the use of firearms. Both boys and girls participate. The 4-H Shooting Sports instructors are Greg Walters and Ray Smith. For more information call Greg @ 845-688-7162 or Ray @ 845-657-2671

Fair Evaluation

Tuesday, August 17, 7:00 pm—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 2004 Fair. Here is the agenda:

7:00-7:55 Individual Advisory/Program Development Committees meet to review 2004 and make written recommendations for 2005. (The committees are: Auction, Cattle, Goat/Sheep, Home Economics, Horse, Small Animals.)

7:55-8:45 Everyone meets together to hear a 7 minute verbal report. Written recommendations for 2005 are submitted from each committee.

8:45 Refreshments!

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 eligible.

Save the Date for Fair Set-Up

This year's Fair Set-up Weekend will be **July 31 and August 1**.

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.

Snack Bar Opportunity

Does your club need funding for a trip or project planned in the upcoming year? If so, working at the snack bar at the Ulster County Fair is a great way for your club to earn money and have fun.

Working at the snack bar is an all day commitment, 9:00 am to 8:30 pm. It needs to be staffed by 3-5 club members and 2-3 adults at all times throughout the day. We also require one leader/parent from your club to act as chair and stay at the booth throughout the day.

If your club is interested in working at the snack bar, but does not have enough workers, you might be able to share the commitment with another club.

Your club will receive a "generous reward" for this job, plus it is a great way to help out at the fair and learn life skills. That's what 4-H is all about!

Please contact Debbie or Jessie at 340-3990 if you are interested. The assignment will be first come, first served. Your help with staffing the snack bar would be greatly appreciated! All leaders/parents new to working the snack bar must attend the training orientation on July 7, 2004, please see the article below.



Snack Bar Training

Snack Bar Training will take place on Entry Fest Day, July 7, 2004, at 6:30 pm, in the youth building at the Ulster County Fair Grounds. Parents and leaders new to working the snack bar should plan on attending this special orientation. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie or Jessie at 340-3990.

"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.

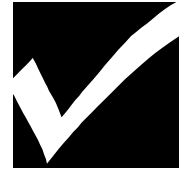
Master Showmanship 2004

With the help of several teen participants and the 4-H Strategy Committee a few changes have been made for 2004. Here's what's **new!**

- 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 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 *new* Handlers Workshop. The Handlers Workshop will be held on Saturday morning (August 7) at the fair. Meet us at 10 AM in the 4-H Show Ring.

*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 31** or **Sunday, August 1.**
- ___ Put the finishing touches on your projects.
- ___ Bring your Static Exhibits to be judged on **Monday, August 2.**
- ___ Bring your animal exhibits to the fair-grounds on **Monday, August 1** and **Tuesday, August 2**, by **3:00 pm** (applies only to Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goat, Rabbit, Poultry, 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 VIP 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!

***NEW!!! 4-H All Stars!!!
4-H Member Experience at County Fair***

4-H Youth Development brings young people and their families together with volunteers, community members, and professionals in a powerful partnership in which everyone involved learns and grows. The 4-H Program wants to provide the BEST educational experience for all youth at the Ulster County Fair. Over the years we have seen the value of youth actively participating in the animal barns. This year we are expanding this fair involvement to **ALL** fair participants. Each youth that enters a 4-H exhibit/project will sign up for a 2 hour 4-H All star opportunity. Youth with 4 or more hours in the barn will be Barn Stars!!! Youth who choose not to participate will forfeit all premiums. Any questions? Call Patti at the 4-H Office.



***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 which are listed below. Please do your best to help out and more importantly, act as ambassadors for 4-H at the County 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 Fairgrounds

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 fairgrounds 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. It is listed again in this newsletter. Please note that the last release time is not for individuals, but for cars picking up exhibits for entire clubs. The 4-H Office will only supply passes to clubs that have multiple Static Exhibit entries (one pass per club).



Dust Off Your Club Banners!

Have you been busy this year making a club banner that you take to all your 4-H functions? **Please bring it to the fair** so that we can unfurl it in the Youth Building for everyone to see. You can bring it to the Youth Building on Monday, August 1. It is a great way to show your club spirit and let everyone know what 4-H is about

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

July 15 Deadline Really Means

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?

Fair Facts

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 fairgrounds. Bowl & Pocket Pets, Dogs & Horses are the exceptions.

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 fairgrounds 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 - see Bowl & Pocket Pets in section CC of the Fair Book.

Cars on the Fairgrounds

Some 4-H'ers with animal exhibits find it helpful to bring their animal feed to the barn(s) by car. That is okay, as long as you do it before 9:30 am each morning of the fair. You can drive onto the fairgrounds through the pool gate, drop off the food and remove your car immediately to the free parking area across the street. **Cars are not allowed on the fairgrounds any day after 9:30 am.** PLAN AHEAD and prepare to do a lot of walking!

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.

July 15th Deadline

Please remember all entry forms 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

"Exhibit Tags"

Each exhibit, other than 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. 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 air week, there will be two other opportunities to pick up Exhibit Tags :

- At the Entry Fest on **Wednesday, July 7**, from **6:00 to 7:30 pm**, at the Fairgrounds, in the Youth Building. Here you will also receive help in filling out your Exhibit Entry tags.

- At the fair, on **Monday, August 1**, when you bring in your static exhibits to be judged, there will be extra Exhibit Tags available.

Animal Exhibit Cards will be available at the 4-H Office before fair and in the 4-H Fair Office beginning **Monday, August 1**.

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 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.

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 Fairgrounds on **Monday, August 2**, starting at 2:00 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 fairgrounds 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!

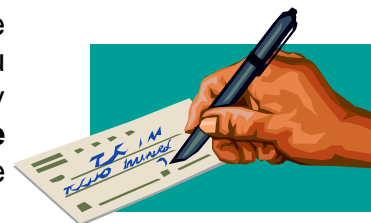
EXHIBITOR GATE PASSES

- 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 fairgrounds 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 fairgrounds.
- Who Gets One?** Each 4-H member exhibiting Static, Bowl & Pocket Pets, Horse or Dog are entitled to 1 ride pass, 1 one-day pass and 4 one-day passes per family. All other livestock exhibitors will receive 1 non-ride wristband (for all six days), 1 ride pass and 12 one-day passes for family. **Exhibitor passes are not meant for grandparents, friends or other relatives.** We need people to support the Fair by paying regular admission.

VIP/BRACELET 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. 4-H exhibitors get on the rides FREE for one day of your choice. Passes for the bracelets can be picked up from the 4-H Fair office starting on Monday. The VIP free 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 a two hour all-star time.

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. **This year, the Fair Board will not reissue checks that have expired.** So, remember to cash those checks when you get them!



Schedule Highlights

Fair opens on Tuesday. Here are the Highlights.

Animals—May be brought either Monday night or by **3:00 p.m. Tuesday**.

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 fairgrounds.

Leaders Dinner & Recognition—Will be held on Friday evening at 5:30 pm in the 4-H Show 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.

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 market class for that animal (See Fair Book).
- Make sure you place the # sign after the class number for the market classes you are registering for on the Animal Entry Form.
- **10:00 am Wednesday:** Weighing all Small Animal Market Classes
- **11:00 am Wednesday:** Weighing all Large Animal Market Classes in Swine Barn.
- **4:30 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. Be ready to work.
- **11:00 am Sunday:** Post-Auction meeting **required** for all auction members to discuss the auction and plan for product distribution.

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.



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 (*means that 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.

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. Public Presentations are scheduled from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on August 4, 5, 6 and 7. Please refer to the Fair Book for more details. Contact Debbie at 340-3990 or by email (djn9@cornell.edu) to schedule your time.

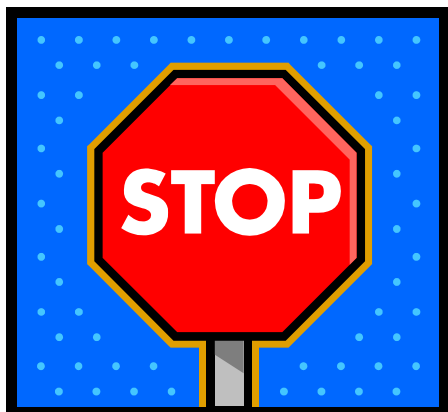
Mannequin Modeling: Strike a pose! Volunteer to mannequin model after the Clothing Revue at County fair. Call Debbie at 340-3990 for more details.

Fun Activity Volunteer: Got an easy and inexpensive project that you would like to share with new 4-H members? Volunteer to lead a "fun activity". Contact Debbie at 340-3990 for more details.

Career Explorations 2004 Orientation

An orientation will be held at the Extension Education Center for all persons who have registered for Career Explorations 2004. The orientation will take place on June 23, 2004 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Please contact Debbie at 340-3990 or by email (djn9@cornell.edu) to let her know whether or not you will be attending.

Youth Building Check in Procedure



Upon entering the youth building this year there will be a check-in for all youth and their static exhibits. This addition, as of last year, 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.

State Fair Work Opportunity

Would you like to be a "teen leader" at the great New York State Fair? If you turned 13 on or before January 1, 2004, you are welcome to apply. Teen leaders earn premiums by working at least 6 hours per day. If selected to be a teen leader, you will be required to pay a dorm fee. Also, depending on the position you are selected for, you might be responsible for your own transportation to and from the fair. Please check with the 4-H office.

Ulster County will participate in this year's State Fair from August 30 through September 2. If you are interested in working for 4-H at both County and State Fairs, please contact Debbie at 340-3990.

So Long...

Kornel Brown made the decision to pursue his academic goal of post graduate study. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County said farewell to Kornel May 14, 2004. We wish him the BEST!!! The Community Educator position will be filled as soon as possible.

AND... WELCOME!!!

The 4-H Program is VERY fortunate to have two ladies to help us with Summer Programming and of course the Ulster County Fair. Please welcome these ladies when you see them!!!

Interim 4-H Program Educator—Debbie Neis

Currently Debbie is with the 21st Century TOPS after school 4-H Program. She has expanded her hours to cover the summer responsibilities and helping to coordinate the Ulster County Fair. Already she has some great workshops planned!

Summer Cornell Intern—Jessie Churchill

This year the 4-H Program worked with Cornell University to develop a Summer Intern position for Ulster County. We are pleased to welcome Jessie in this first time position. Jessie has completed her first year at Cornell University. Her 4-H background and studies in Animal Science will be an asset to the Ulster County 4-H Program.

Attention 4H members!

Opportunities to learn, get ideas, and create projects for the Ulster County Fair:

An Afternoon with a Nutritionist- Living in our health conscious world, we know the importance of eating a low fat, nutritious, diet. However, sometimes we still crave those delicious baked sweets. Attend this workshop and learn how to make banana bread that is both low in fat and sweet! From the nutritionist you will learn how to make your favorite recipes healthier and how to bake banana bread that you can submit for judging in the **Baking Light** class at the Ulster County Fair.

Workshop date and time: Tuesday, June 29, 2004 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

An Evening with a Chef – Learn how to bake blueberry muffins with New York's fresh blueberries, from a real chef! Come get the recipe, learn baking techniques, and enjoy some tasty treats. After you take this workshop you will know how to make delicious blueberry muffins to submit for judging in the **Grown in New York** or **Muffins** classes at the Ulster County Fair.



Workshop date and time: Tuesday, July 6, 2004 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.



An Evening with a Master Gardener- Are you interested in submitting cut flowers or fruits and vegetables to be judged at the Ulster County Fair? If so, then this is the workshop for you. Learn methods to keep your plants pest free, how to select the best specimens, and what the judges are really looking for.

Workshop date and time: Wednesday, July 14, 2004 from 5:45pm to 7:00pm.

If you are interested in attending any of these workshops please contact Debbie at 340-3990 or by email (djn9@cornell.edu). Space at the workshops is limited so please register as soon as possible. At the time of registration, you will be informed about any supplies that you may need to bring.

Call for Presenters

Do you have an activity that you would like to share with youth? We are 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 August 3 through August 8 at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in New Paltz. Stage activities are slated from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm each day from August 4 to August 7. Presenters are needed for the available time slots listed below.

In order to schedule daily stage activities, we need to know the days and times that you can be available. Using the scheduling sheet below as a guide, please choose the time slots that will work for you. To minimize scheduling conflicts, please choose at least three slots and indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd preference.

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 Debbie at 340-3990 or by email (djn9@cornell.edu).

TIME	Wednesday 08/04/04	Thursday 08/05/04	Friday 08/06/04	Saturday 08/07/04
10:00-10:30				
10:30-11:00				
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3:30-4:00				
4:00-4:30				
4:30-5:00				
5:00-5:30				
5:30-6:00			Not Available	



Save the Date Page!!

Here's the list of what we have planned for the next few months. Dates may change so double check with the 4-H Office, if you're not sure.

June

22	Auction Workshop	6:00 pm	Kingston, Extension Education
23	Float Building	5:30 pm	Kingston, Extension Education
29	Nutrition Workshop	1-2:30 pm	Kingston, Extension Education
30—July 2	Career Explorations		Cornell University
30	Cattle PDC	7:00 pm	Kingston, Extension Education

July

??	Float Building		Kingston
6	Evening with a Chef	6-7:30 pm	Kingston, Extension Education
7	Entry Fest	6:00 pm	Ulster County Fairgrounds
	Snack Bar Orientation	6:30 pm	Ulster County Fairgrounds
9	Children's Day Parade	5:30 pm	Kingston High School (line up)
10	Goat Clinic	9-11 am	Ulster County Fairgrounds
10	Dairy Clinic	9-1 am	Kelder's Farm
10	Poultry Clinic & Pullorum Testing	1-3 pm	Ulster County Fairgrounds
11	Beef Clinic	9-1 pm	Wayne Brooks Farm
12	Small Animal PDC	7:00 pm	Kingston, Extension Education
14	Evening with a Master Gardener	5:45-7:00 pm	Kingston, Extension Education
15	ENTRY DEADLINE FOR FAIR		
15	State Fair Horse Deadline		
26	Horse Ring Clean-up	5-8 pm	Ulster County Fairgrounds
28	Cattle PDC	7:00 pm	Kingston, Extension Education
31	Fair Set Up		Ulster County Fairgrounds

August

1	Fair Set Up		Ulster County Fairgrounds
2	Static Exhibit Judging	2:30-7:00 pm	Ulster County Fairgrounds
2-3	Animals to Fairgrounds		
3-8	Ulster County Fair		Ulster County Fairgrounds
17	Fair Evaluation	7:00-8:30 pm	Ulster County Fairgrounds
29	Ulster County Exhibits to State Fair	Syracuse	

IMPORTANT after the fair dates

September

11	2005 Leader's Rally	New Club Packets, Handbook Update
15	DEADLINE Record Books and Award Applications	

October

3-9	National 4-H Week—Window Display Contest
15	Achievement Night

RETURN SHEET

Use this form to register for any class/workshop offered in the Observer
 RETURN TO: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, 10 Westbrook Lane,
 Kingston, NY 12401

June/July 2004

Activity/Training	Date	Names of Attendees	Address	Phone #	Fee