



2026 Exhibitors Book Livingston County 4-H Hemlock Fair



Independent Member Displays
& Exhibits Department



Important Exhibitor Information

This is your copy of the 4-H Exhibitors Book for the Hemlock Fair. READ IT CAREFULLY!

- All fair entries are to be submitted online at fairentry.com.
- Helpful instructions may be found on our website on the "Hemlock & NYS Fairs" page under "Fair Entry Help Tools".
- Helpful Planning Forms for the purpose of planning and assisting with the online entry process may be found at the back of this book.

Fair passes and animal exhibitor parking tags will be available at:

- Meat Bird Show – Sunday, July 12th
- Dairy & Livestock Barn Set – Tuesday, July 15th, 5 pm
- Building Exhibit Judging Check in Sunday, July 19th, 1-4:30 pm
- 4-H Animal Office (animal exhibitors) starting Monday, July 20th
- 4-H Exhibitor Building (non-animal exhibitors) starting Tuesday, July 21st

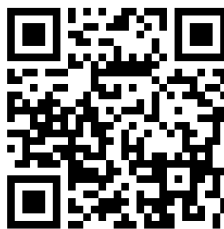
**Entries Due:
June 22nd**

***No entries will be
accepted after June 22nd
The online system will close**



**Members and clubs are
encouraged to incorporate
the theme into their
exhibits and displays**

Click [HERE](#) or
scan the code
to start your
entries!



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Instructions!



Questions on the Exhibitors Book, the Online Fair Entry System, or the Fair itself? Please contact us!

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ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS

We realize and appreciate the importance of the interest and cooperation of parents in assisting 4-H members in completing fair entries and in getting their exhibits to the fairs. However, we ask that parents remember that the 4-H Department is a youth show, conducted for their education and training. The setting up of exhibits, fitting, and caring of animals should be handled entirely by youth while at the fairs.

4-H Exhibits: Rules & Regulations

1. This department is open to all Livingston County 4-Hers enrolled by April 30, 2026.
2. Registered Cloverbuds may present projects completed during the current 4-H year to receive positive feedback during 4-H Exhibit Judging Day. Cloverbuds may exhibit project animals (1 per species) in Cloverbud Showmanship Classes to receive positive feedback. Cloverbuds and projects/animals will not be evaluated and no premiums will be awarded. Participation ribbons will be presented.
3. All fair entries must be submitted online (free of charge) by June 22nd. Go to <https://faireentry.com/> to log in and begin the entry process. Instructions may be found at <http://cclivingstoncounty.org/4-h-youth/hemlock-nys-fairs>. Planning Forms to assist with the online entry process may also be found on this page or at the back of this book. The online fair entry system will close on June 22nd. Entries cannot be entered/submitted after June 22nd. Any 4-Her interested in entering an open class must do so through the Fair Secretary and by the deadline stated in the open class book. See the Hemlock Fair website for information.
4. All exhibits entered must have been grown, produced, or made by the exhibitor. Exhibits made during the current 4-H year may be evaluated.
5. All 4-H Dairy & Livestock and Small Animal exhibitors are required to complete one 45-minute animal-related educational activity by July 1st regardless of the number of species being exhibited. Cloverbuds are exempt.
6. Projects must be exhibited at Hemlock Fair to be eligible for State Fair consideration.
7. Contact the CCE Office prior to Hemlock Fair if you are interested in or planning on exhibiting animals at the New York State Fair in Departments 01-10. Entry information will be emailed to these exhibitors. State Fair information may be found at <https://nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/>.
8. No 4-H activities are scheduled after 9pm. Therefore, no exhibitors are to be on the fairgrounds after 9pm unless under direct supervision of a parent/guardian. Violators subject to the withholding of premium money.
9. No 4-H exhibitor will be permitted to sleep in the animal barns.
10. 4-H exhibitors and enrolled volunteers will receive a weekly gate pass. A maximum of two weekly gate passes per 4-H family will be issued only to parents/guardians. This gate pass includes entrance to the fairgrounds and grandstand but does not include rides.
11. No entry fee will be charged in this department.
12. The judges' decision will be final in all classes. Judging will be based on individual merit, taking into consideration the age, ability, and experience of the member. Premiums and ribbons will be awarded for each exhibit.
13. All building exhibitors must present their own exhibits to the judge(s).
14. Arrival and release of exhibits: All items must remain on display for the duration of the fair. Any exhibit removed from the fair prior to the release time will automatically forfeit premiums. Please follow the schedule.
15. Animal stalls must be left clean (unless otherwise instructed by Superintendent) or premium money will be forfeited.
16. Premiums in the 4-H Department will be paid by the Hemlock Fair Association.
17. Awards in all sections, except where otherwise stated, will be on a point system. The points are listed in each section. The total points will be added and divided into the amount of money available to determine the value of each point. EXAMPLE: If each point is found to be worth \$.50, awards would be as follows: (excellent) 2 points x \$.50 equals \$1.00; and (good) 1 point x \$.50 equals \$.50.
18. Exceptions to the Rules & Regulations must be approved by an educator. Violators are subject to the withholding of their premium money. If entry rules are not followed, an item will be disqualified.
19. Every effort will be made to safeguard exhibits, but the Fair Association and 4-H assume no responsibility in case of loss of exhibits or damage by any cause, and upon this condition only are exhibits received.

DEPARTMENT: INDEPENDENT MEMBER DISPLAYS & EXHIBITS

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Classes 01-03: Excellent 20 • Good 15 • Worthy 10

General Guidelines:

- No religious or copyrighted symbols can be used on displays or banners.
- Independent member's status is according to enrollment information received in the CCE Office before May 1.
- All displays must be in place by noon on Tuesday.
- 4-H Clover must be used correctly! See guidelines at: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/res/pdfs-using_the_4h_name.pdf.

Class 01: 20 Point Premium

Class 01: INDEPENDENT MEMBER DISPLAY - For members not enrolled in a 4-H club. After member's exhibits have been judged, member is responsible for displaying exhibit in their designated area. Must have a minimum of 5 exhibits on display to receive premium. Must include a name sign.

Classes 02-03: Excellent 10 • Good 8 • Worthy 6

Class 02: INDEPENDENT MEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT - A poster or series of posters/photos describing the Community Service Project. Be sure to include who the project benefited, what the need was, where the project took place, when it was conducted and why you chose to undertake the project.

Class 03: INDEPENDENT MEMBER NAME SIGN - Must be constructed during current 4-H year by 4-H member(s). Constructed means: sewn or glued together using fabric, felt, poster board or card stock. A paper with name written on it will not be judged. Any revisions made to an existing name sign will not be judged. Minimum size: 8.5"x11"; Maximum size: 12"x14".

Class 04: Excellent 40 • Good 30 • Worthy 20

Class 04: INDEPENDENT MEMBER EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY - Create an interactive educational activity intended to engage the public during a 2-hour time slot. Contact the CCE Office to discuss educational topic and schedule.