

# Livingston Livewire

July 2026



**4-H** is more than the  
*ribbons & awards*

IT'S ABOUT the **PEOPLE**, the

**Experiences**, the *life-long skills*,

the *memories*, the **COUNTY FAIRS**

IT'S ABOUT being a **ROLE MODEL**

*giving back*, and **MAKING THE  
BEST BETTER**



NATIONAL 4-H



4-H GROWS HERE



# Calendar of Events



DATE	TIME	EVENT
July 1		Pre-Fair Educational Requirement Due
July 9		Pullorum Clinic (Hemlock Fair Grounds)
July 12		Market Poultry Show (Hemlock Fair Grounds)
July 19		Building Exhibit Judging (Hemlock Fair Grounds)
July 20		Animal Move In (Hemlock Fair Grounds)
July 21-25		Hemlock Fair
July 25		4-H Livestock Auction (Hemlock Fair Grounds)

CCE Livingston County will be closed on July 3rd for Independence Day



**For the complete Hemlock Fair 4-H Schedule**



## CONTACTING 4-H STAFF DURING FAIR



Our entire CCE Staff will be spending most of their time out of the office and at the Hemlock Fair July 17th-26th

**If you need to contact a 4-H staff member during this time, please do not call the office and leave a message. The best way to reach us and receive a quicker response is with an email.**

Randy Stephens - rjs546@cornell.edu

Jenn Schwab - jls669@cornell.edu

Mark Wittmeyer - mjw16@cornell.edu

2026 4-H Hemlock Fair Theme

# BEACH

Welcome to "FAIR-a-dise"

# What's Going On In 4-H?

## Puppets Alive

We explore puppet making & puppetry theatre, with each year's focus defined by youth members' interests & abilities. Members learn new skills incrementally through guided group activities and independent exploration.



Second Tuesdays, 4-6 PM  
Chip Holt Nature Center

- January 13, 2026
- February 10, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- April 14, 2026
- May 12, 2026
- June 9, 2026
- July 14, 2026

Open to all Livingston County 4-Hers

INFORMATION: beesandland@gmail.com



## 4-H is as American as Apple Pie

**DO YOU LIKE TO MAKE PIES AND WANT TO SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS?**

**JOIN THE APPLE PIE CONTEST AT THE HEMLOCK FAIR!**

**THIS IS OPEN TO ALL 4-H YOUTH!**

**JUDGING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> STARTING AT NOON.**

**PIES MUST BE DROPPED OFF TO THE EXHIBIT BUILDING THURSDAY MORNING.**

**PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO TOP 3 PIES!**

**LET RANDY KNOW IF YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS CONTEST! (RJS546@CORNELL.EDU)**



YOU'RE INVITED TO

**JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

## 4-H SOCIAL AT THE FAIR

ICE CREAM NOVOLTIES & LINE DANCING LESSONS

7-8 PM  
AG BUILDING

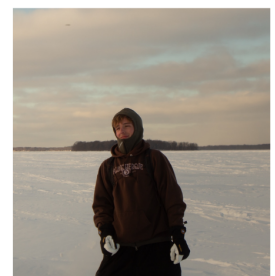
OPEN TO ALL 4-H EXHIBITING FAMILIES

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



## Welcome 4-H Summer Assistants Vivianne & Walker!

We are pleased to introduce Vivianne & Walker as 2026 4-H Summer Assistants helping with fair. Vivianne will be joining us as the animal program summer assistant helping with fair animal shows and activities and their prep. Walker will be helping with building exhibit judging day, exhibit building activities, food tent, and state fair exhibits. We look forward to having them be a part our 4-H Team this summer!





# Animal Science



## **\*\*ATTENTION ALL HEMLOCK FAIR 4-H ANIMAL EXHIBITORS\*\***

### ***Pre-Fair Educational Activity Requirement***

All Dairy & Livestock and Small Animal exhibitors exhibiting at the Hemlock Fair are **required to complete one 45-minute animal-related educational activity by July 1<sup>st</sup>**. Cloverbuds are exempt:

- This requirement is for all members exhibiting at least one of the following species: Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry (Fancy & Meat Birds), Dairy, Beef, Goat, Sheep, or Swine
- Only 1 activity required regardless of the number of species being exhibited
- Failure to complete this requirement on time will result in forfeit of all fair animal premiums for the species listed above
- An activity can include any of the following:
  1. Any Livingston County 4-H Animal Activity Night participated in during current 4-H Year
  2. Participation in the Livingston County 4-H Public Presentation Program (**MUST be an animal-related presentation**)
  3. Any county, regional, state or Cornell University-sponsored 4-H animal science activities
  4. Independent 4-H animal activity pre-approved by a 4-H educator. A completed Pre-Fair Educational Activity Form must be completed and submitted with this option. Form may be found at <http://ccelivingstoncounty.org/resources/pre-fair-educational-activity-form>. Examples may include researching an animal-related topic of interest, attending an animal show, participating in a hands-on animal experience with a knowledgeable adult, watching videos/presentations on raising/showing an animal, etc. Contact Mark or Jenn regarding one of these ideas or if you have one of your own.

If you are willing to work with us, we will work with you to complete this requirement! Questions? Contact Mark at [mjw16@cornell.edu](mailto:mjw16@cornell.edu) | 585-991-5441 or Jenn at [jls669@cornell.edu](mailto:jls669@cornell.edu) | 585-991-5439.

## **4-H Animal Project Record Awards**

Each year at 4-H Achievement Day, awards are presented to members who submit outstanding 4-H Animal Project Records. Species-specific project records (Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry, Pet, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, & Dairy) may be found on our website. Records are due in September along with 4-H Trip & Award Applications. Please consider submitting a project record.



## Seeking Fair Dairy & Livestock Show Helpers

In an effort to help our dairy & livestock shows run as smoothly and effectively as possible, we are seeking a couple ring helpers for each show. Helpers may be parents, volunteers, or responsible teens. Please contact Mark ([mjw16@cornell.edu](mailto:mjw16@cornell.edu)) for more information or if interested in helping with one or more shows. Tasks/responsibilities include:

- Set up of make-shift holding pens before show for hog, sheep, and goat shows.
- Water down show ring before show and as needed between breed divisions or classes.
- Ensure next class (exhibitors and animals) is "on deck" and ready to enter the show ring when called upon. This includes champion drives.
- Direct/assist exhibitors and animals in and out of show ring.
- Assist judge in directing exhibitors and animals in the show ring.
- Assist judge in lining up animals in the show ring as needed (champion drives).
- Assist exhibitors and animals with posing for champion pictures.
- Pick up manure in show ring as needed.
- Assist show superintendent(s) as needed.



# Animal Science



## Attention Poultry Exhibitors



### PULLORUM TYPHOID TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR FAIR

#### TESTING AVAILABLE (FREE!)

**Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> | 5-7:00pm**

**Hemlock Fairgrounds**

Registration Deadline: July 2<sup>nd</sup>

RSVP to Jenn at [jl669@cornell.edu](mailto:jl669@cornell.edu)

\*Must provide the number of birds you will be bringing to be tested\*

#### ALL POULTRY MUST HAVE:

1.) a negative pullorum-typhoid test conducted within 90 days prior to date of admission to the fair OR 2.) proof that the bird originated from a US pullorum-typhoid clean flock or equivalent flock. If utilizing a receipt, it must be dated within 1-year of the date of admission to the fair.

### PROOF OF NEGATIVE TEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CCE OFFICE BY JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>

All birds must be tested with the exception of doves, pigeons, waterfowl, and meat birds purchased through the 4-H meat bird program. Birds purchased through the 4-H meat bird program will already have proof on file and need not be tested. **Birds four months of age and older are eligible for this test.**

If you have 10+ birds to be tested, it is highly encouraged that you contact NYS Ag & Markets to have a flock certification. Email Jenn (email above) for our state vet tech's contact information.

**\*\*\*TESTING WILL NOT BE OFFERED AT FAIR ANIMAL CHECK-IN\*\*\***

## ATTENTION AUCTION PARTICIPANTS

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WHEN YOU ARE SELLING YOUR ANIMAL(S) AT THE AUCTION:

- Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Animals will be given a buyers banner when "on deck" to enter the ring. Have a fellow 4-H member with you who will hold this banner in the ring while you are presenting your animal during auctioning.
- While in the ring, all participants should either 1) walk your animal in the same direction as it was walked in the show OR 2) set your animal up in the center of the ring as it was being shown.
- All participants will have a picture taken with their animal immediately after exiting the ring.
- Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Charity Animals will have a picture taken with their buyer(s).
- Immediately after your animal's picture has been taken you will be given a buyers ribbon. Have a fellow 4-H member or an adult tend to your animal while you take the ribbon directly to your buyer. Make sure to say THANK YOU!





# Animal Science



## Animal Science Sportsman of the Year

The county annually awards one deserving Animal Science youth the "Sportsman of the Year" award at the Annual County Achievement Day. Each youth may nominate one other youth.

**NOMINATIONS FROM ADULTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

This is an opportunity for members to have a voice in recognizing another member who has inspired and influenced in a 4-H animal program. Nominees should be selected based on how the person relates to others, portrays a positive attitude when winning and losing, and exhibits general sportsman-like conduct.

Scan the QR Code for a nomination form!



**Deadline: August 31**  
Thank you Shooting Star Farm for the sponsorship of this award

## NYS Fair 4-H Animal Entries

Entry Deadline TBA

Hemlock Fair 4-H animal exhibitors may enter their project animals in NYS Fair 4-H/Youth Animal Shows

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

- Only animals exhibited at the the Hemlock Fair AND receiving a Blue Ribbon in a breed class are eligible for state fair
- Animals sold at the Hemlock Fair Livestock Auction are **not** eligible for state fair
- Horse exhibitors please see the County Horse Program Policy Guide Book for additional state fair eligibility requirements
- All entries **MUST** have county educator approval/endorsement

For NYS Fair Animal Show information including premium book, entry deadline rules, entry procedures/forms & show information/resources



#### Eligibility/Requirements

- High school student entering at least their sophomore year. High school graduates are not eligible.
- Have a potential interest in a career in animal science.
- Have an interest in pursuing a post-secondary education in agriculture.
- Can commit to a weekend program which could be Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday in October, February, April and May/June. Cost \$100 for the year!

To apply visit:



<https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/nys-animal-and-agriculture-leadership-program>

### NYS ANIMAL AND AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

A program designed to give high school students the chance to explore post-secondary agricultural education and career opportunities in the dairy, livestock, and equine industries. Participants will engage in a networking environment through interactions with faculty and students, college planning, and personal development activities. Youth will be introduced to all areas of animal science, gaining insights into the various opportunities within each species and how these can be applied beyond their specific area of interest.

#### For more information contact:

- Brian J. Aukema [bj14@cornell.edu](mailto:bj14@cornell.edu)
- Deborah Grusenmeyer [djc27@cornell.edu](mailto:djc27@cornell.edu)
- Brieanna Hughes [bh548@cornell.edu](mailto:bh548@cornell.edu)
- Jessica Tyson [jms943@cornell.edu](mailto:jms943@cornell.edu)

Program is supported in part by NYS Farm Bureau and Farm Credit East.

To support this program visit: [HTTPS://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/livestock-species](https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/livestock-species)



GROW MAKE SERVE THRIVE

HEMLOCK FAIR ANIMAL AWARDS PRESENTATION  
FAMILY PIZZA PARTY  
SATURDAY, JULY 25TH, 5:30PM, AG BUILDING

**PIZZA PARTY RSVP**  
RSVP 1 PER FAMILY BY JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>



FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, A FEW OF OUR 4-H PARENTS HAVE COORDINATED A FAMILY PIZZA PARTY FOR THE 4-H ANIMAL EXHIBITOR AWARDS CEREMONY. ALL 4-H ANIMAL EXHIBITOR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND! IT'S A GREAT TIME FOR EVERYONE TO GATHER TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE. TO KEEP COORDINATION SIMPLE AND MANAGEABLE, THE FINAL COST WILL BE \$10-15 PER FAMILY. ONCE WE HAVE THE FINAL COUNT, WE'LL LET EVERYONE KNOW HOW MUCH IT WILL BE, AND BELINDA COLE WILL COLLECT THE FUNDS AT FAIR. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SIMPLE SURVEY (1/FAMILY) TO ENSURE THERE WILL BE ENOUGH PIZZA FOR EVERYONE.





# Animal Science



## Animal Exhibit General Information

- All animals must meet the State Health Requirements for Fairs. See each species department in the Fair Book for species specific health requirements. If applicable, a copy of the animal registration and rabies certificate should be turned into the CCE Office. Original Rabies Certificate, Coggins, or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) MUST accompany animals to the fair.
- Please take a picture of your Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection on your cell phone before leaving for the fair. The State Veterinarian can work with you to have your animals unloaded and checked in with a picture until the originals can get to the fair.
- No one is permitted to sleep in the barn at the fair.
- Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm an informational meeting for animal exhibitors will be held in the swine show arena. ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS (excluding horse) are highly encouraged to attend. Exhibitor numbers and other important information will be given out at this time.

### **Stall Decorations - Theme: Beach with a Patriotic Twist**

All members are HIGHLY encouraged to decorate their stalls. Please include educational information about your animal, species, and 4-H! This is the one time of year 4-H gets to educate the public about our great animal science programs & 4-H!

### **Animal Awards Presentation**

All families exhibiting Open Class & 4-H animals are invited to an awards presentation, hosted by the Hemlock Fair Open Class Committee, on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Ag Building. Please complete the pizza party form. The 4-H Master & Grand Master Showman Awards will be presented and the Hemlock Fair Open Class Committee will present awards of their own.

## Large Animal Exhibitor Information

### **Dairy & Livestock Barn Set Up - Hemlock Fair**

#### **\*\*NEW SCHEDULE\*\***

**BEEF BARN** - Sunday, July 12th, 4pm

**DAIRY BARN** - Tuesday, July 14th, 5pm

**SHEEP & GOAT BARN - NO SET UP!**

All sheep and goat pens will be set up, assigned and labeled by 4-H staff & Hemlock Fair Open Class Animal Superintendents by Wednesday July 15th

All families exhibiting beef and dairy are HIGHLY encouraged to help with setting up these barns. Please bring rakes, shovels, cordless screw guns, and basic tools if you have these. Many hands make lite work!

### **Check-In: Dairy & Livestock**

**Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> (2-8pm) OR Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> (8:30am-12pm)**

ALL Dairy & Livestock animals MUST meet the State Health Requirements for Fairs and pass an animal health inspection conducted by the state veterinarian. All animals are REQUIRED to be health inspected as they are unloaded and BEFORE entering a barn. Make sure you have your Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) ready at the time of check-in.

NOTE -- Take a picture of your Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection on your cell phone before leaving for the fair. The State Veterinarian can work with you to have your animals unloaded and checked in with a picture until the originals can get to the fair.



# Animal Science



## Small Animal Exhibitor Information

### Barn Tear Down - Hemlock Fair

ALL Rabbit, Cavy, and Fancy Poultry exhibitors (or someone on your behalf) are required to help during tear down of the barn. Failure to help during tear down will result in forfeit of premiums.

**Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> | 8pm**

Hemlock Fairgrounds

Rabbit, Cavy, & Poultry Barn Tear Down

**Check-In: Rabbit, Cavy, & Fancy Poultry**

Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> | 3-5pm & 6-8pm

ALL rabbits, cavies, and fancy poultry MUST pass an animal health inspection BEFORE being placed in a cage.

### Pullorum Typhoid Testing Requirement

All birds with the exception of doves, pigeons, waterfowl, and meat birds purchased through the 4-H meat bird program MUST have a negative pullorum-typhoid test conducted within 90 days prior to fair or have proof the birds originated from a US pullorum-typhoid clean flock (proof valid for 12 months). Birds four months of age and older are eligible for this test.

#### Pullorum Clinic

July 9<sup>th</sup> | 5-7pm | Hemlock Fairgrounds (Animal Barns)

RSVP to Jenn with the number of birds by July 2<sup>nd</sup>

If you have 10+ birds to be tested, it is highly encouraged that you contact NYS Ag & Markets to have a flock certification. Email Jenn for our state vet tech's contact information.

**PROOF OF NEGATIVE TEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CCE OFFICE BY JULY 17th**

Birds will NOT be tested at fair check in!

## Important Market Poultry Exhibitor Information

### **Showmanship & Market Show: Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> (6pm)**

- Birds checked in from 3-5:30pm (This includes leg banding and weigh in).
- All birds must be in place by 5:45pm!
- If you want to weigh your birds before pairing them, you may use the scale to do so. Once you have your pairs established, 4-H Staff will re-weigh each one for an official weight and assign a leg band to the pair.
- Birds will be crated after the show is complete.
- If you are planning to send up to 8 extra birds for processing, you will need to sign up with Jenn by July 1st & complete paperwork before leaving the fairgrounds.

- Each exhibitor is highly encouraged to send two extra birds to the processor due to meat conditions that are often undetectable during the poultry judging process and are only found during processing.
- These will be used to replace auction birds that may be found to be less than desirable for quality and per state guidelines need to be labeled "not for sale."
- If you choose to not provide two extra birds and your auction bird(s) carcasses need to be labeled "not for sale" per state guidelines, you will not be eligible to sell that pen of birds in the auction.
- The 2 extra birds will be processed and returned to you free of charge. Watch your email for pick up details.

# Important Building Exhibit Entry & Judging Day Information

- Building Exhibit Judging will take place on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Hemlock Fair Festival Building, from 1 - 4:30 pm. We ask that exhibitors arrive by 4:30 pm. Judging may continue past 4:30 pm if you arrive by 4:30 pm.
- PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE CHECK IN TABLE PRIOR TO GETTING YOUR EXHIBITS JUDGED! This just lets us know that you are all set and ready to show your hard work to our judges.
- ALL projects you would like judged or think you may bring to the fair MUST be entered by the entry deadline. Do NOT bring exhibits to judging day that have not been entered.
- Double Entry tags will not be available again this year.
- All entry tags will be computer generated from the Fair Entry System.
- After entries are closed, you will receive an email with your entry tags. Please print (ONE SIDED) and attach them to your projects. This tag will stay with your project throughout the fair. If you are unable to print them, you MUST let Randy know by July 13<sup>th</sup>.
- You will need to write the information below on the back of your Entry Tag. This will help you be prepared to talk about your project when being evaluated.
  - Number of years in the Project Area
  - 2 things learned or improved on

## Other Fair Opportunities for Members & Clubs

Did you know there are more ways to participate in the fair than just exhibiting projects in the 4-H Building and showing animals? There are MANY activities that are classes in the Hemlock Fair 4-H Exhibitors Book. Completing these activities at fair will earn exhibitors points towards their premium checks. Check out these activities/classes and contact staff if you have questions.

- Food stand worker serving customers (individual & club)
- Exhibit Building Judging Assistant
- Club Educational Activity
- Public Presentations
- Animal Presentation/Demonstration in a 4-H Barn
- Cupcake Showdown Contest
- PINY Demonstration
- Animal Barn Ambassador
- Ice Cream Booth Attendant
- Club Educational Exhibit
- Exhibit Building Activity Leader
- Food Tent Menu Challenge

# 4-H Member Photo Release for Hemlock Fair

Please contact Mark (mjw16@cornell.edu) if a parent/guardian does NOT wish to have their child's picture used by 4-H for 4-H only promotion purposes.

## Camping at the Hemlock Fair

Camping Registration Forms are available on the Hemlock Fair Website ([hemlockfair.org](http://hemlockfair.org)) under "Exhibitors" and should be returned with payment to:  
PO Box 263, Hemlock, NY 14466

## Hemlock Fair Celebrates America's 250 Years of Independence!!

Hemlock Fair will be honoring America's 250 years of independence throughout the five days of the fair! There will be an exciting "America 250" themed parade on Wednesday evening of the fair. Check out <https://hemlockfair.org/> for more information on this and other related activities/events. 4-H families are invited to join in the celebration by creatively incorporating red, white, & blue and the "America 250" theme into this year's 4-H beach theme – "Welcome to Fair-a-dise. Exhibitors are encouraged to include the themes in their exhibits, projects, displays, and barn decorations.



# FOOD CONTESTS AT THE FAIR!

## CREATE A FOOD TENT MENU ITEM

Scheduled throughout Fair Week

- Use any of the ingredients currently available at the 4-H Food Tent (breakfast all day)
- Add one additional ingredient from another food vendor at the fair
  - Create a new and unique menu item
  - Work individually or in a team of 2

Participants will prepare the dish on-site during Fair Week! Food Tent Staff will select a winner and your item will be added to next year's menu!

**FOR AGES 10+.**

Email Randy at [rjs546@cornell.edu](mailto:rjs546@cornell.edu) by July 17<sup>th</sup> to sign up!!



## CUPCAKE SHOWDOWN

Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am

### Create a Patriotic/Beach Themed Cupcake Display

- Must be at least 2 feet tall
- Contains 24 cupcakes
- Demonstrates at least 3 different decorating techniques

Bring all your items pre-baked, but not decorated. Frosting may be pre-made, but not store bought. You will have 1 hour to decorate and assemble your display.

Work individually or in a team of 2.  
For ages 5+.

Email Randy at [rjs546@cornell.edu](mailto:rjs546@cornell.edu) by July 17<sup>th</sup> to sign up!!



For more information on how to participate, contact Randy ([rjs546@cornell.edu](mailto:rjs546@cornell.edu))



## Seeking 4-H Teens to be Judge's Assistants Building Exhibit Judging Day - Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

We are seeking approximately 15 4-H teens (12-18 years old) to serve as judge's assistants during 4-H exhibit judging on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in the Hemlock Fair Festival Building. As part of the entry tag system, there is a need for a second person to work with each judge to record the Danish ribbon for each exhibit and exhibits for state fair consideration.

Judges and Assistants will have Orientation at 11:30am. Then Judging Exhibits for Assistants will be from 12:00pm-1:00pm. From 1:00pm to 4:30pm will be the Judges Assistant's shift

### What are the benefits of being a Teen Judge's Assistant?

- You will receive a fair \$ premium. Enter Section 44: 4-H Leadership Opportunities, Class Number 02, Exhibit Building Teen Assistant in [faireentry.com](http://faireentry.com).
- Lunch will be provided.
- Learn judging techniques firsthand from the judge you are working with.
- This role and experience will look very impressive on scholarship applications!

Contact Randy ([rjs546@cornell.edu](mailto:rjs546@cornell.edu)) if you are interested, need more information, or have questions.

# VOLUNTEER AT THE HEMLOCK FAIR FOOD TENT

## Fair Premiums & Club Fundraising Incentives Available

4-H members (9 years or older) and adults are needed to help in the food tent during the fair. Responsibilities include maintaining a clean sanitary area, serving the public, taking food orders, counting change, and following the supervisors' directions. Four individuals are needed for each shift. Parent supervision is required for children 12 years and younger.

### Incentives Available!

- Premiums will be awarded for multiple shifts completed.
- Work 6+ hours and receive a 4-H Hat, Bag, or T-Shirt
- Clubs that have 3-4 members working 2 shifts together will receive at least a \$200 incentive check depending on the total sales during fair.

### 2 Hour Shift Schedule

- Daily, Tuesday-Saturday of Fair
- 7-9am, 9-11am, 11am-1pm, 1-3pm, 3-5pm, & 5-7pm

### How to Sign Up

- Sign-up using the Fair Entry Online System.
- Enter class 06 in Section 44: 4-H Leadership Opportunities.
- Enter the class for each shift you would like to sign up for.
- After June 22nd you will be able to schedule a shift(s) through a Google Doc that will be in the weekly email blast.
- After July 17<sup>th</sup>, you will be able to schedule a shift(s) on a master white board in the 4-H Exhibit Building on Judging Day (July 19<sup>th</sup>) and at the food tent during the fair.



### Club Sign Up

- Club members will sign up the same as an individual member above  
\*\*Everyone must pick the same time
- Club leaders must do an Entry in Class 02 in Section: 46 for the club incentive

# What's Going On In 4-H?

## Hemlock Fair 4-H Exhibitor Passes

Please watch your email for an announcement of when fair passes will be available for pick up at the CCE Office.

Passes will also be available at Building Exhibit Judging Day (July 19th) and at the animal barn office (located in the Swine Barn) on Monday, July 20th & Tuesday, July 21st.

\*\*If you pick up your passes after the fair starts, we may not be able to bring your pass outside the gates to you. Please make every effort to pick up your passes BEFORE the fair\*\*

## Hemlock Fair 4-H Exhibitor Pass Policy

Per page 4, rule #10 of the 2026 Livingston County 4-H Hemlock Fair Exhibitors Book:

“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.”

## HEMLOCK FAIR OPEN CLASS

### DEPARTMENTS:

### ANIMAL & HOME ARTS SHOWS

### ENTRY PROCEDURES

All 4-H members are encouraged to enter Hemlock Fair Open Show Classes in addition to their 4-H Department Classes. Members may enter classes in the following open show departments – Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Horse, and Home Arts. 4-H members will need to complete the appropriate Hemlock Fair Open Show Entry Form and submit with entry fee directly to the fair (by the fair's deadline). Received 4-H Entry Forms do not automatically enter members into open show classes.

For more information and entry forms, visit <https://hemlockfair.org/> under “Exhibitors”. Entry forms with payment are to be returned to P.O. Box 263, Hemlock, NY 14466. Contact the Fair for questions at 585-367-3370 or [mail@hemlockfair.org](mailto:mail@hemlockfair.org).

## Livingston County 4-H Poultry Cooking Contests

CHOOSE YOUR BEST EVENT!

**BBQ Chicken Contest (Ages 10+)**

**BBQ Turkey Contest (Ages 10+)**

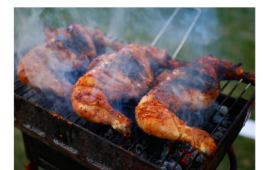
Contests will take place in August.

The date will be determine by participant availability

**3 Murray Hill Drive, Mt. Morris**

**Ages 10+ Welcome!**  
**RSVP Deadline:**  
**July 25th**

Email Jenn at  
[jl669@cornell.edu](mailto:jl669@cornell.edu)



# Hemlock Fair 4-H Emergency/Safety Plan

## Communication Plan

In the event of an emergency, the health and safety of our 4-H families is the ONLY priority. Cornell Cooperative Staff (Executive Director, YD Team Leader, 4-H Educators, CCE Staff) will inform all individuals inside and near 4-H facilities (buildings, barns, arenas, food tent, etc.) of the specific emergency, implement appropriate action (evacuation or shelter-in-place), and provide appropriate direction/assistance. The Executive Director and/or YD Team Leader will communicate with CCE/4-H Staff, fair personnel, and emergency responders as appropriate to coordinate safety efforts. As deemed necessary, 4-H staff will call parents/guardians with information and instructions.

## Emergency Evacuation Plan

In the event evacuation becomes necessary due to fire or another emergency, CCE/4-H Staff will direct all individuals in the facility on where to exit and where to meet (designated meeting location). CCE/4-H Staff will escort youth and assist young children and those needing assistance during evacuation.

Designated Meeting Location – Upper Half of Fairgrounds: If the 4-H Building is evacuated, the designated meeting location is the Festival Building. If the Festival Building is evacuated during exhibit judging, the designated meeting location is the 4-H Building.

Designated Meeting Location – Lower Half of Fairgrounds: If the 4-H Food Tent and/or any animal barn is evacuated, the designated meeting location is the Ag Building (animal show/auction building). If the Ag Building is evacuated, the designated meeting location is the new, large horse barn near the grandstand.

## Shelter-In-Place Plan

During some emergencies, it is safer to stay indoors and shelter-in-place instead of evacuating. These types of emergencies include the release of hazardous materials, extreme weather/tornado, or an active threat to life. If outdoors, quickly seek the closest indoor shelter (4-H Building, Festival Building, Ag Building, or new large horse barn near grandstand). Locate yourself in the center of the building, away from windows/glass and exterior walls and doors.

## Active Threat to Life Plan

The recommended response to an armed attacker or other active threat to life is Run-Hide-Fight. Run: evacuate the area. Hide: lockdown in a secure place (4-H Building, Festival Building, Ag Building, or new large horse barn near grandstand). Fight: confront the attacker, but only when your life is in imminent danger.

## Missing Child Plan

In the event that a participant becomes lost or unaccounted for, stay calm. Maintain adequate supervision for the remaining participants. Notify a CCE/4-H Staff member. Conduct a search of the immediate vicinity and any high-risk areas. If the youth is not found in the immediate vicinity, the Executive Director or YD Team Lead will contact parents/guardians and appropriate fair personnel. The fair will immediately initiate its missing child emergency plan. Actions will include the immediate lockdown of all entry gates and a search of the grounds involving county sheriffs and fair personnel.

# 4-H End-of-the-Year Awards Information

PLEASE CONSIDER APPLYING FOR ONE OR MORE OF THESE HONORS!

**Applications & Summary Books are due August 31st**

All 4-H members are encouraged to apply for as many end-of-year awards as they are eligible to receive. Some awards do not need you to do anything (Cloverbud 2A & 3A Award Trips)! Awards will be announced and presented at 4-H Achievement Day on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2pm, Livingston County Auditorium (Building #1, Mount Morris County Campus).

## APPLICATION STEPS

1. Review complete lists of Available 4-H Trips & Awards and Project Pin Areas. Make sure to read the description, eligibility, and required items to be submitted (application, 4-H Summary Book, leader recommendation, etc.) You may find these lists with information in this issue of the Livewire and at <https://cclivingstoncounty.org/4-h-youth/4-h-year-end>.
2. Complete an application & parent/leader recommendation form (combined form) for each trip, project pin, and award being applied for. You may find this form in this issue of the Livewire and at <https://cclivingstoncounty.org/4-h-youth/4-h-year-end>.
3. Complete the 4-H Project Summary Book with project work for the current 4-H year. Summary Book content must support/demonstrate work completed for the specific award being applied for. The summary book, and completion instructions, may be found and downloaded from <https://cclivingstoncounty.org/4-h-youth/4-h-year-end>.
4. Submit ALL required paperwork for each award being applied for to the CCE Office by September 19th. Applications missing required paperwork will not be considered for award selection.



## Project Pin Areas



Do you have a 4-H member that has been learning and exploring the same project area for the past two years? If you answered yes, consider nominating him/her for a Project Pin. Project Pins are available in the following project areas. Nominees must be 4-H age for at least 2 years and cannot receive the same Project Pin two years in a row.

AEROSPACE  
 AGRICULTURE  
 ARTS + CRAFTS  
 AQUACULTURE  
 ANIMAL HUSBANDRY  
 BEEF  
 BICYCLE  
 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
 CAKE DECORATING  
 CATS  
 CAVY  
 CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT  
 CITIZENSHIP & CIVIC EDUCATION  
 CLOTHING & TEXTILES  
 CODING  
 COMMUNICATION ART  
 COMMUNITY SERVICE  
 COMPUTER SCIENCE  
 COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY  
 CONSERVATION (EARTH, WATER & AIR)  
 CONSUMER & FAMILY SCIENCE  
 CONSUMER EDUCATION  
 COOKING  
 CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT  
 DAIRY  
 DOGS  
 ELECTRICITY  
 ENGINES, TRACTORS & FIELD

EQUIPMENT  
 ENTOMOLOGY & BEES  
 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP  
 EQUINE SCIENCE  
 FASHION REVUE  
 FIELD CROPS  
 FINE ARTS  
 FITNESS LEADERSHIP  
 FOOD & NUTRITION  
 FOOD SCIENCE  
 FORESTRY  
 GARDENING & HORTICULTURE  
 GENEALOGY  
 GEOLOGY  
 GOATS  
 GUIDE DOG  
 HEALTHY LIVING  
 HERPETOLOGY  
 HIPPOLOGY  
 HISTORY  
 HOBBIES & COLLECTIONS  
 HOME ENVIRONMENT  
 HORSE  
 INDUSTRIAL ARTS  
 JUDGING  
 LEADERSHIP  
 MENTORSHIP  
 MONEY MANAGEMENT

MUSIC  
 OUTDOOR EDUCATION & RECREATION  
 PERFORMING ARTS  
 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT  
 PETS  
 PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO  
 PHYSICAL SCIENCE  
 PLANT SCIENCE  
 POULTRY  
 PUBLIC SPEAKING  
 RABBIT  
 REPORTING MEDIA  
 ROBOTICS  
 ROCKETRY  
 SAFETY  
 SCRAPBOOKING  
 SHEEP  
 SHOOTING SPORTS  
 STEM  
 SWINE  
 TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING  
 VETERINARY SCIENCE  
 VISUAL ARTS  
 WATER FOWL  
 WILDLIFE & FISHERIES  
 WOOD SCIENCE  
 YOGA



## Available 4-H Trips & Awards



Trip Name	4-H Ages	Description	Qualifications
Cloverbud 2A Trip	5-7	A short day-trip to a local entertainment venue, such as miniature golf at Minnehan's in Lakeville. Trip dates vary according to location.	Participation in Public Presentations or Horse Communications AND one other county event.*  <b>No need to apply, we keep track!</b>
3A Trip	8-18	A day-long educational and fun trip to a local attraction. The location is different each year. Previous trips include the Rochester Museum & Science Center, Strong Museum, & Corning Museum of Glass. Trip is usually in the fall.	Participation in Public Presentations, Horse Bowl, or Horse Communications AND two other county events.*  <b>No need to apply, we keep track!</b>
Tween Trip	9-12	A fun day-long trip to spend with other tween 4-H members from the county. Roller skating, amusement park, and other local attractions are potential locations. Trip dates vary according to location.	Must demonstrate active involvement in 4-H through the <b>Project Summary Book</b> . Trip Application & Leader Recommendation are required.
STARR	13-18	A weekend retreat full of leadership development, team building, and workshops! Planned for and carried out by a teen committee from across the state. Trip is usually in April.	Must demonstrate active involvement in 4-H through the <b>Project Summary Book</b> . Trip Application & Leader Recommendation are required.
Cornell Career Explorations	Grades 7+	A 3-day, 2-night trip to Cornell University where youth can experience a bit of college life by staying in college dorms, eating at the college cafeterias, and taking classes geared toward age and interest. Trip is usually in late June/early July.	Must demonstrate active involvement in 4-H through the <b>Project Summary Book</b> . Trip Application & Leader Recommendation are required.  <b>County pays 66% of expense, participant pays the balance.</b>
Capital Days	14+	A 3-day trip to the State Capital where participants gain a better understanding of NYS government, career opportunities, and meet and exchange ideas with State Legislators. Trip is usually held in May.	Must demonstrate active involvement in 4-H through the <b>Project Summary Book</b> . Trip Application & Leader Recommendation are required.  <b>County pays 66% of expense, participant pays the balance.</b>
Cobleskill Agri-Business Career Conference	14+	A 2-day trip to SUNY Cobleskill where participants tour the college and area agricultural businesses, and hear from select speakers. Trip is usually in October.	Must have interest in agricultural business and demonstrate active involvement in 4-H through Project Summary Book. Trip Application & Leader Recommendation is required.  <b>County pays 66% of expense, participant pays the balance.</b>

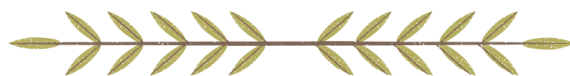
\* Eligible County Events Include: Produced in New York, Creative Fiber Arts Revue, Hippology (Horse), Fall Fundraiser, Spring Fundraiser, Hemlock Fair.

Award Name	4-H Ages	Description	Qualifications
First Year 4-H Award	8+	A 4-H prize (t-shirt, hat or bag, etc.) given to any active first-year 4-H member (not Cloverbud).	Must demonstrate active involvement in 4-H through the <b>Project Summary Book</b> .  Trip Application & Leader Recommendation are required.
Project Pin	9+	A commemorative pin is given to reflect achievement in the project pin area. Over 50 project pins are available. Some common project pins awarded include Food & Nutrition, Arts & Crafts, and Leadership.	Must have completed 2 years of work in a project area as reflected in the <b>Project Summary Book</b> , as well as related experiences (such as fair exhibits, bowl contests, judging teams, and teen leadership). Can apply for 2 pins per year, but not the same pin 2 years in a row. An application and recommendation are required.
Animal Science Project Record Awards	8+	An award given to the 4-H member with the most outstanding Animal Project Record or Market Animal Record.	Submission of the complete Animal Project Record. Blank Market Animal Project Records are given at the time of animal tag-in. Record Books for non-market animals and small animal species are available. Contact the CCE Office.
Horsemen of the Year	8+	Recognizes members for their year-round participation and achievement in the 4-H Horse Program. A certificate and plaque are awarded to the top 2 participants at three different levels of achievement.	Hippology, Horse Bowl, Horse Communications, clinics, horse shows, etc. Details can be found in the Livingston County 4-H Horse Policy Guidebook on our website.
Outstanding 4-Her	16-18	This is a monetary scholarship of \$100 awarded to a senior level 4-H member who has demonstrated outstanding involvement in 4-H.	Must have been an active 4-H member for at least 5 years. A written essay, leader/parent recommendation, and application are required.
Russell B. Ace Memorial Scholarship	Grade 12	A \$1000 scholarship awarded to an active 4-H member who has demonstrated leadership skills and served his/her community through active participation in the 4-H program.	Must be an active 4-H member for at least 5 years and a graduating high school senior planning to attend a secondary education program resulting in a certificate or a degree. Applications are available on our website and due in early May.
Cloverbud Summary Book Award	5-7	Will be recognized at Achievement Day with a certificate and a Prize for completing, and turning in, their Cloverbud Summary Book.	Must turn in a filled out Cloverbud Summary Book by the year-end Trips & Awards deadline.

SAVE THE DATE

# 4-H Achievement Day

SUN., OCTOBER 4, 2026 | 2PM  
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Join us in celebrating our 4-H members  
hardwork and achievements!

# Cloverbud Summary Book

**NOW AVAILABLE**

There is now a version of the 4-H Summary Book available just for Cloverbuds!

Parents/guardians and leaders can help Cloverbuds record their 4-H experiences and reflect on them using this book



Cloverbuds who submit completed books by the year-end Trips & Awards deadline will be recognized at 4-H Achievement Day with a certificate and prize!

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**NO REGISTRATION  
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## YOUTH NATURE PROGRAM



**July 6- August 14** Monday-Friday **9:15- Noon**  
**The Chip Holt Nature Center**  
Vitale Park, Lakeville

**Free hands-on activities for ages 5+.**

Short break between activities; attend one or both!

Parent/guardian expected to remain on site during programming.  
Conducted by CCE Livingston County and sponsored by the  
Town of Livonia & Chip Holt Nature Center.  
Questions? Email Mark Wittmeyer at [mjw16@cornell.edu](mailto:mjw16@cornell.edu).

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**Its already time to start thinking about the end of this 4-H Year!**

If you are looking at receiving an award, Including trips like Career Ex, STAR or Capitol Days, please be aware that Summary Books and Applications are due **August 31st**. Be sure to complete all required materials thoroughly and submit them on time. Paperwork can be dropped off at the CCE office or emailed directly to Randy to be reviewed.

**Scan the QR Codes to find what you need!**

## Its that time again!

# Year end paperwork is due soon!

**Trips and Awards Application**



**Summary Book Directions**



**Summary Book**



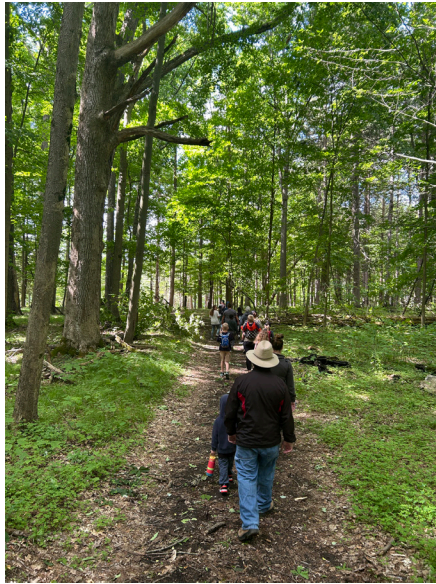
**Cloverbud Summary Book**



**Trips and Awards Descriptions**



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