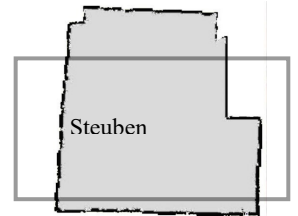




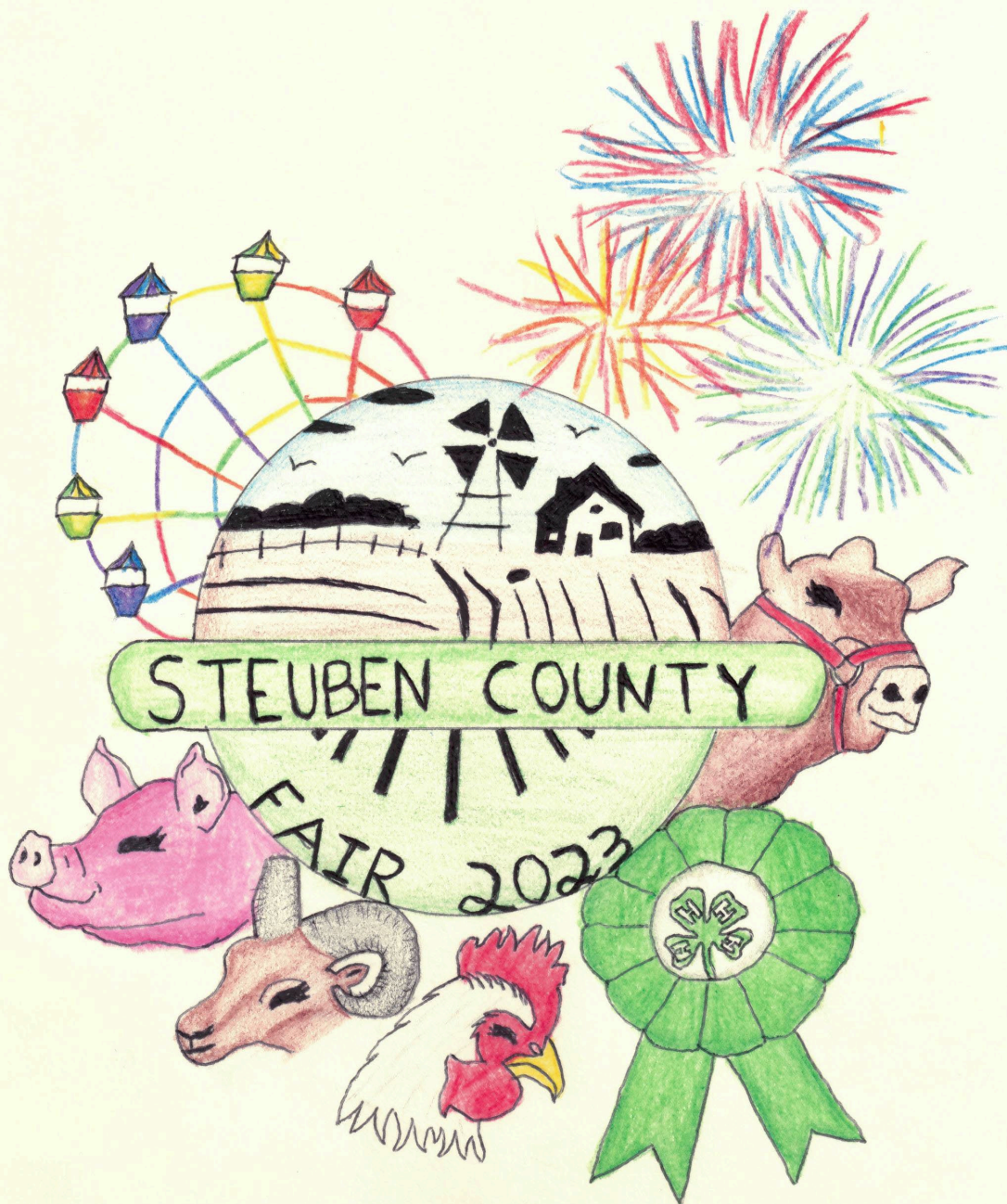
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## JULY

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                                      | Saturday |
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|   |  |   |   |  |   | 1        |
| 2   | 3  | 4<br><b>Independence Day!</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | 5   | 6<br>Rabbit & Cavy Clinic 5:30pm<br>Civil Defense Building | 7<br>Poultry Clinic 6pm<br>Empire Livestock | 8        |
| 9   | 10   | 11<br>YQCA Training 6pm CCE Office                    | 12<br>Pollorum Test Clinic 3-5:30pm<br>Empire Livestock | 13   | 14  | 15       |
| 16<br>4-H Horse Show  | 17<br><b>COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES DUE</b><br><b>Camper Applications Due</b>                     | 18  | 19  | 20<br>4-H PAC Mtg at 5:30 p.m.                             | 21  | 22       |
| 23<br> 30 | 24<br> 31 | 25  | 26  | 27   | 28  | 29       |

## AUGUST

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| 6<br><b>Fair Cleanup Day 10:30-1:00</b>  | 7  | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11     | 12<br>Dog Show 10am<br>4-H Building  |
| 13<br>Youth Building Exhibits arrive 10-4<br>Cloverbud evaluation 1-3<br>Market Poultry 4 p.m. | 14<br><b>Animal Move-In Day!</b><br>Market Goat weigh in @ Fairgrounds<br> Youth Building Judging 9:00 am | 15<br>Market steers and market dairy steers weigh in @ Fairgrounds 7 – 9 AM | 16<br><b>Steuben County Fair</b>              | 17<br>Market lambs & market hogs weigh in @fairgrounds 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. | 18     | 19<br><b>4-H Market Animal Sale 1:00 pm</b><br> |
| 20<br>4-H Exhibitor Party & Awards @ 9<br>Exhibits Released @ noon                             | 21   | 22  | 23<br><b>Exhibits at NYS Fair thru 9/4/23</b> | 24  | 25     | 26   |
| 27   | 28   | 29  | 30  | 31  |        |  |

## SEPTEMBER

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|   |  |   |   |   | 1      | 2  |
| 3   | 4<br><b>LABOR DAY<br/>CCE OFFICE<br/>CLOSED</b>  | 5<br>Pick up NYS<br>Fair Exhibits<br>@ CCE 1 p.m. | 6   | 7   | 8      | 9<br>Twin Tiers<br>Poultry Show @<br>Fairgrounds     |
| 10<br>Twin Tiers<br>Poultry Show<br>@ Fairgrounds | 11   | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15     | 16<br>Twin Tiers<br>Poultry Auction<br>@ Fairgrounds |
| 17  | 18<br><b>ALL PROJECT<br/>RECORDS &amp;<br/>SALE AWARD<br/>APPLICATIONS<br/>DUE</b><br><b>Livestock<br/>Advisory &amp; Sale<br/>Committee Teen<br/>Rep Applications<br/>Due</b> | 19  | 20<br>4-H<br>VOLUNTEER<br>UPDATE<br>Pick up Fall<br>Fundraiser<br>Forms | 21<br>4-H PAC Mtg at<br>5:30 p.m.                   | 22     | 23   |
| 24  | 25   | 26  | 27  | 28<br>JR ACTIVITY<br>& SR<br>SUMMARY<br>REPORTS DUE | 29     | 30   |

## OCTOBER

| Sunday | Monday                              | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday                   |
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| 8      | 9                                   | 10      | 11        | 12       | 13     | 14                         |
| 15     | 16                                  | 17      | 18        | 19       | 20     | 21<br>Achievement<br>Night |
| 22     | 23<br>Fall Fundraiser<br>orders due | 24      | 25        | 26       | 27     | 28                         |
| 29     | 30                                  | 31      |           |          |        |                            |

## November

November 10 – Observance of Veteran’s Day, CCE Office Closed

November 15 – Cheese Pickup

November 23-24 - CCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving





## Office News

### Helpful Links:

#### - 4-H Fair Book

<http://putknowledge2work.org/resources/2022-4-h-fairbook>

Use this link to reference the Steuben County 4-H Fairbook. The Fairbook has all the descriptions including what information you'll need to accompany your entries.

#### -Fair Entry <http://steubencountyfair4h.fairentry.com/>

Use this link for entering your exhibits.

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### ONLINE COUNTY FAIR ENTRY DUE DATES:

#### June 20, 2023:

- Beef Breeding (Submit Registration Papers & Commercial Beef Photos with online entry)
- Market Beef Steers/Heifers & Small Frame Market Beef Steer
- Junior Prospect Male Beef Calf & Feeder Beef Heifer & Dairy Feeder Steer (Submit Registration Papers & Commercial Beef Photos with online entry)
- Market Dairy Steers
- Market Goats (Submit photos with online entry)
- Meat Goat Breeding (Submit Registration Papers & Commercial Goat Photos with online entry)
- Market Lambs (Submit photos with online entry)
- Breeding Sheep (Submit Registration Papers & Commercial Sheep Photos with online entry)
- Market Hogs (Submit photos with online entry)
- Breeding Swine (Submit Registration Papers & Commercial Hog Photos with online entry)
- Grade Dairy Cattle (Submit photos with online entry)
- ALL Animal Leasing Forms (Forms can be found by clicking [here](#), BUT MUST be submitted to the CCE Office via email or mailed paper copy)

#### -MARKET ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PLEDGE-For Market Hogs, Lambs, and Goats (Submit with online entry)

#### July 17, 2023:

- ALL Youth Building Entries
- ALL Cloverbud Animal Entries
- ALL SHOWMANSHIP & NON-OWNERSHIP Animal Entries
- ALL Rabbit Entries
- ALL Poultry Entries
- Dairy Goats (Submit Registration Papers & Grade Dairy Goat Photos with online entry)
- Working Goat-Driving/Pack/Obstacle Goat Class (Submit photos & scrapie tag identification with online entry)
- ALL Dog Entries (CCE MUST have a copy of most current rabies certificate, if not already on file)
- ALL Registered Dairy (Submit Registration Papers with online entry)
- ALL Horse Entries



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### Steuben County Fair 4-H Dog Show

Location: 4-H Building @ The Steuben County Fairgrounds

Date: Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

-Time: 10:00 am

-Entries: Please enter online through FairEntry BY July 17<sup>th</sup>

<http://steubencountyfair4h.fairentry.com/>

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### **4-H Project Records Due Monday, September 18!**

To be eligible for year-end awards and to receive project credit, 4-H members are required to complete records for **animal science, clothing, flower gardening, vegetable gardening, junior leader, and citizenship**. Check out our records page <http://putknowledge2work.org/4-h-youth/4-h-records> on the website to find the record you need! Can't find what you're looking for? Contact the 4-H Office 664-2300.





## **Project Record Requirement for Exhibits @ the 2023 County Fair**

All 4-H members who exhibit a project in the 4-H Division at the 2023 Steuben County Fair are **REQUIRED** to turn into the CCE Office at least one record on their exhibits/project animal(s) per species **by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2023 to be considered for year-end Project Champion.** There will be no consequences for showing the following year (except market animals see below). This is the same for all animal species exhibited as well as youth building exhibits. Market animal exhibitors, every 4-H member who sells a market animal through the 4-H Livestock Sale must turn in a market animal project record to be eligible to identify and show/sell a market animal in 4-H division at the 2024 Steuben County Fair.

## **End-Of-Year Completion and 4-H on Display and Community Service Reports**

4-H organizational leaders and independent members: don't forget to fill out and hand in the End-Of-The-Year Completion Forms, Project Champion nomination forms, 4-H on Display forms and Community Service records. These forms are essential for your club members to receive a completion certificate at the Achievement Program or for Project Champion. **DO NOT DISAPPOINT THE MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB BY NOT COMPLETING THEM!** Please complete and return these forms to the CCE Office by **4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2023.** These forms are available on our website: <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas>

## **Senior Summary & Junior Activity Reports**

**Senior Summary and Junior Activity Reports are due September 29, 2023.** Senior Summary report forms are to be completed by 4-H members in grades 7 and higher (as of fall 2023). The Senior Summary report is intended to be a cumulative report with members changing the front page and the 4-H story pages each year. Everything else is just updated to reflect the current year. 4-H members in grades 7 and up can pick up the Senior Summary Report at the CCE Office, request a senior summary report be mailed to them or it can be downloaded from the CCE Steuben County website at <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas> and click on 4-H youth Development.

The Junior Activity Report is to be completed by 4-H members in grades 3-6 (as of fall 2023). Cloverbud members are not required to complete a Junior report. This report is also available on the CCE website at <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas>.

Both of these forms are used by the 4-H Awards Committee to select 4-H members for trips and awards such as the Junior Award Trip, Washington Focus, and Career Exploration in addition to other award trips. These reports are not difficult to complete! **All reports are due to the CCE Office by September 29, 2023.**

## **Steuben County 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee and 4-H Market Animal Sale Committee- Teen Representative Applications**

- **Applications are due:  
Monday, September 18, 2023**

- **Please submit applications to Michelle Chase**

The 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee and 4-H Market Animal Sale Committee will select 4-H'ers (ages 14-18) to serve as members of the 2023-2024 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee and/or on the 2023-2024 4-H Market Animal Sale Committee. The Committees typically meet once a month.

More information & applications can be found here.

### **Livestock Sale Committee Application:**

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/51865/Teen\\_Representative\\_Application\\_Sale\\_Committee\\_2021.pdf?1624632751](https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/51865/Teen_Representative_Application_Sale_Committee_2021.pdf?1624632751)

### **Livestock Advisory Committee Application:**

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/51870/Teen\\_Representative\\_Application\\_4-H\\_Livestock\\_Advisory\\_2021.pdf?1624635774](https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/51870/Teen_Representative_Application_4-H_Livestock_Advisory_2021.pdf?1624635774)





# Programs & Opportunities

## Pack Goats & Goat Obstacle Class

- Interested in learning more about the Pack/Obstacle Goat Class? Click on the following link [https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/234/40399/Pack\\_Goat\\_Handbook.pdf](https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/234/40399/Pack_Goat_Handbook.pdf)
  - Dairy and Meat Goats, does and wethers of any breed and age, and meat goat bucks under 12 months are eligible to participate.
  - Goats can be trained using treats but cannot be shown in the ring with treats.
  - If this is the only goat you will be bringing to the fair you will be required to participate in a showmanship class
  - Goats must be entered online BY July 17<sup>th</sup>
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## Tractor Supply Fall 4-H Paper Clover Campaign 4-H Clubs Displays Requested!



4-H Clubs Displays are needed to help sell 4-H paper Clovers October 4-15 at all three Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Stores in Steuben County. 4-H Papers Clovers are paper representation of the 4-H Clover that are sold for \$1 by TSC store team members and prominently displayed in the store. For added incentive, the 4-H Clubs that promote and “sell” the most in Steuben County will receive a \$50 check! Clubs can have a display of their projects, club banner, hold a bake sale, have a petting zoo, etc.

Please contact Jenny or Michelle at the CCE Office so we have representation at all 3 stores. Also, please contact the specific TSC Store Manager to make arrangements as well. Bath Store – 607-664-1222, Hornell Store – 607-324-9434, Painted Post Store – 607-962-2606.

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## 2023 Achievement Night Awards Program

On October 21<sup>st</sup> Steuben County 4-H members will be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments for the 2022-2023 project year. 4-H members have compiled an impressive list of accomplishments on the local, district, state and national levels. Through 4-H Programs participating youth have the opportunity to gain valuable skills and to develop positive attitudes.

Your support is needed to provide 4-H members with appropriate recognition for their accomplishments. The 4-H Program relies heavily upon individuals, local businesses and organizations for sponsorship of year-end awards. Sponsorship of a single award is \$20 and additional sponsorships are \$15 each. All sponsors are listed in the awards program and are announced when the sponsored award is presented. Sponsors also receive a copy of the awards program and a thank you certificate. **The Annual Achievement Night Awards Program will be held Saturday, October 21, 2023. More details to come!**



## Behind the Scenes Award

This award is presented to a 4-H member that has done a lot of work “Behind the Scenes”, and may not have received recognition. This is not only for work done at the County Fair but throughout the 4-H project year. **If you would like to nominate a 4-H member please send your nominations to the CCE Office by Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.** Please indicate why you think the 4-H member deserves this award.

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## County Fair

The Fairbook can be downloaded at [www.putknowledgetowork.org](http://www.putknowledgetowork.org). IF YOU NEED A HARDCOPY FROM THE 4-H OFFICE, THEY ARE \$5.00. Copies of Fairbook pages are .15 per one sided copy and .25 for two sided.

Please read your fairbook before you come to the fair because there are MANY changes including important dates, departments, sections and classes. It is your responsibility to ensure that your exhibits are entered correctly. The 4-H Judging Schedule is printed on page 2. Unless otherwise announced, judging will be according to the schedule. The schedule also notes the order for classes/divisions for many of the shows.

\*\*\*Please keep your fair book handy during the week and feel free to ask the 4-H staff or your leaders if you have questions or need additional information.\*\*\*

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### 2023 Steuben County Fair Sponsors

We're currently seeking sponsors for a variety of Steuben County Fair 4-H Awards!

Interested in being a sponsor? Please click on the link below or complete the insert and return to our office.



[https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/51492/Sponsor\\_Form.pdf?1623166738](https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/51492/Sponsor_Form.pdf?1623166738)

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### **\*\*CLUB BOOTHS\*\***

Based on your feedback, we are excited to announce this year in the Youth Building, there will be Club Booths! What does that mean? It means every club has the opportunity to request a 10x10 or 10x20 space to display ALL of the amazing projects that your club has completed this year! Clubs can plan and decorate their club spaces to best reflect their unique club and its members. This is a great Junior leader activity! Initial planning and set-up can begin on August 6<sup>th</sup> during Fair Cleanup Day. Dividers provided – some supplies for shelves available on a first come first served basis. Contact us ASAP to reserve! A table will also be provided for the week for each club to use in their booth.

After the projects are judged on Monday, they can then be moved to their respective Club Booths spaces. All set up must be completed by 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

We are very excited to see the Youth Building spruced up and can't wait to see what everyone comes up with! Watch Monday Memo for space reservation information!

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### County Fair Youth Building Entries: Fair Book Pages-35-65

4-Hers need to enter their youth building exhibits (baking, food preservation, sewing, woodworking, home environment, electric, small shop, art, farm crops, photography, etc.) on-line using the FairEntry program **no later than July 17, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.**

Please read the fair book for additional information and for new classes that are available. If you have any questions, call the 4-H office at 607-664-2576.

As you fill out your FairEntry on-line for the 4-H youth building exhibits, enter everything you think you will be bringing. You will not be making out the entry cards for these exhibits. Your pre-printed entry cards will be mailed to you and you are responsible for attaching them to your exhibits prior to dropping them off Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Adult Volunteer Opportunities!**

### **We Need Your Help!**

#### **County Fair 4-H Office**

Adult volunteers (parents, leaders, grandparents, and friends) are needed to help at the 4-H Office in the County Fair Building in the evening and on the weekend. It's lots of FUN... you'll meet lots of new people for just a few hours of your time! Duties include answering questions and phone, watching exhibits, and monitoring the building. Fair passes will be given to those helping in the 4-H Office, so sign-up today. **An online sign-up sheet is available on the web at**

**<https://forms.gle/7mWzPydZsem9PEbi6>**  
**or contact the CCE Office.**

From Wed.-Fri. there will be two evening shifts, one from 4-7 p.m., one from 7-10 p.m. On Saturday the shifts are from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 2 - 6 p.m. and 6 - 10p.m.

#### **County Fair Bake Sale**

All of the 4-H Food exhibits entered at the County Fair are sold on Monday at the 4-H Bake Sale. The proceeds from the Bake Sale go to the 4-H Activity Fund. Two to three youth and/or adults are needed to run the Bake Sale for the following shifts:

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to help at the Bake Sale, please let the CCE Office know by contacting us at 607-664-2300 or by filling in the appropriate section on the County Fair Volunteer Form found on the web or on the form enclosed in this Steubenite. Be sure to stop by the bake sale and get some yummy goodies to take home (or to the barns) to enjoy!

### **Youth Building Junior Supers & Teen Assistants Needed!**

**Want to be more involved in the Youth Building at the County Fair? There are many opportunities to get involved! Sign up to be a Teen Evaluator on Monday or a Teen Assistant during the week. See below for details.**

#### **Be a Teen Evaluator/Judge's Helper!**

**Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**<https://forms.gle/7mWzPydZsem9PEbi6>**

Learn first-hand what the judges are looking for! On Judging Day, Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> you can be a judge's assistant and help with the judging and arranging of exhibits.

#### **Be a Teen Assistant any day! Tuesday-Friday**

**<https://forms.gle/7mWzPydZsem9PEbi6>**

Teen Assistants duties will be to welcome fairgoers visiting the youth building and answer questions about 4-H. Other jobs will depend on the activities taking place. It may be arranging exhibits, answering the phone, helping with the contests and activities, taking pictures, keeping the exhibits and building looking nice.

### **NYS Fair Youth Building Seeks Youth Support**

#### **JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS**

The Junior Superintendent position is designed to be an educational experience giving older 4-Hers an opportunity to learn workplace skills, team building and people skills. They will work alongside State Fair Program Coordinators and Program Superintendents to help 4-H State Fair programs run smoothly.

- Preference for the Junior Superintendent positions will be given to enrolled 4-H members in good standing with their counties who will have reached their 16th birthday within the current calendar year and have not reached their 19th birthday before January 1st of the current year. Those who are 15 may only be considered if needed.
- A premium of \$40 per day will be given to those who adequately complete their responsibilities.

Contact Jenny – [jmg422@cornell.edu](mailto:jmg422@cornell.edu) for more information!

## Activities Needed for the Youth Building: Thursday & Saturday

### Need Clubs or Family Groups to share an activity with the public.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are Youth Days at the Fair. In the afternoon or early evening (time can be flexible), 4-H will be showcasing some of the projects and activities that are being done in the county. It can involve 4-Hers of all ages (5-19), leaders and adults! **(See insert to sign-up). Fair Entry tickets for those over 12 will be provided.**

### Here are some ideas: Make It Take It Table

Did your club do an activity this year that takes only about 5-10 minutes to make? **Assistance for supplies is available.**

**4-H Show Case:** Special Interest Groups- robotics, bunny jumping, GPS, crafts, weaving, scrapbooking. 4-H members, parents and/or leaders can work together.



### Fair Clean-Up Day

We will be sprucing up the Steuben County Fairgrounds to help prepare for the 2023 County Fair!



**Sunday, August 6th  
10:30am-2:00pm**

-Please register online BY July 28th by filling out the form at this link <https://forms.gle/cRVAKvNxzn4Gxa9f7>

\*4-H Members: Upon arrival, please Check-In @ The 4-H Youth Building to receive your completion credit\*

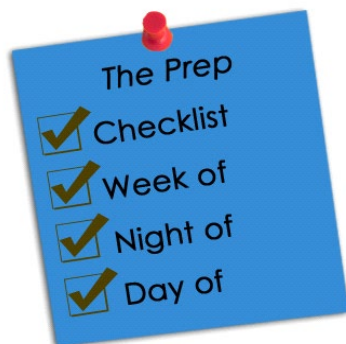
**-4-H Clubs: THIS WILL BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON YOUR CLUB BOOTH SPACE TO SET THE FRAMEWORK & SETUP BACKDROPS!**

- Lunch will be provided – please let us know of any food allergies to be mindful of!!

-Please reach out to Michelle or Jenny if you have any questions



## How Can You Help Your Child Get Ready For The Fair?



1. Volunteer to assist your child and the 4-H leaders in your club.
2. Transport your child to and from the fairgrounds.
3. Encourage your child to become involved and to grow through 4-H fair experiences.
4. Read the Steubenite and Fairbook. Help your child plan for his/her participation.
5. Encourage your child as he/she prepares their exhibits.
6. Read the County Fair Book and help your child enter the exhibits correctly. Extra information may be needed so the item can be judged. Please note specifications for certain types of exhibits. (Example: Carrots - 3 specimens, any variety, tops off to approx. 1 inch)

## Cloverbuds at County Fair

**\*\*\* Cloverbuds will present their non-animal exhibits for evaluation on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm at the Youth Building.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Cloverbuds need to enter their exhibits & contests in FairEntry by July 17<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***  
**See Fairbook page 65**

Cloverbud 4-H members are eligible, encouraged and welcome to exhibit at the County Fair!

**Youth Building Contests:** If youth, including Cloverbuds, would like to exhibit a "contest project" it should be 1) entered in FairEntry by the deadline 2) dropped of Sunday with other youth building exhibits. **Refer to Department 2700, page 64 of the fair book and enter in FairEntry by July 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Projects:** A Cloverbud member is eligible to enter projects at the County Fair and **may exhibit one project made as a group. See Department 2800. Page 65 in the County Fair Book and enter in FairEntry by July 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Number of projects allowed: If**  
4-H age is 5: can enter 5 projects  
4-H age is 6: can enter 6 projects  
4-H age is 7: can enter 7 projects

**Cloverbuds will meet individually to present their entries and club project to the judge on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> between 1:00-and 3:00. Bring only non-animal entries to the 4-H building.** There will be a special display area in the youth building for the Cloverbud projects. Cloverbud projects will not receive premiums, but will receive special ribbons. If you have questions, please contact your leader or the CCE Office.

**Cloverbuds ages 5 & 6 as of (1/1/23) may exhibit 1 ANIMAL ONLY** (dog, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, cavy, swine, sheep, dairy cattle, beef cattle, or horse). **Cloverbuds age 7 as of (1/1/23) may exhibit 1 large animal (hooved) and 1 small animal (non-hooved).** All Cloverbud animals must follow all health regulations that are in the 4-H Fairbook. Please read the health rules and regulations thoroughly. **Cloverbud Animal Entries are due through FairEntry by July 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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### **2023 Steuben County Fair Open Class:**

-Are you interested in entering any animals or exhibits in open class?

-If so, please find the open class fair book & entry form by clicking on the link below

<https://www.steubencountyfair.org/>

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### **Flower Arranging, Vegetable Art, Creative Place Setting and Creative Cake/Cloverbud Giant Cookie Decorating Contests**

- **Creative Place Setting Contest: Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**
- **Vegetable Art Contest: Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm**
- **Creative Cake/Cloverbud Giant Cookie Decorating Contest: Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Flower Arranging Contest: Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

You must register for these contests in FairEntry by Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. See County Fair Book: Dept. 2700 pg. 64.

### **The "Most Creative Cake Contest"**

One cake/cookie will be awarded the "most creative cake" in each class: cloverbud(cookie), junior (cake), or senior (cake). So... be sure to register for the contest and get the creative juices flowing! A cash prize will be awarded the day of the contest.

### ***Cake/Giant Cookie Silent Auction -***

Do you participate in the cake decorating/giant cookie contest at the County Fair? Are you tired of trying to find a home for your cake after the contest. Donate your decorated cakes/giant cookie, from the contest to the silent auction. The silent auction will be held outside (weather permitting) the 4-H Exhibit Building at the conclusion of the cake decorating contest on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit the Steuben County 4-H Activity Fund.

## Tips on Baking for the County Fair

### Mixing/Baking

- Always use fresh ingredients, such as baking powder, oil, whole grain or regular flour.
- Date your containers when you buy them.
- Overmixing causes a tough product with large holes or tunnels or a top that is peaked.
- Under-mixing causes streaks of flour and uneven rising.
- Make sure dry ingredients are sifted together and liquid ingredients are well mixed.
- No paper liners are allowed for muffins.
- Dust raisins lightly with flour so they don't stick together or sink to the bottom.
- No toppings are allowed.
- Additions of dry cereals, raisins and nuts help to disguise problems of overmixing, especially in muffins and quick breads.

### Cookies

- Do not place cookies too close together on baking sheet.
- Measure dough for each cookie using a small scoop or measuring spoon, so that size is equal.
- Trim outer edge away from bar cookies before cutting into squares. Use a ruler to measure so that size is equal.

### Storage/Freezing

- Avoid recipes that do not keep or travel well in hot, humid weather.

- Cool product completely on racks before storing.
- Use proper wrapping - freezer containers, wrap and foil.
- Wrap each item separately.
- Bake extras and bring with you to judging in case of upsets and WHOOPS accidents!



### Recipes

- Recipes must be on a 3 x 5 card typed or handwritten legibly. You may use a computer printout and securely tape to the card. Put your name on the card.
- Include the complete recipe including yield - ingredients first, then instructions. Include each step - ie: if you grease top of bread before baking, etc.
- If you reduce the amount of an ingredient(s), Indicate original amount of reduced ingredient(s) and then the reduced amount on the recipe card.
- Place recipe card in a small plastic bag to protect them and place in the bag with the food exhibit or staple to the outside..

### General

- Judges expect the recipes to match age and ability - don't use same recipes from year to year.
- Use a large enough plate to display items. A paper plate is satisfactory if it is firm. Foil covered cardboard is also good. Do not use a plate that must be returned. Place everything in a large plastic bag - recipe and product.

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## Youth Building Exhibit Removal

**Please be aware that the exhibits in the 4-H Youth Building at County Fair are NOT able to be removed until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 20th.** This time release is set by the State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Steuben County Agricultural Society. **If exhibits are removed before 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 20, premium money will be forfeited by the exhibitor.**

If you are picking up your exhibits on Sunday you will not be able to drive your vehicles down to the 4-H building.

**If you are unable to pick-up on Sunday from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., the 4-H building will be open on Monday, August 21 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. All exhibitors with exhibits still remaining after 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 21 will forfeit exhibit premiums!!**

**If you are not able to get these exhibits on Sunday night or Monday Morning, please contact your leader or another member of your club to pick them up for you!** It is not the responsibility of the CCE staff to remove your exhibits. **If you have any questions about exhibit removal, please contact the CCE Office.**

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## Selecting & Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit

### *Harvest your Crop, with Care.*

- 1) Loosen root crops with a spading fork before pulling. Avoid tearing the flesh or stems.
- 2) Pick off all tomato stems so they will not poke holes in other tomatoes.
- 3) A sharp knife is helpful in harvesting peppers, eggplant, the vine crops and many leafy vegetables.

### *Harvest Enough to Make Your Exhibit.*

- 1) Gather several times as many good specimens as you think you will need.
- 2) Select the most uniform ones for your exhibit.
- 3) Harvest lettuce, endive, escarole and chard the morning of exhibition day because they wilt quickly.
- 4) Harvest onions 7-10 days before the fair and dry them in the sun. When properly cured, the tops can be easily cut off.

### *Trim Correctly.*

- 1) Cut off the tops of all root crops about 1" above the roots.
- 2) Trim the tap root so they are all the same length.
- 3) Remove the small fine roots on carrots and beets.
- 4) Trim any excess stump from cabbage, lettuce and other leafy vegetables. Do not cut off all the outer leaves from cabbage. Husks can be trimmed off one side of sweet corn or taken all the way off but have all ears the same.



### *Exhibit the Right Number.*

Plan to exhibit the exact number of vegetables called for. Check the Fair Book, as the number may differ with various fairs.

### *Wash or Brush the Vegetables.*

- 1) Select and harvest only clean vegetables if you can. Cleaning will not harm any vegetable if it is done carefully.
- 2) Clean peas, beans, cucumbers and muskmelons with a very soft brush.
- 3) Use a soft damp cloth for fruit with a waxy surface such as eggplant, pepper, tomatoes, and watermelons.
- 4) Root crops may need washing. Use lots of water and your hands to wash root crops.
- 5) Do not wash head lettuce, endive, cauliflower, or cabbage. Trim off the soiled leaves, but don't scalp them.

### *Select for Size, Shape and Color.*

- 1) Select those that are alike. The first ripe tomatoes or carrots you pull from your garden will seldom be alike in size, shape and color. A good way to select a plate of vegetables is to place them in a row on a table or on the floor with the big ones at one end and the small ones on the other. Then select on the basis of shape and color.
- 2) Avoid carrots and potatoes with greening caused by exposure to sunlight. Check the seed catalog for examples of "typical shape".

### *Storage Before Fair.*

- 1) After you have harvested and prepared your vegetables, it may be necessary to store them for a day or overnight.
- 2) Keep root crop, leafy vegetables, sweet corn and peas at low temperature (40°-45°F). Mom's refrigerator usually gives these conditions. Before placing leaf vegetables in the refrigerator, place them in a plastic bag.
- 3) Potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and the vine crops will keep well for a day at medium temperatures (60°-70°F).

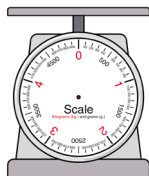
### *Wrap, Pack and Display Correctly.*

- 1) Wrap your exhibit before taking it to the fair. You may have an excellent plant but damage while transporting can easily make it unworthy.
- 2) Newspaper is a good wrapping material. Wrap each vegetable separately and then wrap the five or twelve, etc., that go together in one bundle.
- 3) Pack them firmly in a strong container. Always pack the firm vegetables on the bottom. Don't pack cabbage, pumpkins, watermelons, etc., on top of tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, etc.
- 4) Label every exhibit carefully until you can attach the double entry card. Make sure your name, department, section, class number, kind, variety and age as of January 1 and years in project area are on the card.

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## **Animal Exhibitors showing REGISTERD livestock & dairy animals:**

If you're showing registered animals, a copy of the registration paper needs to be uploaded & submitted WITH your online entry. If you have any questions please contact Michelle at [mlc353@cornell.edu](mailto:mlc353@cornell.edu) or 607-664-2571.



### **MARKET ANIMAL WEIGH IN**

- **ALL Market Animals MUST be clean & dry**
- Upon arrival & weigh in, Market Lambs must have no more than 1" of wool and MUST be dry.
- **Market Animals will be weighed in at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. At the scales located by the sheep/swine barn**
- Tuesday, August 15- (7:00am-9:00am)-4-H Market Steer & 4-H Market Dairy Steer weigh in
- Thursday, August 17- (7:00am-10:00am)-4-H & Open Market Lambs & Hogs
- Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> BEFORE 5:00 pm-4-H Meat Goat weigh in.

## **Livestock Health Requirements 4-H & Cloverbud Animals**

Please make sure you've read & understand the 2023 Health Requirements for each animal species. <https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/02/fairhealthrequirements.pdf>

It is **YOUR responsibility** to meet the health regulations. The regulations will be enforced for the protection of all exhibitors. If you have any questions, contact the CCE Office. **All** cattle, sheep, swine, and goats exhibited at County Fair must have a valid certificate of Veterinary inspection (CVI). For New York State Animals the CVI must be issued and **signed** by a **Category 2 Accredited Veterinarian** on or after May 1 of the current year. Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the CVI.

**There are no exceptions.** Contact your veterinarian to arrange for a CVI.

All sheep or goats exhibited at the Steuben County Fair must be identified with USDA approved individual legible scrapie program identification.

All animals consigned to the **4-H Market Animal Sale** must comply with all drug withdrawal requirements. Notify your veterinarian that your animal is consigned to the sale **before** starting any drug treatment.

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## **Animals Tags**

For 2023, all Market Animals will have 4-H tags put in their ears upon weigh in at the fairgrounds. This is to help keep everything organized for the Market Animal Sale. (Except for 4-H members who entered market beef steers/heifers, small frame market beef steers and market dairy steers. You should already have received your tag from the CCE Office. Please be sure the tag is in your animals' ear BEFORE weigh in) If you have any questions please contact Michelle at [mlc353@cornell.edu](mailto:mlc353@cornell.edu) or 607-664-2571.



### **PLEASE READ YOUR FAIR BOOK:**

Your Fair Book includes very important information regarding County Fair. Please read it thoroughly, as some departments, & divisions have changed or been deleted and many classes have been moved, added or deleted.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your exhibits are entered correctly.



## **Fair Inspection Procedures:**

State Veterinarians or assigned officials are responsible for reviewing all “certificates of veterinary inspection” (CVI) for compliance with state regulations and for verifying individual identification of exhibited animals presented on a valid CVI. A CVI is required for cattle (beef and dairy), goats (dairy and meat), sheep, and swine.

Your **CVI must accompany the animal upon arrival to the Steuben County Fairgrounds**. Do not drop your animal off at the fairgrounds without

the CVI with the animal. Send your CVI with your trucker if you are arriving after your animals.

Please have your CVI convenient for them to be checked. **Also it would be extremely appreciated if the 4-H member was available to present your animal to the person inspecting your CVI.** The person inspecting your animal must match your animal's identification (ear tag or in some sheep and goats cases legible tattoo) to the CVI.

### **Soremouth in Sheep and Goats**

If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any sheep or goat, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

### **Animal Identification:**

It is very important that each animal is properly identified. Individual identification is necessary under New York State Animal Requirements. All animals must carry positive individual identification such as an official USDA approved ear tag. All goats or sheep exhibited must have legible scrapie identification.

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## **All Animal Exhibitors - Some Tips on Assuring Your Animal is Not Sent Home**

If the State Veterinarians or assigned officials think that an animal looks "sick", they will take their temperature and perform a physical exam. It doesn't matter what might be wrong with an individual animal; if it looks sick or looks like it MIGHT have a contagious disease, then he/she has the right to not allow it in the barn or have it removed once the fair has started. It is the same with any contagious disease. The vet doesn't have to PROVE that an animal has one disease or another. The vet can make their decision on the SUSPICION of an infectious disease. This has been the case for many years. Nothing has changed.

1. **Make sure you have the necessary paperwork and vaccinations found in the Steuben County Fairbook and on the CCE website at [www.putknowledgegetwork.org](http://www.putknowledgegetwork.org)**
2. **Make sure that all the identification matches on ALL paperwork and is legible.**
3. **No Warts – even one little wart** will warrant your animal being sent home.
4. **No Ringworm**
5. **Mucus** – Any mucus from the nose that is yellow, white or green
6. **Hairy Hoof Warts or any sign of limping or sore feet**
7. **Any resemblance to Pink Eye** – even a bruise from trucking that could be pink eye – the worst will be assumed.
8. **For Sheep and Goats - any lesions characteristic of soremouth** and any sheep or goats originating from the same flock are considered exposed and must be removed from the grounds. Goats and sheep without proper scrapie identification will be sent home.

Some other tips include make sure you clip your animal before going to the fair. This gives you a good chance to thoroughly check your animals for any abnormalities. While at the fair, DO NOT share brushes, feed pails, water buckets or any other equipment. Sharing is good in certain areas, but it is a very good way to contract unwanted diseases so don't use others equipment.

If anyone has questions about the health requirements, please contact the CCE Office.

## **2023 County Fair Camping Application DUE JULY 17**

The Fair Board has again allocated 12 4-H camping sites for this year's Fair. The sites will be along the fence behind the 4-H bathrooms and along the fence by the Cement Barn. The sites are for 4-H families and leaders with animals staying in the Fair. Only campers will be allowed, no tents! **4-H families wishing to camp on the grounds MUST complete the camping request form by Monday, July 17.** If the information on your request form changes, you need to notify the CCE Office or you risk losing your spot. For more information if you need an application contact the CCE office or visit: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/62040/2023\\_Exhibitor\\_Camping\\_Form.pdf?1683824948](https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/62040/2023_Exhibitor_Camping_Form.pdf?1683824948)



### **County Fair Animal Showmanship**

**Entries Due July 17<sup>th</sup> ONLINE @**

<http://Steubencountyfair4H.fairentry.com>

All 4-H members showing animals are required to show in a showmanship class, unless you have won Master Showman for that species. Exceptions may be granted by the 4-H staff or the staff's designated representative for extenuating circumstances and for the safety of exhibitors. If you do not show in a showmanship class and have not been excused from showing in showmanship you will forfeit your

premiums for that species. **You must show your own animal in showmanship.**

### **Master Showmen**

Previous winners from 2022 of the Master Showmanship classes have the option to show in the 2023 Master Showmanship Class. Master Showmanship entries are due with county fair entries on July 17<sup>th</sup> at <http://Steubencountyfair4H.fairentry.com>

### **Non-Owner Showmanship Classes**

**\*\*\*\*4-H members participating in Non-Owner showmanship must enter by the fair deadline (July 17<sup>th</sup>) online at <http://steubencountyfair4h.fairentry.com> in order to participate in this class.\*\*\*\***

-Non-Owner showmanship is open to 4-H members who do not have an owned animal of that species on the grounds and therefore does not enter any other showmanship class for that species. 4-H members entering non-owner showmanship must show an animal other than their own. **Previous winners of non-owner showmanship are ineligible to compete for that species again for 3 years.** Class size may be limited due to time and number of entries. Cloverbuds cannot show in Non-Owner showmanship classes

### **Steuben County 4-H Market Animal Sale**

-The Annual 4-H Market Animal Sale will be held on **Saturday, August 19 at 1:00 p.m. @ The Steuben County Fairgrounds (Livestock Show Ring).**

-CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION!!

-The order of the sale this year will be as follows, market turkeys, market chickens, market rabbits, market Lamb, market Hogs, market Steer, and market goats.

-Champions of each species will sell first, followed by the remaining class winners and top placing animals.



## **Attention Swine Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)**

Exhibitors should not wear shorts or sandals/flip flops while showing their swine. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

**If PEDv is SUSPECTED during the fair, the entire swine barn will be sent off of the grounds and the barn will be closed!** It will be the decision of the State Veterinarians along with the appropriate officials as to the possibility of a disease "outbreak".

**If this occurs, it would be up to the 4-H family to make arrangements for where to take their pigs since they cannot stay on the fairgrounds. Please note: If the swine are removed from**

**the fairgrounds before the Market Animal Sale on Saturday then NO Market Hogs WILL be sold. However, all other livestock species will continue to be sold.**

It's extremely important for you to prevent your hog(s) from having diarrhea at the fair. Due to the potential threat of spreading PEDv, **if any hog shows severe diarrhea that could be suspected as PEDv any time after they arrive ALL the pigs in the barn must be removed from the fairgrounds.**

We know that many hogs have diarrhea after they get to the fair when they are perfectly healthy due to stress, change in diet, or change

in water. **PLAN TO CARRY YOUR WATER FROM HOME.**

Remember, that PEDv usually affects piglets causing them to die when they are very young. Older animals may show diarrhea, but usually recover. **If any of the pigs have diarrhea at the home farm, then no pigs should come to the fair from that farm.** A veterinarian should be called to examine any sick animals on any farm and let the decision whether to have the pigs tested for PEDv be that of a veterinary professional

### **Attention Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine, Market Heifer Exhibitors**

Lambs that are shown in the market lamb classes CANNOT be shown in the breeding sheep classes. Goats that are shown in the Market Goat Class CANNOT be shown in the breeding classes. Gilts shown in market classes CAN NOT be shown in breeding classes. Market Heifers cannot be shown in the breeding classes.

### **Attention Dairy Cattle Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)**

Whites are required for Dairy Showmanship. NO sandals/flip flops are to be worn while showing Dairy. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate. Also please make sure you have a neck strap or properly fitted halter to secure your animals in the barn for the safety of everyone.

### **Fair Orientation Meeting for Market Animal Exhibitors**

There will be a Fair orientation meeting for 4-H animal exhibitors (except horse and dog) in the livestock Show ring on Monday, August 14 at 5:30 p.m. This is an important meeting for ALL Animal Exhibitors. Therefore, please plan to attend!

### **Attention Sheep Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)**

Exhibitors should not wear shorts or sandals/flip flops while showing their sheep. Exhibitors of sheep should wear a white shirt and black pants or jeans. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

### **Attention Meat Goat & Beef Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)**

Blue/Black Jeans and an acceptable shirt are to be worn in showing Meat Goats and Beef. NO shorts or sandals/flip-flops are to be worn. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

Also make sure you have a neck strap or properly fitted halter to secure your beef animals in the barn for the safety of everyone.

### **Attention Dairy Goat Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)**

Whites are required for Dairy Goat Showmanship. NO sandals/flip flops are to be worn while showing goats. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate. Dairy goats with horns will not be permitted.



## State Fair

### NYS Fair Youth Building Seeks Youth Support

Steuben County 4-H exhibits will be on display at the State Fair from Wednesday, August 23rd thru September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteers & youth are needed to oversee the county booth those days.** Each adult will receive an entrance pass to the State Fair and a parking pass. Why not help out 4-H and stay and enjoy the State Fair? Children under 12 are admitted free to the State Fair. If you are able the help, please contact Jenny 607-664-2576 or [jmg422@cornel..edu](mailto:jmg422@cornel..edu).

#### JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS

The Junior Superintendent position is designed to be an educational experience giving older 4-Hers an opportunity to learn workplace skills, team building and people skills. They will work alongside State Fair Program Coordinators and Program Superintendents to help 4-H State Fair programs run smoothly.

- Preference for the Junior Superintendent positions will be given to enrolled 4-H members in good standing with their counties who will have reached their 16th birthday within the current calendar year and have not reached their 19th birthday before January 1st of the current year. Those who are 15 may only be considered if needed.
- A premium of \$40 per day will be given to those who adequately complete their responsibilities.

Contact Jenny – [jmg422@cornell.edu](mailto:jmg422@cornell.edu) for more information!

## State Fair Teen Leadership Opportunities

Contact Jenny or Michelle if interested.

### Teen Leaders

Teen Leaders may work as Jr. Evaluators assisting the judges with the evaluation of projects in various programs like foods, clothing, Horticulture, Art Objects, etc. Or in addition to the above mentioned, teens are also needed to assist with activities in the building such as GPS/GIS, shooting sports, Sustainable Energy, Cynology (dog), Poultry, Activity Zone, Jr. Iron Chef, Robotics Or work in the county booth.

All youth working as Teen Leaders will be paid a premium of \$12/day for working at least 6 hours and must be at least 13 years-old. Teen Leaders must be registered by their County Educator and should have some knowledge in the areas they are signing up to help with.

### 2023 Youth Leaders:

This year 9-12 year olds can work in their county booths under county volunteer supervision. This is a chance for younger 4-Hers to go the fair and conduct an activity for the youth that come through the youth building. This would be a good project for a club to do and all would get to see what happens at the state fair. Tickets would be available for the group. Contact Jenny if interested [Jmg422@cornell.edu](mailto:Jmg422@cornell.edu).

## State Fair 4-H Animal Science Entries

4-H members who are interested in exhibiting their project animals at the New York State Fair cannot wait until County Fair to decide. **State Fair entries must be received at the Cooperative Extension Office by August 1<sup>st</sup>.** The NYS Fair Youth Livestock book and entries can be found at <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/forms-information/>. If you are unable to download them copies can be made of the requested pages.

**Dog –** If you plan to exhibit at the 2023 NY State Fair Youth Dog Show, please notify Michelle—**entries are due in July to CCE Steuben.** The Steuben County Fair dog show will be the final determination on who will represent Steuben County 4-H Dog Program. You MUST attend the Steuben County Fair Dog Show to exhibit at the NYS Youth Dog Show. If you have any questions please contact Michelle at 607-664-2571 or at [mlc353@cornell.edu](mailto:mlc353@cornell.edu)

**Horse Exhibitors please note:** For horse members, selection will be based those interested in attending and on the points they have earned at the qualifying shows.

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## **State 4-H Dairy and Livestock Contests that you can take part in that do not require you to take an animal.**

**For more information about these contests contact the CCE office or visit the web <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/forms-information/>** Consider taking part in one of these contests as it will let you spend time at the fair, and you may be eligible to add points to your project champion selection criteria. State fair tickets will be made available for those participating in a 4-H Contest at the NYS Fair but the number available for other family members may be limited. Several of these contest have Pre-Entries so contact the CCE office by August 1<sup>st</sup> to indicate your interest.

## **State 4-H Small Animal contests that you can take part in that do not require you to take an animal:**

**Poultry Science & Avian bowl:** please visit <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/forms-information/> for entry information and forms – due to CCE Steuben August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Rabbit Science Decathlon & Cavy Science Decathlon:** please visit <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/forms-information/> for entry information and forms – due to CCE Steuben August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **HORSE Contests that you can take part in that do not require you to take an animal**

**Hippology Contest** - Sunday, August 27, Youth Arena, 7:30 a.m. registration. Contest starts at 8 a.m. Participants were chosen to participate based on the Region 2 Hippology Contest in May.

**Horse Judging** – Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, Youth Arena, 7:30 a.m. Registration. Contest starts at 8 a.m. Contact Jenny if you are interested in registering for this event.





## Past Events



### Animal Crackers

The annual Animal Crackers program provides New York youth with fun, hands-on, science-oriented learning experiences on Animal Science topics. This workshop is for 4-H members interested in learning more about their favorite livestock, companion or pet animal species; emphasis on different species groupings and activities varies annually. Participants will learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with faculty, staff, students, professional producers, industry experts, and more, utilizing the unique facilities of Cornell University. Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group. This year's theme was: All Creatures Great and Small featuring Dairy, Sheep, Poultry, and Rabbit/Cavy May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Steuben County 4-H Participates at STAR

STAR, also known as the State Teen Action Retreat, is an annual weekend experience for 4-H teens from across New York State to get together to build leadership skills as well as network with peers and adults from across the state. STAR encompasses the best of team building activities, youth community action & youth adult partnerships in one fun-filled, fast-paced weekend. Participants gain new skills and knowledge by attending workshops of their choice, learning how to “make the best better” and participating in awesome community services activities!

Steuben County had 2 teens and 2 adults participate in this year's event held May 19 - 21 at Camp Shankitunk. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to returning as a participant or as a planning committee member for 2024!

### Steuben County 4-H Hosts NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Spring Shoot

The New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Spring Shoot happened on May 19 & 20, 2023 at the Bath Rod and Gun Club, Bath NY. Almost 60 people in attendance with 21 participants who competed in Shotgun, Muzzle Loader and Hunting, Conservation, and Outdoor Skills. We had volunteers and participants that traveled from 5 counties in New York State.

Steuben had 8 youth participate among 3 age divisions. Every one of our youth placed in the top 3 of at least one of the competitions they participated in. The children that participated were:

Steuben 4-H Shooting Sports is now working towards the Fall State Shoot which will take place in Wyoming County. Those disciplines will be archery, air rifle, air pistol, and 22 rimfire. Each child choosing to participate will have to have completed the 4-H class for each one they want to participate in, and practice, practice, practice.

## 2023 Career Explorations

For over 90 years, the New York State 4-H Office has hosted the annual Career Explorations Conference on the Cornell Campus. Nearly 500 4-H youth and chaperones attend the action-packed, three-day event to immerse themselves in exploring their future education, career opportunities, and to experience Cornell University and campus life! Cornell faculty and graduate students conduct engaged-learning workshops in two age-specific tracks:

- 1) Focus for Teens programs for youth entering grades 10-12
- 2) University U programs for youth entering grades 8-9

Over 20 programs are offered to help youth understand what

a particular career field entails, what type of education they would need to pursue, and to learn from the experiences of the Program Facilitators.

This year, Steuben County had a delegation of 3 Steuben youth and 1 Staff. The group had a great time exploring the Cornell Campus and making new friends both within the county and from across the state.

