

June 15, 2021

Fair Entries

Online registration and information is now available at
[ECFAIR.org](https://www.ecfair.org) or [CCE Erie County Website-4-H Page](#)

4-H Fair Entries Must Be Submitted Online by July 12, 2021 at 11:59 pm

If you need help with your fair entry or need to use a computer to enter your fair entry, please contact the 4-H office and we will be happy to schedule an appointment to assist you. All appointments need to be scheduled with Staff before Friday, June 28th!

Youth Development Building Entries: Contact Valerie Weisbeck, 652-5400 ext. 130 or vw49@cornell.edu

Livestock Entries: Contact Tammi Kron, 652-5400 ext. 132 or tlk6@cornell.edu

Erie County 4-H Fair Theme: "Musicals!"

ERIE COUNTY FAIR UPDATES - *Please read carefully, many things have changed!*

(Subject to change) At the end of May 2021, Erie County Fair CEO Jessica Underberg released initial plans for the 2021 edition of the Erie County Fair. These changes are related to COVID-19 and the Fair is following guidance from the CDC, NY State Department of Health, and Erie County Health Department. More information can be found on the Fair's website and social media. New regulations include:

- Limited capacity on the Fairgrounds and 33% capacity in Grandstand
- All tickets must be purchased ahead of time online, with limited tickets available per day. **Those exhibiting in the YDB will receive entry tickets (tickets also available for participating in volunteer activities) and livestock exhibitors and their parents will continue to receive wristbands for gate 1A for the week(s) they have animals on the grounds. Please note that because the Fair is selling limited tickets each day, tickets are not guaranteed for any non-4-H family member. Family members who are not enrolled in 4-H, even those under 12 years of age, will have to purchase/reserve tickets starting July 1 on the Erie County Fair's ticket sales website for the days the family plans on attending the Fair. Ticket sales will not be happening at the gates this year so plan ahead accordingly.**
- Fair opens at 11 AM everyday (12 noon on Opening Day) – **4-H YDB activities and livestock shows will thus begin at 11 am (9 AM in previous years)**
- Fewer concession stands to allow for six-foot social distancing in lines
- Masks and vaccinations will not be required for entry to the Fair, however, **4-H WILL BE REQUIRING MASKS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS, STAFF, AND MEMBERS as of the time of this publication.**

YDB – Youth Development Building

EVALUATION DAY

Evaluation Day: Saturday, August 7th, 2021 @ Erie County Fairgrounds, 4-H Youth Development Bldg., 9 AM to 4 PM

NEW THIS YEAR: We will be taking measures to reduce the number of people in the YDB at once during Evaluation Day due to COVID.

Youth Development Building (YDB) Staff

Are you an adult volunteer or adult alumnus who would be available to staff the Youth Development Building at Fair this year? We are in need of 2-3 more people to be part of the YDB staff this year. This is a paid position that will require availability from August 7 - 23. Please contact Valerie at 716-652-5400 x 130 or vw49@cornell.edu

YDB Volunteer Opportunities for Adults and Youth

Sign-up links are listed below and also on the [CCE Erie County Website-4-H Page](#)

Youth Development Building Work Nights

Do you love to decorate? Are you creative? Every year 4-Her's from across the county come to help prepare out building for the fair. Come help set-up and design our 4-H Youth Development building. We will be meeting on the following dates to clean and decorate the building to fit the Musicals theme for this year's Fair!

Wednesday, July 21 (following 4-H Alumni meeting): 5:00 to 7:30 PM

Thursday, July 22: 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Tuesday, July 27: 3:00 to 5:00 PM

Monday, August 2: 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Thursday, August 5: 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Evaluation Day: Evaluators Needed - Evaluator Registration: <https://signup.com/go/LaakvMi>

We are in need of evaluators and evaluator assistants for 4-H Evaluation Day. Contact Valerie at the 4-H office if you are able to be an evaluator.

4-H members and adults both welcome to be evaluator assistants! Help an evaluator in an area you are interested in! Evaluator Assistant Registration: <https://signup.com/go/zHKUbhW>

Exhibit Set up Day: August 8th 10 AM to 4 PM

We need volunteers to help placing the exhibits and putting the final touches on the YDB displays to make the building look its best. Shifts: 10 AM- 12 noon, noon-2 PM, 2 PM- 4 PM. (Please email Valerie if interested)

Clean-Up Day Helpers: Monday, August 23rd

We can always use help packing up, cleaning up, and putting things away for next year. Let Valerie know if you can help out on Pick Up Day! vw49@cornell.edu, 716-652-5400 x 130

Ambassador: (2hrs) Become the go-to 4-Her in the YDB! Your job is to interact with the public, answer questions, show off 4-H projects, and share your experiences with building visitors. Ambassadors will be trained the day they come to volunteer. Building Ambassador: <https://signup.com/go/UtZWotJ>

4-H Alive: (1 or 2hrs) Showcase how to make your favorite project. Sewing, painting, wood burning, and any other project you love. 4-H alive allows members to demonstrate how to make a project to the public, answer questions and give others project ideas.

4-H Alive 1 hr: <https://signup.com/go/VWAOJkc>

4-H Alive 2 hr: <https://signup.com/go/CNzTqJr>

Mannequin Modeling: (1hr) Model your textile items in the youth development building. Mannequin models can move throughout the building and pose in different positions to show off their textile projects.

Mannequin Modeling: <https://signup.com/go/dBBKmRd>

Public Presentation: (30 min) Share your public presentation with a larger audience at the fair. 4-Her's can present in the youth development building to fairgoers.

4-H Café: (Adults and Youth) Our 4-H Café is a great opportunity to practice public/customer interaction and food service skills! You can help take orders, prepare meals and snacks, and serve guests of the YDB as an individual, club, or family. 3 youth and 1 adult are needed per shift throughout the fair. **The 4-H Café will be following new COVID guidelines from the Fair that apply to all concessionaires.**

4-H Cafe: <https://signup.com/go/sLdLHUU>

*Café Shifts are: (1) 10:00 – 1:30 PM (2) 1:30 PM – 4:00 (3) 4:00 – 7:30 100% of the funds raised at the Café are used for the 4-H Program. (Events sponsored by Alumni Café include; the 4-H Youth Development Building, 4-H Chef Challenge, Duds to Dazzle, ECTA, Public Presentations, Textile Review, STARR and more.)

No hands-on activities which involve direct contact with the public will be allowed at Fair this year due to COVID-19 regulations. All public-facing volunteer activities must adhere to social distancing guidelines (masks must be worn and 6-foot distance between people).

Information Booth (Adults/ Parents): We are always in need of adults/parents to help us answer questions in the 4-H building. You can share information about our 4-H program with the public or serve as an ambassador in the building. Information Booth (Adults): <https://signup.com/go/pDebkRV>

Fair Tickets: All 4-Her's above the age of 12 who enter & show in the Youth Development Building will receive 3 entry tickets to the fair. 4-Her's and parents can receive extra tickets and parking passes to the fair if they register to volunteer in the building. (Volunteer activities range from 1 hr to 3 hrs long)

Note: Tickets are a gift from the fair. We are given a limited number of tickets. Signing up to volunteer ahead of time helps us to anticipate the number of tickets we will need. This is one hour of volunteering that helps allow us to continue to have a well-run building to display our 4-Her's hard work.

4-H Fair Events - Open to all 4-H'ers!

4-H Talent Show: Perform your talent for a live audience at the fair. Singing, dancing, comedy, and more! (Be sure to include this on your Fair Entry – Refer to Public Interaction Section of the Fair Book).

Fashion Show: Model your 4-H textile items on a stage. Blankets, pillows, scarves, dresses and everything in between. (Be sure to include this on your Fair Entry – Refer to Public Interaction Section of the Fair Book).

Science Challenge, Chef Challenge at the Fair, and Cake Decorating Workshops: I am currently rethinking these events for our 4-Hers so that they fit into COVID regulations. If you are a volunteer who usually helps out with these events and have any input, please contact Valerie and she will be happy to receive your help!

“CLASS OF 2020” SPOTLIGHT AT THE FAIR

Are you or are you related to a 4-H member who aged out of the program in 2020 and missed their final chance to participate in the Erie County Fair?

We are offering a special chance to honor our “Class of 2020” alumni in the Youth Development Building this year. This is a chance to highlight some meaningful projects, experiences, and memories from 4-H for our newest alumni who had their time in 4-H cut short due to the pandemic.

We will be designating a small area within the YDB where alumni (alumni from all programs within 4-H are welcome) will be able to set up a small display area that includes things like certain past projects, pictures, scrapbooks/scrapbook items, posters, written narrations, etc. which summarize the 4-Her’s experience in the program. Special focus on what the 4-Her learned in the program and how they have been using it in their lives since will be the overall theme of this display area.

We are so grateful that our 4-Hers give back so much to our program and we know how special a 4-Her’s final year can be. We are excited to honor our past alumni in this special edition of the Erie County Fair which will be unlike any other Fair before.

To sign up for our alumni display setting (or if you know of a 4-Her who would appreciate this opportunity), please email or call Valerie, 4-H Program Educator, at vw49@cornell.edu or 716-652-5400 x 130. Set up time is TBA but will likely take place on Set Up Day, August 8th in the YDB. Look out for more information.

NEW YORK STATE FAIR 2021

There will be NO competitive exhibits at the New York State Fair this year due to the State’s COVID regulations. The 4-H Building at State Fair will be entirely closed and no exhibits will be physically taken to NYS Fair for evaluation. As a result, no tickets for State Fair will be available to Erie County 4-H members and families.

Erie County 4-H Fair projects will still be selected for State Fair exhibition by evaluators on Evaluation Day (August 7). They will be designated with purple ribbons and placed into the State Fair section on display in the YDB throughout Erie County Fair.

The State 4-H Office is currently working on a virtual format for evaluation at State Fair. More details are forthcoming and will be shared with 4-H’ers and families as soon as they are available. Keep an eye out for the next Speed Read and emails. Contact Valerie Weisbeck, 4-H Program Educator, with any questions about State Fair.