



Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County Publication

**August 4, 2021**



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Per new guidelines issued by the CDC, and out of an obligation to protect 4-H youth and adults who cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19, **Erie County 4-H will be requiring masks to be worn by everyone associated with 4-H in any way (members, staff, volunteers, and parents) while in an indoor setting regardless of vaccination status.** This includes the Youth Development Building during the entirety of the Fair, including Evaluation Day on August 7th, Setup Day on August 8th, and Cleanup/Pickup Day on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Social distancing measures must be taken within 4-H Livestock barns while at the Fair.

Disposable masks will be available at the YDB Office for anyone who needs one.

## EVALUATION DAY – Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> – 9 am to 3:30 pm

*If your child's last name begins with*

***M-Z***

they will need to bring their exhibits to the  
Youth Development Building to be evaluated

***between 9:00 – 11:30am.***

*If your child's last name begins with*

***A-L***

they will need to bring their exhibits to the  
Youth Development Building to be evaluated

***between 12:30 – 3:30pm.***

**Exhibits will NOT be evaluated between 12:00 Noon and 12:30pm.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Doors will be closed at 3:30 pm.**

*Please plan to arrive earlier enough to have all your items judged.*

### **Garden Boxes Needed!!**

We are looking for more 4-H members and/or clubs to fill in the window garden boxes in the outdoor area at the Youth Development Building for the Fair. Please contact Valerie if you are interested in setting up a garden box display. Clubs and members who complete a display are eligible for a premium even if you did not sign up for the class with the rest of your entries.

Class information is here: ***Outside Window Box-*** *A window garden created with exhibitor's/club's choice of 2 or more types of plants. Can be flowering, foliage, and/or herbs. A list of plans used in Window box must be attached to the entry card. Window boxes (8"x36") are in the outside garden area. Window boxes can be planted on the Saturday or Sunday before the fair.*

## Donation Opportunity in YDB

Erie County 4-H is in need of a large piece of **red carpet (min 12 x 16 ft)** for décor in the YDB this year. Please let Valerie know if you are able to generously donate or otherwise secure a piece of carpeting! It would be a great final touch for our YDB décor!

### Exhibit Set up Day: August 8<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 4 PM – *Signup not required*

We need volunteers to help placing the exhibits and putting the final touches on the YDB displays to make the building look its best. Signup in advance not required.

Shifts: 10 AM- 12 noon, noon-2 PM, 2 PM- 4 PM (or however long you want!)

### Clean-Up Day Helpers: Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

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](mailto:vw49@cornell.edu), 716-652-5400 x 130

## Youth volunteer activities in the YDB – sign up ahead of time or at the Fair!

**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.

Link: <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. **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 the COVID guidelines in place at the time of Fair.**

Link for 1 hr: <https://signup.com/go/VWAOJkc>

Link for 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.

Link: <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. *New this year: 4-H members who created a video for Public Presentations 2021 can enter their video as a project and complete a Q+A session at the Fair. Refer to Section L of the Fair Book (Photography).*

Link: <https://signup.com/go/KxQRpm>

**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.**

Link: <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.)

**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.

Link: <https://signup.com/go/pDebkRV>

### 4-H Fair Events for 4-Hers

**4-H Chef Challenge at the Fair:** Teams of 3-5 people invited to signup for this Iron Chef-inspired cooking competition! Signup individually and let Valerie know who you would like to be on a team with. Those who signup without a team will be placed into one. Thursday, August 19, 1:00-2:00

**4-H Talent Show:** Perform your talent for a live audience at the fair. Singing, dancing, comedy, and more! Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon- 1 PM

**4-H Fashion Show:** Model your 4-H textile items on a stage. Blankets, pillows, scarves, dresses and everything in between. Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-1:00

**Science Challenge:** Sign up to complete a science/engineering based challenge. You will be given a variety of items to build and complete the challenge. This fun event brings creativity and science to life! Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:00

**Cake Decorating Workshops:** Spots are going fast! Join us for a fun evening of cake decorating in the 4-H building. Time TBA

### “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, or a final-year exhibitor who will be aging out in 2021?

We are offering a special chance to honor our classes of 2020 and 2021 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 2020 and 2021 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](mailto:vw49@cornell.edu) or 716-652-5400 x 130 **by Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**. **Set up time will take place on Set Up Day, August 8<sup>th</sup> in the YDB.**

### **Livestock Updates (8-3-21):**

The fair is here. Below please find information pertaining to your arrival at the fair. Please be sure to email me should you have any questions.

**Animal Arrival:** Please be sure to follow your animal arrival schedules. You can find out each species schedule by going to the fair website, clicking on competitions, then 4-H Youth Development and scroll down the page to find each species section. There you will find the schedule and all the rules and regulations for each species. Further down on the list you will also find the master schedule for all 4-H events.

**Bidders:** Now is the time to seal the deal with your potential bidder. Perhaps send a quick reminder in the mail reminding them of your name and what you have to offer along with the dates and times. We have brochures available in the office if you find you need more.

**Auction Dates** are:

Saturday, August 14 at 1 p.m. Chickens, Rabbits, Turkeys, Dairy Steer Loins, Hogs.

Saturday, August 21 at 1 pm Lambs, Meat Goats, Beef (note order change)

**Feed Records:** All species record packets were due in the 4-H office by Monday, August 2 with the exception of beef which are due Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. You can drop them off, or send them in the regular mail. Please **DO NOT** email any paperwork. Please note – if you turn in a record packet at the fair, it will not be graded.

**How to contact me:** Our office is now open, however, if you come in you have to wear a face mask. Please call prior to coming to the office - #1 – to be sure someone is there, and #2 so we know to expect you. Email [tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu) is the best way to reach me, but you can also call the office and leave me a voice message and I will return you call as soon as possible. My phone number is 76-652-5400 ext. 132. We will begin working at the fair on Monday, August 9 from 11-4 pm.

**Stall Requests:** Stalling is complete, if you submitted a stall request I did my best to accommodate it.

**Did you fulfill your requirements to show?** 2021 is the easiest year you will have. Please be sure you have:

- Completed a public presentation
- Participated in 2 educational opportunities

**Educational Report Options:** Here are some things you can do to learn more about your upcoming livestock projects on your own. If you do them, remember you can submit a report to receive credit for a species meeting. Limit of 2 reports will be accepted. Check out these links:

Show-Rite Stock Show Classroom (learn about all aspects of your livestock market projects)

**Health Papers:** Everyone should have a valid health paper at this point in time. If you do not, chances are you will not be able to sell your market animal as there is a withholding period for the shipping (cattle) and rabies (beef, sheep, swine) vaccines. Be sure that the health paper travels in the vehicle transporting the animal to the fair. Bring your health papers to the scale with you and if you have breeding animals be sure to watch for the state veterinarian to get them checked in.

**Senior Highlight** for those that aged out in 2020: We are still looking for our 2020 members - if you know of someone that aged out in 2020 please be sure to share this opportunity with them. This year at our livestock shows we will be giving past 4-H members, who in 2020, would have been showing for their last time. We will be having a showmanship class in honor of these members as they take their last official journey around the ring. We will hold this opportunity for each of our shows at the conclusion of the naming of our 2021 Master Showman. Help spread the word. If you have questions please reach out to me.

**Fair Passes:** All enrolled members will receive a wrist band as will each parent along with one family parking pass at the conclusion of the exhibitor meetings at the fair. Members of our livestock committees will also receive a wrist band, unless you have a youth participating. All other family members will need to plan ahead to purchase/reserve tickets for the days they want to come to the fair. Also note, that only livestock exhibitors will be able to enter in gate 1A. There are no tickets being sold at that gate this year.

Entry for Non-4-H members: Family members that are not enrolled in the Erie County 4-H program will not receive a wrist band. This means siblings that are not enrolled, will need to go online to reserve your entry for the dates needed.

**Market Posters:** Congratulations to our members who took advantage of the 100 extra project points. As long as you had your posters approved by July 23 and emailed me a picture of it displayed you will receive the credit. We were able to publicize our auctions in many new areas of Erie County. I have to say – I am impressed, you all did a great job. Please remember to go back to visit your business to remove your poster after the fair.

## **Beef**

Halter Reminders: Remember, your steer must be controlled by the 4-H member as it comes to the scale. Please be sure to bring calves that are halter broke, for everyone's safety.

Bedding: I am please to share that Eder Mulch will again be donating our bedding for the fair.

## **Horse**

Horse Certificates, Rabies, Coggins – The state veterinarian was in to our office and inspected everyone's rabies, coggins and horse certificates. If you received an email from Dr. Shannon Carpenter please be sure to get her the documentation she is looking for before you arrive at the fair. If you do not they will be looking for you at the fair.

**Fair Meeting:** Did you participate in the zoom for the MANDATORY FAIR MEETING or watch the recording? Everyone showing should be able to answer yes. If you answered no, you missed the August 2 deadline and will need to contact Tammi Kron at [tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu) Participation is required to be able to ride at the fair.

Congratulations to all of our riders that participated in the shows that were sponsored by each of our clubs. We hope you had a good time and fine tuned your skills. Thank you to each of our leaders for coordinating the shows and for supporting each other throughout them. 4-H members be sure to say thank you to your leader for everything they do for you as well.

## **Sheep**

Exhibitors please remember that you are responsible for providing the bedding for your sheep pens at the fair. Shavings work great for market lambs, while straw is good for the breeding fitted sheep.

Be sure to bring your water buckets, feed and hay for your animals as well.

## **Swine**

New Swine Arrival: Hogs will arrive and be penned from 3-7 p.m. All hogs must be in place by 7 pm and we will begin weigh-in at 7 p.m. starting at the end closest to the scale, working our way down and around to finish at the end by the scale on the other side of the barn. Remember, we now have a non-sale option, so if you have a hog that does not make

the sale weight then you can enter it in the non-sale show. Please sign up on your fair entry – if you think you have a light or heavy sale hog, be sure to sign a spare up for the non-sale. Contact me should you have questions.

Swine Barn Set-up: Help is needed from adults and youth to make our water and feeder installation a success. With no fair happening last year, and many of our faithful parents having members age out, it is time for a new set of volunteers to step in to help your swine committee. It takes time to lay out the water system and to put the feeders in the pens. Set up will happen on Saturday, August 7 starting at 7 a.m. If you are interested in helping please email me so I can let the swine committee know who to expect. If you have access to a ladder (we need a really tall one to get to the rafters where the water lines are stored) and extra plumbing tools they are always a big help.

Youth that help will receive a swine meeting credit. We will also need help with the take down of the swine water system on Sunday night 8/15 – please help.

### **Goats (Dairy, Working and Meat)**

Dairy Goats/Working Goats – please be sure to bring bedding with you to the fair. There will be some shavings available, but if you prefer straw you are responsible to bring it. Don't forget their feed, hay and water buckets too.

**Meat Goats:** Please be sure to bring bedding to the fair along with your other show and housing supplies. Meat Goats will be housed in the Showplex along with the sheep. Please be sure to have your health paper with you when you come to the scale for weigh in.

### **Poultry/Rabbits**

Market Poultry: Sunday, August 8 is your show day for your market poultry (all sale birds – chickens and turkeys). Our show will begin at 6 p.m. with Showmanship and the market classes will follow. All birds will be crated that evening for delivery to Herman Weber the following morning. Please be sure to mark August 8 at 6 pm on your calendar now – you must participate in the show on 8-8 to be eligible to sell. Be sure to come in show attire. Auction photos will also be taken. While the show is happening, we will also be putting the skirting around the tables. If you have an extra staple gun and staples, please bring it with you.

**NEWS FLASH!!!!** Attention all poultry exhibitors with non-sale birds. Your show time has been changed to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 12. Please be sure to be there at that time to participate in showmanship and the classes.

Rabbit: Participation is good for this year. We will have a nice display for fair visitors to look at. Please be sure that your rabbits coming to the fair are free of parasites, runny eyes and runny noses. Mrs. Mohny will be assisting with check in and if your rabbit/cavy shows signs of sickness it will be sent home.

Cloverbuds: I am excited to see our cloverbuds in the poultry/rabbit/cavy programs in action. Watch for these members, a mentor them, they are the future of our program.

**Llama/Alpaca:** We have a small group this year, but it will be fun and exciting to watch each of you show your animals. Have fun and learn together.

**Dairy Cattle:** Our dairy barn will be full this year, which is exciting. Our newest addition for 2021 will be our Farm to School Dairy steer projects. We are expecting 6 steers. I am pleased to share that we are going to be selling a portion of these steers on Saturday, August 14 right after the turkeys, prior to the hogs. We will be selling the loin section of the steers in a Steak and Smoking Package. The rest of the steer will be processed into hamburger and stew meat that will be used by local schools for their meals.

Bedding: Please plan to bring your own bedding for your animals. Sawdust will be provided by the fair.