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## Fair Entries

Online registration and information is now available at [ECFAIR.org](http://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](mailto:vw49@cornell.edu)

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

- 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 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

**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](mailto:vw49@cornell.edu) or 716-652-5400 x 130. Set up time is TBA but will likely take place on Set Up Day, August 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Livestock Updates (7-7-21):

The fair is coming really quick and there are lots of things to get in order before it begins. Now is the time that you should be working your animals like athletes – to prepare them for their performance in the show ring. Remember you have to build endurance of your animals so they don't tire while you are showing them. Take them for walks, practice stopping and going, setting up, wash or rinse your animals. Don't let their arrival at the fair be a first for them. Doing the work now will be rewarding when you arrive at the fair.

Everyone should be working on soliciting bidders, share your auction dates now, get them thinking about buying local and supporting the future of agriculture. Bidder brochures will be coming to your mail box within the next couple weeks. If any member would like to assist in the packaging of the brochures (community service) please let me know.

In the coming weeks it will be very important for you to always check your email so you don't miss any opportunities or updates. If you want another email added to our list, please let me know as soon as possible.

**Feed Records:** Remember all species record packets are due in the 4-H office by Monday, August 2. You can drop them off, or send them in the regular mail. Please DO NOT email any paperwork.

**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 your call as soon as possible. My phone number is 76-652-5400 ext. 132.

**Stall Requests:** If you have a stall request please submit to me by email no later than Monday, August 2. I will do everything I can to accommodate your request.

**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)

**All Species Livestock Meeting** - It is time to brush up on those market skills, and for you to all hear information about the fair and get us all on the same page. We will be holding a meeting via zoom on **Friday, July 16 at 10:00 a.m.** Please register to receive the link at: <https://cornell.zoom.us/j/90782002000> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Livestock Skillathon:** Beginning the week of July 11, the livestock skillathon will be available on our website until July 17. There is one level and it will be graded on a bell curve for each of the divisions. Take advantage of the opportunity, especially if you have not attended or participated in any species meetings. The skillathon is also a great refresher for showmanship, you may be asked a question from a judge that the skillathon will prepare you for. The link will be sent to all livestock members along with a fillable answer sheet and directions. Remember this will count as a meeting for each species you show.

**Health Papers: Time is getting short – remember there is a withholding period on the rabies and shipping fever vaccine!** All livestock that comes to the fair must have a health paper that is issued after May 1, 2021. All animals must have a rabies vaccination, unless it is not labeled for the species. All cattle must have a shipping fever vaccination as well. If you have not scheduled an appointment with your veterinarian for health papers, now is the time to get it done. If you have questions please feel free to reach out to me.

**Fair Shows:** Just a reminder that our show times for quite a few species has changed. Please be sure to check out each species show schedule so you are prepared.

**Auction Information:** Please begin working with potential bidders. You know you have a product to sell at the fair. Auction dates are:

**Saturday, August 14 at 1 p.m.** Chickens, Rabbits, Turkeys, Hogs.

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

**Senior Highlight for those that aged out in 2020: Let me know – if you know of someone that aged out in 2020 so I can reach out to 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. 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.

**Soliciting Bidders:** Have you started soliciting bidders to come to the fair to support you and your project? If not, please get going. Send out your letters, make in person visits, be creative in your marketing strategy. Need help? Contact me and I will connect you with someone who can help. We will also be covering this topic at our July 16 meeting that will be held via zoom – but that is a bit late to be making your first connection. Start talking with businesses, friends, family, doctors, anyone you see now.

**Market Posters:** It is time to get our posters displayed - Don't forget in each of the market project records there is a project worth 100 points if you make a poster to display at a local business. This year it is more important than ever for each member to create a poster to entice new buyers. Consumers have a drive to purchase local and they want to know who grew their food – capitalize on the opportunity, make everyone aware of the great products you each have to sell.

Instructions:

Your poster must contain the following information:

- ✓ Erie County 4-H Livestock Market Sale
- ✓ Offering: Beef, Lamb, Goat, Swine, Chicken, and Rabbit
- ✓ Auction Date and Time, Location
- ✓ Picture of YOU with your project(s) – be sure you are properly dressed, animal is clean and promotes a positive image.
- ✓ Why Support Erie County 4-H Youth – what are the benefits?
- ✓ Contact information will be: **Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County 4-H 716-652-5400 ext. 131 or 132.**
- ✓ Your poster can be either computer generated or handmade – be creative! Make it eye appealing, informative and easy to find the details.



**DO NOT** put your name or personal information on poster

After you have created your poster, you will take a picture and send to [tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu) for approval. Please be sure we can read all the information! We will be checking for spelling, grammar and correct information. I will also then share the information on how a bidder can secure tickets to come to the auction.

*After it is approved*, you will then ask permission from a local business to hang your poster in their window. If a poster is already at the location you will need to find another business. Only one poster at a business please.

When it is displayed, take a picture and email to [tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu) along with the name and address of the business.

**Posters must be displayed by July 23, 2021.** Plan to go back to the business after the auction to remove the poster.

## **Beef**

**Halter Reminders:** I trust that everyone is working hard with your steers. Now they should be approaching their finished weight and be in the state of putting on their fat cover for the perfect finish. If you find your steer is light, you cannot wait to ask for help – do it today!

**Beef Fitting & Showing Meeting:** We will be holding a beef fitting and showing meeting on **Saturday, July 17 from 10-12:30 p.m.** at Dygert's – Riding Arena, 1230 Blossom Road, Elma. This meeting will focus on show prep, equipment usage and showmanship techniques. Members are invited to bring your steers if you want to practice your showmanship skills or if you have fitting questions. We do need calves to use for demonstrations, so if you will be bringing your steer please let me know – just so we are prepared. If I do not hear from anyone I will be calling you to ask you to bring a calf.

## **Horse**

**Breyer Horse Club** – Our next club meeting will be on July 6 at 6 p.m. at CCE. Please bring a lawn chair with you. WE will be making a item to use with your model horse, please bring your horse with you. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 20 and we will be doing nail art.

**Horse Certificates, Rabies, Coggins** – I am hopeful that I have everyone's current rabies and coggins paperwork as the state vet is coming to my office on July 15. If you still need to send me updated paperwork, please get it in ASAP. If you have something that is incorrect, you will hear from the state vet to get it fixed prior to the fair.

**Rider Evaluations** – Have you been evaluated on the horse you plan to ride at our 4-H shows and fair? If you find you are still in need of an evaluation, please contact me as soon as possible so it can be scheduled.

**Rider Numbers:** If all of your horse paperwork is in and complete, you will be issued a rider number for the show season. This number is the one you will use at each of our 4-H shows and most likely the fair. It is your responsibility to not misplace it. Put a sleeve in your horse binder to hold your number for safe keeping, there will be a fee of \$5.00 for lost numbers.



**Fair Meeting:** We will be holding a zoom meeting for our MANDATORY FAIR MEETING on Wednesday, July 14. Participation is required to be able to ride at the fair. We want to be sure everyone knows what will be expected this year. Register in advance for this meeting, after registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

<https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0uc-6rrTsqHtMvnaJelxeyJVifHes5JOTJ>

The zoom will be recorded. Those not able to participate will need to watch the recording and submit a statement that you did so by August 2 to be able to participate in the fair.

### **Upcoming Shows:**

Saturday, July 10 – Hillside Riders, at Stagecoach –the registration form was emailed to all participants.

Saturday, July 17 – Sardinia Saddlers, at Blakestone – the registration form will be emailed shortly.

Saturday, July 31 – TriColor Equestrians, at Stagecoach

### **Sheep, Swine, Goat**

**Record Packets** – Don't forget to work on filling in the information in your record packets throughout your project. Detailed records of your expenses will help you know how much you need at the auction to break even. Knowing your project cost will also be helpful when you are speaking with potential bidders, include that information in your sales package.

**Lease paperwork:** If you are leasing an animal from a producer, you should have submitted your lease paperwork. This demonstrates your commitment to the project and identifies your animal you plan to use. 1<sup>st</sup> year members may lease one (1) animal, year 2 participants can lease two (2) animals and 3<sup>rd</sup> year members can lease up to 3 animals.

**Fitting and Showing Meetings:** I will be scheduling fitting and showing meetings for each of the species during the month of July. It is expected for everyone to wear clean clothes and shoes to these meetings. Please do not wear items that you were in your barn or working with your animal prior to attending. Think biosecurity for yourself and our host families. Upon your return home, do not go to your barn until you have changed. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

**Sheep** – Wednesday, July 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Sacilowski Farm, 8930 Mayo Rd, Springville, NY 14141

**Swine** – Monday, July 12 at 6:00 pm at the Knolls, 4422 Keller Road, Eden, 14057

**Goat** – Dairy, Working and Meat – Thursday, July 15 at 6:30 pm at The Palka Farm, 7443 Boston Colden Rd, Boston, NY 14025

**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 bring ladders (we need a really tall one to get to the rafters where the water lines are stored) and extra plumbing tools 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.

### **Poultry/Rabbits**

**Fair Meeting for Poultry, Rabbit and Cavy members – this is mandatory:** Our fair meeting will be held via zoom. We will be covering all the important information about the fair and giving you the information about the knowledge contests. Everyone is expected to participate, if you are not able, it will be recorded and you will need to watch the recording and submit an email stating you watched it by August 2. Please register here for the link: <https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcuf-CugDsqHtJq9wnepRDSQw-ieLkr6UF2>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Poultry:** Sunday, August 8 is your show day for your market poultry (all sale birds). 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.**

**Rabbit:** While it looks like our participation in the rabbit and cavy program is down this year, I am hopeful that I am surprised. Please be sure to get your rabbit entries in by the July 12 deadline.

**Something new for the Poultry, Rabbit and Cavy program.** In an effort to build our program, we are inviting Cloverbuds to participate in the programs. Each Cloverbud is eligible to exhibit 1 poultry project (chicken, duck or turkey), 1 rabbit project and/or 1 cavy project. Animals will be evaluated along with the members knowledge about their project. I see this as a great opportunity for Cloverbuds (age 5-7) who maybe have a pet they would like to exhibit at the fair. Please direct questions to Tammi at [tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu)

**Llama/Alpaca:** Be sure to get your fair entries in by July 12. I am excited to see the costume dressing participants this year, as I have heard of some really great costumes already. Llamas/Alpacas will be housed in barn #1 along with the open class participants. Check out the fair schedule when you do your entries.

### **Dairy Cattle:**

On Friday, July 2, nineteen of our dairy members attended Oakfield Corners – “Growing Through Showing” workshop. It was a day filled with a lot of learning and we got to see the new robotic carousel milking facility. It was really impressive and demonstrates the future of the dairy industry. Youth also learned about Genetics, Animal Health, Housing/Systems/Behavior, Reproduction, Technology and Careers and Show Savvy. It was a great day and a wonderful experience for our members.



**Dog:** Will you be bringing your dog to the fair to participate? If so, you need to submit a dog 4-H project Registration card, and a copy of your current dog license and rabies vaccination no later than July 12 to the 4-H office. The state vet will be in our office on July 15 to review all paperwork. Dog 4-H registration paperwork is located on our website under the dog section.

**Attention all 4-H members with dogs.** Something new this year for fair is the opportunity to participate in our dog program. This year we are showcasing our members knowledge in different areas. We will have a moderator talking about what the member is demonstrating. Some topics will be more of a lesson class than a contest, but which ever class or classes you participate in there will be premiums offered for your participation. Come and have fun while educating our spectators. There are even some things to participate in without a dog. We are offering the following areas:

**Obedience Skill Presentation-** Show off the obedience skills that you have worked on with your dog. This includes, but is not limited to, sit, down, stay, stand, come, heeling, fetch, and paw.

**Rally Demonstration** - Ever want to try rally, but not know how to start? Participate in this activity to learn what it's about, learn a few signs, and try out a course!

**"How to Groom your Dog"** -Show off your dog grooming skills by explaining how you groom your dog, and why grooming your dog may differ from someone else's dog. You may learn something new.

**Knowledge Demonstration** - Are you really proficient in a specific dog sport? Participate in this activity to demonstrate your skills in areas others may know little or nothing about.

**Poster Presentations** - Create a poster to bring to the fair describing a subject relating to dogs or pet ownership. During this activity you will talk about your poster to onlookers.

**Fun Obedience** - Participate in this fun obstacle course with your dog! Try to get the fastest time while just having fun with your dog.

**Dog Costume Creations** - Create a costume for you and your dog to wear that relates to the theme of the fair to show off. This year, the theme is Musicals. (Please note, all costumes must be family friendly, and anything related to Hamilton must be run by the 4-H office prior to the show)

**Dog Skill a thon** - Learn something new about dogs! During this activity, you will go to different stations where you will learn information about dogs in all different ways. This can include important information such as dog parts, vaccines, and parasites, but also some fun information such as who classic cartoon dogs are and information on dog sports.

### **Livestock Opportunities at a Glance**

Wednesday, July 7	Sheep Meeting at Sacilowski's at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 10	Hillside Riders Show at Stagecoach
July 11 to July 17	Livestock Skillathon available online, closes the 17th
Monday, July 12	Fair Entries Close
Monday, July 12	Swine Meeting at Knolls at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 13	Poultry Meeting, 7 pm at CCE – Poultry Washing
Wednesday, July 14	Mandatory Horse Fair Meeting, zoom at 7 p.m. (See horse section for registration information)
Thursday, July 15	Goat Meeting at Palka's – Dairy, Working and Meat 7 pm
Friday, July 16	All Species Livestock Meeting via zoom 10 am (see above for registration information)
Saturday, July 17	Sardinia Saddlers Show at Blakestone Stables
Saturday, July 17	Beef Fitting and Showing at Dygert's 10 am
Monday, July 19	Mandatory Poultry, Rabbit and Cavy fair meeting via zoom at 6:30 p.m. (see poultry section for registration information)
Tuesday, July 20	Breyer Horse Club meeting at 6 pm at CCE
Thursday, July 28	Pullorum testing at Clyde's – 5-6:00 pm
July 23-30	Tammi will be out of the office on vacation
Saturday, July 31	Tri-Color Equestrian Show at Stagecoach



Attention all pie and cookie makers. I will be sending everyone who has participated in the past an email with the link to register to participate in the 4-H Pie/Cookie Community service project. We need to make 10 pies and 10 batches of cookies to sell at the 4-H Livestock auctions as a fundraising event. We will also be bringing members together to decoupage cookie platters and pie makers will make cloth pie carriers. The dates are all being finalized; however, the pie carrier and decoupage opportunities will most likely take place at the 4-H office during the day that members are available. 4-H Staff will work with you to complete a quality product to accompany our products. I will be in touch short

## **Fair Entries**

**Online registration and information is now available at**

**[ECFAIR.org](http://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**



## Erie County 4-H 4-H Club Meeting Guidelines

Updated: 7/7/2021

Thank you for adhering to the guidance below. These procedures are in place for the health and safety of **all** 4-H members, parents, leaders, volunteers, and staff. **We especially want to protect the youth in our program, under age 12, who do not have access to vaccination.** Your assistance with this safety guidance will help us begin to reactivate our in-person 4-H activities.

### 4-H Club Meeting Guidelines:

- Club meetings can be held in public spaces, including businesses, and in outdoor spaces, including barns. Meetings cannot take place inside private homes. (See information below regarding submitting required information to the 4-H office prior to the meeting.)
- Attendance should be taken via role call for accountability and documentation of meeting size. (See below regarding submitting attendance records to the 4-H Office.)
- Procedures must be followed and include the following:
  - o Hand sanitizer must be available at all times.
  - o All participants must wear a mask (it's recommended to have a small supply of disposable masks available for anyone who forgets a mask).
  - o Maintain 6-foot distances between participants without touching of any kind.
  - o Hold meetings outdoors as much as possible. Meetings cannot take place inside private homes.
  - o If food or drinks are being consumed at the meeting, they should be brought and eaten by individual families or participants. Do not share foods. (Example: Potluck dinners are not permitted at this time.)
- There will be youth and families who are not comfortable meeting in person at this time. It is critical that these decisions are respected and that there is no pressure applied, or opportunities withheld, due to a decision not to participate.

*Please note: Guidelines are subject to change with updated guidance.*

## Steps to Take to Hold a 4-H Group Meeting:

- 1.) Club Leaders must submit the [Club Meeting Request Form](#)
- 2.) All participants (volunteers and youth) must be enrolled in the Erie County 4-H Program to attend club meetings.
- 3.) All participants (youth, volunteers, leader, or guests) must also complete the [CCE Assumption of Risk Form once per 4-H year \(October-September\)](#). The form must be received by the start of the meeting (and then provided to the 4-H office to be kept on file). Anyone who does not complete the form is not permitted to participate in any Erie County 4-H activities. This form is included in 4-H enrollment packets for 2020-2021.
- 4.) Club leaders should provide this [health information sheet](#) to adults and youth one day prior to the club meeting, noting that no one should attend the meeting if they cannot answer “No” to all questions. The health information sheets should not be collected by the 4-H leader.
- 5.) Club leaders should take attendance at the meeting or event by checking off names on a roster. Do not pass around a paper for individuals to sign or have members sign-in. This attendance record must be kept in case someone attending the meeting/event contracts COVID-19 and information is needed for contact tracing. Attendance should include all people present at the meeting.
- 6.) Attendance records must be submitted to the 4-H Office. You can submit your attendance in one of two ways:
  1. Complete the [Meeting Attendance Form](#)  
OR
  2. E-mail your attendance to:
    - Valerie, for general 4-H club meetings, at [vw49@cornell.edu](mailto:vw49@cornell.edu)
    - Tammi, for 4-H Livestock meetings, at [tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu).

**All steps must be completed in order for clubs to meet. These steps are in place for the safety of all Erie County 4-H participants.**