

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County Publication





4-Hers! Are you looking for Community service hours? A way to stay involved with 4-H before the fair this summer? A space to make new friends? Knowledge and advice on how to grow your own food?

Join our Food in Community program!!

As a 4-H community, we will be growing food at our homes and/or helping to care for plants at 3 community sites throughout the county. One of the community garden sites is going to be right at the 4-H Office in East Aurora! To get involved, sign up using the QR code on the flyer or click on this link: <u>https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/foodincommunity-06072024_214</u>

Thank You, Volunteers!!!

National Volunteer Week occurred April 21-27, 2024. We wanted to take some time to recognize and thank all of our amazing Erie County 4-H volunteers. From public presentations, to fair projects, to fundraisers, Erie County 4-H volunteers are always there to lend a helping hand. Erie County 4-H would not be the program it is without YOU!





Upcoming 4-H Monthly Workshops

Any Erie County 4-H member can participate in 4-H Monthly Workshops. They are a great way to meet other 4-Hers, learn a new skill, and create a fair project!

Registration is required for <u>all</u> monthly workshops.

All workshops are currently FULL but we are still accepting registrations for the waitlist.

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- Pond Exploration, 5/16 Thursday, May 16 5:30-7:30pm All ages
- Window Box (Flower Arrangement) Workshop, 6/11 Tuesday, June 11 7-8:30pm All ages
 - Strawberry Jam Workshop, 6/25 Tuesday, June 25 6pm All ages

General 4-H Calendar Snapshot for 2024



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This list is a work in progress and will be updated in each 4-H Monthly Newsletter. Please contact Maddie with any questions (<u>mgw76@cornell.edu</u> or 716-652-5400 x 130)

- ✓ May 10 Flower Fundraiser Pick-Up Day
- ✓ May 15 4-H Alumni Meeting
- ✓ May 16 Monthly Workshop (Pond Exploration)
- ✓ May 19-21 Capital Days
- ✓ June 7 Food in Community- Planting Event
- ✓ June 11 Monthly Workshop (Window Box)
- ✓ June 25 Monthly Workshop (Strawberry Jam)
- ✓ June 26-28 Career Explorations
- ✓ July 8 Fair entries due online
- ✓ July 17 4-H YDB* Work Night
- ✓ July 17 4-H Alumni Meeting
- ✓ July 23 4-H YDB Work Night
- ✓ July 24 Food in Community Check-in Meeting (Zoom)
- ✓ July 25 4-H YDB Work Night
- ✓ July 31 4-H YDB Work Night
- ✓ August 3 Project Evaluation Day at 4-H Youth Development Building
- ✓ August 4 Set-Up Day at 4-H Youth Development Building
- ✓ August 7-18 Erie County Fair
- ✓ August 8 Cake Decorating Event
- ✓ August 11 Talent and Fashion Show
- ✓ August 13 Chef Challenge
- ✓ August 18 STEM Challenge
- ✓ August 19 Project Pick-Up Day at 4-H Youth Development Building
- ✓ August 20 Youth building projects move in to NYS Fair
- ✓ August 21-September 2 New York State Fair
- ✓ September 3 Youth building projects move out of NYS Fair
- ✓ September 20 Food in Community- Harvest Festival
- ✓ September 30 Last day of 2023-24 4-H year

*YDB = Youth Development Building (where 4-H projects are displayed at the fair)

"Sew" Much Sewing!

During the months of March and April, many 4-H members participated in sewing workshops to make pillow cases and/or pajama pants! The 4-Hers learned more about sewing machines and skills needed to complete sewing projects. We are SEW proud of all of their hard work!!

Thank you so much to Sally Hudson for running all of these workshops and passing these wonderful skills along to Erie County 4-Hers. We'd also like to thank Elizabeth Love, Kathy Rose, Kathy Marshall, and all of the parents and grandparents for their help.



Register Now for 4-H Career Explorations!!

June 26-28, 2024 at Cornell University in Ithaca



"4-H Career Explorations aims to expand possibilities for youth by connecting them to Cornell University; sparking interests in careers and career pathways; developing academic, leadership, and life skills; and providing opportunities to experience college life."

This opportunity is open to Erie County 4-Hers who are entering 8th grade and up. It's a fun way to learn something new, meet other 4-Hers, and get a taste of college life! 4-Hers can apply for Paper Clover funds to help them cover the cost of this trip (\$415/youth)

Helpful links:

Career Explorations website: <u>https://www.nys4-h.org/career-explorations-2024</u> Register here*: <u>https://www.nys4-h.org/career-explorations-2024#registration</u> Paper Clover application: <u>https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_exQWUIMdZHIghz8</u> Paper Clover recommendation form: <u>https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9MHjbNdKL56W8n4</u> *The due date for registration is May 15, however, programs may fill up, so we recommend registering as soon as possible. Email <u>mgw76@cornell.edu</u> with interest or questions.



Attention 4-Hers!

You can start submitting online fair entries here: https://ecfaircce.fairwire.com/

This is for both livestock/animal and youth development projects.

Please review the fair book pages before entering your project online, to make sure you are following all the guidelines and entering it in the correct category...

Youth Development Fair Book: <u>https://www.ecfair.org/p/competitions/4-h-youth-development</u> Livestock/Animal Fair Book: <u>https://www.ecfair.org/p/competitions/4h--ffa</u> Questions about what category to submit in? Contact <u>mgw76@cornell.edu</u> with Youth Development questions

Contact tlk6@cornell.edu with Livestock/Animal questions

Online entries close on Monday, July 8, 2024!



Participation/Registration in these events is also a Fair Entry. Remember to sign up for these events when you do your Fair Entries!

Save the Dates for YDB Fair Work Nights 2024!

We need your help! Come join us in getting the 4-H Youth Development Building ready for the Erie County Fair! Tasks include painting, cleaning, organizing supplies, moving display cases, and decorating. There's a task for everyone!

4-Hers of all ages are welcome to attend as well as 4-H volunteers. Those who volunteer may be eligible to receive a ticket to the Erie County Fair (check back in with Maddie about this during fair time).

Dates and times:

- Wednesday, July 17 from 4-6pm
- Tuesday, July 23 from 6-8pm
- Thursday, July 25 from 6-8pm
- Wednesday, July 31 from 6-8pm

Email <u>mgw76@cornell.edu</u> with any questions.

This Years' Erie County Fair Theme - Carnival Fun

We have a wish list of supplies to help decorate the 4-H Building

Gallon of Bright Red Paint
 Gallon Black Paint
 Large Balloons Multiple Colors
 Cans of Spray Foam
 Quilt Batting Material
 Paper Lanterns

LED Rope Lights (Plug In, Battery, & Solar) Plastic Tablecloths/ Rolls (Red, Blue, Green, & Orange) Exercise Balls Various Sizes Rolls of Double Sided Tape Carnival Themed Items You May Have on Hand

If you would like to donate supplies, please contact Maddie (mgw76@cornell.edu or 716-652-5400 x130)





In continuation of our county 4-H fundraising project, we will again be selling cookies made by members during the Erie County Fair Livestock Market Auctions to benefit the 4-H program.

Do you want to learn how to make a pie? Perhaps brush up on pie making skills? Want to exhibit a fresh pie at the fair? Join us as we learn together!

This program will be a 3 step opportunity:

Step 1—Attend an educational workshop on June 8 from 10:00 am to 12 noon presented by Christine Basile at the Marilla Methodist Church, Two Rod Road, Marilla. You will learn about the science to making the perfect cookie along with learning about different leavening agents. Participants will leave with a fresh plate of cookies too.

Step 2—Participate in the actual cookie making. You will make a batch of cookies for the auction. We will be making pies in July at Daily's in East Aurora.

Step 3 – Sell your plate of cookies at the Erie County Fair, 4-H Market Auction on Saturday, August 10 or 17, 2024 with the proceeds to benefit the 4-H program.

Please note: 1 parent/adult must accompany youth during both sessions.





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This program will be a 3 step opportunity:

Step 1—Attend an educational workshop on May 18 from 10:00 am to 12 noon presented by Christine Basile at the Marilla Methodist Church, Two Rod Road, Marilla. You will learn about the history of pie making, food safety, fruit preparation, crust preparation and the "how to" by making your own personal mini pie.

Step 2—Participate in the actual pie making. You will make

a pie for the auction. We will be making pies in July at Daily's in East Aurora.

Step 3 – Sell your pie at the Erie County Fair 4-H Market Auction on Saturday, August 10 or 17, 2024 during the market auction with the proceeds to benefit the 4-H program.

Please note: 1 parent/adult must accompany youth during both sessions

Register now

https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_ landing.cfm?event=piemaking101-2024-2-2-2_214

Registrations will be limited to 10 current registered 4-H members. Questions? Call the 4-H office at 652-5400 ext. 132



New York State Fair: August 21– September 2, 2024

Volunteers needed!

- August 20 and/or September 3 Maddie is looking for help driving 4-H youth building projects to and from the State Fair in Syracuse. If you are interested in helping with this, please email mgw76@cornell.edu
- August 24 August 27 This is the Erie County rotation at the NYS Fair booth. Erie County 4-H volunteers and members are welcome to represent Erie County 4-H at the booth in the youth building at State Fair. You can sit at the booth for as little or as long as you'd like. Please email <u>mgw76@cornell.edu</u> with interest or for more information.



Scholarships and Financial & Assistance Opportunities

Please check our website(erie.cce.cornell.edu) for scholarship opportunities, we will post them as they become available.
4-H Scholarship and Financial Assistance Opportunities Page



 Pick-up by Clubs & Members will be Friday, May 10 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Riding Arena at Bippert's Farm, 5240 Clinton Street, Elma, NY 14059







Join HYPE youth leaders for a virtual presentation:

Feeding Minds, Fueling Futures

Enhancing school food diversity and water accessibility

Monday, May 20th, 4:00-5:00pm

HYPE is an afterschool program of youth from Buffalo Public Schools. Join us to hear their experiences and recommendations for increasing the variety and flavor of foods and improving access to water in their schools.



Register for the Zoom meeting by scanning the QR code or clicking this link: https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/regi ster/tJOld-qqqzOiE9zw-VO2IFIfVUMIZ-pN5ytA#/registrationt





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LIVESTOCK NOTES - MAY 2024



Investing in the Future of our Youth and Agriculture!



The 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction Roundup Dinner was a success. We shared a lot of information, and it was great to see you all interact with your guests and talk about your projects. It may be nice to send those you invited a thank you note expressing your gratitude and for their support in coming to the dinner.

Important reminder: Your marketing of your projects is NOT finished! It is now important to keep in touch with your bidders and continue to solicit others to

attend the auction at the fair.

THANK YOU to all the parents and youth that assisted with food donations, set-up, clean-up and contributing items to the fun auction. Special thank you to those who were on the planning committee: Lynn, Maddie and Allison Gabel, Deb and Jim Beats, Lisa and Leslie Mesch, Michelle and Amelia Strub, and Peggy Gabel.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Are COMPLETE. If you are showing any animal at the fair, you must have done a presentation or horse communication. If you have not participated, YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME at tlk6@cornell.educom.

2024 Erie County Fair Schedule and Fair Book:

Online entries are now being accepted for your projects. Please visit

https://www.ecfair.org/p/competitions/4h--ffa Entries are due by Monday, July 8, the link will

expire at 11:59 p.m. Please be sure to do your entries.

Livestock Calendar Snapshot

contact Tammi with questions <u>tlk6@cornell.edu</u>

* Represents an addition

- *May 3 Swine, Meat Goat and Lamb registration paperwork due in 4-H office by 4:30pm
- May 10 Plant delivery/pick up at Bippert's
- May 11 Poultry Processing workshop HLW Acres
- May 13 Rabbit Meeting, Power House 6-7 pm
- May 14 Poultry Meeting, Power House7 pm
- May 18 State Horse Communications, Cornell
- May 18 Pie Making Workshop
- May 19-21 NYS 4-H Capital Days, Albany
- June 3 Beef Show Halter video due.
- June 7 Food and Community Garden, planting
- June 8 Cookie Making Workshop
- June 10 Market Chickens ship to NY
- June 11 Market Chicken pick up at 4-H office
- June 14 Dairy Lease Paperwork due to 4-H office
- June 18 Poultry Meeting, Power House7 pm, Hermann Weber, speaker
- June 24 Rabbit Meeting, 6-7 pm, Power House
- June 27 Goat Fitting and Showing, Alexander
- July 1 Livestock Interview session #1
- *July 2 Sheep Fitting & Showing, 6:30 pm
- July 8 Erie County Fair Entries close
- July 9 Livestock Interview session #2
- July 18 Livestock Interview session #3
- July 24 Food & Community Meeting zoom
- July 28 Market Poultry Show, Blairs, 4 pm
- July 28 Market Poultry processing
- July 31 Livestock Interview session #4

Health Papers: May 1 has come and gone – you can now have your health papers issued for the fair. Schedule your veterinary visit now. Remember there is a 21-day withholding period on the rabies vaccine for beef, dairy, sheep, goats. Cattle that receive the shipping fever vaccination also have a withholding period. Be sure to meet all withholding periods for your market animals.

4-H Dorms: We are still looking for a male and female chaperone to provide a safe place for our 4-H members who need to stay at the fair. We would like to have the dorms open at least for the week the market animals are there. **If you only have a week to spare, there is flexibility in when the dorms can be open.** Parents – do you rent a camper for the fair? Maybe consider being a dorm chaperone, stay for free and have a nice place to shower and a cool, comfortable, and clean place to sleep.

If you are 21 and older and interested in chaperoning our 4-H members during the fair, please contact Tammi Kron (<u>tlk6@cornell.edu</u>) as soon as possible. The Beats are willing to help our new chaperones learn the ropes to provide a safe place for our members to stay during the fair.

Ear Tags: If your animal loses an ear tag that you used to register your animal as your project, remember to contact Tammi and to submit a photo and updated paperwork with the new number. If your health paper was also issued, you will need to have the veterinarian update that as well.

Beef: Is anyone interested in being the host of a beef fitting and showing meeting? The topics that would be nice to have on the agenda are washing, blowing, clipping and different products to use, along with a refresher on show ring etiquette and procedures. If you are interested in hosting, please let Tammi know. It would be great to have a meeting in June or July, and this would be a great opportunity for our 1st year members and parents to see who else will be in the barn this August.



Do not forget to submit proof that you can control your steer on the rope and show halter. Paperwork with a beef committee member signature or a video are due by Monday, June 3 for both steers and heifers.

Swine: Interested in hosting?? We will be scheduling a meeting to cover showmanship, fitting and fair preparation of your market hogs towards the end of June. If you are interested in hosting the meeting, please let Tammi know so we can pick a date.

Hog Registration paperwork was due to the 4-H office by May 3, 2024. You are required to submit the registration paperwork along with 3 photos of each pig.

Sheep: Sheep Fitting & Showing meeting on Tuesday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Vergiens, 5652 Hunters Creek Rd., South Wales, NY 14139. We will focus on fitting and showmanship along with fair preparation. Please do not bring any animals to this meeting.

Market Lamb and Breeding Sheep paperwork was due to the 4-H office by May 3, 2024.

Poultry: Market turkeys arrived, and it seems like everyone is having good success. Market chickens will be shipped on Monday, June 10, arrival should be Tuesday, June 11. Watch for a text message with updates.

Our next **poultry meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m**. focusing on showmanship. Our last meeting of the year is to take place on Tuesday, June 18 with Herman Weber as our guest speaker talking about proper handling of your market birds to prevent bruising.

The **market poultry** show is scheduled for Sunday, July 28 at 4 p.m. at the Blair Farm. Mark your calendar to participate to be eligible to sell at the fair.

Pullorum Testing: Are you planning to show poultry at the fair? If so, your birds need to be pullorum tested. NYS Ag and Markets will be at CCE – Erie on Monday, June 24 from 4-6 pm conducting the free test. All chickens over 4 months of age along with other birds (except waterfowl) need to be tested. Contact Tammi at <u>tlk6@cornell.edu</u> to register.

Llama/Alpaca: Things are quiet in the llama/alpaca program right now; we will schedule a meeting soon, watch your email for details.

Dairy, Working and Meat Goat: Market Goat, Working Goat and Dairy Goat paperwork was due to the 4-H office by May 3, 2024.

Goat Fitting & Showing: Mark your calendar for our Goat Fitting & Showing meeting for Thursday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the farm of A. Hayne/C. Saraceni in Alexander. We will be discussing all 3 goat programs and get you prepared for a successful day in the showring. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to June. Remember, we will be holding our knowledge contest/skillathon at this meeting – this means extra project points!



Dairy Cattle: Dairy Cattle lease paperwork is due to the 4-H office by Friday, June 14.

Dairy Challenge and Showmanship: I am planning to do a dairy showmanship meeting along with a dairy challenge. It looks like July will be the best time for this to happen. I will secure a location and share the information in the next news.

Congratulations to our members who participated in the **NYS 4-H Dairy Bowl contest** on April 27 congratulations to Leslie Mesch and Ashley Niefergold for participating in the contest representing western district in the senior and junior divisions. Thank you to Morgan DePue for acting as coach for the Junior team.



Rabbit Program: Want to learn more about rabbits? Come and join us at our monthly rabbit meetings. They take place at the Powerhouse, 39 S. Grove St., East Aurora from 6-7 pm. Members are asked to bring 1 rabbit in a carrier. Our remaining meetings will be on Monday, May 13 (focusing on health, weight and diet) and Monday, June 24, and we are hoping to add in another meeting for July. We hope to see you there. In April our meeting focused on grooming and equipment. Thank you to Bonnie Hayne and Charlotte Saraceni for presenting.

Dog Program: Our dog clubs are out and about doing wonderful things. Youth are attending trials and observing agility, clubs are doing community service and the fun activities at meetings continue. Our one club meets in the Orchard Park area and the other meets in the Northtown's (Tonawanda area) Do you have a family dog that your 4-H member would like to learn more about and teach some tricks, or to be more obedient? Contact Tammi for leader contact information at <u>tlk6@cornell.edu</u>



Horse Program:

Regional Hippology was held on April 27. Congratulations to the following members qualifying to move on to the NYS contest.

Juniors: Katelyn vom Scheidt, Pharyn Bentley, Sarina Pinheiro

Seniors: Samantha Parsons, Charlotte Parsons, Jacob Leitzan, Julia Mauro, Zoe Washburn, Charlotte Saraceni. Novice: Cora Frazier, Analise Hayne, Emma Hixon, Colin Singleton and Lola Frazier – you are all going to have your chance to move on in future years.

NY State 4-H Horse Bowl: Congratulations to our members: Seniors: Samantha Parsons & Charlotte Parsons for placing in the top 4 earning an invitation to move on to the National contest. Also in the top 10 was Lucas Leitzan. Horse Specific dates to add to your calendar: * = Addition *May 11 – Back up evaluation date at Stagecoach May 25 – Back up evaluation date at Stagecoach May 18 – State Horse Communications – Cornell **May 31 – Horse Certificate with Rabies and Coggins due to 4-H office.** June 1 – Training Show at Stagecoach June 15 – Sardinia Saddlers Horse Show at Blakestone Stables June 17 – Mandatory Fair meeting June 29 – Tri Color Equestrians Horse Show at Stagecoach July 8 – Fair entries due online July 13 – Wild Wind Riders Horse Show at Stagecoach

July 27 – Hillside Riders Horse Show at Stagecoach

Training Show at Stagecoach: Mark your calendar for our Training Show event that will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024. This event raises funds for your year-end awards celebration from the entry fees. Participation helps you learn skills from a professional and allows you time in the ring with your horse. Watch your email for registration information.

Thank you to Jennifer Barber of Blakestone Stables for organizing and hosting our riding clinic with evaluation opportunities on Sunday, April 28 and Saturday, May 4th. I am sure those that participated walked away with so great information on how to be a better rider and now you can put those suggestions to use. Thank you, Jen, for your time and dedication to the Erie County 4-H Horse program.

Horse show season is just around the corner. Here are items to check off your list: Be sure to submit your horse certificate, current rabies and coggins paperwork to the 4-H office – due by Friday, May 31. It is important for all your information regarding your horse to be uniform on all paperwork submitted. Be sure the horse's name is the same on all documents. Be sure that the age and sex are the same. Do your very best to submit only up to day paperwork (meaning that all vaccinations and tests are up to date). I am hopeful that when the NYS Veterinarian comes to review our paperwork at the beginning of June that you have all submitted everything correctly and that there are no follow ups. Thanks for your help with this.



Hunter Education Class

Saturday, September 7, 2024 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Roycroft Power House, 39 S. Grove Street, East Aurora 14052 Lunch & snacks will be available for \$10.

The NY Hunter Education course (Hunter Safety course) is required to purchase a hunting license in New York. The course covers the necessary safety techniques and responsibilities that a hunter must know when using a gun, muzzleloader, crossbow, or bow to pursue wild game.

MINIMUM AGE FOR COURSE: 11 years MINIMUM AGE FOR LICENSE: 12 years

Study materials are available with pretest from Tammi **To register** send the following information to: Tammi Kron at tlk6@cornell.edu

> Full Name Full Address (including zip code) Phone Number Date of Birth Male or Female



Did you know that Erie County 4-H is on Instagram and Facebook??





Follow us to see 4-H updates, opportunities, and event pictures!

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Instagram: "@erie4h"

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