Cayuga County 4-H

Youth Fair 2016

PRE-FAIR PACKET

4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE
PURPOSE OF 4-H INVOLVEMENT AT YOUTH FAIR

4-H is the youth education component of Cornell Cooperative Extension representing a partnership between the Cornell Colleges of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Human Ecology and County Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations.

The emphasis for Cornell Cooperative Extension’s 4-H Youth Development involvement at Youth Fair is to provide youth 5 – 19 years of age with opportunities to:

- Be recognized for their accomplishments
- Display what they have learned; enhance individual learning and skill development; learn and recognize standards for quality project work; apply research-based subject matter to everyday life experiences, and receive recognition for a job well done.
- Serve as a showcase for the public to observe a wide variety of 4-H projects in action.
- Present an accurate, contemporary image of 4-H as a relevant, year-round non-formal educational program for youth of all backgrounds and interests.
- Attract youth and adults to become involved in the 4-H program.
- Educate the public about selected subject matter and issues, particularly those related to the expertise of Cornell University and the 4-H Youth Development program.
- Provide opportunity for volunteers to develop and demonstrate their leadership abilities through the planning and conducting of the Fair.
- Provide FREE family fun.
- Promote public awareness of the 4-H program through a showcase of 4-H Youth in Action, as well as Exhibits of 4-H projects work.

4-H Youth Development Programs are open to all youth ages 5-18 (age as of January 1st) throughout New York State, regardless of geographic location, ethnic, racial, economic, and educational backgrounds. The mission of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development is to create supportive learning environments where diverse groups of youth and adults can reach their fullest potential as capable competent and caring citizens.

Focusing on the four H’s: **Head** (Independence), **Heart** (Belonging), **Hands** (Generosity), and **Health** (Mastery), youth gain valuable life skills as they take on personal and social responsibility, learn the value of community service, develop decision making, problem solving, teamwork and communication skills; learn to make healthy lifestyle choices, set goals, plan, organize and resolve conflict; and become aware of personal safety issues.

Youth Development is the natural process of developing one’s capacities. Positive youth development occurs through an intentional process that promotes positive outcomes for young people by providing opportunities, relationships and the supports to fully meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood. Participation in State Fair is yet another exciting opportunity for Positive Youth Development.
PLAN TO ATTEND!!

PRE-FAIR MEETING
Monday, May 16th at 6:30pm.
Cornell Cooperative Extension Cayuga County Office
248 Grant Avenue, Auburn, NY 13021

Get ready for Cayuga County 4-H Youth Fair!! This pre-fair meeting is open to all 4-H members, parents and leaders. You should plan to attend, especially if this is your first or second year. At the Pre-Fair meeting you can:

- Learn about filling out 4-H project animal certificates, new animal health requirements and more!
- Learn about new and exciting events
- Pick up your 4-H Youth Fair Premium Book ($5.00 each)

Mandatory Fair Work-Bee

All 4-H Youth exhibiting in the Cayuga County 4-H Youth Fair, with the exception of Cloverbud members, are required to participate in Work Bee. Work Bee Registrations will be due July 8th. There will be an online registration form for youth to indicate their availability to help with set-up, tear-down or help during the actual event. Spots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Involvement by Members, Parents and Leaders is the key to a successful Fair!

Areas in which help is needed include:

- Youth Fair Set Up/Tear Down Exhibits – Adults and Youth are needed to help with the set-up/tear-down of animal display areas including setting up gates, hanging signage, moving tables/chairs and more.
- Youth Building Set Up/Tear Down – Adults and Youth are needed to help with the set-up/tear-down of youth building (non-animal) project display areas. Jobs including moving tables/chairs and display boards, decorating booths, hanging signage and more.
- Animal Science Shows during Youth Fair – Help is needed with all animal science shows including handing out ribbons, tracking youth ribbon results per animal/per class, set up/tear-down of PA equipment, announcing classes and youth participants using the PA system, typing youth animal science show results, assisting the judges and staff as needed.
- 4-H Horse Show(s) prior to Youth Fair – Help is needed with the 4-H Horse Show(s) which are scheduled prior to Youth Fair week at private horse facilities in Cayuga

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

- The 4-H Fair Premium Book will not be mailed to you. You can download this (and other forms) from our website at: http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga OR pick one up at the CCE Cayuga Office, 248 Grant Avenue in Auburn for $5.00.
County. Jobs include: ring steward, ring crew, handing out ribbons, recording youth ribbon results per animal/per class, set-up/tear-down of judge’s booth, announcing the classes and youth participants, typing youth horse show results, assisting the judges and staff as needed.

Filling out Paperwork

Filling out and submitting complete and accurate paperwork with the Cayuga County 4-H office is crucial in preparing for and exhibiting an animal in the Cayuga County 4-H Youth Fair. It not only allows the 4-H office to keep accurate records of the youth involved in the programs we offer, but it also ensures your animal(s) is (are) accounted for. Submitting complete and accurate paperwork is not optional; it is required for participation.

- All Animals (owned and non-owned) must be registered as 4-H Project Animals with the CCE Cayuga 4-H office by June 1st of the Current Year using an Animal Project Identification Certificate. (see sample in this packet)
  - For Equine Project Animals: must submit current rabies certificate and negative coggins test along with your Horse Project Identification Certificate. These are due June 1st.
  - Currently, we do not require copies of other animal health paperwork for non-equine species; however, please read and familiarize yourself with the New York State Animal Health Regulations for exhibiting an animal into county/state fairs. These requirements will be followed for participation in the Cayuga County 4-H Youth Fair and Horse Show events.
  - Do not bring animals to the Youth Fair/Horse Shows that are showing any signs of illness and/or disease. They will be sent home.
  - Bring original animal health paperwork with you to the Youth Fair/Horse Show events.
  - On-site vet checks will be performed on animals participating in the Youth Fair events.

- Registered Animals –The name on the animal’s registration must be the youth showing the animal. Animals must have been personally owned and registered individually as well cared for by the exhibitor since June 1st of the current year! Joint, syndicate, family, or farm ownership is not considered individual ownership. No papers pending. A copy (both sides) of the animal’s registration paperwork needs to be submitted with the Animal’s Project Identification Certificate.

- Grade Animals – Exhibitors may choose to show a grade animal, however, these will not be eligible for State Fair exhibition, unless they are market animals.

- In addition to submitting an Animal Project Identification Certificate, all Animals need to be entered into their respective classes for Youth Fair/Horse Show Exhibition using our Online Registration Process. Registration links will be posted on our CCE Cayuga website: http://blogs.cornell.edu/ceecayuga as we get closer to these events. All Animal Show registrations will be due June 27th.

- In order to accurately register your animals into their respective classes, you will need to follow along with the Cayuga County 4-H Youth Fair Premium Book for a listing of class numbers and class names by Animal Species. You can access this Fair Premium Book by
going to our CCE Cayuga website: [http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga/](http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga/) or pick one up at the CCE Cayuga Office, 248 Grant Avenue in Auburn for $5.00. These will not be mailed to you.

- **Overnight Forms** –
  
  - Youth wishing to stay overnight with their animal at the Youth Fair event, must have a parent fill out an overnight permission request form and return to the CCE Cayuga 4-H Office by **July 5th**. Forms will be posted on our CCE Cayuga website: [http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga/](http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga/).
  
  - Parent/Legal Guardian must stay with child, or designate an approved CCE VIP adult. All adult chaperones, including parents, will need to fill out a volunteer application which includes a background screen.
  
  - 4-H Chaperoning guidelines will be followed
  
  - If you have identified an enrolled 4-H Chaperone on your overnight form, there will be no fees collected for 2016 event.
  
  - **For NEWLY Identified 4-H CHAPERONES ONLY!!** A fee of $5 each 4-H youth, with a 4-H family maximum of $15, must accompany the overnight permission request form. Fees collected will be used to perform the necessary background screens need for adult chaperones. Cash or Checks payable to CCE Cayuga will be accepted at the time overnight forms are collected.
  
  - If you are unsure whether or not an adult you wish to have chaperone your child(ren) is enrolled with CCE Cayuga, please ask.

**Poultry Pullorum Testing**

Pullorum testing MUST be done before bringing poultry to the Youth Fair. Certification is needed showing that a negative Pullorum-typhoid test has been conducted within 90 days of the fair, or a certificate is needed showing that the birds originate from a US Pullorum-typhoid clean flock or a flock which has had an official flock test within the current year. Testing will NOT be done at the Fair. You can attend the Cayuga County Pullorum Test Clinic held in Late June, or contact the NYS Department of Ag and Markets, Division of Animal Industry, at 518-457-3971 to have your entire flock tested. There is a minimum number of birds needed in order for Ag and Markets to perform a home flock test. All others will be required to attend the Cayuga County Pullorum Test Clinic. 2016 Date: To Be Announced.

**Arrival and Departure Information**

- **4-H Large Animals** will be expected to **arrive by NOON on Thursday, July 28th** of Youth Fair and remain in place until release time (tentatively estimated to be 5:00pm) on Saturday, July 30th of Youth Fair. Stalls may be available Wednesday. Please contact the 4-H Office for more details.

- **4-H Milking Cows**—may trailer in on **Friday, July 29th (by Noon)** and show in the Open Dairy Show for State Fair exhibit consideration if the youth chooses not to show in the 4-H Dairy Show. All 4-H dairy shows are scheduled for Thursday, July 28th. See Dorothy if you want to do this.
• **Small Animals (Rabbits, Cavies and Poultry)**
  a. **NEW for 2016!** will be expected to **arrive by NOON on Friday, July 29th** of Youth Fair and remain in place until release time (tentatively estimated to be 5:00pm) on Saturday, July 30th of Youth Fair. We will have a small animal’s superintendent who will be assisting with this process.

• **DOGS**—will need to come in/out for this show. It is highly suggested to arrive **30-45 minutes** prior to your show time to allow for traffic, parking and getting your dog acquainted to the surroundings.

• Anyone wishing for an exception on Animal Arrival/Departure requirements, must submit a written request to the office by **July 6th**. All requests will be reviewed by the Youth Fair committee for final approval.

• **Stall or Pen Requests**- In the registration process this year, youth will be able to make stall and pen requests to be located near a specific farm or individual. There is no guarantee, but we will do our best. This would be applicable to both large and small animals.

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**Animal Health Requirements**

• For Youth Fair Exhibition **Health Requirements**, please review the Animal Science Fairbook. 2016 Animal Health Requirements have been updated and are available on our website at [http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga](http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga). 4-H Animal Health Checks will be performed during Youth Fair.

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**Ownership and Non-Ownership Policy**

• **OWNERSHIP** – The Cayuga County 4-H program requires that all 4-H project animals exhibited at the youth fair/horse show be: personally owned, registered individually and cared for by the exhibitor. **All animals must be owned individually. Joint, syndicate, family, or farm ownership is not considered individual ownership.** All animals, including Horse, will need to be registered (using a project animal identification certificate) with the CCE Cayuga Office by **June 1st** of the current year for Youth Fair and State Fair participation.

• **NON-OWNERSHIP** – The purpose of the non-ownership opportunity is to give a youth the opportunity to experience the responsibility of caring for and showing an animal. The Cayuga County 4-H program requirements for non-owned project animals to be exhibited at the 4-H Youth Department shows are:

  o Each animal to be shown at the Youth Fair must have a non-ownership certificate (with owner’s name, address and signature included) into the 4-H office **by June 1st** of the current year for all animals, including Horse.
  o Each 4-H member must keep records of each non-owned animal they exhibit. Records should include data on daily feeding, their participation in cleaning, grooming, and
training the animal. These project record books are due in the 4-H office on October 1st, following the current 4-H Youth Fair events.

- Youth must meet all regulations for the species (dates, registration, vaccination, health papers, etc.)
- Youth may designate up to (2) non-owned project animals per species; but can only exhibit (1) project animal in its respective show. For Dairy Cattle & Goats, Youth will be allowed to exhibit up to (2) non-owned project animals at the county-level show.
- Non-ownership is NOT available to youth who already own animals in that species. Youth who do not own a horse or choose not to use a family-owned equine because it is not suitable for the rider, can designate one non-owned 4-H project horse. Youth who own an equine may also designate a non-owned mule or donkey. See the NYS 4-H Equine Show Rule Book for more information.
- Equine only – If a last minute substitution of a non-owned equine is necessary because of death, lameness or illness, the substituted animal may be shown at a Youth Fair event, at the discretion of the County Youth Educator, but will not be eligible for State Fair. The substitution must be approved by the County Youth Educator and the exhibitor may be denied if a 4-H member’s safety is a concern.
- CCE Cayuga 4-H office can help 4-H members identify local producers for possible 4-H project animals, but we are not responsible for any “lease” agreements. Animal owners may choose to set-up “lease-type” contracts and/or fees. These agreements should be worked out between the animal owner and the 4-H members.
- An opportunity may exist for multiple exhibitors to show the same equine, with the requirement that the equine must be exhibited in different show divisions. Ex. Western, Huntseat, Saddleseat, Gymkhana, etc. This opportunity will be evaluated on a year-to-year basis, depending on participation levels and experiences. If youth are interested in seeking out this opportunity, they will need to consult with the 4-H Educator at least three (3) months in advance.

Any questions on this policy must be directed to the Cayuga County 4-H Youth Development Educator at 315-255-1183

Youth Fair Basic Guidelines

The following suggestions and details are offered as basic guidance in helping members, parents and leaders prepare for Youth Fair/Horse Show participation.

- Only youth enrolled in the Cayuga County 4-H program are eligible to exhibit projects in the Cayuga County 4-H Youth Fair and Horse Shows. Returning 4-H members must have been enrolled as of January 5th of the current 4-H year and New 4-H members must have been enrolled as of April 1st of the current 4-H year in order to participate in these events.
- Participation Levels for all events unless otherwise noted: (age as of January 1, of current year)
  - Cloverbuds (5–7 year olds)
- Juniors (8–12 year olds)
- Seniors (13–18 year olds)
- Equine Program
  - Juniors (8-13 year olds)
  - Seniors (14-18 year olds)

- 4-H members may enter only those animal science projects which have been designated as such with the CCE Cayuga Office as of June 1st.
- 4-H Animal Shows may be canceled, modified or not offered, depending on youth participation each year.
- All forks, shovels, buckets for feed and water, hoses, wheel barrows, baskets and so forth must be brought by the exhibitors.
- All youth must show their own animals unless they have more than one animal in the same class, in which event only another 4-H youth exhibitor may assist them. All others will be disqualified.

**On 4-H Show day, all care, fitting, and grooming must be done by the Youth. No parents, adults or professional groomsmen may help with project animals.**

- All 4-H judging in Cayuga County is done using the Danish System. Under the Danish System, each exhibit is compared to an ideal for that category. Evaluators consider the age, experience level and difficulty of the project. Youth and projects are not compared to each other or judged against one another. Exhibits receive either an excellent (blue), good (red), worthy (white) award, or participation only (green) based on how closely the project meets the ideal. Judges are not limited in the number of ribbons awarded. For example, in a class of 15 items there may be four blues, three reds and eight whites as the judge sees fit. A judge may withhold ribbon awards if the project is not worthy. Sometimes, in livestock or horse classes, the judge will line up the exhibitors in order of accomplishment, in order to qualify animals for State Fair.

- Cloverbuds: Competition among and recognition for an individual Cloverbud is inappropriate. If recognition of one 4-H Cloverbud is considered, then all Cloverbuds in that particular area must be recognized in the same manner. Any award/s given beyond the Cloverbud Ribbon will be identical in nature for all Cloverbuds in the project area or class.
  - Cloverbud youth will exhibit in ONE class only per species. This will be a showmanship class for all project animal species, with the exception of Equine.
  - Cloverbuds should be able to do the following:
    - Safely handle their animal in and outside of its cage or pen.
    - Tell the judge how to take care of the animal
  - Cloverbuds may be asked the following items (see below) by a judge. Please do not stress if your child does not know the answer or if the child is unable to communicate an answer. These are simply some suggested topics for you to discuss with your child prior to fair involvement.
    - Show the judge where signs of illness might occur.
    - Identify the breed, sex and age of their animal.
    - Tell the judge where the animal came from.

- Junior and Senior Member Youth will be limited to 7 animals per species for exhibition into the Youth Fair animal classes. Youth may register more than 7 animals per species,
but must select which 7 animals they will bring and exhibit at the Youth Fair events. To further clarify, a youth may bring 7 sheep, 7 dairy cattle and 7 rabbits; but they wouldn’t be able to bring 21 animals of the same species. If other limits already apply, such as in the Equine or Cloverbud divisions, those will take precedence.

- It is truly a privilege to be able to stay overnight in the tents at the Youth Fair. Please honor this privilege by abiding by the rules. If these rules are broken, the 4-H member will be sent home.
- Only 4-H member dogs who’ve participated in the current 4-H dog obedience course may participate in the 4-H Youth Fair show.
- If Parking Passes are needed, those will be distributed closer to the Youth Fair events.

**State Fair Selection**

State Fair selection is made based on the youth’s ribbon accomplishments, the animal show judge and consultation with the 4-H staff. Not all classes are eligible for State Fair judging. Each animal species has its own requirements and participation restrictions. Cloverbud youth are not eligible to participate in Youth Shows of the State Fair. **State Fair participation is a privilege.** The selected exhibits represent outstanding work and skills development for that age and experience level. Participation in Cayuga County 4-H Youth Fair or Horse Show is required in order to be considered for State Fair selection, unless otherwise approved by 4-H staff.

**Sportsmanship**

The award earned by showing at the Youth Fair/Horse Show is not what is important; it’s the experience youth gain from participating that helps them grow. Healthy sportsmanship is accepting reward and responsibility for the results of that effort or lack of it, holding true to your sense of pride in what you have accomplished, and using the knowledge gained from the experience in the future. This is all accomplished in an atmosphere of respect for everyone present including yourself.

**Note:** This is the most up-to-date information available as of February 3, 2016, and is subject to change when appropriate. The information made available in this Pre-Fair Packet is for your use only and should help clarify questions and concerns you may have about entering an animal into the 2016 4-H youth fair. However, please feel free to contact the 4-H office for further assistance. CCE Cayuga, 315-255-1183.

**Attachments:** Example of Animal Project Identification Certificate

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4-H DAIRY CATTLE IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE

Name of Animal
Date Animal Born (Mo.) ______ (Day) ______ (Yr.) ______
Name of Sire (Father) ________________ Name of Dam (Mother) ________________
Registry/Breed ________________ Reg. No. ________________
Date of Purchase ________________ Member County ________________
Tattoos/Ear Notch (Left Ear) ________________ (Right Ear) ________________
Other identifying numbers, etc. ________________

Draw color marking on each side and face or provide picture of each side.

Color ________________
Height ________________
Weight ________________

Owner ________________
Address ________________ Phone # ________________

Signature of Owner
This animal has been officially designated as the 4-H project animal of the 4-H’er as of June 1st of the current project year.

Name of 4-H’er ________________ 4-H Leader or write Independent ________________
Address ________________

Member’s Signature ________________ Leader’s Signature ________________

Parent/Guardian ________________ 4-H Educator ________________
Address ________________

Telephone ________________

Parent/Guardian Signature ________________ Educator’s Signature ________________

* Proof of Rabies Vaccination required must be current calendar year and more than 14 days prior to arrival at any fairgrounds.

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