Dear 4-H families,

The 2015 Fair Season is upon us already! Soon, we will see tents go up, and the Ag Museum transform into “Youth Fair Central”. Youth Fair is the culmination of hard work and the best of 4-H in Cayuga County. With that in mind, this is a chance for 4-H Youth to shine, celebrate and reflect upon the hard work, dedication, and successes of their 4-H experience.

Please be sure to carefully read this publication. It contains important information that will help you as you make your final preparations for Youth Fair, Work Bee, State Fair, Trams, and more.

Thank you all for your support and hard work. We look forward to a great summer!

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Cayuga 4-H DISCOVERS
Pre-Fair Edition 2015

2015 4-H Youth Fair
Important Dates & Schedule of Events

Please keep the following dates in mind as you prepare for participation in the 2015 Youth Fair. Be sure to check the website for updates or any scheduling changes http://blogs/cornell.edu/cccecayuga.

Wednesday, July 1st—Overnight Permission Request Forms for youth staying overnight due in the office.

Thursday, July 9th—Written request due to remove 4-H animals before Youth Fair Release time.

Wednesday, July 15th—Youth Fair Work Bee forms are due for all junior and senior 4-H members.

Monday, July 20th – 4-H Youth Building Project Judging at the CCE Cayuga Education Center.

4-H Youth Fair & Remember the Big 6
Thursday, July 23rd thru Saturday, July 25th

Thursday, July 23rd
• 12:00 All 4-H Dairy Cattle in place
• 4:30 4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship and Breed Classes

Friday, July 24th
• 3:00 4-H Small Animals in place
• 5:00 Open Dairy Cattle Showmanship (FYI only)
• 6:00 4-H Dog Show

Saturday, July 25th
• 11:00 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show
• 11:00 Open Dairy Cattle Breed Classes (FYI only)
• 2:30 4-H Poultry Show  Canceled
• 2:30 Beef Cattle Clinic
• 5:00 Release Time for Small Animals
• 7:30 Release Time for Dairy Cattle
• 7:30—8 p.m.  Youth Building Projects release time

Sunday, July 26th
• Work Bee
• 11 a.m.—Youth Building Projects pick up (please arrange with Melissa).

4-H Youth Development
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www.blogs/cornell.edu/cccecayuga
4-H Youth Fair General Information & Deadlines  
July 23, 24 and 25, 2015  
Ward O’Hara Agricultural Museum  
6880 East Lake Road, Auburn NY (Across from Emerson Park)

*For a complete list of rules, regulations and information, please consult the 2015 4-H Youth Fair Animal Science Fairbook. You may also consult the Pre-Fair Animal Science Packet. Both of these documents are posted on our CCE Cayuga website at: http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga hover over the 4-H Youth Development tab on top and click on the Youth Fair tab.

4-H Animal Science Show General Highlights:

- For Youth Fair Exhibition **Health Requirements**, please review the Animal Science Fairbook or review online at: http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/Al/2015_Fair_Health_Requirements.pdf
- 4-H Animal Health Checks will be performed during Youth Fair
- **4-H Large animals** will be expected to arrive by **NOON** on Thursday, July 23rd and remain in place until release time on Saturday, July 25th. Estimated release time will be 7:00 p.m. (tentative) as trailering allows. Stalls may be available on Wednesday. Let Dorothy know if you are interested in bringing your cattle earlier.
- **4-H Animals are expected to stay for the duration of Youth Fair.** Anyone wishing an exception must submit a written request to the office by July 9th. All requests will be reviewed by the Youth Fair committee for final approval.
- **4-H Milking Cows**—may trailer in on Friday (by Noon) and show in the Open Dairy Show for State Fair exhibit consideration if the youth is **not** showing in the 4-H Dairy Show. All 4-H dairy shows are scheduled for Thursday, July 23rd. See Dorothy if you want to do this.
- **Stall Requests**- In the registration process this year, youth will be able to make stall requests to be located near a specific farm or individual. There is no guarantee, but we will do our best.
- **Wash Animals or Tie Up First**- Youth will also be able to specify preference of unloading and washing animals first or if they would rather tie up in a stall first. By letting us know your request, we are hoping to make trailering in/out more efficient.

Small Animal Highlights (Rabbits, Cavies and Poultry*)

- *Due to Avian Influenza concerns, New York State has banned all fowl competitions at the New York State Fair, as well as all county fairs and youth shows. More information regarding this matter can be found at New York State Ag & Markets website http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AD/release.asp?
- **NEW for 2015!** We will have housing available for 4-H small animal projects. It is highly suggested that you take advantage of this opportunity. Animals should arrive by 3pm on Friday, July 24th and remain in place until Saturday at 5:00 p.m. release time. A small animal’s superintendent 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.

Youth Staying Overnight @ Youth Fair:

- If a 4-H youth animal exhibitor is interested in staying overnight with their animal at the Youth Fair event, a parent must fill out an overnight permission request form and return to the CCE Cayuga 4-H Office by **July 1st**. Forms are posted on our website http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga.
- A fee of $5 each 4-H youth, with a family maximum of $15, must accompany the overnight permission request form. Fees collected will be used to perform the necessary background screens needed for adult chaperones. Cash or Checks payable to CCE Cayuga will be accepted at the time overnight forms are collected. This applies to all youth.
- **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 screening.
- **4-H Chaperoning guidelines** will be followed.

State Fair Exhibition Notes

Youth selected for State Fair Exhibition will be notified as soon as possible following their show event.
Youth Fair Work Bee

All junior and senior 4-H members that participate in Youth Fair need to help with work bee. We will not be doing work bee like we did last year. This year, there are opportunities in helping with set-up, clean-up, Horse Show, and some other areas during times when you are not exhibiting. With many hands, this effort is made to be fun and helpful in making a great event. Sign up by July 15th by going to our website: http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga. Hover over the 4-H Youth Development Tab on top and click on 4-H Youth Fair.

STATE FAIR INFORMATION & DATES

The 2015 New York State Fair is Thursday, August 27th thru Monday, September 7th, with Cayuga County occupying the Youth Building Thursday, August 27th thru Sunday, August 30th. **Tram Duty** for Cayuga County will be Monday, August 31st. As we prepare, please be aware of the following dates and deadlines:

July 29th ....... State Fair Informational Meeting.
6:30 p.m. at the CCE Cayuga Education Center for youth who qualify for State Fair exhibition. Qualifying animal youth will have the option of attending an individualized meeting in lieu of the July 29 meeting.

August 1st....... Teen Leaders (Age 13 and up) should register with Melissa (mew235@cornell.edu) for New York State Fair opportunities. Teen Leader Applications can be found on our website http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga hover over the 4-H Youth Development tab on top and click on 4-H and the New York State Fair Tab.

August 20th .... ALL Youth Building non-perishable New York State Fair projects are due with completed information to CCE Cayuga. Hours of acceptance are 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. for non-perishable projects.

August 26th .... Move in to New York State Fair Youth Building. **Perishable projects due: 9 a.m.—2 p.m. to CCE Cayuga Education Center, 248 Grant Avenue OR 4 p.m.—6 p.m. at the Youth Building.**

August 27th ... Cayuga County's rotation in the New York State Fair Youth Building begins. Rotation ends on August 30th.

As always, we will try and have any updated information on the CCE Cayuga County website. Additional information about State Fair will also be made available as the date draws closer, and at the State Fair information meeting on July 29th.

SAVE the DATE!!

**Sunday, September 13th**

Interviews for Awards and Scholarships will be held Sunday, September 13th at the Education Center, 248 Grant Avenue, Auburn, NY. More information to follow.
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4-H Appropriate Dress Code- Reminder

4-H Youth are expected to be dressed appropriately and safely during 4-H events, which includes Youth Fair and State Fair. While there are some shows that have specific dress code requirements, youth will be expected, at all times to be dressed 4-H Appropriately during 4-H events. This is something that all members and youth agree to in the code of conduct that is signed by parents, youth and volunteers.

If youth are not dressed appropriately, they will be asked to put something on that is appropriate. Youth will be expected to comply, promptly and courteously. There are some guidelines below that might be of help as you make wardrobe decisions.

Dress that is not 4-H appropriate includes:

- Tube tops, halter tops, one-shoulder tops, strapless tops, casual tops with spaghetti straps, dresses*/ tops/ pants/ skirts* that expose midriff, navel, back or cleavage.
- See-through or muscle shirts.
- Clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or drugs.
- Clothing that has vulgar, obscene or offensive messages or images.

- Cut-offs, ripped jeans or other clothing with holes.

*skirts, shorts and dresses cannot be any shorter than 3” above the knee

Adapted from the 2008 Capital Day/STARR info.

4-H Dress Guidelines for Exhibiting Animals

- **Beef** - Clean, neat dress. No sneakers or open toed shoes. Jeans and a western style shirt are appropriate.
- **Dairy** - Clean, neat dress. No sneakers or open toed shoes (this includes at the wash rack). White Shirt-with either long or short sleeves. White long pants. Belt.
- **Dog** - Please refer to [http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/dogshow_dresscode.pdf](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/dogshow_dresscode.pdf)
- **Horse** - Please refer to the NYS 4-H Equine Show Rulebook. [http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/rulebook/index.html](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/rulebook/index.html)
- **Pet**— Neat and clean attire. No open toed footwear.
- **Rabbits/Cavy** - Show coats are not required. Expected attire will include either a long sleeved show coat of any color OR a long sleeve collared white button shirt with neat and clean bottoms.