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Hello 4-H Families and Friends of 4H! This year the 4-H Fair Theme is “Red, White, Blue, and Green: Honoring Our Hero’s” Anyone that has impacted your life, e.g.: volunteer, military, relatives, historical character, etc. can be considered. Club displays use this theme.

Fair Competition! Reminder!

Reminder, document how much time your Members & Volunteers spend working at the fairgrounds together preparing for the fair or event. The 4-H Fair Assoc. will *RECOGNIZE and REWARD* our top winners: 1 Cloverbud (5-7), 1 Junior (8-13) and 1 Senior (14+) at the 4-H Jubilee. Example: A 4-H member and 2 parents working together for 4 hrs = 12 volunteer hours

Time CAN include, but not limited to:

Help maintain the grounds (mowing, painting, building repair), help during the fair (e.g. Gate, Farmer Daze, Stock bath house).

Time DOES NOT include:

Time spent on personal projects, normal preparation of your exhibit area, working at club booth, running games, time the adult spends without 4-H member assistance your club leader will have the forms for you to complete.

Any questions about what can and can not be considered for this competition, please contact Paula Glover at 968-7497.

Check out the 4-H Fair Web Site

<http://www.bc4hfair.org>

You will find all of the following information:

- ▶ 4-H Auction – Great items are going for VERY reasonable prices – check it out!
- ▶ Click on Fair at top and check out the schedule, history, and necessary forms.
- ▶ REMEMBER to have your kids bring their bicycles for the rodeo on Sunday sponsored by the Belmont Police. Don't miss out!

Due to the lack of attendance to the Belknap County 4-H Fair General Fair Meetings, all General Fair Meetings have been cancelled. Anyone wishing to find out what's going on with the Fair Association and the Fair are welcome to attend Board Meetings which are held the 1st Thursday of every month at 6 pm. In warm weather they are held at the fairgrounds, in cooler weather they are held at the Belmont Firehouse. Thanks, Wendy

Mark Your Calendar - 4-H Fair Meeting Dates!

DATE	TIME	MEETING	LOCATION
07/01/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Fairgrounds
08/05/10	6 PM	Fair Board	Fairgrounds
	7 PM	Fair Superintendent's Meeting	Fairgrounds
08/14 - 15/2010		FAIR	Fairgrounds
09/02/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Fairgrounds
10/07/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
10/26/10	6 PM	State Fair Assoc Meeting	Deerfield Fairgrounds
11/04/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
12/02/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
01/06/11	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
01/20/11	7 PM	Annual Fair Meeting	Belmont Firehouse

IMPORTANT BELKNAP COUNTY 4-H FAIR INFO

Entries for animal shows and space in the Indoor Exhibit Barn must be received by the Belknap County 4-H office by July 15th. The office closes at 4:30!

JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

We strive to provide consistency in judging. If lower than an 'A' grade is provided we ask judges to provide constructive comments on what needs improvement in order to obtain an 'A' grade on a similar project at next years fair. Whatever measures we take, the harsh reality is that some judging is subjective and not every child is good at everything, but that does not mean that we should not encourage them to try. Usually the most challenging tasks are the ones that provide us with the most learning experiences and with the most sense of pride. Please take this opportunity to educate and guide your children. Focus on the positive, not the negative, and how you will help them work on their skills and future projects.

At the Fair, we need volunteers for:

- Announcer / Information Booth
- Someone to man Farmer Daze
- Clean & Stock the Bath House
- Getting Wet at the Balloon Burst
- Assist with parking

Volunteers are also needed to:

- Bake pies and other goodies for the Sunday Pie Auction
- Help maintain buildings
- Mow Grass
- Help set up and tear down tents
- Help get the fairgrounds ready for the fair

Volunteers Help: FREE passes for exhibitors NOT showing animals are available for volunteers, youth 12 & older, and adults helping at the fair! You must work a minimum of 3-4 hours in order to be given a free pass. Superintendents and Club Leaders can call Wendy French at 286-3213 or lsanta@myfairpoint.net to request the passes needed. Individuals must contact the Superintendent or Club Leader that you are working with to get your complimentary pass. **Call Dana Chase, 267-7034, to schedule a time to help!**

INDOOR EXHIBIT HALL

Please read the following carefully. Failure to complete entry forms in their entirety can cause a forfeit in premiums.

*******Category Guidelines*******

- Beginner** - First time showing in this class.
- Intermediate** - Second or more time showing in this Class.

Advanced - MUST include a 3" x 5" card. If an advanced article does not have a 3" x 5" card the grade will automatically be reduced (e.g. 'A' work will receive a 'B'; 'B' work will receive a 'C').

~ If the judge does not feel the article was correctly classified (Class, Division), the judge has the right to change the Class and Division.

~ Please note guidelines on max # of articles allowed per Class.

*******Club & Independent Exhibits*******

1) Must have a completed triple copy Registration Form where you enter all entries in CLASS A - CLUB EXHIBITS and CLASS B - OUTDOORS done as a Club. They are available at the 4-H office and the exhibit hall during club set up. You must pass in all 3 copies of the completed form.

2) Must have a completed double (2 part) exhibit entry card (top & bottom half will have identical info) on each exhibit [1 for each DIVISION in CLASS A - CLUB EXHIBITS]. They are available at the 4-H office and the exhibit hall during club set up.

4-H Members of Club, an Independent Member, or Open Exhibitors

1) Must have a completed triple copy Registration Form where you enter all entries in CLASS B through CLASS Y (done as an individual). You must pass in all 3 copies of the completed form.

2) Must have a completed double (2 part) exhibit entry card (top & bottom half will have identical info) on each article being exhibited [CLASS B through CLASS Y exhibit (done as an individual)]. Please note that some Divisions require more than one article for one exhibit entry (refer to Fair Premium Book guidelines).

4-H Cloverbuds (associated with a Club or as Independent)

1) Must have a completed triple copy Registration Form where you enter all entries in CLASS B through CLASS Y (done as an individual). You must pass in all 3 copies of the completed form. Same form used by older members.

2) Must have a completed blue Cloverbud exhibit entry card on each article being exhibited [CLASS B through CLASS Y exhibit (done as an individual)]. Please note that some Divisions require more than one article for one exhibit entry (refer to Fair Premium Book guidelines).

All Belknap County and Out of County

Animal Exhibitors will receive an order form for their gate pass, drivers pass, and extra family pass(es). As usual, Belknap County youth can order 1 free pass for themselves and 1 for their driver. All additional passes can be ordered in advance at the regular gate fee of \$6. **Animals must be on the grounds, checked in by the supt. and vehicles moved to the general parking area by 9:00 am on Saturday. All exhibits must remain in place until 5:00 pm on Sunday.**

Fair Resources are Available at the 4-H Office, call 527-5475.

1. "Vegetable Exhibit Guidelines"
2. USDA Fact Sheets on proper food preservation
Fact Sheet: "Large Animal Transportation"
3. Fact Sheet: "Food Safety Checklist . . ."
4. 4-H Canning/Freezing Labels
5. "Preparing Articles for Exhibiting at the Fair"



NOTE!
4-H Superintendent and Fair Directors Meeting will be held Thursday, August 5th, 6pm Fair Board Meeting and 7pm Supt. Meeting at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Everyone is requested to attend.

4-H Record Books are due to the 4-H Office on **July 30th. They will not be accepted after that date!** Once judged, they can be picked up at the fairgrounds to include in your club display. If record books are not judged but entered into the fair, a participation ribbon will be given only. You can use your record book from the previous year, pick up a form from the office, or print it off the web:

<http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HForms.htm>

NOTE: 4-H'ers ONLY pick 3 - 4 life skills listed and give examples rather than choosing all of them!

Minimum requirements include:

- √ Signed by your Organization Leader
- √ Cover (made or bought).
- √ 1 Project Sheet - more if at all possible.
- √ 2010 4-H Story: "What Life Skills have you Gained or Improved in 4-H" (Life Skills: cooperation, teamwork, self confidence, leadership, decision making, organizing, sharing, etc.)
- √ If you are 11 years old or older and have been in the same project for at least 2 years, complete a separate County Medal Form. You must write your story about the project that you are requesting a medal in. For example: If you want a poultry medal, then your story MUST show that you have grown in that project for at least 2 years. Talk about how you started in your project and what skills and activities you have increased through the years.



RED SOX TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH 4-H

We have August & Sept. Red Sox tickets for sale for the 4-H Foundation of NH. One half of each of the ticket price is a donation to the 4-H Foundation, the group that supports state level programs, awards, recognition, career trips, State Teen Conference, 4-H Camps. Please spread the word with all your friends and help us sell tickets.



August 5th 7:10 PM game Cleveland Indians

Bleachers 38 all seats @ \$60 each

Row 18 seats 16-20

row 19 seats 1-6

Row 20 seats 8-21

September 4th 7:10 PM Chicago White Sox

Bleacher 43 all seats @ \$60

Row 27 seats 9-12

Row 28 seats 11-12

Row 28 seats 1-4

Row 29 seats 1-4

Right field Box 87 all seats @ \$105

Row BB 5-11

Row CC 1-11

If you want to know what is still available for seats, call **Nancy Oakley at 862-2180**. Please send in 1st and 2nd choices for seats.

Fair Trophy and Awards It's time to **Nominate Outstanding Teens for 4-H Fair Awards #1 - #3!** To nominate a deserving 4-H'er for one of the 4 trophies, complete a short description of why you feel the youth should be nominated and send or e-mail it to the 4-H office NO LATER THAN JULY 23rd! A personal interview is required for

EACH award. Please let your nominee know that interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, July 27th at the 4-H office. Specific times will be assigned later. Members can be nominated by the 4-H Educator, a 4-H Leader, or a Parent. Winners are selected by a panel of judges and presented at the fair and recognized at Jubilee.

#1 Governor's Trophy in 1946 Governor Dale offered a trophy to the senior 4-H member (14 years & older) exhibiting at the fair who has the most outstanding record of 4-H work, and who excels in civic and social activities, leadership and community service. A personal interview is required and the member can be nominated by the 4-H Educator, a 4-H Leader, or Parent. This award has been continued by each succeeding governor.



Katie Esty, 2009 Recipient

#2 Robinson W. Smith Trophy

This trophy was offered for the first time in 1964 to the outstanding Senior Livestock member in Belknap County. Judging is based on the member's overall Livestock Record, a personal interview and is exhibiting in more than 1 animal class in the current year at the fair. Judging is based on depth, quality, and variety of the animal project. The trophy was purchased by Calvin Fillmore with the proceeds of his sled dog winnings and named in honor of the late Robinson W. Smith, who did a great deal to help the 4-H Livestock members in Belknap Co. A member can be nominated by the 4-H Educator, a 4-H Leader, or Parent. **Tyson Morrill, 2008 Recipient**

#3 Jesse Wiggins Trophy

This trophy is presented to a Sr. 4-H member (14 & older) who is most outstanding in Dairy achievement during the project year. It is sponsored by the Belknap Dairy Club in recognition of the assistance and friendship given to the County Dairy Club members by the late Jesse Wiggins of Tilton, NH. A personal interview is required and the member can be nominated by the 4-H Educator, a 4-H Leader, or Parent. **Stephen Uhlman, 2008 Recipient**

Selected By the Superintendent, Presented at Fair, and Recognized at 4-H Jubilee in the Fall

Stanley Huckins Award: This award was established in 1996 in memory of Stanley Huckins for his many years of dedication and support of the Belknap County livestock program. Stanley was a dairy leader for 10 years and was himself a 4-H'er in his youth. He was very active in showing with his cousins and sister. He always took part in fundraisers and cleanup days at the fair. The recipient is selected by the Dairy Superintendent in honor of Stanley this award will be given annually to the member who meets the following criteria: Novice or Junior 4-H member (8 - 13 years old) with cattle. Demonstrates good herdsmanhip qualities by showing responsibility for his/her dairy or beef animal by keeping the animals and their area of the barn clean and neat. Must remain on grounds for the entire fair.

4-H Fair Championship Horse Trophies: These trophies are awarded to the outstanding Sr., Jr., and Novice Horse members with the highest points exhibiting at the County Show. The Senior Trophy was presented for the first time in 1964 in recent years Jr. and Novice trophies have been sponsored and awarded also.

4-H Fair Championship Dog Trophy: The Dog Trophy was presented for the first time in 1964. It is awarded to the outstanding Belknap County 4-H Dog Club member exhibiting at the fair. Judging is based on the highest points from the score sheets and a 4-H member can only be awarded this trophy once during their 4-H career.

4-H Fair Shepherd's Award: The Shepherd Award is given to a member who has displayed personal growth in their 4-H sheep project. The award honors the increased responsibility this individual has taken with their sheep and recognizes their increasing knowledge of sheep management. The Shepherd Award goes to a club member with at least 2 years in the project who has also fulfilled a leadership role for the club.

Top Flocks 4-H Spirit Award: This award is presented to a member who has displayed a positive attitude and enthusiasm for sheep and 4-H project work. This Spirit Award is given in recognition of this person's willingness to help others and to honor the overall growth and achievement this individual has made with their 4-H sheep project.

4-H Fair Poultry Trophy: First awarded in 1993 and is presented to the outstanding poultry exhibitor at the Fair.

4-H Fair Rabbit Trophy: First awarded in 1993 and is presented to the outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor at the 4-H Fair.

4-H Working Steer Trophy: First awarded in 1993, is presented to the best overall teamster exhibiting at the Fair.

4-H Fair Beef Awards: These trophies were first awarded in 1993. They are presented to the top fitting & showmanship members exhibiting beef animals.

4-H Fair Dairy Awards: These trophies were first awarded in 1993. They are presented to the top fitting & showmanship members exhibiting dairy animals.

Belknap County 4-H Fair Association Award: This plaque is given to the Club having the best 4-H Club Educational Exhibit at the Belknap County 4-H Fair. It was established in 1958 and uses a standard 4-H score card.

Teen Teaching Award: This award is presented to the outstanding Teen Teaching Exhibit at the Fair and uses a standard 4-H score card.

Family Project Award: This award is presented each year to the most outstanding 4-H Family Project Exhibit and uses a standard 4-H score card.

Family Educational Award: This award is presented each year to the most outstanding 4-H Family Educational Exhibit and uses a standard 4-H score card.

Rita Clairmont Memorial Awards: Presented in memory of Rita Clairmont to the most outstanding Sr, Jr and Cloverbud indoor exhibitors.

Grace Wiegand Horticulture Award: Presented in memory of Grace Wiegand, mother of long-time Belknap County 4-H educator Ginny Clifford, for the most outstanding Horticulture Display at the Fair.

Decorated Cake Contest: These awards are presented for the top Senior, Junior and Cloverbud decorated cake entries.

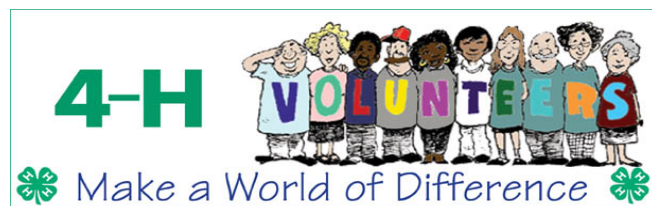
Bread Contest: These awards are presented for the best yeast breads entered by Senior, Junior and Cloverbud members.

Versatility Award: This award is presented to a 4-H member that has quality exhibits in every category listed in the premium book and awarded only by the discretion of the Belknap County 4-H Fair Directors.

Commission of Agriculture's Excellence Award: Award shall recognize exhibits which promote a better understanding of agriculture and rural life. Based on organization/neatness, clear message, conformity to generally accepted practices, exhibitor identification, integration with fair goals, & originality. Selected by NH Dept. of Agriculture.

Belknap County 4-H Foundation Award: This plaque is given to the club having the best 4-H Club Project Exhibit at the Belknap County 4-H Fair. It was established in 1958 and uses a standard 4-H score card.

Bert Southwick Junior Achievement Award: The Junior Achievement Award is presented to the outstanding Junior Exhibitor (8-13 years old) at the Fair and is based on the variety, number and quality of exhibits and a personal interview, combined with a review of their entire record. The winner receives a plaque plus \$100 scholarship toward 4-H camp or other sponsored 4-H event/trip. The runner-up receives a \$75 scholarship toward 4-H camp or other sponsored 4-H event/trip. The nominees are selected and notified by the 4-H Educator based on the above criteria. **Winner is selected by a panel of judges after the fair and presented at Jubilee.**



Volunteer training is critical to delivering a quality 4-H program to our young people. We now have an on-line web course to help you in your volunteer role.

<http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HVolunt.htm> Scroll down about 1/2 way and find **4-H On-line Volunteer Training: eLearning**. There are 4 modules in all:

1. [About 4-H](#)
2. [Positive Youth Development](#)
3. [Getting Started in 4-H](#)
4. [Leadership & Teaching](#)

Each module takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and you can do them when you have the time. **If you are new to 4-H, we recommend you take these in the order listed.** The training is also an excellent for tenured volunteers to increase their skills. Please take a few minutes and complete the 4 modules today!

Cookie Sales: Our cookie sale fundraiser was not as profitable as it has been in the past. We sold more cookies than before, but due to the increase in price, we made less profit. We need to decide if we want to increase the cost of a package to \$4 - \$4.50, leave the price as is, or find a different fundraiser.

Thoughts to consider: I was informed by the sales representative that Bremner-Ripon will make available the Mint Patties that we were selling for many years. However there is a caveat. They will be only available in non 4-H packaging. This allows Bremner to produce in larger numbers which is beneficial to them. What I would need to know before I move forward on this, "WOULD YOU WANT THE OLD MINT PATTIES IN NON 4H PACKAGING or WOULD YOU RATHER LEAVE THINGS STATUS QUO WITH THE "FUDGE DIPPED MINTS?"

Please give the cookie sale issue some thought as there will be a quick vote after the Awards Program at the Fair to make a group decision. If you have other fundraising ideas please let me know so I can share it with all leaders. What should we do??

Apply TODAY to join the Stand Up ~ Speak Out! Team and attend a FREE Camp!

Where: At the University of New Hampshire in Durham

When: 1:00pm Sunday July 25th to 5:30pm Thursday July 29th

What is Stand Up ~ Speak Out!?

Speak Out for Military Kids is a youth-led, adult-supported program for military and non-military youth focused on raising awareness about the deployment experiences of military kids and their families. Through the use of photography, interviewing, and video - team members will complete a project that can be utilized to help others understand military family experiences.

Register at:

http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4H_OMK/4H_OMK.htm

CBBQ NOTE:

CBBQ early bird sale is now \$7!

Bike Rodeo – Sunday 10am. Bring your bicycle and helmet to participate in this fun event hosted by Lt. Mark Lewandoski of the Belmont Police Dept. Participation certificates will be provided to all participants.

Web Auction Items – High bids updated daily.

Check the web site for more details: www.bc4hfair.org

- Item #7 - The Inns & Spa at Mill Falls, Meredith**
gift certificate - value \$250 **HIGH BID \$45**
- Item #8 - Holiday Inn, Concord**
gift certificate - Value \$149 **HIGH BID \$30**
- Item #9 - Funspot, Weirs Beach** **HIGH BID \$25**
- Item #10 - Major Brands TV & Appliances**
gift certificate - value \$50 **HIGH BID \$5**
- Item #11 - Alan's Restaurant, Boscawen**
gift certificate - value \$25 **HIGH BID \$15**
- Item #12 - Chuckster's, Chichester**
4 Flex Passes - value \$32 **HIGH BID \$12**
- Item #13 - Jay's Bayside Mini Golf**
4 Free Games - value \$28 **HIGH BID \$10**
- Item #14 - Capital Center for the Arts, Concord**
2 Free Tickets - value unknown **HIGH BID \$5**
- Item #15 - Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad/Hobo Railroad** Free Pass for 2 **HIGH BID \$25**
- Item #16 - Squam Lakes Natural Science Ctr,**
Holderness (4) 1-Day Trail Passes **HIGH BID \$15**
- Item #17 - Fratello's / the Homestead**
gift certificate - value \$25 **HIGH BID \$10**
- Item #18 - McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center,**
Concord 2 Passes **HIGH BID \$2**
- Item #19 - Dynamic Ceramics, Gilford**
gift certificate - value \$20 **HIGH BID \$5**

Self Certification Program for Animal Exhibitors:

A new policy from the Dept. of Agriculture was adopted by the BC 4-H Fair board. This is another way for youth to be observant of their animal's health and not putting other animals at risk.

Here's the link to complete the appropriate form for your animal show and return it to the office.

[Rabbit Exhibitors Self Certification draft.pdf](#)

[Equine Exhibitors Self Certification draft.pdf](#)

[Livestock Exhibitors Self Certification draft.pdf](#)

[Poultry Exhibitors Self Certification draft.pdf](#)

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