



Glossary of Activities and Events Offered Through Grafton County 4-H

Arts and Crafts Jamboree – This event is held twice a year: fall in the northern end of the county; winter in the south. At this event, presenters agree to teach a craft to a group of 4-H'ers for a 45 minute to 1 hour time block. At the end of this time, the youth move onto another station for a second craft. There is generally time to attend 3 different stations (the 4-H'er gets to decide which station they attend). This event runs all day. Lunch is a fundraiser for the host club.

County Activities Day (CAD) – In the month of March, 4-H'ers compete in one or more of the following competitions: action exhibits, demonstrations, illustrated talks, posters and photography. Posters and photographs must be submitted to the office approximately one week prior to the event. Specifications for all competitions are mailed out to Organizational Leaders one month prior to CAD. Top winners, age 12 and up, from each competition go on to compete at the State Activities Day. This is held in Durham at UNH.

Dairy Judging Contest - Junior and Senior members participate in a state contest and tour usually held the first weekend in May. Ribbons are awarded to high scoring individuals and a state Senior Judging Team is formed of the 4 high scoring individuals age 15 and older. They compete at contests at Eastern Sates Exposition and World Dairy Expo in the fall.

Dairy Quiz Bowl - Teams study and test their knowledge of the dairy industry at the county level and then compete at statewide contest usually held in late March. Ribbons are awarded to high scoring Junior and Senior teams as well as the top 10 individuals. A state Senior quiz bowl team is then formed of the 4 high scoring individuals age 15 and older to compete at regional contests at Eastern Sates Exposition and North American Livestock Exposition in the fall.

Fashion Revue/Textile Event – This spring event is a chance for 4-H'ers to display their sewing: garments, quilts, pillows, other sewn, knit or crocheted items. . All items entered in this event must have been made during the current 4-H year. 4-H'ers model their garment or object for the panel of judges. Items are judged individually by a panel of judges. The scores are then averaged to determine the final placing. This event is held in two parts: Friday night judging and Saturday night show, usually in the month of April. Top winners at this event, age 12 and over, will be asked to represent Grafton County at the State Activities Day. Participants may also enter in the North Haverhill Fair.

Food Show – This event is open to every 4-H'er, whether they are enrolled in a Foods project or not. Youth are judged on their preparation, presentation and knowledge of the food item they prepare. The 4-H'ers compete against other youth of their same age / ability. Ribbons and

prizes are presented at the end of the day long event. This event usually takes place in the winter.

Garden Program – All 4-H'ers enrolled in vegetable or flower garden projects will receive information on this contest. 4-H'ers who sign up for this program receive gardening seeds (specific to their age and experience) provided by the sponsors. 4-H'ers attend educational sessions, complete a garden plan, write thank you notes to the sponsors, and complete a project page. Over the course of the summer, the 4-H'ers garden's will be judged twice: once by a member of the UNH Cooperative Extension staff and once by the garden project leader. A total score, based on all the components, determines the final Danish ribbon that the child receives. The top individuals in each class receive prizes and rosettes.

In October, "Garden Awards" night is held with additional competitions. Individual 4-H'ers who have grown Giant Pumpkins and Giant Sunflowers bring in their largest produce for weighing and measuring. The heaviest pumpkin and the largest diameter sunflower receive rosettes.

There are pumpkin and vegetable carving and decorating contests any 4-H'er may enter. 4-H'ers decorate or carve their produce (prior to the event) to fit into one of the categories. Judges review the entries and award ribbons to all participants. Special prizes are given at the judge's discretion.

Golf Tournament – This is THE fundraiser for Grafton County 4-H programs. Adults and youth solicit door prizes prior to the event. 4-H clubs are asked to donate their time for the day to help the event run smoothly. Volunteer work that needs to be done includes general tournament help and keeping track of contests at specified holes. This is a one day event that takes place annually on the second Saturday in August.

Hippology Contest – This event is held in conjunction with another horse event. 4-H'ers of all ages are encouraged to try this contest. This is a hands-on contest to identify and label horse related items. The winners from this event will form the Grafton County Team who will participate at the state competition. At the state competition the top 8 ranked seniors are chosen to practice for the national competition held in Kentucky. The top four 4-H'ers will attend this event, the other four are alternates.

Horse Clinic – This informational clinic is held the first part of May. This clinic gives riders a chance to practice fitting and showing skills and techniques for the upcoming show season. All participants should bring their horse. All information for this event is mailed out to horse project members prior to the event.

Horse Judging Contest – The county level of this event is held in October. All 4-H'ers wishing to participate in the state competition must take part in the county-wide contest. Six non-reason team members (juniors and seniors can make up the team) and 4 reason team members (only those 4-H'ers age 14 or older may be on this team) are selected from the county to compete at the state level. At the state competition, the top seniors are chosen to practice as part of the New Hampshire Team. The final team is then decided by the coach from predetermined guidelines. This team then competes at the national level in Kentucky.

Horse Leader's Fun Show – Anyone 8 years of age or older may attend. Information is mailed to all horse project participants. This event takes place in May. It is a fundraiser for the Horse Leader's Association Scholarship.

Horse Qualifying Show – This event generally takes place in the month of June. 4-H'ers who have completed a horse approval form for the current year and who are 12 years of age or older are eligible for this horse show. Information is mailed to these individuals from the Cooperative Extension office. The top individuals from this event go on to the State Horse Show. The top 20 state kids from the state show will advance to the Eastern States Exposition in Massachusetts.

Horse Quiz Bowl – The county level of this contest is generally held in October. This question and answer contest is similar to Jeopardy®. Novice, junior, and senior 4-H members are required to take a quiz in order to be eligible to attend the state competition. All novice participants, and a predetermined number of junior and senior participants will qualify to attend the state competition to represent Grafton County. The state competition is usually held in the spring. The top 8 or 10 individuals in this event from New Hampshire earn spots on the state team that competes at the national competition in Kentucky. All 4-H'ers who attend this county event earn participation ribbons.

National 4-H Conference – 4-H youth, age 15 and over, are eligible to submit an application to attend this trip to Washington D.C. A team of ten 4-H'ers is selected to represent New Hampshire at the conference. The trip consists of discussion sessions on 4-H goals and objectives, workshops on citizen politics and diverse views of similar situations, and tours of the Washington D.C. area. "Delegates travel to Capitol Hill and report the consulting group findings and recommendations to elected officials from their home states." By the end of the trip participants will have new 4-H friends from all over North America.

North Haverhill Fair – All information for participating at the fair is available through the UNH Cooperative Extension office. All 4-H'ers are eligible to exhibit at the fair. Information on animal shows are sent to all members who have completed an approval form by the species specific deadline. Information for exhibiting in the exhibit hall is sent to all Organizational Leaders. The fair takes place in late July. Members must be enrolled by May 1 of the current year to participate.

Northeast Regional Leader's Forum – This four day event is open to 4-H leaders in the northeast. The forum is filled with workshops, tours, keynote speakers and new friendships. "The workshops are planned on nine educational tracks": Agriculture and Animal Science; Creative and Leisure Arts; Foods and Nutrition; Gardening and Environmental Education; Science and Technology; International; Community Service and Service Learning; Youth Development; Leadership and Personal Development.

Pinewood Derby – At this event wooden cars, made from a purchased kit, are raced. Distance and creativity prizes will be awarded. All 4-H'ers are eligible. Parents are encouraged to participate for "bragging rights". It is sponsored by a club in the county.

Public Speaking Contest – This event takes place in the winter. All 4-H’ers are eligible to participate in this event. Members who are signed up for the Public Speaking project and all Organizational leaders will receive information in the mail. 4-H’ers are asked to present a speech on one of the predetermined topics. The length of the speech is dependent on the age of the 4-H’er, generally 5-10 minutes. Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate. The top individuals will be asked to represent the county at the State Activities Day.

Reporter’s Notebook Contest - Each 4-H Club can submit their Notebook for this contest. Each entry is judged based on criteria listed on the score sheet. The top winners receive a rosette. Entries will be judged in the fall.

Scrapbook Contest – Each 4-H Club can submit their Scrapbook for this contest. Each entry is judged based on criteria listed on the score sheet. The top winners receive a rosette. Entries will be judged in the fall.

Animal Skill-a-Thon- This event is a “learn about animal science” day. Stations are set up to learn many aspects of animal husbandry that apply to all species. Live animal demonstrations take place if space and availability allow. At the end of the day, a quiz bowl of knowledge learned is held.

Teen Club – Any 4-H’er who is 13 years of age and older is eligible to be a member of this club. This is a secondary 4-H Club; each 4-H’er who wishes to be a member of this club must also be an active member of a primary club. This club completes community service, and citizenship projects. They take part in a teen exchange trip with another state. They meet the second Monday of each month.

Teen Conference – This event takes place in June and spans a 4 day period. All 4-H’ers who are 13 years of age and older, or who have completed the 8th grade, are eligible to participate in this event. This event is hosted by the University of New Hampshire in Durham. Conference costs includes room, meals, activities and t-shirt expenses. There are scholarships available to help offset the cost of the conference.

Window Display Contest – Each Club in the county is eligible to compete in this contest. The club must ask a local business if they can decorate the business’ front window. The club will then decorate the window for the National 4-H Week according to the year’s theme. Each display is judged by a member of the UNH Cooperative Extension staff using the predetermined score sheet. This event takes place at the beginning of October.