

Fair Time!



Thursday, September 1st through Monday September 6th, 2011

4-H Cookie Sale a Great Fundraiser!

Information will come to clubs with the details. Clubs should look for this information soon so you don't miss out on the early deadline. Delivery will be early October

Special Dates to Remember:

Exhibits Due
Tuesday night,
August 30th

Judging
Wednesday,
August 31st

Volunteer sign up
Monday,
August 1st

HSF animal entries due
Monday,
August 1st

Come to the 96th Hopkinton State Fair

Dear 4-H Families,

As we prepare for another 4-H fair season it is important to remind ourselves of the purpose of the 4-H fair experience in the 4-H Youth Development program.

In 4-H the purpose of the fair is to provide an opportunity for 4-H members to "showcase" their projects and to receive recognition for their efforts of working and learning throughout the year. Recognition can come in many forms such as ribbons, personal affirmation from 4-H leaders, parents and friends or personal feelings of accomplishment.

"Learn by Doing" is the basis of 4-H work and the Hopkinton Fair provides a showcase for the skills and knowledge that 4-H members have gained through their 4-H experiences. The fair also provides the opportunity to educate the public about the positive value of 4-H that focuses on developing competent, confident, and caring youth.

The fair, through the judging process, gives 4-Hers feedback on what they did well on their projects and tips on how to make improvements.

As you and your 4-Her(s) prepare for the fair, keep in mind that the fair is a time to focus on having "Blue Ribbon Kids", not blue ribbon projects. It is more important to focus on the child and his/her feelings of confidence and competence rather than the color of the ribbon they receive for their 4-H project or activity.

We look forward to a great fair season to celebrate member's accomplishments and to work together as a 4-H team to "make the best, better".

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Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development

Nancy Evans
Program Associate
4-H Youth Development

GENERAL INFORMATION

Marketing You Workshop

Mark your calendar – September 27th. Materials and requirements will be reviewed. Call to put your name on the list to be assured a packet. Don't miss out.

4-H Fitness Challenge

We had 29 sign up for this year's challenge. Congratulations to those who completed. Those who completed walked a total of 954,246 steps which equals 95.42 miles.

Keep this key information handy for participating in the Hopkinton State Fair.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Round Up Planning Meeting

We need youth and adult volunteers who enjoy, planning activities for youth 5-11 years old to help with this year's Roundup Planning Committee. The event takes place in October.

The committee will meet on Thursday, August 18th, 6:30 PM in Concord.

Could you join this year's planning Committee? Please call the 4-H office and sign up today so you receive the confirmation notice.

Junior Records

Junior Records have been judged and will be ready for clubs to pick up at the 4-H office. Leaders will receive a letter notifying them to pick up. Only those records that went through the county judging process are eligible to be entered at the fair. All records should come to the fair **WITH COVERS.**

Merrimack County Nursing Home Fashion Show

The following 4-Hers took part in providing an evening of enjoyment for the residents of the Merrimack County Nursing Home:

Participants were:

Kayla Corliss
Molly Dole
Breezy Ferraira
Emily Galonski
Anna Guida
Morgan Huse
Austin Ladd
Zenoah Potter
Elizabeth Rydel
Margaret Scott
Jessica Currier
Sarah Currier
Sophie Worster
Amanda Vanslette
Sadie Merrow



Thank you to those 4-Hers and their parents for a nice fashion show! The residents surely love the 4-Hers coming.

EXHIBIT BUILDING VOLUNTEERS

4-H Exhibit Hall Monitoring Volunteers Needed

Members, 12 and older, as well as parents and leaders, are encouraged to assist with supervision of the hall. Nancy and Debbie need to be available to handle various situations that arise, so volunteers are needed to cover the building at all times. While manning the building, you might be asked questions regarding 4-H, and who could do a better job than you, the 4-H leader, member or parent. For the four hours of watchful supervision, you will receive a free full-day pass to the fair for the adult, Jr. Leader volunteer!

Other Volunteer Opportunities

- Put on Ribbons
- Collect Exhibit Cards
- Set Up/Take Down Exhibits
- Help Arrange Exhibit Building for public viewing after 1 PM on Wednesday, August 31st.

Parking While Volunteering at the Fair.

The Hopkinton State Fair provides parking at the Green Gate for \$2.00. You go by the Green Gate on Kearsarge Ave. to access the parking area. It will be on your right coming from town.





**Judging is done
Wednesday, August 31st.**

Volunteer Judges Sign up
A = Adult J = Junior
(12 or older)

- 4-H Club Scrapbooks
- 4-H Records, Memory Books, Resumes

Arts/Crafts (following 5)

- Simple
- Junior
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Creative
- Better Rooms
- Cake Decorating
- Child Care
- Clothing
- Club Exhibits
- Computers
- Electricity
- Entomology
- Foods
- Food Preservation
- Forestry
- Gardening
- Health/Safety
- Heritage Arts
- Horsemanship/Animal Science
- Knitting/Crochet
- Leisure Ed/Misc.
- Livestock Equipment
- Metal Work/Machines
- Outdoor Fishing/Camp
- Photography
- Plan/Plant for Beauty
- Posters
- Woodworking

4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING INFORMATION

EXHIBIT BUILDING AND FARM-A-RAMA CLEAN UP

We could use some help to prepare the 4-H Exhibit Hall for displays. Clean up day is Wednesday, August 17th, at 8:30 AM. If we have a few people show, we can be done in a couple of hours. Call the 4-H office at 796-2151 if you know you are coming.

Many hands make light work!

4-H CLUB BANNERS

We would like clubs to display these to help decorate our building. If you do not have one, the instructions for putting one together are on this page.

These really help to fill our walls and give a "home" feeling to our building.

PRODUCTION OF PANEL

The quilted panel could be made by using 2 pieces of muslin 2'1" x 3'1". This allows for ½ inch seams. On one piece, scenes of 4-H projects could be appliquéd, painted, be reproductions of pictures on fabric, etc. Using a lightweight batting such as thermalon, form a quilt. The outside edges could be bound, or the two muslin pieces plus batting (right sides together) leaving an opening and then turned right side out. Tabs should be placed at

the top for hanging quilt.

Just bring your banners when you bring your exhibits.

CLUB EXHIBIT SPACE

Club Exhibits let people know 4-H is active!

We have 9 club exhibit spaces for clubs to do a CLUB DISPLAY. We would like to see all the spaces filled.

Exhibit space dimensions: approximately 3'x5'x3'. Call Debbie by August 1st to reserve your space today.

They are a judged exhibit so you receive premiums for your efforts as well as adding educational content to the fair.

CLUB EXHIBIT CRITERIA

- Quality of Workmanship and condition of exhibit
- Exhibit attracts and holds attention
- Effective Captions/Slogans/Titles
- Effectiveness of Exhibits in telling a 4-H story showing successful club accomplishment
- Attractive General appearance
- Original
- **Sign up by August 1st** to be assured a spot. Only 9 spots.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED AT THE FAIR continued on next page

Why Volunteer?

You will receive a full-day fair pass and food voucher for every 4 hours worked.

You will help 4-H raise program resources

Help is needed from EVERY 4-H family. It

takes between 300-400 people over 5 days to man our food booths of which **we run three.**

Did You Know?

Last year we had over 350 youth and adults who

volunteered at the fair.

Clubs are EXPECTED to take one shift at the Country Kitchen or to find a club to split a shift with.

Families, individuals, friends of 4-H are needed to volunteer some time.



Survival Tips for Parents of Fair Participants

Know what is going on – Be involved in your 4-Her’s club as the club prepares for Fair; read this newsletter, read the HSF Exhibitor Guide; and ask questions of leaders, other parents, and Extension Staff.

Plan to be there for your child – The fair is a busy and often stressful time for your children. They need the support and recognition of their family. Many parents and/or extended family members schedule their vacation time or some days off to be available for their kids during fair time.

Leaders are not baby sitters – Please don’t expect your 4-H Leader to be solely responsible for your child day and night. 4-H leaders are volunteering their time and spend long hours with many 4-H members during the fair. It is not up to them to “parent” your child.

“Sit on Your Hands” – By the time fair approaches, your child is as prepared as he or she is going to be. Let the experience of showing/exhibiting his/her project with the 4-H judge be the teacher. Allow mistakes and learn from the experience.

More survival tips continued on page 18

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED AT THE FAIR – continued from previous page

Where do we need you?

To plan our work shifts and to be assured we have coverage, we need to hear from you by AUGUST 1ST. We do appreciate “drop-in’s”, however the most needed help are those times that we have identified in this newsletter. Shifts not appearing on the signup

sheets are covered.

What is needed most are volunteers to help man the grill for morning, lunch and supper shifts at the Country Kitchen. See the signup sheet for specific times. We need help that can do grill cooking and handle a varied menu. Experienced short-order cooks a plus! Please call

today at 796-2151, ext. 317 or 318 or email: Deborah.cheever@unh.edu or nancy.evans@unh.edu with the subject line YES, SIGN ME UP! You can also quickly and conveniently sign up at: http://cecf1.unh.edu/formbuilder/forms/form274_MC_hsfvol.htm

WATCHING THE 4-H BUILDING DURING THE FAIR

I (We) are available on the day(s)/night(s) checked below:

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
9am-1pm	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
1-5 pm	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5-9 pm	_____	_____	_____	_____	X

Exhibit Building Volunteer Sign Ups

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Passes Needed

Adults: _____

Youth: _____

Adults: _____

Youth: _____

Adults: _____

Youth: _____

Adults: _____

Youth: _____

RETURN ALL SIGN UPS BY AUGUST 1ST and mail to:

UNHCE- Merrimack County, 315 D. W. Highway, Boscawen, NH 03303, attn.:
Debbie Cheever or email: Deborah.cheever@unh.edu Subject line:

YES! SIGN ME UP



JUDGES FOR THE 4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING

Most schools around the county start before Labor Day. Some of our volunteers will be back to school as teachers, aides, and other school personnel. If you could assist in any way, it would be great! Judging will be done on Wednesday, August 31st, starting at 9:30am, followed by a Judge's lunch.

We especially need judges in crafts, clothing, posters, photography, woodworking, heritage arts and gardening. You would not be judging by

yourself, but with at least one other person in most instances. Most areas have judging cards as guides. We need volunteers by August 1st in order to get organized and letters out.

JUNIOR JUDGES: We want to encourage our older 4-H'ers, (12 & older), to sign up to be a judge. We want them involved to get the experience.

Other volunteers (can be youth), are needed to put ribbons on exhibits, collect

exhibit card tags, help take down and put exhibits back up and arrange exhibits for an attractive building while judging is going on.

We also need people to stay after judging to help get the building in shape. (You would not need to be available until around 1:00 pm. Some of our younger 4-H'ers handle this very nicely.)

CLOVERBUDS

We have many cloverbuds who we want to participate in the fair.

All cloverbuds can exhibit 3 items they have made during the year. There will be a designated area in the 4-H building for these 4-Hers to exhibit.

Cloverbud exhibits come in at the same time as all other exhibits – Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning before 10AM.

Exhibit entry sheets for Cloverbud members need to be submitted as well.

Members receive a participation ribbon for items exhibited.

EXHIBIT CARDS

Do not use old exhibit cards

Cards have been redesigned to include the information needed by judges. The front of the card needs to be filled out **completely**. On the back of the card you need to fill out your class, lot and article exhibited. There is also an OPTIONAL section. You do not have to fill this out, but it would give judges more information to evaluate the project more thoroughly. They like this information to help them judge.

PLAN & PLANT

Exhibit in a nice container. You must be signed up to exhibit in this category. Bring plant so it can be hung or flowers arranged in a container.

CLOTHING

Cover all items with clear plastic bag or covering.

RESUMES & RECORDS

Resumes and Records shown at Hopkinton State Fair ONLY.

All must have covers. Records must have been judged at County Judging to enter the fair.

JUDGES RECOGNITION

Lunch served and provided by the Victory Workers 4-H Club. One pass for judges to come back to the fair.



Club exhibits should be set up by 4-H members with only minimum assistance from leaders.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
*Leaders, Parents,
Friends of 4-H and
Members*

- Country Kitchen
- Chicken Barbeque
- Ice Cream Parlor
- People to Watch 4-H Exhibit Building
- Judges (see sign up)
- Fair Close up Crew

See descriptions of needs on sign-up sheet to find the best match and dates for you.

Without volunteers to cover shifts for all of these important roles, it jeopardizes our buildings during the fair or will need to limit operation which directly impacts funds back to the program.

SIGN UPS ARE IN THIS NEWSLETTER

This is the only mailing when we ask for volunteers for this event.

EASTERN STATES AND FARM-A-RAMA

Farm-a-Rama Kiosk Area

Did your club take part last year? If not, think about putting something together to give your club recognition.

Sign-ups are first come, first serve. Clubs receive a \$6.00 participation premium for submitting a display. Tell a picture story of your club, a special club project or history of your club. Picture boards need to **fill a space of 32" x 40"** vertical max. Poster board can be purchased at the art store in Concord.

People enjoy sitting under the Farm-a-Rama. Our kiosks are enjoyed so let's let others know what goes on in 4-H. There are 9 panels to be filled so reserve yours today!

This is one more way we can promote our program through pictures.

Call the 4-H office 796-2151 and get your club on a panel.



Eastern States 4- Day Passes

Saturday, September 17th.

If you are looking to go to Eastern States this year for 4-H Day, we will offer free passes to you. Families will be responsible for their own transportation. These need to be pre-ordered so we can make a request for tickets.



No Dogs on Fairgrounds.

There will be no pets allowed on the fairgrounds. This will be strictly enforced!

**Eastern States 4-H Day – Saturday
September 17, 2011**

Name _____

Address _____

Tickets _____

Return by to: UNHCE – Merrimack, 315 D.W. Highway,
Boscawen, NH 03303
Attn.: Debbie Cheever
E-Mail: Deborah.cheever@unh.edu
Subject Line: "Eastern States"

ORDER DEADLINE IS NO LATER THAN AUGUST 24th.



FOOD CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS

NOTE: In order to get a pass, you must work the designated shift. All passes are paid for by the Leaders Association and Jr. Leaders. Passes are sent directly to you about one week prior to the fair. If, for any reason, you cannot keep your commitment, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible.

ICE CREAM PARLOR

How many people are needed for the Ice Cream Parlor?

About six to eight people can handle this with the space we have to work with.

- One or two adult cashiers or teens; sixteen and older, with cashier experience.
- Runners to make orders.
- Stock people to keep ice cream freezer full and toppings out front full.
- This operation is a “make your own sundae”. You will make jet shakes, scoop ice cream, serve the public.

4-H CHICKEN BARBEQUE

- Kitchen people to prep; fill coleslaw and cranberry
- Pit people to turn and cook chickens
- Pit people to rack chickens
- People to serve on the serving line.

CLEAN UP CREW FOR COUNTY KITCHEN

- Minimum of 3 volunteers to come in at closing (8-10PM)
- Service includes breaking down some equipment, cleaning grills, mats, sweep floors, clean utensils and chicken sprayers, degrease sinks and stock service windows for the next day.
- Reward/Pay: FREE MEAL TICKET to eat at the Chicken BBQ or Country Kitchen, pass into fair.

COUNTRY KITCHEN

People needed to:

- Be cashier/take orders (2 each shift)
- Prepare Baked Potatoes (1 each shift)
- People to grill hot dogs, hamburgers, pancakes or eggs. (2-3 each shift) Please let us know if you have grill-experience (short order cook).
- Stock person (1-2 each shift) Must keep items filled out front, in grill area and beverages stocked.
- This is a key volunteer role and is necessary to have on each shift.
- Runners to Put Orders up (2-3 each shift) and dispense window orders
- **MUST BE 12 YEARS OLD OR OLDER TO WORK IN THIS BUILDING.**

**SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AT THE END OF THIS MAILING
DUE BACK TO OUR OFFICE, MONDAY, AUGUST 1st**

MORE Survival Tips for Parents of Fair Participants

The fair is not the time to sit on the edge of the show ring or in the audience to tell your children what they did wrong. Let the experience of being judged and being part of the fair experience be a teachable moment.

Provide support to all 4-H members and leaders – Again, 4-H leaders are volunteers and most likely 4-H parents too! Let the leader know you can help. Leaders are spending long hours at the fair and need relief time, so please be there to help.

Be a positive role model and a team player – The purpose of the 4-H program is to promote positive youth development and teach life skills. Please be a positive adult role model for your children and others.



4-H GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERS EXHIBITING IN 4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING

You need to go on line at <http://www.hsfair.org/handbooks.htm> to get your fair premium guideline book.

4-Hers are expected to exhibit completed items made during the year.

PROCEDURES TO GET ITEMS TO THE FAIR

- ⤴ Prepare all items with current exhibit cards (available at the 4-H office)
- ⤴ List items alphabetically by lot and class on entry form. **No entry form...no premiums.**
- ⤴ Fill out 4-H exhibit entry form specific for 4-H exhibit building. Do not use entry in fair book (request from 4-H office).
- ⤴ One item per lot unless otherwise specified in 4-H exhibitors fair guidelines.
- ⤴ Leave entry form at fair once items are dropped off. There will be a specific folder at the exhibit hall to leave them in.
- ⤴ Deliver items to fair by leader or by bringing them yourself; August 30th, between 5:30 – 8:30 PM or Wednesday, August 31st between 8:30 – 10:00 AM.

GETTING ON FAIRGROUNDS

- ⤴ Enter the GREEN GATE off Kearsarge Ave, in Contoocook. See enclosed map.
- ⤴ Drop off exhibits then move vehicle to area designated by police security.

GENERAL EXHIBITING TIPS

- ⤴ Members should only be exhibiting items made as part of a 4-H project or done on their own at home with leader's approval. Members need to be signed up officially for the projects.
- ⤴ School projects, along with other projects not done in the 4-H club system, are not allowed.
- ⤴ All articles are exhibited at member's own risk.
- ⤴ Exhibits should be the best example of 4-H'ers ability and should be nicely displayed. See exhibiting guidelines on the web at: <http://www.hsfair.org/handbooks.htm>
- ⤴ Only one item per lot is to be entered unless specified; such as crafts, which can enter four items. If more than one entry is allowed, each entry must be different.
- ⤴ Projects or articles exhibited must represent work done since July 1st, 2010 and not previously exhibited by 4-H members.
- ⤴ The items must have been done as a 4-H project in which the 4-H member was enrolled in the current 4-H year. **MEMBER MUST BE SIGNED UP FOR THE PROJECT.** (If you are doing summer projects be sure your volunteer

has them signed up.)

- ⤴ Ribbons and premiums are awarded to worthy exhibits on the basis of individual merits at Hopkinton State Fair only. Premium checks are awarded at club Achievement Night.
- ⤴ Items exhibited by Merrimack County members at the Hopkinton State Fair **are not eligible for display at any other fair.**
- ⤴ Each qualifying exhibit will receive a ribbon. First place; blue ribbon, Second place; red ribbon and Third place, white ribbon. Green ribbon, worthy of a ribbon, but not meeting exhibiting criteria and guidelines.
- ⤴ Unsatisfactory projects may be disqualified and **will not be eligible for awards.** Examples would be: not meeting project standards, improper labeling, unsatisfactory workmanship, etc. Reasons for disqualification will be written on the evaluation sheet. Members are encouraged to talk to the judge or superintendent if questions arise.
- ⤴ Judges consider the difficulty of the project, and years enrolled in the project. Be accurate with this on the exhibit card.
- ⤴ Older members should do work appropriate for their age.
- ⤴ Only items listed in the Fair Guideline Book can be exhibited.
- ⤴ Exhibit cards: filled out correctly, securely attached. Cards are obtained at the 4-H office. Information to be included: name, age, number of years in 4-H, town, club number of years in specific project, project goal. If an entry is a set of articles, fill out ONE EXHIBIT CARD but indicate how many articles are in the set.
- ⤴ Cover articles to keep dust off. Prepare items like pictures, photos, posters, arts and crafts, plants, and clothing so they can be hung.

NOTE: A PROJECT GOAL SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED FOR EACH PROJECT ENTERED.

Any Exhibit that arrives on Wednesday, August 31st after 10:00 AM will not receive a premium.



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES!

READ YOUR FAIR HANDBOOK CAREFULLY IN EACH 4-H CATEGORY TO BE CLEAR ON WHAT CAN BE ENTERED.

The Fair Guideline Book is a listing of all the departments and divisions you can enter in at the fair. The guide contains entry information, directions, entry forms and lists.

FAIR HANDBOOK ON LINE THIS YEAR

<http://www.hsfair.org/handbooks.htm>

Fair books are not being mailed this year. You must access on line. Call the 4-H office if you have problems.

EXHIBITING GUIDELINES ON LINE

<http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Merrimack/HSFinfo.htm>

EXHIBIT PICK UP

The fair closes on Monday, September 5th at 5:00 PM. Exhibits in the fair exhibit hall will be able to be picked up as early as 5:15 PM. To park, leave your vehicle at G (green) gate, designated parking off Kearsarge Ave.

The fair has to get the grounds cleared before we are given clearance to remove exhibits.

SPECIAL EXHIBITING CONSIDERATIONS

Cleanliness of Articles

We realize that articles are used in between completion of the project and the Fair, however, articles should be laundered, pressed and free of dust and extreme wear. If soiled, spotted or not clean, it may be reason to judge the item down.

Crafts

Members 8-11 years old, for the most part, are doing simple projects. Most articles will go in the simple, junior, or intermediate category. Articles that are more ambitious and involve more time go in the advanced or creative category. If a project calls for a 3x5 card, use the back of the exhibit card to give more information about the project.

Preserved Food Guidelines

All preserved foods must have proper labels from the 4-H office. If you need the guidelines or labels, call Lynn at 796-2151. Most canned items are to be pressure canned only. Do not use old recipes with improper canning techniques. Items not meeting requirements, risk being removed for display. The judges reserve the right to remove items that aren't processed correctly.

CHECKLIST FOR LEADERS

- Require that all products/projects for competition be made or grown during the 4-H project year and done as part of a recognized 4-H project. Member must be signed up for their project.
- Limit the exhibit classes to those articles, specimens or animals that are made, raised or produced by the club member and represent some practice or workmanship. Items are to be exhibited in categories appropriate for members skills level.
- Provide 4-H members exhibiting at the fair with instructions and help on how to prepare 4-H exhibit cards.
- Judges will use a rating slip, if one is available for the project area These should be given to the 4-Her after the fair for them to know how they were evaluated and to read the judges' comments.
- Leaders need to submit an *exhibitor entry form* for each member exhibiting. Request from the 4-H office. These are left at the 4-H exhibit hall when exhibits are dropped off.
- Exhibit cards are to be attached to items as secure as possible. Attaching with string works better than tape. Be sure that the exhibit cards are folded and secured with a staple or paper clip.
- Be sure that members understand that part of the exhibiting **evaluation is based on how the item is presented**, not just the item itself, i.e., a crewel picture should be framed or edged, a craft project should be displayed in a small box, etc.
- Members with special needs: Place a separate note on article and bring to the 4-H Educator's attention.**
- Place similar items made by several members in the SAME CLASS AND LOT. For more concise details on preparing different projects for display, refer to the booklet: "Preparing Articles for Exhibiting at the Fair", which can be obtained at the 4-H office or on the web at: <http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Merrimack/HSFinfo.htm>.



EXHIBIT CARD

(FRONT)



4-H CLUB EXHIBIT

AWARD

Blue _____ Red _____ White _____ Green _____

Age _____ # years in 4-H _____ # of years in this project _____

Class _____ Lot _____

Goal for Project:

Circle choice(s) ONLY if you are exhibiting in the category of crafts, clothing, heritage arts, knitting/crocheting, leisure education and/or woodworking.

Materials Used: **New** **Used** **Recycled**

Hours (start to finish) 2-4 5-10 10 or more

Instructional Materials/Design:

Kit Pattern Only * Enhanced Pattern * Original

**(Describe details on reverse)*

Judges Comments

Town _____

Name _____

Club _____

Name _____

Club _____

NOTE TO MEMBER: Fill out CLASS, LOT AND DESCRIPTION on the back side of this card.

(BACK)

Class _____ Lot _____

Article Exhibited:

AWARD

Blue _____ Red _____ White _____ Green _____

OPTIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

(Projects requiring 3"x 5" card may use this space instead of an index card.)

What would you like the judges to know about your project?

FAIR RESOURCES

Following are the Fair resources you may be looking for.

- *Preparing Articles for Exhibiting at the Fair*
- *Vegetable Exhibit Guidelines*
- *Large Animal Transportation*
- *USDA Fact Sheets on proper food preservation (canning, jams, jellies)*

Available at our office

- *4-H Canning and Freezing Labels*
- *4-H Exhibitor Entry Form – one person entering items*
- *4-H Exhibit Cards*

Visit our website <http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Merrimack/HSFinfo.htm> to find. If they are not listed, call our office at 796-2151 and we will provide them to you.

INSTRUCTIONS - These must be filled out for each item you are entering both FRONT and BACK (see example).

You must refer to the **FAIR GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTION BOOKLET** in order to find out what class and lot items are to be placed in. These must be followed in order to receive a blue, red, or white ribbon. If not followed, exhibit will receive a green ribbon.

Securely attach card to article. The bottom piece of the card is to be folded up and held in place with a paper clip.
CLUBS CAN USE THEIR CLUB STAMP, IF THEY HAVE ONE. TO FILL IN THE NAME OF THEIR CLUB.



2011 HEALTH REGULATIONS

Attention Animal Science Members!

Just a reminder for those who will show at the Hopkinton State Fair.

1. **RABIES HEALTH REGULATIONS:**

Animal health must conform to current, applicable health standards as set by the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture and announced by the New Hampshire State Veterinarian (see Fair Book Health Regulations for 2011 New Hampshire Fairs and Shows). ***In addition to current health standards***, all animals exhibited at a 4-H event or show must be immunized for rabies at least thirty (30) days prior to and within one (1) year of the 4-H event. ***Rabies vaccine must be administered by a veterinarian.***

Animals may be dismissed for health problems by any Show Superintendent, Fair Management, or Veterinarian and the animal must be removed from the grounds immediately.

2. The youngest age a rabies vaccine can be given is 12 weeks of age and the vaccine is not considered valid for 30 days after administration. Therefore, the youngest animal on the fairgrounds not nursing on its dam must be 4 months of age or older.

3. All livestock must be clearly identified by permanent identification, which includes tattoos, ear tags, microchips or specific breed registration photo ID. The ID must be legible upon

unloading. Animals not clearly identified will not be allowed to stay on the fairgrounds.

Cattle (Beef and Dairy), Camelids and Pigs:

- Microchips
- Breed Registration Tattoos
- Metal State Ear Tag
- Farm Tag

Sheep and Goats

- * Federal Scrapie Tags
- * Breed Registration Tattoos
- * Microchips

* **NO FARM TAGS ACCEPTED.** If you do not have a Federal ID Farm number, contact your veterinarian regarding getting appropriate scrapie tags.

4. Paperwork (i.e.: rabies certificates or interstate health certificate) needs to be presented at time of inspection.

5. No animal should be unloaded until the vet has completed inspection or authorized by department superintendent.

6. If animals are not traveling out of state, Hopkinton State Fair does not require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection/Interstate Health Certificate. A rabies certificate with properly identified animals is sufficient. These regulations are to protect the health of your animals and the public and to conform with the

Federal Permanent Identification Programs.

BIO-SECURITY: When exhibiting animals at the fairs or shows, bring your own shovels, forks, brooms and wheelbarrows for your personal use and do not allow them to be used by others. Disinfect all of the hand tools, including the wheelbarrows, feed tubs, and your boots and shoes before going back to the farm. Consider isolating all animals returning to your farm from the animals left at home for a period of time to minimize transmission of diseases that may have been picked up at the show. Do not allow the public to walk in the feed areas and do not allow manure contamination of the feed or feeding areas. There are many diseases such as Johnes, E. Coli, Salmonella, etc. that can be spread at fairs and brought back to the farm. Prevent the spread of organisms.

Be sure your entries are accurate on your entry form for ALL classes you want to enter. NO CLASSES will be added after the August 1st deadline!



ARRIVAL – VERY IMPORTANT- PLEASE READ!

No animals will be allowed on the Fairgrounds prior to 9:00 AM, Wednesday, August 31, 2011, with the exception of poultry, rabbit and cavy which must be penned between 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August, 30, 2011. All livestock must enter the Fairgrounds through a designated gate. The Fair Veterinarian will inspect all animals prior to unloading only during the following hours. Please arrange your schedule accordingly:

Wednesday, August 31, 2011, 9AM – 8:30PM

Thursday, September 1, 2011, 6AM – 8:30AM

Monday, September 5, 2011, 6AM – 8:30AM

If an emergency arises, please call the Agricultural Office at (603) 746-4191. All animals showing symptoms of communicable disease must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. The decision of the Fair Veterinarian is final.

All animals (except horses, and dogs which are not 5-day shows) must be on the grounds by 8:30 AM on Thursday, and remain until released on Monday.

HERDSMANSHIP:

In order to be eligible for herdsmanship, animals must be penned all five (5) days. 4-H Dairy Cattle must be housed in the 4-H Barn area as designated.

REMEMBER: Herdsmanship/Shepherd's Award: 4-H Exhibitors must choose either Open Herdsmanship or 4-H Herdsmanship.

LIVESTOCK GROUPS

As in the past, livestock groups will be asked to tend the 4-H bathroom facilities.

Animal groups will be asked to sign up for a day to do coverage of making sure supplies are filled and that at the end of the day the building is cleaned.

Every person who works to keep the bathrooms clean will receive a ticket to get a free ice cream. The leader in charge will determine who is deserving of a ticket for an ice cream.

The cleaning can be done by both the adults and kids in the club. The group can decide who will be responsible.

Disposable plastic gloves will be available for everyone cleaning.

Let's have pride in our 4-H building and all pitch in to have everything run smoothly the five days of the fair. Help us be proud that we have the cleanliest bathrooms at the fair! Sign up today! Call Nancy at the 4-H office to pick your day. If we do not have groups to clean the bathrooms on a particular day, the Farm-A-Rama bathrooms will be closed.

HELP NEEDED IN FOOD BOOTHS

We realize that schedules are busy for livestock members but if they or their parents have time during the 5 days of the fair, a helping hand at one of the food buildings, would be appreciated. Come to the 4-H Chicken BBQ to leave your name and location if you would be willing to be an **"on-call"** volunteer.

NO CLASSES WILL BE WRITTEN IN BY
YOUR SUPERINTENDENT AFTER THE
AUGUST 1ST DEADLINE SO BE ACCURATE
IN WHAT YOU ENTER.



CHECK THIS OUT!

4-H Breakfast

Merrimack County 4-H five-day Livestock exhibitors are offered breakfast at a cost of \$1.75 with a meal ticket, to include: two pancakes and beverage, (milk or cocoa). This offer will not be listed on the menu, you will need to ask for it when ordering.

Save \$\$\$ on Meal Tickets

Meal Tickets can be purchased by 4-H Members and Leaders at a discounted price by going directly to the Country Kitchen on the opening day of the fair. The cost is \$5.00 for \$7.50 worth of food. There will be no refund of money on any unused portion of the ticket. This is available to any 4-H Family.

LIVESTOCK ENTRIES ARE DUE AUGUST 1ST!

You may fax or send your animal entry form in to the Hopkinton State Fair Office, but if faxed, you need to promptly send the original form along with the registration fee.

All livestock must be vaccinated 30 days prior to the fair for rabies. This is a fair entry requirement and Fair Entries are to be mailed directly to the Hopkinton State Fair Office by August 1st. Rabies vaccine must be vet administered.
Fair FAX # - 746-3037

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS – Things you need to know

New Livestock Families

If you have any questions about what you need to do to prepare for the fair, please call the 4-H office. Remember it is your responsibility to enter those fairs you choose to go to.

Herdsmanship

If you would like to see a Herdsmanship score sheet prior to the start of the fair to see what you will be scored on, pick one up from your superintendent.

As always, 4-Hers will be the only ones allowed to feed, water and clean the animals. If a 4-Her must be in school, they must find a 4-Her to do their chores and tell their superintendent that they will be off the grounds and who will be representing them by doing their Herdsmanship. All youth, not mandated to be in school, should be on the grounds Thursday and Friday. All of the above will be strictly enforced.

Accidents

We carry an accident policy on all 4-H members at the fair. The first aid booth will carry the necessary papers to submit insurance claims. Many thanks go to our Merrimack County 4-H Leaders Association for their support of 4-H programs in our county and state. This year they will be supporting the cost of insurance and farm-a-rama supplies for the fair. Hat's off to this group for them always stepping up when needed. Show your support by stepping up to volunteer in one of our food concessions, as this is how dollars are raised to support the program.

TRANSPORTING YOUR ANIMALS

It's summer and it's fair time. The 4-H office has a fact sheet called *Large Animal Transportation* that may be of interest to your family as you transport your animals to and from fairs.

All animals should have the proper type and amount of bedding when being transported along with adequate ventilation and protection from inclement weather. You should avoid sudden movements, be gentle, and never overcrowd the animals.

Call the 4-H office today to request this fact sheet which has lots of helpful tips!

APPROVAL FORMS

4-H'ers, please send your approval forms in with your entry by the August 1st deadline.....*without them you **will not be allowed** to show.* Also please be sure your animal's registrations are in order, **(no pending papers will be accepted!)**, and all proper transfers have been made AND THAT ALL ANIMALS ARE IN THE 4-HER'S NAME, EXCEPT

LEASED ANIMALS. **NO FARM NAMES.** Be sure all ear tags and forms of identification are in the animal's ear. It's heart breaking for us to send members and animals home because paper work is incomplete. Approval forms will be checked by the superintendent and *must* be in order. You should also send in your medical form, code of conduct, along with your approval form when you enter the fair.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!



Commissioner of Agriculture Awards for Agricultural Excellence

CRITERIA

1. Awards shall recognize exhibits, which promote a better understanding of agriculture and rural life.
2. Awards may be given to individuals, farms, businesses, or organizations.
3. Awards shall be given based upon assessment of the following:
 - a. Organization and neatness
 - b. Ability to convey clear information or message
 - c. Conformity to generally accepted practices such as animal cleanliness, proper preparation of produce, adherence to state or federal grade and quality standards, etc.
 - d. Clear identification of exhibitor: name and hometown.
 - e. Integration with overall goals of the individual fair.
 - f. Originality
4. Awards shall not be given to an exhibitor more than once in three years.
5. Awards shall be determined by Judges appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets and Food.

**2010 Hopkinton State Fair Commissioner
of Agriculture Winner**
CANTERBURY RASCALS 4-H CLUB

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITORS' CAMPING & PARKING

Only exhibitors who are directly involved with Agricultural Exhibits will be allowed to camp in the Fairgrounds Agricultural Camping Area. We can only accept one application per family. **No awnings will be allowed.**

You can receive your lot assignment upon arrival. Camping units may be placed on site beginning at 8:00 AM on Sunday, August 28, 2011, and must be removed no later than Sunday, September 11, 2011. All other vehicles remaining on the grounds for the duration of the Fair will be parked in designated parking areas. **Passenger vehicles are not allowed in the camping area.**

Charcoal or open fires are prohibited on the Fairgrounds property during the Fair.

Unauthorized vehicle movement is prohibited on the Fairgrounds between 8:00 AM and 11:00 PM daily. Hopkinton Police Officers may restrict vehicle movement at other times if it becomes necessary.

FAIR PASSES

Livestock Exhibitors Only

1-DAY PASS \$5.00

1-DAY PASS, child, 6-12 Years \$2.50

PARENT PASS (5-day) \$15.00

Each 4-H livestock exhibitor will receive an admission pass for themselves for the Fair. Participants in the 4-H Dairy Show, 4-H Dairy Goat Show, 4-H Working Steer Show, 4-H Beef Show, 4-H Llama/Alpaca Show, 4-H Sheep Show and 4-H Swine Show will receive a 5-day pass. Participants in the 4-H Dog Show and the 4-H Horse Show will receive a 1-day pass. Additional passes may be ordered by sending payment with your entry form. 4-H exhibitors may purchase two (2) additional passes for their parent(s) at the reduced price. The Agriculture Office will have your exhibitor pass(es) if ordered prior to the fair.

NO exhibitor passes will be available for purchase AFTER Sunday, August 28, 2011.

2011 STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

The Merrimack County/Sullivan County joint qualifying 4-H Show was held Saturday, June 18 at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds.

Congratulations to the following Merrimack County 4-Hers who qualified to represent Merrimack County at the State 4-H Horse Show:

Delegates: Emily Blain, Cassidy Boon, Terise Cole, Courtney Duclos, Kelly Eaton, Marissa France, Taryn Galliher, Emily Hauptman, Rachel Howell, Katelyn Leonard, Maddie Madore, Cindy Maxfield, Darienne Messer, Riley Messer, Kayla Corliss

Alternate: (possibly going as a rider): Kendall Bergethon

Stable Managers: Anna Lee, Jessica Russell

Best of luck to our Merrimack County Team!

Many thanks to our chaperones, Kendra Messer and Sue Reynolds!



FAIR BOOKS ARE ON LINE

<http://www.hsfair.org/handbooks.htm>

Fair books **were not** mailed to our 4-H families this year. Fair books are online **only**. If you do not have access to the internet, a few fair books are available from the **FAIR OFFICE**. You must pick them up there. They will not be mailed.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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Our 4-H Website Designed for YOU!

<p>Merrimack County 4-H Enrollment Forms 4-H Cloverbud Enrollment Form <small>▲(5-7 yrs. old)</small> 4-H Membership Form <small>▲(8-18 yrs. old)</small></p>	<p>Merrimack County 4-H Calendar 2011</p>	<p>Merrimack County 4-H Foundation Book Award ▲ Scholarship Listing</p>
<p>Tell us YOUR 4-H Story!</p>	<p>Events and Opportunities ▲</p>	<p>Volunteer Resources</p>
<p>2011 Volunteer Continuing Education ▲▲ On-line workshop registration</p>	<p>Presentation Day Resources Food Show Fitness Challenge Log ▲ Public Speaking ▲</p>	<p>Member Resources</p>
<p>Marketing YOU!</p>	<p>Animal Science Resources</p>	<p>Project Resources</p>
<p>Teen Conference Teen Conference Promotion Brochure Merrimack County Pre-registration <small>▲Due to M.C. office March 11th</small></p>	<p> New Hampshire Fair & Expositions Hopkinton State Fair Information</p>	<p>After School Resources</p>
<p>Fashion Selection, Judging, & Revue</p>	<p>Club Officer Handbooks</p>	<p>Club Year - End Reporting Forms</p>
<p>Read All About it! Event Mailings & Press Releases</p>	<p>Merrimack County 4-H Club Information</p>	<p>Fitness Activity Log Wellness Calendar ▲</p>
<p>Insurance for Club Events</p>	<p>4-H Newsletters Merrimack County</p>	<p>Parent's Corner</p>

<http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Merrimack/Merrimack4HYD.htm>

 **This is where you will find HSF information!**

THIS PAGE IS FOR YOU!

With the vast information the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension posts to their web site, we in Merrimack County have been given limited control to add information to our county web page.

The image to the left is part of the 4-H Youth Development page in Merrimack County. This page was developed in our efforts to ease your "searching" process. This site is continually growing, so check back often. If there is something specific that you would like to see that would help you or others, please contact us with your feedback.



What will your club be bringing for Exhibits?

Please help us plan for judges for the different areas. Enter number of projects associated with the Exhibit.

Club Name: _____ Leader: _____

Approx #	Exhibit	Approx #	Exhibit
	4-H Record, Memory Books, Resumes		Simple Crafts
	Junior Crafts		Intermdiate Crafts
	Advanced Crafts		Creative Crafts
	4-H Scarpbooks		Better Rooms
	Child Care		Clothing
	Club Exhibit		Computers
	Electricity		Entomology
	Foods		Foods Preservation
	Forestry		Gardening
	Health/Safety		Heritage Art
	Horsemanship/Animal Science		Knitting/Crocheting
	Leisure Ed/Miscellaneous		Livestock Equipment
	Metal Works/Machines		Outdoor/Fishing/Camping
	Photography		Plan/Plant for Beauty
	Posters		Woodworking

RETURN TO: Deb Cheever, 315 D. W. Highway, Boscawen, NH 03303 by August 1, 2011

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Merrimack/Merrimack4HYD.htm>

BUILDING VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Passes Needed: _____ # Adult ____ #Youth (6-13 yrs old)____

ICE CREAM PARLOR

Thursday ____ 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM ____ 3:15 – 9:00PM
 Friday ____ 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM ____ 3:15 – 9:00PM
 Saturday ____ 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM
 Sunday ____ 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM ____ 3:15 – 9:00PM
 Monday ____ 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

4-H CHICKEN BBQ

Thursday ____ 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM ____ 3:00 – 8:00PM
 Friday ____ 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM ____ 3:00 – 8:00PM
 Saturday ____ 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM ____ 3:00 – 8:00PM
 Sunday ____ 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM ____ 3:00 – 8:00PM
 Monday ____ 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

PIT CREW are expected to stay the entire shift signed up for

Thursday ____ 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM ____ 1:00 – 6:00 PM
 Friday ____ 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM ____ 1:00 – 6:00 PM
 Saturday ____ 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM ____ 1:00 – 6:00 PM
 Sunday ____ 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM ____ 1:00 – 6:00 PM
 Monday ____ 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

COUNTRY KITCHEN

Thursday ____ 6 AM – 12:30 PM ____ 12 – 8PM
 Friday ____ 6 AM – 12:30 PM ____ 12 – 8PM
 Sunday ____ 6 AM – 12:30 PM ____ 12 – 8PM
 Monday ____ 6 AM – 12:30 PM ____ 12 – 5PM

CLEAN UP CREW – Country Kitchen

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

____ Thursday ____ Friday ____ Saturday ____ Sunday ____ Monday

Tuesday, 9:00 AM

Help needed to put the building to bed.

CHECK THE BOX IF YOU CAN HELP.

Return ALL sign ups by August 1st.

Mail to UNHCE – Merrimack, 4-H office, 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH 03303, attn: Deb Cheever or email: Deborah.cheever@unh.edu with the subject line:

YES! Sign me up



HELP NEEDED FOR A STATE PROJECT IF YOU OWN A POOL

Dear Friends of Trees and Enemies of Asian Longhorned Beetles,

The Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) is a serious threat to our forests and trees. As far as we know it isn't in New Hampshire, yet. We need many people looking for it so we can take steps to limit its spread, if it arrives.

ALB was found in trees in Worcester MA in 2008, but experts estimate it was in the trees for about 10 years before they identified the problem. Some Worcester homeowners subsequently reported they collected ALB in their swimming pools for years prior to the 2008 identification.

Because there isn't a reliable trap for ALB and using the Worcester-experience, we are looking for ALB in swimming pools. Last summer, we tested this approach with 34 public pools. Thankfully, we didn't find ALB, but we found many longhorned-type beetles, so we know this survey method works. If ALB is New Hampshire, we think we will find them in swimming pools.

Help us by looking at the debris from your swimming pools.

In addition to a swimming pool, you need:

A digital camera

An email address that you actively use

Enough computer skills to follow instructions to upload pictures to this website:

<http://extension.unh.edu/FWT/ALBpool.htm>

Here is an overview of the project:

Step 1: Sign up to participate NOW by sending us your name, physical street address and town, and email address to: foresthealth@dred.state.nh.us .

Step 2: From July 11-August 26. At least once a week—or whenever you clean your pool—look at the debris you collect in your filter and skimmers. Look for longhorned beetles.

Step 3: Use a fact sheet (posted at <http://extension.unh.edu/FWT/ALBpool.htm>) to compare collected insects to common insects.

Step 4: Take a picture of any insect you think is a longhorned beetle. We need a good view of the insect's back.

Step 5: Once a week send a picture of the insect that most looks like a longhorned beetle. We need to hear from you every week.

Step 6: Send the picture through this website <http://extension.unh.edu/FWT/ALBpool.htm>

Step 7: If you send us a picture, freeze the insect in a tupperware-like container until you hear from us (about a week). We will either tell you to throw the insect out or give you instructions about mailing it, delivering it or arranging for pick-up.

Then What?

We will post interesting pictures and sightings to the web and send you a weekly email reminder and report.

Questions about the project?

foresthealth@dred.state.nh.us or call Kyle Lombard at the Forest Health Office 464-3016

Questions about the project and the website?

karen.bennett@unh.edu or call Karen Bennett at UNH Cooperative Extension at 862-4861

Thank you for your interest and your help.

Kyle Lombard
Forest Health Program

Karen Bennett
UNH Cooperative Extension

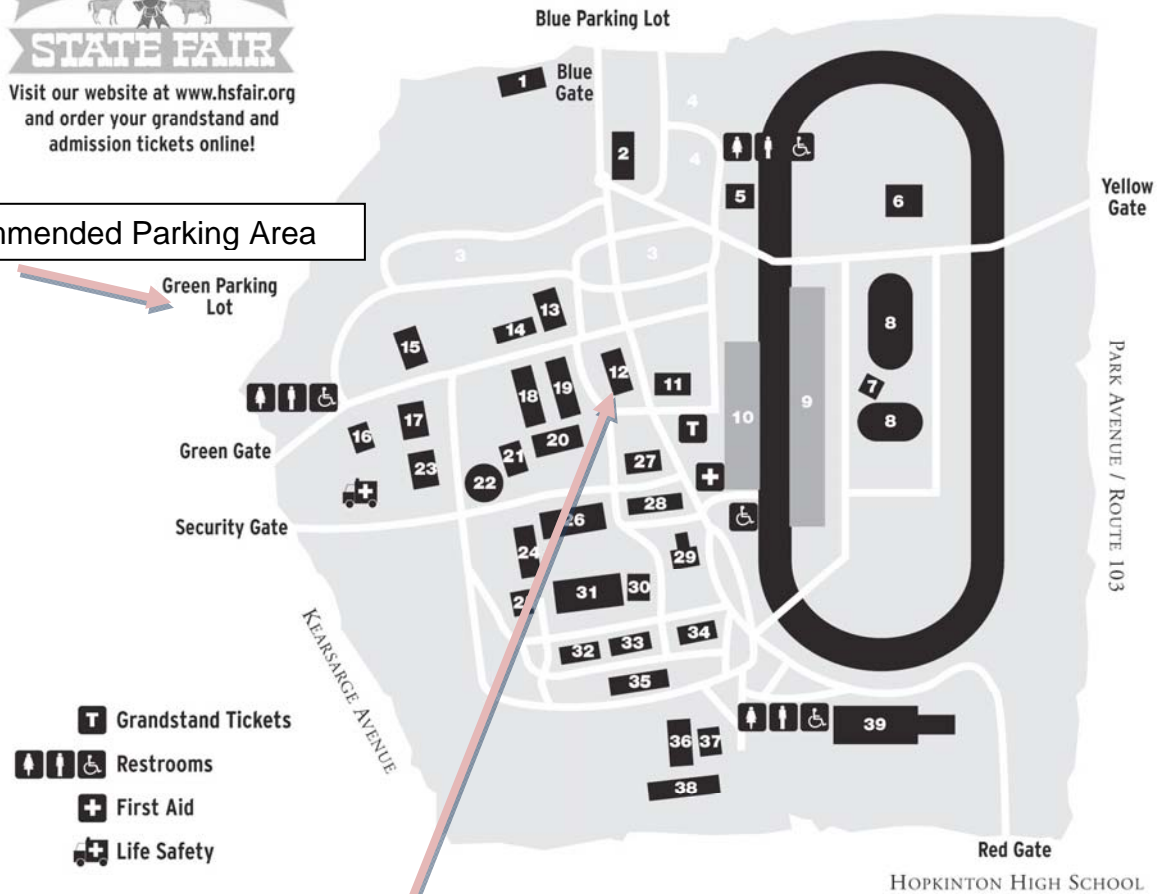


HOPKINTON STATE FAIR GROUNDS MAP



Visit our website at www.hsfair.org
and order your grandstand and
admission tickets online!

Recommended Parking Area



- T** Grandstand Tickets
- Restrooms
- First Aid
- Life Safety

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|--|---|--|---|
| 1 Concord Coach Society Museum | 12 Ruth H Kimball-H Exhibit Hall | 23 Hall Building & Farmers Market | 34 Huckins Dairy Barn |
| 2 Discover Wild New Hampshire | 13 Commercial Exhibit | 24 Jordan Sheep Barn | 35 Pearson Steer Barn |
| 3 Midway: Rides & Concessions | 14 Punky's Sugar House | 25 Dog & Llama Tent | 36 Oxen Barn |
| 4 Kiddieland: For the younger ride enthusiast | 15 Stewart Exhibit Building | 26 Goat Barn & Indoor Ring | 37 Harlie Silver & Shirley Sanborn Scale House |
| 5 The Country Porch Stage | 16 Barnyard Petting Farm | 27 4-H Farm-a-rama | 38 Smart Pulling Barn |
| 6 Agricultural Equipment Display | 17 Morrill Family Farm Museum | 28 Sandscapes | 39 Durgin Pulling Arena |
| 7 Nelson Horse Complex | 18 Cressey Exhibit Building | 29 Piggy Palace | |
| 8 Horse Show Rings | 19 Home Arts Exhibit Hall | 30 Milking Parlor | |
| 9 East Grandstand | 20 Roby Exhibit Building | 31 Hood Arena | |
| 10 West Grandstand | 21 Grange/Community Building | 32 Kimball Dairy Barn | |
| 11 Walls Administration Building | 22 Llama Tent | 33 Huntington Dairy Barn | |

Handicapped Accessibility: There will be a reserved area for handicapped parking at the front of the Blue Parking Lot. Pets: Sorry, no pets are permitted on the Fairgrounds other than trained guide or aid dogs. No BYOB: No BYOB is permitted anywhere on the Fairgrounds. This policy is strictly enforced.

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