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CHESHIRE COUNTY 4-H

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Cheshire County did not fully fund UNH Cooperative Extension's budget, so we are having to make some changes in how we communicate with you. Beginning this summer we will begin sending out an electronic version of our newsletter. We are sending out this edition of a 4-H Events/Happenings because we felt we needed to get this information to you sooner than later.

In order to receive an electronic version of the newsletter we will need an email address from each 4-H Family that is enrolled in your clubs. Please call in, email (diane.dugray@unh.edu), or stop by with these addresses as soon as you can. You can always unsubscribe to the news letter if you need to in the future.

We know that some of you will be unable to download information that we send you electronically, if you need for us to print a hard copy and mail to you please let us know that too.

Hopefully you will find the information in an electronic newsletter, as informational and helpful as it has always been. Thank you for your consideration as we make this transition. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call us.

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4-H RECORDS, 4-H SCRAPBOOKS and 4-H RESUMES DUE JULY 6

Every 4-H member is expected to document their work through a 4-H Record, Scrapbook, or Resume. These are due in the 4-H Office by July 6 in order to be eligible for the fair. Members MAY NOT participate in Cheshire Fair or State Shows if they have not submitted one. Members should include a cover sheet that indicates if they want theirs judged, if they want to try for a project medal and if so in what project, and if they want it entered in the fair. Those marked will be brought to the fair by the 4-H Office but MUST be picked up on Sunday at the end of the fair. NO RECORDS WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE 4-H OFFICE.

All Club Scrapbooks are also due at the 4-H office by July 6th for judging.

JUDGES NEEDED!

We need six people to judge records, resumes, or scrapbooks. Judges receive their allotment for judging on July 9th. They are judged at home. Judges will return them to the 4-H office by July 24th so that we can place ribbons and collect necessary information before they are brought to the fair. Scoresheets and training are provided. This is a great way to understand how these items should be done as well as view the wonderful work our members have done. Call the office and sign up today!

We also need judges for the Cheshire Fair building exhibits. These volunteers will judge member and club exhibits, posters, crafts, photographs, foods, etc. Call if you're interested in helping us out.



Exhibit Space Reservations Are Due July 6

If you are planning on setting up a club or individual display at the Cheshire Fair you need to call the 4-H office to reserve space. Last year we used up every inch of space. **We will provide space for those making reservations first.** Exhibit setup times are: Monday, August 2 from Noon to 8:00 PM and Tuesday, August 3 from 9:00 AM to Noon.

Fair Cleanup and 4-H Food Drive

On July 8th from 3:00 - 6:00 PM we are planning a Fair Clean-up! Please save this date and plan on helping prepare the 4-H Building and Food Booth prior to Cheshire Fair. The 4-H Advisory Council and Horse Leaders Association are providing food and drink, we ask that each club bring a dessert to share. We will be dusting and sweeping out the 4-H Building and Cleaning the Kitchen. **Please bring along some hand tools: pliers, hammers, shovels, rakes, screwdrivers, wheelbarrow, etc.**

We will again have a 4-H Food Drive. We are asking members to bring a canned or non perishable food item. Let's see how many pounds of food we can gather to help families in need this summer.

Supervisors Needed!

Shift Supervisors are needed for the Food Booth. Supervisors act as a Food Booth Resource, someone to answer questions, maintain supplies, and help troubleshoot. Your shift may not have a supervisor, in that case the shift leader from your club may need to act as the Food Booth Supervisor.

The theme for 2010 Cheshire Fair is "Celebrate The American Spirit". Help celebrate the American spirit by using this theme in your exhibit or display.

Passes for Food Booth Workers

All workers for the food booth must have a pass in order to enter the grounds. These passes are available from the Fair Office and must be purchased before the fair. Youth and adults working in the food booth may purchase passes at the 4-H exhibitor rate of \$3 for a 1 day or \$12 for a 5 day pass. Clubs should provide a chart that indicates date and time of the club shift, the shift leader, worker names and passes to be purchased. In some cases, clubs cover part or all of the cost of the passes for their workers so check with your club before getting your passes.

Parking for food booth workers will be in the main parking lot (no charge) so you will be entering at the main gate NOT gate 3. Clubs should designate one person in your group as shift leader, and this person may get a Gate 3 pass. This person may park behind the booth during the club shift only. This allows transportation for picking up supplies, emergencies, etc.

Please remember that all workers must sign in when they arrive and sign out when they leave. Those working a 5 hour shift are entitled to a drink and sandwich either during or after their shift. While we truly do appreciate all the work that folks do, we often get complaints about having to pay to work. Please remember that one of the main purposes of the 4-H food booth is to raise the funds necessary to offer the programming throughout the year to our members. The money earned is used for awards, scholarships to Teen Conference and other events, learning materials, and supplies for county events such as the pizza on July 8th.

We ask each club to support this effort. It takes 7 to 10 people to staff the booth and at least 4 of these people need to be adults or capable teens.

Cheshire County Website

Please continue to check the Cheshire County website <http://extension.unh.edu/Counties>

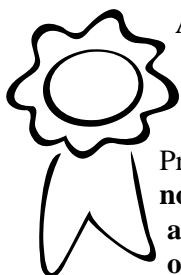
[/Cheshire/Cheshire.htm](http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Cheshire/Cheshire.htm) for current information regarding events. This will be our main way of communicating. Bookmark the site and visit it often for the latest 4-H information.



Cheshire Fair 4-H Food Booth

August 3 Tuesday	August 4 Wednesday	August 5 Thursday	August 6 Friday	August 7 Saturday	August 8 Sunday
12:00- 6:00 SET UP	6:00 - 11:00 Cows R Us	6:00 - 11:00 Minis Too!	6:00 - 11:00 Switch'n Horns	6:00 - 11:00 SMS Green Eggs Mon. Mountaineers	6:00 - 11:00 Show-Time
	11:00 - 4:00 Pitcher Mountain	11:00 - 4:00 Swanzy Saddles	11:00-4:00	11:00 - 4:00 Ultimate Equestrians	11:00 - 4:00 Hill & Valley
August 9 Monday CLEAN UP 9:00 - 1:00	4:00 - 9:30 Pinnacleview	4:00 - 9:30	4:00 - 9:30 Pinnacleview	4:00 - 9:30 Robar (3 people) (Need help)	4:00 - 9:30
	<u>Supervisors</u>				

Annual Awards



Annual awards were established to recognize the contributions and achievements of special individuals involved in the Cheshire County 4-H Program. **Any club or individual may nominate candidates for any of these awards by submitting an informal letter of recommendation to the Extension**

Office by September 28. The letter should state how the nominee meets the criteria of the award. Cheshire 4-H Council members may add to the nominee list which will be reviewed by the Council at their meeting. Awards will only be given when qualified nominations are received.

Club of the Year

The club that is judged to have obtained the highest overall level of accomplishment during the 4-H year earns this award. The form is available from the 4-H Office. The club will be selected based upon their community service projects, their involvement in county activities, their 4-H promotion activities, and their participation in 4-H fund raising. In addition, the accomplishments of the club's

individual members will be considered. This will include member participation in county, state, and national events, individual project records, and teen leadership within club and in county events. The award can be repeated. Normally, only one club will be recognized annually unless there are two equally outstanding clubs.

4-H Spirit Awards

This award recognizes 4-H members with three or more years of membership who have experienced a wide variety of the opportunities 4-H has to offer. You may want to check out the form - you may have already accumulated enough points! 4-H Spirit award forms are available at the office.

Annual Horse Awards

There are six different awards: Horse Spirit Award, Beginner and Advanced Horseless, and Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Horseman. These awards are given at the Awards Supper to all who have successfully completed the necessary awards form.

Bob Williams Award

This award was established in memory of Robert Williams, a long time Marlborough 4-H leader who specialized in building strong leadership skills in junior members. Two junior members (under age 14) will be recognized annually. Selection will be based upon evidence of the members with rounded experiences, with strong involvement in leadership and service as well as project accomplishments. Candidates should be involved beyond the club level in project and leadership and should have been involved behind the scenes at county events. In addition, members should be helping other members as well as achieving themselves.



4-H Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award

This prestigious volunteer award is given to those individuals who make significant major contributions to 4-H over their lifetime. Those honored may have served 4-H in many capacities. Examples may include outstanding club leadership over the years, service on the 4-H Council, as an officer, on the Extension Advisory Council, coordinator of a county or state event, or a key leader. The candidate's overall role in furthering 4-H work and service to youth is of primary importance. All current and past volunteers of 4-H with greater than five years of service are eligible. This may only be received once by an individual.

Family of the Year

The 4-H Program is strengthened when family members support the member in their 4-H activities and the program in its efforts to help the members develop competencies for the future. The Family Award is given to a member(s) and related adult(s) who have worked as a team to support the 4-H Program either in the foreground, providing leadership and direction for a project, activity or event, or in the background, helping make the efforts of others work effectively. Considered will be the total achievement over the years involved in 4-H, the level of participation and support of the program (county, state, regional, national), the major contributions over the past year, and the impact of the family's efforts.

Member of the Year

This award is to recognize a senior member who has attained a high level of achievement in all competency areas over the years they have been involved in the 4-H Program wherever they have lived. This outstanding member will show a balance of involvement, either in a wide variety of project areas or in one project area with involvement on all levels, county, state, and national. The member will have accepted some real responsibilities in both citizenship and leadership. The member will have made significant contributions to the program, giving back in some part what they themselves have gained. Normally, only one member will be recognized annually unless there are two equally outstanding members.

Volunteer of the Year

This award is given to a volunteer who has demonstrated exceptional 4-H qualities and who have shown that they have had significant, positive impact on the lives of young people. This person will have had significant effects on 4-H on a club, county, state, or national level within the last year. The volunteer must be currently enrolled but there is no minimum number of years served. Normally, only one volunteer will be recognized annually unless there are two equally outstanding volunteers. An individual may receive this more than once.

JOHN HAYDEN BOLLES MEMORIAL FUND

John Hayden Bolles was a nine year Cheshire 4-H member who was very active in the working steer and beef projects. The John Hayden Bolles Memorial Fund was established in his memory. The purpose of this fund is to provide grants to NH 4-H members who desire to upgrade the quality of the animals they currently have available for 4-H projects. A commitment to continue with the project in 4-H during the term of the grant must be made. You must be 11 years old or older with two years membership in a NH 4-H animal project. Llamas are not eligible. For more information call the 4-H Office at 352-4550.

4-H Field Days June 25-27, 2010 Cheshire Fairgrounds

The Cheshire County Horse Leaders Association is sponsoring Horse Field Days at the Cheshire Fair on June 25-27, 2010. Cheshire County 4-H Horse Field Days provides opportunities for 4-H members that may not own a horse of their own.

Along with traditional horse activities such as a horse show, judging contest, and written quiz, Cheshire County 4-H members will be given the opportunity to test their working knowledge hands on. These activities will be provided to allow all members to gain knowledge in Horse Science, but they are particularly designed to allow members that may not have a horse of their own to spend time working with horses. Skill-a-thon stations will be organized and manned by senior 4-H members. Junior and Novice members will have opportunities to test their skills in hands on activities such as: breed and color identification, groom, horse health care, and identifying tack and other equipment.

Getting Ready for the Fair!

4-H Fairs or shows are often the highlight of the 4-H year. From a youth development perspective, fairs allow 4-H members to display projects and to participate in educational experiences critiqued by an adult expert. Shows provide opportunities for 4-H members to demonstrate new knowledge, abilities, skills and attitudes. Fairs provide a showcase for recognition of youth and allow an avenue for youth to practice the life skills of teamwork, cooperation, communication, sportsmanship, pride and unity.

Youth Responsibilities

4-H members need to set realistic goals on what they want to accomplish and set realistic completion dates. Be sure to read the rules and regulations outlined in the 4-H section of the fair. Pay close attention to specific requirements for each project. It may be helpful to highlight the wording in the fair book for each project in which members are enrolled. 4-H members need to do their own project work and complete it in the current year. Members will want to refer to score sheets from the Extension office. By reviewing these materials, members may become more comfortable with what the judge will be looking for.

Parent Responsibilities

Parents are encouraged to help 4-H members obtain the materials and resources needed to complete 4-H projects. Adults may answer questions, demonstrate skills, and offer guidance but should not do the work themselves! Parents need to be familiar with the exhibit guidelines and judging schedules so they can help members be ready and on time for the various events. Adults can provide support and reflection as youth complete the judging experience.

Volunteer Responsibilities

4-H leaders are a valuable asset when assisting members in their fair preparations. Volunteers are the link between the Extension office and the families and can answer many questions about process and how things are done.

Club Responsibilities

Clubs are encouraged to conduct a meeting where projects that are going to be exhibited at the fair are brought in and a mock judging occurs. This allows the members to understand the strengths and weaknesses of their work and prepares them for possible judge's recommendations. It is also an opportunity to get some "last minute" suggestions for finalizing projects before the fair. Invite parents to attend along with the members and use this meeting as an opportunity to provide feedback and recognition to individual members and to promote club unity and pride. 4-H exhibits at a fair or show are designed to showcase the work of young people to others in the community. It provides young people with the opportunity to demonstrate skills and knowledge as well as to gain ideas for improvement. 4-H members are encouraged to try something more challenging each year and to practice good sportsmanship. Exhibiting is designed to be an enjoyable educational experience not just a contest. Enjoy the fair experience!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 15** Approval Forms Due for ALL Swine, Sheep, Goats, Small Animals & Beef Not Going to ESE
- June 25-27** Horse Field Days
- July 1** State Dairy Show Entries Due
- July 6** Entries due for Cheshire Fair Scrapbooks, resumes & 4-H Records Due
- July 8** Cheshire Fair Clean Up
- August 4-8** Cheshire Fair
- September 28** Annual Award Nominations Due

Congratulations

Horse Judging & Hippology Results

Congratulations to the following State Hippology and Judging Contest participants.

Cheshire County sent the following members to compete at the NH State Judging Contest Junior Division: Elizabeth Morris and Connor Greenwood of Minis Too! Cheshire County's Senior member Julie Lane of the Ultimate Equestrians won the contest and is eligible to attend the National 4-H Round-Up in Louisville KY in November.

In the Hippology Contest: Junior Members from Cheshire County were Sage Tourigny from Mini's Too! and Clara Lane of Ultimate Equestrians. Senior member Mora Thornton of Mini's Too! finished 8th and she will begin practicing with 4-H members from across New Hampshire and is eligible to travel to the National Round-Up in Louisville KY in November.

State Activities Day

Congratulations to the following 4-H'ers who represented Cheshire County at State Activities Day on June 5th at UNH in Durham at the Memorial Union Building.

Public Speaking: Patrick Roberts-SMS Green Eggs, Melody Robar-Switch'n Horns, Mora Thornton-Minis Too! **Action Exhibits:** Kristin Hill, Briannah Hebert, Megan Hebert, Airanna Zrzavy, Morgan Palmer, Larkin DeVinne, and Vanessa McNally- all from SMS Green Eggs, and Tristan Phillips-Pinnacleview

Demonstrations: Haley Feyh, Kaitlin Roberts, Hannah Brown, Patrick Roberts and Nakia Thompson-all from SMS Green Eggs; Julie Lane, Clara Lane, Sage Tourigny-from Ultimate Equestrians; Matt Wing-Robo Ranglers

Photos: Kourtne Flanders and Melody Robar-Switch'n Horns; Tristan Phillips-Pinnacleview

Posters: Tristan Phillips-Pinnacleview, Julie Lane and Clara Lane-Ultimate Equestrians

Teen Conference

2010 State 4-H Teen Conference; "2010: Let the Future Begin" will be held June 27-30, 2010 at UNH Durham. Teen Council has been planning fun new workshops along with the classic favorites. Some highlights will include shooting sports, African music and dance with Akwaaba, ballroom dancing, fly fishing, and jewelry making. This super fun conference will feature an opening night carnival, a trip to Hampton Beach for a BBQ, and a futuristic closing dance complete with light show!

Congratulations to the following 4-H'ers who will be representing Cheshire County at Teen Conference: Jeremy Jochums-Chickering and Melody Robar-Switch'n Horns, Kaitlyn Hayes, Megan Holland, India Clark, Kiah Buckley, Steve Arlen, Amie Moncrief, Kayla Pollock, and Mike Elliott-Pitcher Mountain, Megan Hebert, Arianna Zrzavy, Morgan Palmer, Larkin DeVinne, Kristin Hill, and Patrick Roberts-SMS Green Eggs, and Jacob Blake, Nick Doolittle, and Christine Abdelnour-Show-Time 4-H.

State Dairy Judging Tour

Nine 4-H'ers from Cheshire County attended and did very well on the State Dairy Judging Tour. Participants included: Tristan Phillips and Audrey Allen of Pinnacleview, Amy Drougue, Taran Benedict and Chris Ebbighausen of Cows R Us, and Nick Doolittle, Chelsea Kruse, Jacob Blake and Christine Abdelnour of Showtime. Tristan Phillips was the high point overall junior and Nick Doolittle placed second. In the senior division, Audrey Allen placed fifth, Chelsea Kruse, sixth, Amy Drougue was seventh, and Jacob Blake was ninth. Audrey, Amy, and Chelsea all qualified to judge at Eastern States Exposition, with Nick and Jacob serving as alternates. Special thanks go to Jessi Chickering and Ariel Garland who helped manage this years Judging Tour.

