

JOIN US AT THE HOPKINTON STATE FAIR!

Friday, August 30th – Monday, September 2nd

The Hopkinton State Fair is a time when our 4-H youth get to “show off” all their hard work from throughout the year. There will be animal shows, 4-H exhibits, and volunteering that will be a large part of this 4-day event.

We are reaching out to all 4-H families in this newsletter to say we need everyone’s help in running our 4-H food booths & exhibit hall!

We know that families have busy schedules and a lot going on. We ask you to look over the volunteer schedules enclosed and pick up the phone (603-796-2151) or email Laurie at laurie.field@unh.edu to sign-up for a time.

Please help us out. One of the 4-H’s pledges is to help one’s club, community, country and world. 4-H has deep roots being a part of the Hopkinton Fair since its inception. Let’s show our “spirit” and be there volunteering, participating, and showing the face of today’s 4-H.

Are you new to 4-H? Call us at 603-796-2151 we are happy to answer your fair questions. Every item exhibited receives an evaluation, premium, and ribbon if it meets the judging criteria. Not sure what can be exhibited?

Check out this year’s Fair Exhibitor Handbook located online only at:
<http://www.hsfairexhibitors.org/>

We look forward to seeing our 4-H families at the fair!

Questions? Contact:

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Extension

GENERAL FAIR INFORMATION

KEEP THIS KEY INFORMATION HANDY FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE HOPKINTON FAIR!

Signups are in the back of this newsletter! This is the only mailing when we ask for volunteers for the fair.

FAIR EXHIBITOR HANDBOOKS ARE ONLINE

Fair Exhibitor Handbooks are online only and are ready to view at <http://www.hsfair exhibitors.org/> if you do not have access to the internet, contact the **FAIR OFFICE** at (603) 865-7013. (Ag Entries due August 5th)

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

- Exhibit Hall Items Due to Fairground – Wednesday, August 28th, 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- Fair Clean Up – August 19th at 5:00pm (there will be pizza for all helpers!)
- Exhibit Hall Judging Day – Thursday, August 29th
- Volunteer Sign Ups Due – August 1st

FAIR CLEAN UP

Help is necessary to prepare the 4-H Exhibit Hall for displays and to clean the 4-H Country Kitchen & Ice Cream Parlor. **The clean-up date is Monday, August 19th, at 5:00 PM.** With enough help, we can be done in a couple of hours. Call the 4-H office at 603-796-2151 if you know you are coming.

SAVE MONEY ON MEALS – 4-H MEAL TICKETS TO BE USED AT COUNTRY KITCHEN OR ICE CREAM PARLOR

Meal tickets can be purchased by 4-H Members and Leaders at a discounted price at the 4-H Country Kitchen. The cost is \$10.00 for \$12.00 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!

THE FARM-A-RAMA IS ALIVE!

The Farm - A- Rama will be housing interactive educational activities for children and their parents. The area will have self-lead play stations for families to explore throughout the day. Things like bubble stations, treasure hunts and a play farm area. We will also have manned stations open from 12:00 – 4:00pm on Saturday and Sunday. If you have a member that would like to share their knowledge about a project area that they are involved in, this is the place for a 4-H member to shine. Youth are encouraged to use their action and or demonstration exhibit that they presented at Presentation Day. Small well-behaved animals are also welcome, as children love to hear about rabbits and poultry when they can see and touch them. This is a great hands on opportunity for our 4-H members to bring awareness and promote the 4-H program. Please call or email the office to let us know that you would like to share your project within the Farm-A-Rama this year. Youth presenting for the 4-hour period will receive a FREE fair admission entry pass.

4-H FUNDRAISING TENT

The Fairgrounds has provided us with an area next to the Farm-A -Rama to put up our 4-H tent and hold club fundraisers. The tent will be available to any club to sell “healthy snacks”. Prepackaged offerings like bagged apples, small kiddie size waters, easy items kids can sell that don’t require gloves (nothing that competes with the Country Kitchen) but will complement the 4-H Healthy Living Mission Mandate.

This fundraising tent not only allows clubs to raise money at the fair, but also provides a location where our younger members can get involved in selling a product, as many of our youth are too young to participate within the Country Kitchen. Note that one 4-H volunteer must always be present with the youth. Clubs will purchase the items they wish to sell and then mark them up to make a profit. If your club is interested, please let us know what you will be selling and call or email the office to sign up for a 4-hour shift. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Two shifts are available daily 11- 3 or 3-7.

EASTERN STATES 4-H DAY PASS

If you are looking to check out Eastern States Exposition this year for 4-H Day on Saturday, September 14, 2019, free passes are offered. Families will be responsible for their own transportation. These need to be pre-ordered so we can make request for the tickets. **DEADLINE TO REQUEST TICKETS FROM THE 4-H OFFICE IS AUGUST 1st.**

FOOD BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AT THE END OF THIS MAILING. THEY ARE DUE BACK TO OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1st! THIS IS THE ONLY MAILING WHEN WE ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS EVENT.

Leaders, Parents, Friends of 4-H and Youth Members... you can help out in the following areas:

- **Country Kitchen**- Need to be 12 or older
- **Chicken BBQ Pit**- Need to be 18 or older
- **Ice Cream Parlor** – Need to be 8 or older

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Clubs are strongly encouraged to work hard to find youth & families to take one shift or find another club to split a shift or pull a crew together.
- Any youth or volunteer receiving scholarships or Book Awards to attend a 4-H event, should sign up to “Pay it Forward”.
- Either call, send in sign up form, or email laurie.field@unh.edu to sign up!

To plan our work shifts and to be assured we have coverage, we would like to hear from you by August 1st. Shifts not appearing on the sign up sheets are covered.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

You will receive a full day fair pass and a food voucher redeemable at the Country Kitchen for every four (4) hours you volunteer. All passes are paid for by the Merrimack County 4-H Leaders Association. Fair Entry Passes are sent directly to you in the mail 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 and any tickets that have been dispensed be returned. Without volunteers to cover shifts for all of these important roles, it jeopardizes our buildings during the fair. We will need to limit operations if we cannot fill building with volunteers which directly impacts funds back to the county program. **Please consider volunteering for any of the following roles!**

4-H CHICKEN BBQ

- **Pit Help:** Pit people to turn and cook chickens – we need a key volunteer to oversee the pit each day of the fair or at least one per shift. Pit people to rack chickens. Need to be 18 or older to volunteer.

ICE CREAM PARLOR

- Younger Youth Welcomed ... 8-12 Years of Age!
- 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, and serve the public.

4-H COUNTRY KITCHEN

We need people to:

- Be cashier and take orders (2 per shift)
- Prepare baked potatoes (1 each shift)
- **Grill Help:** 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 from the walk-in cooler. **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.

KEY LEADER NEEDED!

We need key leader coverage for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday in the Country Kitchen. The Key Leader helps to make sure operations run smoothly, safety procedures are followed, and all areas of operation are covered during the shift. To volunteer for this role or any of the above days contact 4-H Office at 603-796-2151.

GETTING READY FOR THE FAIR

For complete 4-H guidelines and exhibit criteria for members exhibiting in 4-H exhibit building go to <http://www.hsfairexhibitors.org/department-1-4-h-exhibit-hall/> to get your 4-H Exhibit Hall information. 4-Hers are expected to exhibit completed items made during the 4-H year. Items completed since July 1st of last year are eligible.

PROCEDURES TO GET ITEMS TO THE FAIR

- Prepare all items with current Exhibit Cards & Registration Form (All Exhibit Entry Forms are available at the 4-H Office or with your Club Leader)
- List items alphabetically by lot and class on entry form.
- Fill out 4-H Exhibit Registration Form for 4-H Exhibit Hall. It is a 3-page carbon form (available at the 4-H office).
- One item per lot unless otherwise specified in 4-H exhibitors fair guidelines.
- Leave entry form (see sample in the back of this mailing), 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 bringing them: Wednesday, August 28th, between 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm and Thursday, August 29th, between 8:00 am – 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 security.

SIGNUPS FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO FUN 4-H EVENTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE HOPKINTON STATE FAIR EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK AT: www.hsfairexhibitors.org

4-H FORESTRY EVENT

Beginning at 7:00 PM in the Hood Arena on Friday, August 30th, open to all 4-H Members ages 8 to 18. Sign-up required by August 5th. All equipment will be provided. Events will include peavey log roll, single person bucksaw, two person crosscut saw, cordwood stack, and a forestry knowledge quiz. Register online using the above link.

4-H SKILL-A-THON (ANIMAL SCIENCE EVENT)

Beginning at 7:00 PM, in the Hood Arena on Saturday, August 31st. Open to all 4-H Members ages 8 to 18. Youth will compete in teams of 2-4 in a series of Animal Science stations. Teams will be based on the number of sign-ups. Sign-up required

by August 5th. Stations could include, but are not limited to, proper animal identification, herd health scenarios, and animal handling techniques. Register online using the above link.

4-H RECORDS

4-H Records will be ready for pick up in mid-July. Your club leader will receive notification to pick them up. Only those records that went through the county judging process are eligible to be entered at the fair. All records must come to the fair **WITH COVERS**.

NEW! CUCUMBER TO PICKLE CHALLENGE

- Open to 4-H members ages 8-18 in Merrimack County.
- Youth grow their own cucumbers to be pickled.
- Pickles must be made using a refrigerator pickle recipe.
- Each youth submits 1 labeled jar of pickles.
- Entries will be evaluated and awarded premiums if they meet judging criteria.
- Jars will be opened and will not be suitable for eating after the fair.
- Include entries on your "Exhibit Registration Form" as Class K, Lot 3* with "Pickle Challenge" as the item description. Include an "Exhibit Card" with your entries. (*This challenge is separate from the Preserved Food Entries.)

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.
- 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's ability and should be nicely displayed. See exhibiting guidelines on the web page listed above.

GENERAL EXHIBITING TIPS CONTINUED

- 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 of last year 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 you get them signed up on your 4HOnline record.)
- 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 Nights in the fall. All checks are to be cashed within 60 days.
- Items exhibited by Merrimack County members at the Ruth Kimball Hall are not eligible for display at any other fair.
- Each qualifying exhibit will receive a ribbon. Blue ribbon, Red ribbon and White ribbon. Green ribbon, worthy of recognition, 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.
- Judges consider the difficulty of the project, and years enrolled in the project. Be accurate with this on the exhibit card. Goals are to be identified for project, to help judge.
- 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 identified.** If an entry is a set of

articles, fill out ONE EXHIBIT CARD but indicate how many articles are in the set.

- **Cleanliness of Articles:** Cover articles to keep dust off. Prepare items like pictures, photos, posters, arts and crafts, plants, and clothing so they can be hung.
- Worn 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 3 x 5 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 the 4-H Office at 603-796-2151. 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 from display. The judges reserve the right to remove items that aren't processed correctly.
- **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.



- **Resumes & Records:** Resumes and Records shown at Hopkinton State Fair must have covers and have been judged.
- **Clothing:** Cover all items with clear plastic bag or covering.

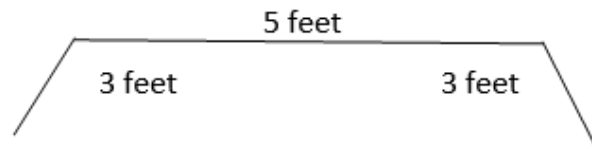
HELPING MEMBERS GET FAIR READY

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 member's skill level. Any Exhibit that arrives on Thursday, August 29th after 10:00am will not receive a premium.
- ✓ 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. Example: a cruel 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 Staff'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 the website:
http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource003204_Rep4640.pdf

CLUB EXHIBIT SPACE – A CLUB TEAM OPPORTUNITY!

- 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 the 4-H Office at 603-796-2151 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. You must have a bank account to accept the premium check. If a club does not have one, the check will be donated to the 4-H Foundation of Merrimack County.



CLUB EXHIBITS SHOULD BE SET UP BY 4-H MEMBERS WITH ONLY MINIMUM ASSISTANCE FROM LEADERS.

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 available.

HELPING MEMBERS GET FAIR READY

CLUB EXHIBIT CARDS

Cards have been designed 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 class, lot and article exhibited. There is also an OPTIONAL section. You do not have to fill this out, but judges report they can judge articles more fairly when the information is provided.

WHAT TO TELL THE JUDGE

- What did you plan to learn or do?
- What steps did you take to learn or do this?
- What were the most important things that you learned?

4-H CLUB BANNERS

Do you have a club banner? 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 the building. We realize some clubs have had banners for years, but there are several clubs who are new or who have never had one they have made.

PRODUCTION OF BANNER PANEL

The quilted panel could be made by using 2 pieces of muslin 2'1" x 3'1". This allows for 1/2 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 could be sewn together (right sides together) leaving an opening and then turned right side out. Tabs should be placed at the top for hanging quilt. Bring your banners when you bring your exhibits.

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
- 4-H Exhibit Cards

EXHIBIT PICK UP

The fair closes on Monday, September 2nd at 7:00 pm. Please be there to pick up your exhibits at 7:00pm! To park, leave your vehicle at G (green) gate, designated parking off Kearsarge Ave. Do not pay for parking outside at private parking areas. The fair has to get the grounds cleared before we are given clearance to remove exhibits. Carts or some way to wheel your exhibits out is helpful.

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 – Wednesday evening or Thursday morning before 10:00 am.
- Exhibit entry sheets for Cloverbud members need to be submitted as well.
- Members receive a participation ribbon for items exhibited.


EXHIBIT SECTION

EXHIBIT CARD 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** 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.



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.

<u>Materials Used</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Recycled</u>
<u>Hours (start to finish)</u>	2-4	5-10	10 or more
<u>Instructional Materials/Design</u>			
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.


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?





MERRIMACK COUNTY 4-H FAIR - EXHIBIT REGISTRATION

Name			Age (as of Jan. 1)	
Club				
<p><i>Directions: Complete one form per member exhibiting at the fair. The CLASS category should be in alphabetical order and the LOT within the class in numerical order. Write a brief description of the articles. (This should match the item listed on the exhibit cards). Fair staff will complete the Grade and Premium columns. This form must be completed accurately for premium payment</i></p>				
Class	Lot	Description	Grade	Premium
Total Items: _____		For Office Use Only	Premium Total \$ _____	

EXHIBIT HALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



JUDGES FOR THE 4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING

If you could assist in any way, it would be great! Judging will be done on Thursday, August 29th, starting at 9:30 am, followed by a judges' lunch sponsored by the Merrimack County Leader's Association.

We especially need judges in crafts, clothing, posters, photography, woodworking, heritage arts, cake decorating and gardening. You would not be judging by yourself, but with at least one other person in most instances. Most areas have judging sheets as guides. We need volunteers by August 1st in order to get organized and letters out.

RUTH KIMBALL EXHIBIT HALL MONITORS

Members 12 & older, as well as parents and leaders, are encouraged to assist with supervision of the exhibit hall. Laurie needs to be available to assist with various situations that arise, so volunteers are needed to cover the exhibit hall building at all times. While manning the building, you might be asked questions regarding 4-H, and who could answer better than a parent or older youth who has experienced the program. You are the validation for others that this might be a good program for their family. In other words, you serve as a sponsor of our program to others.

For four hours of watchful supervision per shift you receive a full day pass to the fair! We are not able to give tickets to family members only those who are committing to volunteer and cover the shift. A shift consists of 1-2 volunteers.



JUNIOR JUDGES

We want to encourage our older 4-Hers (12 & older), to sign up to be a judge. We want teens 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 display while judging is going on. A great way to build citizenship credits for a 4-Her's record.

HELP AFTER JUDGING

We need a few people who can help set up the building after all of the judging is done to make our building a "4-H Pride Showcase".

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Put ribbons on the exhibits
2. Collect exhibit cards
3. Set up/take down exhibits
4. Help arrange the building for public viewing
5. Volunteers to help sort cards and check to make sure each exhibit is judged



*ANIMAL SCIENCE SECTION *

ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUGUST 5th
ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!

ENTRIES CAN BE DONE ONLINE OR CAN BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE HOPKINTON STATE FAIR OFFICE. Be sure your entries are accurate and include ALL classes you want to enter. NO CLASSES will be added after the August 5th deadline!

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.**



Arrival: No animals will be allowed on the fairgrounds prior to 9:00am, Thursday, August 29th, with the exception of poultry, rabbit and cavy which must be penned between 12:00pm and 7:00pm on Wednesday, August 28th. All livestock must enter the fairgrounds through the agricultural gate. Health inspections will be conducted on all animals by the Show Superintendent prior to unloading. Please arrange your schedule accordingly. All animals (except horses and dogs which are not 4-day shows) must be on the grounds during health inspection times on Thursday, and remain until released on Monday.

Herdsmanship: In order to be eligible for Herdsmanship, animals must be penned all four (4) days. 4-H Dairy Cattle must be housed in the 4-H Barn area as designated. 4-H Exhibitors must choose either Open Herdsmanship or 4-H 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 contact the 4-H Office.

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 Friday. All of the above will be strictly enforced.

4-H Animal Science exhibitors are expected to have an educational display as part of their exhibit area. This is an effective way to deliver accurate and educational information to fairgoers even when you are unable to be at your exhibit. These displays are awarded points on the Herdsmanship Scorecard. NOTE: Failure to present a display will result in 0 points for all 4 days and prohibit an exhibitor from receiving a blue ribbon for Herdsmanship. Animal Science displays from Merrimack County 4-H members are eligible for premiums. You must submit and 4-H Exhibit Hall entry form (available from the office) to be considered. Educational posters would be entered in Class ZA, Lot NO. 3.

HSF 4-H PARADE: The parade occurs at 11:00am, each day of the fair. On days when exhibitors are not showing they will be asked to be a part of the parade.

TRANSPORTING YOUR ANIMALS: 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. You can download from the site: http://extension.unh.edu/resources/representation/Resource002670_Rep3956.pdf



***ANIMAL SCIENCE SECTION ***

FARM-A-RAMA FACILITIES

- Help is needed with the Farm-A-Rama Building
- As in the past, livestock groups have been asked to tend to 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 a team of both the adults and youth in the club. There needs to be youth involved with the adults. The group can decide who will be responsible. Let's have pride in our 4-H building and all pitch in to have everything run smoothly the 4 days of the fair. Help us be proud that we have the cleanest bathrooms at the fair! Call 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.**

GOLDEN PLUNGER AWARD

We will be awarding the "Golden Plunger Award" again this year. This award is voted on by leaders, youth and 4-H Families during the fair. The award is given to the species group who does an outstanding job keeping the Farm-A-Rama clean on their designated day. Additional items can be added to the facilities such as flowers, posters, tissue boxes etc. to show your groups spirit and pride.

HELP NEEDED IN FOOD BOOTHS

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

ACCIDENTS

We carry an accident policy on all 4-H members at the fair. 4-H Superintendents 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. Again 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 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.



***ANIMAL SCIENCE SECTION ***

FAIR PASSES

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 Sheep Show and 4-H Swine Show will receive wristbands good for the 4 days of the fair. Participants in the 4-H Dog Show receive a 1-day pass, good for entry the day of the show. 4-day exhibitors will receive 2 additional 4-Day Adult Passes, good for one swipe each day. 4-H Horse Exhibitors will not receive any passes, all entry to the fairgrounds will be handled at the gate by your 4-H superintendent.

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.



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 must sign up with a camp reservation form by August 9th. **Any camper 34 feet or longer CANNOT park on Ag Hill.** These larger campers will be parked in Green Parking. Register here:

<https://www.hsfairexhibitors.org/exhibitor-camping-parking/>

You will receive your lot assignment upon arrival. Campers may be dropped off for early drop off on Saturday, August 24th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM or on Sunday, August 25th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. No occupancy or hookups are permitted at this time. These are drop and go days ONLY. Campers may also be dropped off on additional drop off times from August 26th-28th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. All arrivals on additional drop off times must have received a scheduled time set up prior to arrival. Do not drop your camper without receiving a HSF camping tag from the parking attendant. Campers without tags may be removed.

All other vehicles remaining on the grounds for the duration of the Fair will be parked in designated parking areas. One (1) parking pass will be issued per farm/family. Vehicles are not allowed in the camping area.

- Charcoal or open fires (including gas grills) 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.

2019 ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

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 2019 New Hampshire Fairs and Shows).
2. 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.



3. Paperwork (i.e.: rabies certificates or interstate health certificate) needs to be presented at time of inspection.
4. No animal should be unloaded until the vet has completed inspection or authorized by department superintendent.
5. 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.

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.

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.

If an emergency arises, please call the Agricultural Office at (603) 746-4191. All animals showing symptoms of communicable disease will be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. The decision of the Fair Veterinarian is final. All animals (except horses and dogs which are not 4-day shows) must be on the grounds during check in times on Thursday, and remain until released on Monday.

* RABIES REQUIREMENTS FOR NH 4-H ANIMALS *

Upon the recommendation of the New Hampshire State Veterinarian, all mammals except rabbits and cavyies shown or exhibited at New Hampshire 4-H events including fairs, shows, clinics, 4-H club meetings, county activities day or any other event sponsored by 4-H, must have a current inoculation for rabies given at least 30 days prior to the event. In the event of an animal who had a prior current rabies vaccination, the 30-day prior to the event requirement is waived; for example a horse receiving a rabies vaccination May 1 of the prior year can receive a booster vaccination on May 1 of the current year and attend an event immediately. A licensed veterinarian administered rabies vaccination is recommended. *Always check with individual fair regulations for their requirements as some may require veterinarian certification.*

Immunization against rabies is recommended for all rabbits and cavyies shown in NH 4-H shows and other 4-H events, provided the animal is housed in a cage or hutch that prevents any direct contact with wildlife. Any rabbit or cavy housed in a situation that allows exposure to wildlife is required to be immunized against rabies. **Some fairs and events may require rabies vaccination for all rabbits and cavyies; be sure to check the animal health requirements for any event you plan to attend.**

All animals being displayed at fairs, shows and events should be restrained in a manner that would not allow the public to be bitten or exposed to saliva.

Rabies vaccinations cannot be given to 4-H animals under three months of age AND we require the vaccination be given at least 30 days prior to exhibiting an animal. All 4-H project animals requiring vaccination must be at least four months of age by show day to be shown, exhibited or brought to any 4-H event. For instance, a lamb born on April 30 could not be vaccinated until July 31 and couldn't be exhibited or brought to a 4-H event before August 30. Always check the fair book or show/event materials for the deadlines for the specific event.

Other health requirements vary by species and show. Individual shows and fairs may have additional vaccination and health requirements as recommended by the New Hampshire State Veterinarian's office. **Always check the fair book or event materials for additional health requirements.**

* NH 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW & AUCTION *

Monday, September 2, 2019
Hopkinton State Fair
Market Classes begin at 10:00am
Livestock Auction begins at 12:30pm

The NH 4-H Livestock Show & Auction will be held at the Hopkinton State Fair on Monday, September 2, 2019. Youth 4-H members will auction off their 4-H project animals they have been raising specifically for this event. The Livestock Show begins at 10:00 AM and buyers will get a chance to see the available animals to bid on. The Livestock Auction begins at 12:30 PM and bidders should be present or make arrangements to submit an absentee bid. If you are interested in learning more about the NH 4-H Livestock Show & Auction and would like to become a buyer or sponsor of the auction please contact Michelle Bersaw-Robblee at the Merrimack County 4-H Office.



Want to learn more and get involved? Contact Michelle Bersaw-Robblee at 603-796-2151 or by email at michelle.bersaw@unh.edu.

***FOOD BOOTH VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS ***

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Fair Dates: Friday, August 30 – Monday, September 2, 2019

Number of Fair Entry Tickets Needed: #Adult _____ #Youth _____

ICE CREAM PARLOR:

Friday: _____ 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Sunday: _____ 10:00 am – 3:30 pm _____ 3:15 pm – 9:00 pm

Monday: _____ 10:00 am – 3:30 pm _____ 3:15 pm – 7:00 pm

COUNTRY KITCHEN:

Friday: _____ 6:00 am – 10:00 am _____ 9:30 am – 1:30 pm _____ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm _____ 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Sunday: _____ 6:00 am – 10:00 am _____ 9:30 am – 1:30 pm _____ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm _____ 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Monday: _____ 6:00 am – 10:00 am _____ 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

CHICKEN BBQ *PIT* CREW:

Friday: _____ 8:30 am – 1:30 pm _____ 1:00 – 6:00 pm _____ Key Volunteer: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday: _____ 8:30 am – 1:30 pm _____ 1:00 – 6:00 pm _____ Key Volunteer: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday: _____ 8:30 am – 1:30 pm _____ 1:00 – 6:00 pm _____ Key Volunteer: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Monday: _____ 8:30 am – 1:30 pm _____ 1:00 – 6:00 pm _____ Key Volunteer: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

KEY VOLUNTEER FOR COUNTRY KITCHEN:

Friday: _____ Key Volunteer: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday: _____ Key Volunteer: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday: _____ Key Volunteer: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Monday: _____ Key Volunteer: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm



Need help to put the 4-H Log Cabin to bed: Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:00 am

☐ Check the box if you can help

IF YOU PREFER TO SIGN UP ONLINE PLEASE USE THIS LINK:

<https://bit.ly/2zsniJL>

Return ALL sign ups by August 1st!

Mail the page to Merrimack County 4-H, 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH 03303
Or email: laurie.field@unh.edu or call the 4-H Office at 603-796-2151 to sign up!

WATCHING THE 4-H EXHIBIT HALL SIGN UP

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Number of Fair Entry Tickets Needed: #Adult _____ #Youth _____

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

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	_____	_____	_____	_____
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	_____	_____	_____	_____
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	_____	_____	_____	_____ (5 - 7 pm)

Exhibit Building Volunteer Sign-up – List names of additional volunteers below:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

4-H EXHIBIT HALL JUDGING SIGN UP

Thursday, August 29th at 9:30 am

Sign up using the form below or contact the 4-H Office at 603-796-2151

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

CHECK BOX BELOW TO LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO JUDGE:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Club Scrapbooks | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Horsemanship/Animal Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Records, Memory | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Knitting/Crochet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Books, Resumes | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Exhibits | <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure Ed/Misc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Crafts (following 5) | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simple | <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal Work/Machines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior | <input type="checkbox"/> Entomology | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Fishing/Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate | <input type="checkbox"/> Foods | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Plant for Beauty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Posters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketry | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Better Rooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Safety | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cake Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Arts | |

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- ENTRANCES**
- 1 Yellow Gate
 - 2 Blue Gate
 - 3 Green Gate
 - 4 Red Gate

EQUINE EXPERIENCE



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DURGIN
PULLING ARENA



DEMOLITION DERBY



EST & GAME



MIDWAY

MAZE



Oxen Barn



PETTING ZOO



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