

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Premiums Offered - \$15,700

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THE 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

4-H Youth Development Education Programs create supportive environments for culturally diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential. In support of this, 4-H:

- Provides formal and non-formal, community-focused, experiential learning,
- Develops skills that benefit youth throughout life,
- Fosters leadership and volunteerism in youth and adults,
- Strengthens families and communities, and
- Uses research-based knowledge and the Land Grant University System.

As a result of participating in the Fair, 4-H members are provided with an educational experience that includes:

- Learning and mastering life skills throughout the 4-H year.
- An interactive evaluation process with an evaluator. Evaluators award and encourage work that meets or exceeds desired standards. Evaluators will also provide positive comments and information that will help a member to reach desired standards
- An opportunity to showcase a completed project.
- Development of positive sportsmanship habits.
- An opportunity to develop teamwork skills by working with and helping others.

These combined help youth to become capable, competent, and caring citizens in their communities.

It is the goal of 4-H to foster educational growth and development of youth through 4-H youth development program projects based on the teachings and research of the land grant colleges in the United States. In an attempt to reach that goal, the following rules and regulations have been established.

ERIE COUNTY 4-H RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Any youth, age 5 - 19, who is officially enrolled as a Cloverbud (5 – 8 year olds) or 4-H member (8 – 19 year olds) in the Erie County 4-H Program by May 1, 2008 may exhibit. Eight year olds may participate as either a Cloverbud or a 4-H member, but not both. Members exhibiting market beef, sheep, swine, meat goats, poultry that will be sold at auction must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2008. Members that are 8 years old as of January 1, 2008 may exhibit horses, dogs, poultry, rabbits, dairy, breeding sheep, breeding swine, breeding heifers and dairy goats. All animals must be shown by a 4-H member.
- 2) To promote continued participation and interest among older members, 4-H recommends a progression of challenging projects from basic to advanced.
- 3) Exhibits must be grown, made, or prepared by 4-H members since the 2007 Fair. No projects or entries that have been made for competition in another organization will be accepted.

B. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE 4-H MEMBERS

- 1) **ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE 4-H OFFICE, CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION CENTER, 21 SOUTH GROVE STREET, SUITE 300, EAST AURORA, NEW YORK 14052, ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008 AT 4:30 PM. THIS INCLUDES POSTAL AND PERSONAL DELIVERY TO THE OFFICE. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT POSTMARKS OF JULY 7 OR LATER! FAXED ENTRIES NOT ACCEPTED.**
- 2) ALL 4-H Animal Science exhibitors and their parents are required to sign the entry form stating they consent to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics as well as consenting to the rules and regulations stated in the 4-H Livestock Handbook, NYS 4-H Equine Show Rule Book, and the Erie County 4-H Dog Program Handbook.
- 3) No entry fee will be charged. There is no limit to the total number of exhibits entered per exhibitor; however, some classes have clearly stated limits. When two or more entries are exhibited in one class, they must be a significantly different recipe, variety, or design, etc.
- 4) If two exhibits are to be entered in one class, list the class number twice on the entry form.

C. PROCEDURES – Judging

*Judging of exhibits (except animals) takes place at the 4-H Youth Development Building on Saturday, August 2, 2008. Check the July 4-H News for Club judging times.

- 1) Exhibits will automatically be lowered one premium if they are not conforming to class specifications.
- 2) A Jr. Exhibitor's ticket will be given to each exhibitor. It is suggested that parents avail themselves of the opportunity to purchase a membership in the Erie County Agricultural Society. For further information, call 649-3900 ext. 404. This provides unlimited access to the Fair.
- 3) Members will pick up Junior Exhibitor tickets at the 4-H Youth Development Building on Saturday, August 2, 2008 (except for livestock). Remaining Junior Exhibitor tickets will be provided at 4-H Livestock Office starting Wednesday, August 6th.

D. PROCEDURES – Erie County Fair Overnight

- 1) All 4-H youth must leave the 4-H livestock area, barns, and tents by 10:30 PM and not return before 6:00 AM. Lights will go off at 11:00 PM. 4-H'ers will be allowed to take dairy animals to milking parlor during hours of operation.
- 2) All participants in the 4-H Youth Development Department staying on the grounds overnight must register and sleep in the 4-H Dormitory. Dormitory rules and regulations requiring signatures and parental permission slips must be completed for each youth exhibitor. Please contact the 4-H Office for the registration information.
- 3) Flagrant violations of the rules and regulations will result in expulsion from the dormitory of those involved, with a subsequent forfeit of awards, premiums and privileges of participating in the 4-H Youth Development Department of the 2009 America's Fair and/or New York State Fair.

E. PROCEDURES – Camping

- 1) A limited number of camping spaces are available for \$15 per night. Campers/tents are only allowed on the grounds for the duration that the exhibitors' animals are on the Fairgrounds.
- 2) The camping request form must be sent to America's Fair, Attn: 4-H Camping Request, 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, NY 14075, by Monday, July 7, 2008. Spots will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis.

F. PROCEDURES – Release & Premiums

- 1) Neither America's Fair nor Cooperative Extension nor New York State Fair assumes responsibility for the loss or damage done to exhibits while on display.
- 2) Exhibitors must pick up exhibits displayed in the 4-H Youth Development Building, Monday, August 18, 2008 between 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM. The 4-H Program is not responsible for any unclaimed items after 6:00 PM. All animal exhibits should be picked up as indicated, per species. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor not to remove his or her exhibits before the stated time. Exhibitors whose exhibits are removed before the stated time will automatically forfeit their premium money and all exhibiting privileges in the 4-H Youth Development Department of the 2008 America's Fair.
- 3) All premium checks (livestock & 4-H Youth Development Building exhibits) are available the last Sunday of the Fair, August 17th, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the Livestock Arena Office; and from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the 4-H Youth Development Building. They will also be released on Monday, August 19th, the day after the Fair in the Youth Development Building from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM. All adjustments to premium awards must be made on Sunday or Monday during hours noted. All checks must be cashed before November 30th of the current year or they will be forfeited to the Erie County Agricultural Society.

G. STANDARDS

- 1) REJECTION OR REFUSAL OF AN EXHIBIT.
 - A. The Erie County Fair shall reserve the right to reject/refuse an exhibit and order the removal of that exhibit from the Fairgrounds based on the opinion of its board of directors that an exhibit is not eligible or unworthy of showing or has not met the livestock health requirements.
 - B. The Erie County 4-H Youth Development shall reserve the right to reject /refuse an exhibit and order the removal of that exhibit from the Fairgrounds based on any of the following:
 - Failure to comply with 4-H rules and regulations
 - Failure to submit completed Fair entry by 4:30 PM, July 7, 2008
 - Behavior not consistent with 4-H standards including, but not limited to possession of or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances and/or possession of a firearm or weapon
 - Erie County Fair rules and regulations
 - IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics
 - C. Violations of any of the above may result in immediate expulsion of exhibit and exhibitor from the Fairgrounds, forfeit of all awards and premiums, and forfeit of future participation in the Erie County 4-H Youth Development Program, The Erie County Fair and New York State Fair.
- 2) In all cases involving the interpretation of the rules, regulations, and behavior herein and any item not covered by this premium list, the decision of the Extension Educator, or any designee thereof, will be final.

H. PROCEDURES – State Fair

- 1) If your exhibit is selected for display in the State Fair Youth Building, you will receive notification and procedures.
- 2) Because of the early date required for 4-H State Fair animal entries (Beef, Dairy, Dog, Horses, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine), any exhibitor planning on taking an animal to the State Fair must have his/her entry forms to the Erie County 4-H Office by 4:30 PM on Friday, July 25th. State Fair Livestock exhibitors are responsible for transporting their exhibits to and from State Fair. Members staying overnight at state fair must register for the dormitory or parents MUST sign a waiver as per State Fair Rules.
- 3) 4-H Youth Development Building exhibits with a purple sticker indicate that the exhibit was considered as a State Fair entry. Those with the State Fair ribbon indicate that the exhibit has been selected for State Fair.