



4-H Ontario

Important Dates:

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4-H – if you can dream it, you can learn it! Oxford 4-H Informer March/April 2024

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Oxford County 4-H Association March/April 2024

4-H Pancake Fundraiser

Jakeman's Maple Products 454414 Trillium Line, Sweaburg 9am-1:30pm

Weekends -- 16, 17, 23, 24 and April 6 & 7 Pancake meals made & served by Oxford 4-H youth/volunteers with proceeds to Oxford 4-H projects <u>Thank you to everyone who has supported the 4-H</u> <u>Pancake Fundraiser since March 9th --still time to</u> <u>support this great 4-H youth opportunity!!!</u>



Several local artisan vendors on site too!!

<u>4-H Ontario 2024 Resource Guide</u> Have you checked it out yet?? Opportunities—page 13-15 AND page 22-26 Competitions—page 16-18 Lots for youth & volunteers!!!

Check out Oxford County 4-H Facebook

for updates!

Or on the web at https://4-hontario.ca/association/oxford-4-hassociation/

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Oxford webpage: <u>https://4-</u> <u>hontario.ca/association/oxfor</u> d-4-h-association/

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OXFORD COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

In-person meetings with zoom/call-in option, 2nd Wednesday of each month 7:30PM

Apr 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct9, Nov 13, Dec 11, Jan 8

Meetings held in-person with zoom/call-in option, attended by the Board and Association Contacts & Coordinators. Location: 677140 $16^{\rm th}$ Line, Tavistock

It is very important for posting on Facebook and any social media that Oxford 4-H have permission from the parents/guardians of our 4-H youth. If 4-H youth and/or parents/guardians has not given permission for their photo or name to be published - please inform the Communications Coordinator at <u>oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com</u>

VOLUNTEER TRAINING – 4-H ONTARIO POLICY

All registered volunteers must attend a training workshop offered locally, regionally or provincially a minimum of every 36 months or more frequently according to local Association policy. Please keep your training current – BEFORE leading a club.

KEEP YOUR TRAINING CURRENT - Volunteer re-engagement training is every three (3) years, police checks are every three (3) years, Commit To Kids every three (3) years

Oxford County 4-H Association AGM – January 29, 2025

<u>NOTE:</u> Age of participant for membership & opportunities is based on age as of December 31

4-H News

<u>4-H Ontario Youth Participant Registration</u> will all be done online. The online registration form can be found on the 4-H Ontario website https://4-hontario.ca/youth/become-a-member/

In-person Meetings

4-H Ontario has lifted the requirement to submit Activity Plans for club meetings and local activities. It is important to keep in mind that Activity Plans will continue to be required for the following events and programs: Multi-club or regional events (including but not limited to livestock shows, Regional Go for the Gold, Judging Competitions)

4-H organized transportation and/or accommodations (i.e. field trips, livestock shows including the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair)

High-risk activities (i.e. skiing, water activities, paintball, woodsmen competition, operation of recreational vehicles) Services from third-party providers requiring a waiver (i.e. archery or shooting range, trampoline park, etc.)

Contact Melinda if you have any questions about Regional or Provincial events region5@4-hontario.ca

<u>Volunteers</u>—all volunteers required to complete the online Participation Form annually – form on the 4-H Ontario website https://4-hontario.ca/2022-4-h-volunteer-participation-form/

<u>2024 Volunteer E-Symposiums</u> – 7-8pm Contact Melinda to register for E-Symposiums at region5@4-hontario.ca	
Date	Торіс
Monday, April 15, 2024	The Many Methods to Deliver Club Content
Monday, May 13, 2024	Rocking, Respecting, and Representing the 4-H Brand
Monday, June 03, 2024	So You're a 4-H Volunteer, What Next?
Monday, June 17, 2024	3 T's on Livestock Clubs and Events; Tips, Tricks and Tools

2024 4-H Ontario Volunteer Conference 'Building Connections 4 Brighter Horizons'

When: March 22-23, 2024

Where: Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, Richmond Hill, ON

Keynote Speaker:

Andrew Campbell, the Value of Making A Connection

Watch for reports in the next Oxford 4-H Informer from the Oxford 4-H volunteer attendees

2024 4-H Ontario Youth Participant Registration

4-H Ontario is excited to welcome 4-H'ers to the program for 2024! The 2024 4-H Ontario youth participant registration is available online.

How: The 2024 online registration form is available on the 4-H Ontario website and can be accessed by clicking the 'Register' button at the top of the website or link https://4-hontario.ca/youth/become-a-member/

<u>Cost:</u> Each 4-H youth participant will be responsible for paying their \$100 provincial participant fee using the online registration on the 4-H Ontario website. The online registration form can be found on the 4-H Ontario website. <u>Subsidy:</u> The Oxford County 4-H Association passed a motion at the Oct 11, 2023 Association meeting to subsidize the provincial youth participant fee by \$25 for Oxford 4-H youth for 2024. Therefore, Oxford 4-H youth will pay \$75 to join 4-H in 2024.

<u>Reimbursement</u>: The Oxford County 4-H Association will reimburse Oxford 4-H youth participant fee at the beginning of each month. Example, if you pay your participant fee in January, a reimbursement payment will be sent to you in the early part of February.

If you have any questions or need help with registration, please contact the Oxford 4-H Communications Coordinator <u>oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com</u> or 519-854-6919

***Before registering, please confirm the club/project will be available contact club volunteer or Oxford 4-H Communications Coordinator

oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com or 519-854-6919.

Oxford 4-H Club Virtual Meetings

Oxford County 4-H Association has zoom accounts for use by 4-H clubs if your club is planning to have virtual meetings. Please contact the Oxford 4-H Communications Coordinator to make arrangements to set up your virtual club meetings

Oxford County 4-H Association Join Oxford **2024 Special Class for Oxford Fairs** County 4-H Create a word search or crossword puzzle pertaining to 4-H, **Facebook to see** minimum 20 words, 8¹/₂" x 11" sheet of paper, provide answer sheet. what's Prizes: 1st \$15.00, 2nd \$12.00, 3rd \$10.00, happening in 4th \$8.00, 5th \$5.00 Open to all current paid youth members the world of with Oxford 4-H for 2024 **4-H** Entry dates—Oxford County Fairs Woodstock – Aug 22 Tavistock – Sept 6 Embro -- Sept 13 Drumbo – Sept 18

Mark your calendar for March/April/May events

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May 8 – Association mtg May 13 – E-Symposium-Rocking, Respecting, and Representing the 4-H Brand May 25 – Livestock Project registration deadline

Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks to Oxford Agropro Ltd for printing this newsletter (as requested) for us!!

Thank you to South-West Oxford Township for the \$500 donation to Oxford 4-H!!

Thank you to Zorra Township for the \$500 donation to Oxford 4-H!!

Thank you to all the families for enrolling into the Oxford 4-H program!!

The Oxford County 4-H Association appreciates all the donations and support from businesses, organizations and community supporters to make the 4-H program available to youth in our communities!!

4-H Club Fundraiser Available

at

Reuseapaloozaha Brownsville Community Centre

April 20th

8:00am-noon

Serving snacks & beverages

Contact bryasmit@oxford.net

The **George Thornton Bequest**, received in 2014, is governed by the George Thornton Gift Agreement, and managed with advice from the Finance Committee. Oxford County 4-H is guided by George Thornton's request that funds be used to support 4-H in Oxford County. It is the policy of the Oxford County 4-H Association to withdraw from the principal of the bequest annually and to spend those funds on (a) project(s) that benefit(s) all 4-H youth in Oxford County, or on the work of the Association in support of Oxford 4-H youth.

2023 projects—reimburse each project \$250 registered between July 1/22 – June 30/23; subsidize Oxford 4-H youth registration by \$20; AND catered dinner for 4-H youth/volunteers/families in Oxford 4-H projects at Oxford 4-H Awards Night in November.

Looking for ideas for 2024 projects-send to oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com

Oxford 4-H CLUBS

Oxford Quilting 4-H Club-Club volunteer-Linda Humphrey oxfordquilting.4hclub@gmail.com

Mt Elgin 4-H Club-Club volunteers Julie DeBruyn, Carolyn Wilson <u>crwilsonj@xplornet.ca</u>

Brooksdale 4-H Club-Club volunteers Kaitlin McKay, Elizabeth Bruce, Laura Green <u>lauracgreen77@gmail.com</u>

Thamesford 4-H Club

Club volunteers Deb Bailey, Amy Brekelmans, Christy Brekelmans <u>c brekelmans@hotmail.com</u>

Oxford Cloverbud 4-H Club-

Club volunteers Michelle McCoy, Rachel McKinlay, Laura Langford, Marian Sterk, Shonna Ward <u>oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com</u>

Square Dance 4-H Club-Club volunteers Jane Danen, Kirsten Dill, Jack Danen jjdanen@netflash.net

Community 4-H Club-

Rhubarb Jam & Grape Jelly for sale (\$3.50) with proceeds to Canadian Cancer Society. Contact Shonna Ward to order 519-854-6919 or wardshonna@hotmail.com. **Club also collects year**

round used electronics— TV, computer items, printers, microwaves, Christmas lights, telephones



Hickson 4-H Club-Club volunteers: Marilyn Lichti, Jane Danen, Karen Witmer, Shonna Ward wardshonna@hotmail.com

Oxford Beef 4-H Club-

Club volunteers Shawn Weir, Sarah Pletsch, Sandy Walters, Amy Reinhart <u>reinstonefarms@gmail.com</u>

Fancy Feathers 4-H Club-

Club volunteers Val Jones, Geoff Innes ginnes@xplornet.ca

Bonds Dairy 4-H Club-

Club volunteers Jayme Emerson, Alison Karn, Dwight Hargreaves, T-J Richardson tj hargreaves@yahoo.ca

North Oxford Dairy 4-H Club-

Club volunteers Rachel McKinlay, Sarah McIntosh, Cate McCorquodale, Jack Danen jjdanen@netflash.net

Oxford Swine 4-H Club-

Club volunteers Melvin Bergsma, John DeBruyn, Christy Brekelmans <u>c brekelmans@hotmail.com</u>

Ingersoll Kiwanis Dairy 4-H Club-

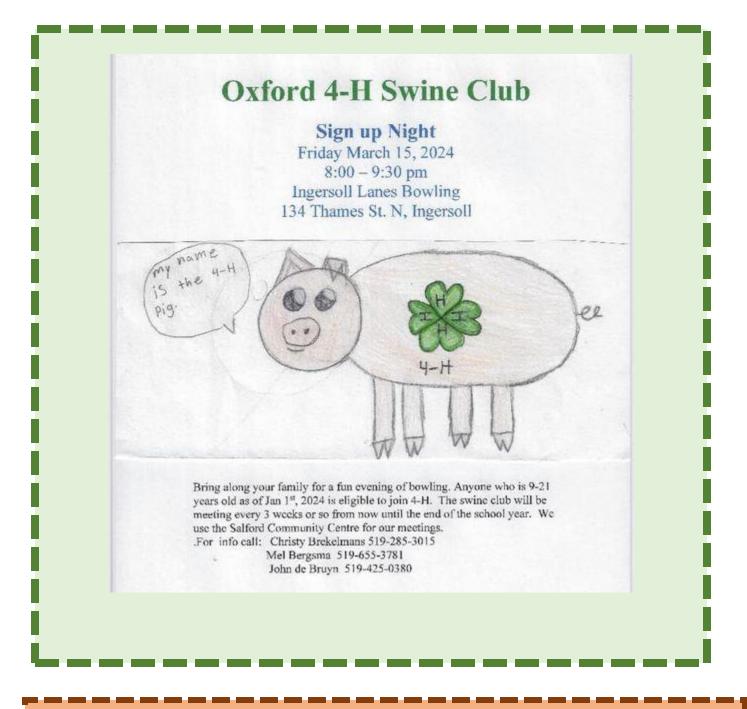
Club volunteers Jamie Atkinson, Dean Karn, Amanda Vandergaast, Taylor Karn, Karen Karn <u>kkarn@xplornet.com</u>

Oxford Beef 4-H Club

2nd Meeting Monday, April 8th – 1:30pm Ontario Beef Research Centre Elora Contact Amy for information reinstonefarms@gmail.com



Oxford 4-H Mugs \$8 Contact CC to buy oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com



Mt Elgin 4-H Club

Sporting Chance 4-H Project

Starts March 21

Meetings held on Thursday nights

Contact Julie for more information julie.debruyn@hotmail.com

Livestock Dates

March 16-17 - Spring 4ward Jr Beef Event Ancaster Fairgrounds April 27-28 - Youth Forum Beef Show Lindsay Fairgrounds May 17-18 – Valley Junior Beef Sweepstakes **Carp Fairgrounds** May 25 – Livestock Project Registration deadline AssistExpo July 8-9 - EastGen Dairy Challenge Woodstock Fairgrounds July 11-12 – Junior Dairy Show Woodstock Fairgrounds August 24 – Open Oxford 4-H Dairy Show Woodstock Fair August 24 - Open Beef 4-H Show Woodstock Fair August 25 – Oxford Beef 4-H Club Achievement Day **Tavistock Fairgrounds** Sept 7 – North Oxford Dairy 4-H Club Achievement Day Tavistock Fair Sept 21 – Western Ontario Dairy Championship Show Stratford Fairgrounds Nov 1-2 - National Junior Beef Heifer Show **Royal Agricultural Winter Fair** Nov 4-5 – TD Dairy Classic Show Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

Oxford County 4-H Judging/Critical Thinking Event – TBD

Square Dance 4-H <u>Project</u> next mtg March 22 at 7pm at Danen's Contact <u>jidanen@netflash.net</u> for more information

Community 4-H Club

Want to be part of a club that supports the Canadian Cancer Society? Meeting activities will be social recreation Contact Shonna wardshonna@hotmail.com

Thamesford 4-H Club A World of Food 4-H Project

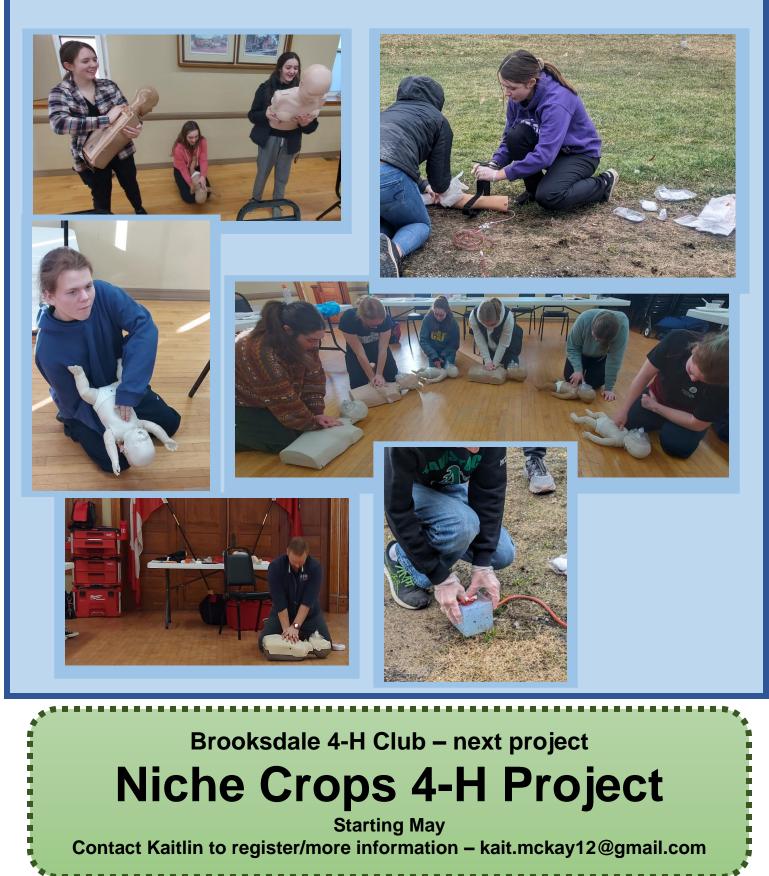
Started Feb 29 – 2nd meeting March 21

Contact Christy for more information c brekelmans@hotmail.com

Have you joined the Facebook page for Oxford County 4-H or Oxford Clover Buds to keep informed?? 4-H Youth Participant Fee for 2024 \$100 with subsidy of \$25 for Oxford 4-H Youth See page 4 for more details

First Aid-CPR-AED Level C 4-H project—

On Saturday February 3rd & Sunday February 11th the Hickson 4-H Club hosted thirteen 4-H youth and two 4-H volunteer participants in the First Aid-CPR-AED Level C 4-H project at the Tavistock Men's Club Hall to receive their certification. The course was led by 4-H Volunteer & Instructor Ben Lindner.



Cloverbuds 4-H Club-

The Oxford Cloverbud 4-H Club first meeting was January 28th at the Norwich Curling Club; then Feb 25th at Sweaburg United Church doing various activities (woodworking, colouring, puzzle making). Other activities for 2024 are 'Community Heroes & Safety', 'Horses', 'Fruits & Vegetables', Discovery Days, 'Water & Bubbles', 'Poultry' and helping at the 4-H Pancake Fundraiser in March.

Cloverbud program is for youth ages 6-8 (by Jan 1st). If you are interested in learning more about the Oxford Cloverbud 4-H Club or helping to form a 2nd Cloverbud 4-H Club in Oxford, please contact <u>oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com</u>



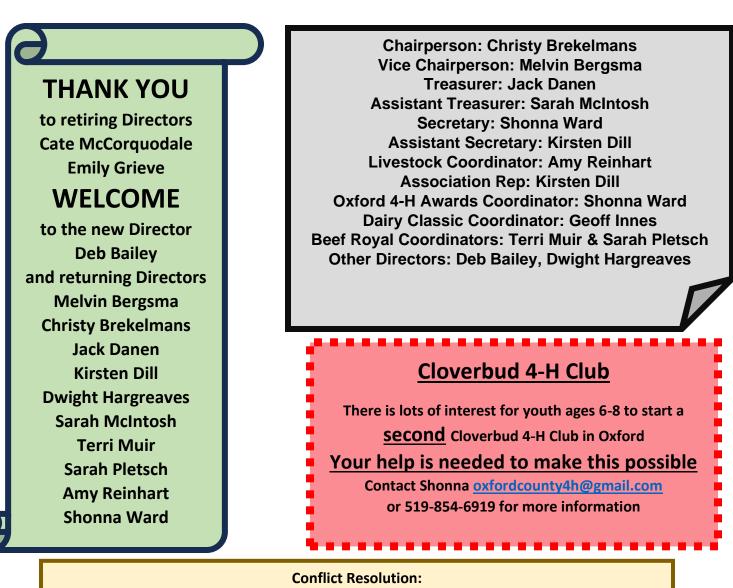
Mt Elgin 4-H Club-

These past couple of months, Mount Elgin 4-H has been making and learning about pizza. We had 6 meetings and 1 achievement day. Every meeting, we go from 7 to 9 o clock and we did something different. The first meeting, we chose people to be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and press reporter. We then made monkey bread pizza and garlic sticks. On the second meeting, we made veggie pizza and garlic chicken pizza. We also learned about how to check the ingredients on a food product or restaurant food. The third meeting we split into groups. We had two people making gluten-free egg free pizzas one group making pull apart Christmas tree pizza, one group making candy cane pizza and one making dessert pizza. For the 4th meeting, each member designed and made their own personal pizza. We discussed about how to judge and then judged 2 classes of pizza items – pizza pans and cutting utensils. For the 5th meeting we went to Dominos in Ingersoll. We made our own pizzas and while we waited, we got a tour of the shop. The guy that gave us a tour showed where they store the toppings and dough. We also got to see how the online orders are sent in. When we got the pizzas from the oven, we ate them. We then got into groups to do a scavenger hunt about Pizza items next door at Foodland. Meeting six was really fun; we made brownie dessert pizza, giant pizza pockets and pizza dip. We couldn't get the brownie off the pan, so we all grabbed spoons and dug in. For Achievement Day, we had a sort of potluck - everyone made pizza. We were allowed to bring friends and family. We all played a Kahoot game about Pizza and 4-H in general and then just played around.

That's what the 4-H Mount Elgin club did for our project this time.







All conflicts or related concerns within 4-H in Oxford County must be submitted in writing, signed, and addressed to the Association Chairperson. All matters will be addressed confidentially by the Association Executive (see Oxford County 4-H Association Constitution, Article V F.)

Hickson 4-H Club

Denim Quilt 4-H Project

April 13 & 27 – 9am-4pm

Other dates TBD

Contact Shonna to register or for more information

wardshonna@hotmail.com

Register by March 25th

Ontario Spring Discovery – 2nd Future Fitters Competition

Saturday March 23

Starts at 9:30am

Ages 9-21

Perrinridge Farms Ltd, 1286 Industrial Road, Ayr

REGISTER by

https://www.cognitoforms.com/JerseyOntario/_2024FutureFittersCompetition?fbclid=IwAR0AssQWQzWecW8tALQS5kPuE1 dB3KzYVwSwl6kNAnJrXDohfgUDFYNCLac

Refreshments & pizza lunch provided along with cash prizes for everyone!!!

Oxford District Women's Institute 4-H Scholarship

Eligible: 4-H youth entering 1st year of post-secondary education

Amount: One (1) scholarship annually worth \$1,000

Contact Oxford 4-H Communications Coordinator for electronic Application oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com

Note: Oxford District Women's Institute Community Scholarship available at High School Guidance One (1) scholarship worth \$1,000. 4-H youth members can apply for both but only receive one <u>Due: April 30th</u>

4-H Pancake Fundraiser

Come to support this great 4-H youth opportunity by dining there or helping at the event See front page for dates and more information

4-H Canada Careers on the Grow--

Paws, Hooves, and Beyond: Exploring Veterinary Science Careers Webinar

> Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024 Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m. ET Location: via Zoom Register: https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/6CXZ9JR

HEAD HEAT HEAT HANDS

To all the 4-H famílíes who have lost a loved one, we share in your grief and offer heartfelt condolences to you and your family.