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More event dates on page 5

**4-H – if  
you can  
dream it,  
you can  
learn it!**

Oxford 4-H Informer  
May/June 2024

# Oxford 4-H Informer

Oxford County 4-H Association May/June 2024

## **Oxford 4-H Judging/Critical**

### **Thinking Event**

**Saturday June 15th**

**9:30am-12:30pm**

**Markhill Farm (523978 Curry Road)**

**Lunch provided**

**ALL Oxford 4-H Youth invited to participate**

**Classes:**

**Potatoes**

**Beef Cattle**

**4-H Promotional Cards**

**Plus more!!!**

**General 4-H Quiz**

**Parents/youth: please  
cash the 4-H youth  
participant subsidy  
refund cheque  
distributed by  
Oxford 4-H. Thank You!!**

**NEW QR Code for Oxford 4-H**



**Check it out!!**

**Check out Oxford County 4-H Facebook  for updates!**

**Or on the web at <https://4-hontario.ca/association/oxford-4-h-association/>**

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### OXFORD COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

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

**June 12, July 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct9, Nov 13, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, April 9**

Meetings held in-person with zoom/call-in option, attended by the Board and Association Contacts & Coordinators. Location: 677140 16<sup>th</sup> 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 [oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com)**

### 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  
Renewal volunteer training after AGM**

**NOTE: Age of participant for membership & opportunities is based on age as of December 31**

## 4-H News

**4-H Ontario Youth Participant Registration** 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](mailto:region5@4-hontario.ca)

**Volunteers—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/>**

### **2024 Volunteer E-Symposiums – 7-8pm**

**Contact Melinda to register for E-Symposiums at [region5@4-hontario.ca](mailto:region5@4-hontario.ca)**

Date	Topic
Monday, May 13, 2024	Rocking, Respecting, and Representing the 4-H Brand
Monday, June 03 & 24, 2024	So You're a 4-H Volunteer, What Next?
Monday, June 10, 2024	What's New in 4-H Volunteerism?
Monday, June 17, 2024	3 T's on Livestock Clubs and Events; Tips, Tricks and Tools

### **4-H Ontario Provincial Judging Competition --online**

Four age categories: 6-8, 9-12, 13-15 and 16-21 years old

Judging open July 15th – August 15th

More details for 2024 event on the 4-H

Ontario website

<https://4-hontario.ca/youth/4-h-events/competitions/>

### **4-H Ontario Summer Virtual Art Show**

Four age categories: 6-8, 9-12, 13-15 and 16-21 years old

More details on the 4-H Ontario website

<https://4-hontario.ca/youth/4-h-events/competitions/>

Four Categories: Painting/Drawing, Photography, Craft/Sculpture, Food Art

## 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/>

**Cost:** 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.

**Subsidy:** 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.

**Reimbursement:** 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 [oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com) 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](mailto:oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com) or 519-854-6919.**

### Oxford 4-H Club Virtual Meetings

Oxford County 4-H Association has a zoom account 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 2024 Special Class for Oxford Fairs

Create a word search or crossword puzzle pertaining to 4-H,  
minimum 20 words, 8½" x 11" sheet of paper,  
provide answer sheet.

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> \$15.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$12.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10.00,  
4<sup>th</sup> \$8.00, 5<sup>th</sup> \$5.00

Open to all current paid youth members  
with Oxford 4-H for 2024

Entry dates—Oxford County Fairs

Woodstock – Aug 22  
Tavistock – Sept 6  
Embro -- Sept 13  
Drumbo – Sept 18

Join Oxford  
County 4-H  
Facebook to see  
what's  
happening in  
the world of  
4-H



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May 28 – Quilting as Art mtg 1  
May 30 – Oxford 4-H booth at Zorra Highland School open house  
June 3 – E-Symposium So You're a 4-H Volunteer, Now What?  
June 7 – Community 4-H Club at Relay for Life  
June 8 – Oxford Beef mtg  
June 10 – Youth Adventure Camp registration deadline  
June 10 – E-Symposium What's New in 4-H Volunteerism?  
June 12 – Association mtg  
June 15 – Oxford 4-H booth at Thamesford Lion event  
June 15 – Oxford 4-H Judging/Critical Thinking event  
June 24 – Discovery Day Dorchester registration deadline  
June 10 – E-Symposium New Volunteer Information  
July 10 – Association mtg  
July 15 – Provincial Judging Competition starts  
July 18 – Oxford Go for the Gold team registration due  
July 23 – Oxford Go For The Gold

## *Thank You! Thank You!*

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

Thank you to Ayr Farmers Mutual Insurance Company for the \$600 donation to the Oxford 4-H program!!

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 Crop Club Sampler

Come explore the following topics:

- \* Crop Varieties and Seed Types
- \* Scouting, Pests, Weeds and Research
- \* Building a Competitive Wheat Sheaf
- \* Seed Art

Meeting #1 May 23 @ 7:00 p.m. at Kim DeKlein's 2201 Mossley Drive, Mossley

If interested and for more information contact:

Kim DeKlein [zesklein@execulink.com](mailto:zesklein@execulink.com) or

Geoff Innes [ginnes@xplornet.ca](mailto:ginnes@xplornet.ca)

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](mailto:oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com)



## Oxford 4-H CLUBS

### **Oxford Quilting 4-H Club-**

Club volunteer-Linda Humphrey  
[oxfordquilting.4hclub@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordquilting.4hclub@gmail.com)

### **Mt Elgin 4-H Club-**

Club volunteers Julie DeBruyn,  
Carolyn Wilson  
[crwilsonj@xplornet.ca](mailto:crwilsonj@xplornet.ca)

### **Brooksdale 4-H Club-**

Club volunteers Kaitlin McKay,  
Elizabeth Bruce, Laura Green  
[lauracgreen77@gmail.com](mailto:lauracgreen77@gmail.com)

### **Thamesford 4-H Club**

Club volunteers Deb Bailey, Amy  
Brekelmans, Christy Brekelmans  
[c\\_brekelmans@hotmail.com](mailto:c_brekelmans@hotmail.com)

### **Oxford Cloverbud 4-H Club-**

Club volunteers Michelle McCoy,  
Rachel McKinlay, Laura Langford,  
Marian Sterk, Shonna Ward  
[oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com)

### **Square Dance 4-H Club-**

Club volunteers Jane Danen,  
Kirsten Dill, Jack Danen  
[jjdanen@netflash.net](mailto:jjdanen@netflash.net)

### **Community 4-H Club-**

Relay for Life June 7<sup>th</sup> at  
Waterloo Oxford District  
Secondary School  
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](mailto: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](mailto:wardshonna@hotmail.com)

### **Oxford Beef 4-H Club-**

Club volunteers Shawn Weir, Sarah Pletsch,  
Sandy Walters, Amy Reinhart  
[reinstonefarms@gmail.com](mailto:reinstonefarms@gmail.com)

### **4-H Crop Club Sampler-**

Club volunteers Kim DeKlein, Geoff Innes  
[ginnes@xplornet.ca](mailto:ginnes@xplornet.ca)

### **Bonds Dairy 4-H Club-**

Club volunteers Jayme Emerson, Alison Karn,  
Dwight Hargreaves, T-J Richardson  
[tj\\_hargreaves@yahoo.ca](mailto:tj_hargreaves@yahoo.ca)

### **North Oxford Dairy 4-H Club-**

Club volunteers Rachel McKinlay, Sarah  
McIntosh, Terri Muir, Jack Danen  
[jjdanen@netflash.net](mailto:jjdanen@netflash.net)

### **Oxford Swine 4-H Club-**

Club volunteers Melvin Bergsma, John  
DeBruyn, Christy Brekelmans  
[c\\_brekelmans@hotmail.com](mailto:c_brekelmans@hotmail.com)

### **Ingersoll Kiwanis Dairy 4-H Club-**

Club volunteers Jamie Atkinson, Dean Karn,  
Amanda Vandergaast, Taylor Karn, Karen  
Karn [kkarn@xplornet.com](mailto:kkarn@xplornet.com)

### **Oxford Beef 4-H Club**

3rd Meeting

Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> – 9am

Norpac, Norwich

Contact Amy for information

[reinstonefarms@gmail.com](mailto:reinstonefarms@gmail.com)



Oxford 4-H Mugs \$8

Contact CC to buy

[oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com)

## Regional 4-H Dairy Judging 4-H Project

1<sup>st</sup> meeting May 25

Other mtg dates: June 3, June 24, July 15, July 29, Aug 12, Aug 17

Contact for more information or to register for the project

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Val [jorenholsteins@gmail.com](mailto:jorenholsteins@gmail.com) 519-536-3146

## Oxford Go For The Gold (GFTG)

Tuesday, July 23rd 7pm

Salford Community Hall

Project Manuals: • A Sporting Chance - Dance • Agricultural Hazards • Beef: The Beef Farm (Section 2) • Cavy • Farm Machinery - Tractors • Horse - General Knowledge • Let's Landscape • Pizza • Pollinators • Protecting Planet Earth • Small But Mighty Machines • Swine

All games will consist of 50 questions. At the local and regional level, games will consist of short answer, multiple choice, who/what am I, pop-up, team discussion and snapper questions.

Brooksdale & Oxford Swine 4-H Clubs organizing GFTG

Register by July 18th

Melvin [melvin.bergsma@gmail.com](mailto:melvin.bergsma@gmail.com) or

Christy [c\\_brekelmans@hotmail.com](mailto:c_brekelmans@hotmail.com)

**Want a 4-H T-shirt?? See page 17 for order information—orders due Monday, May 13th**

Brooksdale 4-H Club – next project

Niche Crops 4-H Project

Starting May 11th

Contact Kaitlin to register/more information – [kait.mckay12@gmail.com](mailto:kait.mckay12@gmail.com)

## Livestock Dates

May 17-18 – Valley Junior Beef Sweepstakes  
Carp Fairgrounds

**May 25 – Livestock Project Registration deadline  
AssistExpo**

**June 15 – Oxford County 4-H Judging/Critical  
Thinking Event @ 523978 Curry Road, Ingersoll**

June 1 – registration deadline for EastGen Dairy Challenge

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

## Discovery Days

Ages 6-12 One-day \$35+HST

July 6 (register by June 24) – Dorchester

July 13 (register by July 1) -- Listowel  
9:30am-3:30pm

Theme “Mighty 4-H” – create a fun  
craft, decorate t-shirt, make snack,  
Olympics, Go For The Gold, pizza lunch  
and more!!!

Sponsored by Beef Farmers of Ontario

## Youth Adventure Camp

August 18-21

Camp Winnebago, Huntsville

Ages 12-15 \$375+HST

Register by June 10th

four days and three nights of learn to do  
by doing activities in leadership,  
teamwork, communication and more,  
like get to swim, canoe, play games, enjoy  
campfires and have camp challenge nights

Sponsored by Beeler Family Fund

## Quilting as Art 4-H Project

- A combination of quilting/sewing and art with the opportunity to play with the extra stitches on the sewing machine, learn applique, paper piecing, hand embroidery, embellishment..... Members will make a small landscape quilt (no larger than 18" x 24") and then the sky's the limit. Open to both juniors and seniors. - no need to be an experienced sewist.

Contact Linda ([oxfordquilting.4hclub@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordquilting.4hclub@gmail.com)) for more information.

1st meeting - May 28 at the Village Manor, Tavistock

Have you checked out the new QR Code  
for Oxford 4-H OR 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



## Hickson 4-H Club -- Denim Quilt 4-H Project

Meeting one & two were held at the Tavistock Men's Club Hall with twenty youth learning to make a denim quilt from used jeans with various colours & designs. The members are able to use their creativity to design their own denim quilt. Some members have been able to finish their denim quilts, with others working along to complete them. Watch the fairs for their denim quilts being entered into various classes!!



## Impact 4-H Conference

October 18-20    ages 14-21    Oakville

Applications were emailed to Oxford 4-H youth April 11

Application submissions due May 31 — Oxford 4-H only has 6 positions available to fill

Don't delay – apply now!!!



## Cloverbuds 4-H Club—

The Oxford Cloverbud 4-H Club April meeting 'Community Heroes & Safety' was at the Thamesford Firehall. The May 'Mad Science' meeting is at the end of May. Other mtg topics will be 'Horses', 'Fruits & Vegetables', Discovery Days, 'Water & Bubbles', 'Poultry'. Some Cloverbuds helped 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Cloverbud 4-H Club in Oxford, please contact [oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com)



## 4-H Ontario 2024 Volunteer Conference – submitted by Kirsten Dill

Building Connections 4 Brighter Horizons hosted by Region 1 was held March 22-23 in Richmond Hill.

I arrived Saturday morning and enjoyed a delicious breakfast while listening to keynote speaker Andrew Campbell who spoke on “The Value of Connecting: How to build a personal brand and network that you can use.”

Next up was regional jam sessions. Region 6 met, and the topic discussed was “Managing Stress.” Roll call was “did you have any stress leading up to the AGM? What did you do to manage it”? We discussed stress vs. burnout and what are some ways your association can reduce volunteer burnout.

There were three morning workshops offered. I attended Meeting Management. The topic was “why are effective meetings important?” The speaker mentioned five items for effective meetings. Agenda creation, roles and responsibilities, time management, active listening and learn to do by doing. Plan a meeting to be ¼ business, ¼ social fun and ½ education.

The 4-H Ontario Ambassador recognition luncheon started by saying thank you the outgoing 2023 ambassadors welcoming in 6 new 2024 ambassadors.

After lunch, the first workshop I attended the Real Dirt on Farming Resource. The Real Dirt on Farming magazine has just put out their sixth edition. The booklet was created through a partnership of the three Farm and Food Care organizations. 4-H Ontario has announced that they have put together a resource manual called Real Dirt on Farming in collaboration with the magazine.

The second workshop I attended was New Project Releases. New or redone projects are Dirt on Farming, Eye on Energy and A World of Food in Canada. Coming soon is Cultural Diversity. Sneak peek for 2025 is On Your Own You Can Do It, Sheep and TBD. We got to sample over 10 different recipes from World of Food project. There were definitely some yummy treats.

Lastly was the 4-H Ontario Arbor Awards banquet. Two very deserving recipients received the highest possible 4-H Ontario award, Darrell Bergsma and Suzanne Barker. After dinner the silent auction closed, and the live auction started. The evening entertainment was a live band. In closing I really enjoyed my first 4-H conference and look forward to attending again next year.

### **Cloverbud 4-H Club**

There is lots of interest for youth ages 6-8 to start a **second** Cloverbud 4-H Club in Oxford  
**Your help is needed to make this possible**

Contact Shonna  
[oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com)  
or 519-854-6919 for more information

### **Hay Bale Decorating Competition -- Woodstock Fair**

Decorate bale Tuesday August 20

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$70, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$60, 4<sup>th</sup> \$50, all others \$10

Open to any group of four or more – 2 categories-Junior & Senior

**Must register before Friday August 16**

More details & form at  
[https://woodstockfairgrounds.com/competition\\_info](https://woodstockfairgrounds.com/competition_info)

# OXFORD 4-H DAIRY SHOW - SATURDAY AUGUST 24, 2024

## Rules and Regulations:

- 1: Entries must be emailed by **August 15, 2024 at 11:59pm**
  - 2 **Exhibitors are required to pay a fee of \$10.00 and must be enrolled in the Oxford 4-H program.**  
**LATE ENTRIES WILL BE CHARGED A FEE OF \$25.00!!**
  - 3: Prize money will be paid in each class only if the judge of the class deems the exhibitor is worthy of the award.
  4. Each exhibitor shall be limited to one entry in each class.
  5. Each exhibitor will exhibit their project according to the 4-H motto. **"LEARN TO DO BY DOING."** 4-H projects are to be prepared by 4-H members. Assistance may be provided by current 4-H members only.
  - 6: Project Animal Identification Form must have been submitted by June 1st deadline.
- \*\*Prize money: 1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10 All other entries - \$5**

## CLASSES:

1. **Novice 4-H Showmanship** - members 9 - 10 years old as of January 1, 2024.
- 2: **Junior 4-H Showmanship** - members 11 - 13 years old as of January 1, 2024.
- 3: **Intermediate 4-H Showmanship** - members 14 - 17 years old as of January 1, 2024.
- 4: **Senior 4-H Showmanship** - members 18 - 21 years old as of January 1, 2024.
- 5: **Champion & Reserve Champion Dairy Showperson** - First and second place winner in Classes 1 - 4.
- 6: **4-H Junior Heifer Conformation** - born between March 1, 2024 and May 31, 2024.
- 7: **4-H Intermediate Heifer Conformation** - born between December 1, 2023 and February 29, 2024.
- 8: **4-H Senior Heifer Conformation** - born between September 1, 2023 and November 30, 2023.
- 9: **4-H Summer Yearling Conformation** - born between June 1, 2023 and August 31, 2023.
- 10: **4-H Junior Yearling Conformation** - born between March 1, 2023 and May 31, 2023.
- 11: **Champion & Reserve Champion Dairy Calf** - First and second place winner in Classes 5 - 9.
12. **Group of Calves** - Three calves from one 4-H Dairy Club. Only **ONE** entry per club.  
The top three groups will be placed.

**PREMIER CLUB:** Points allotted by first 5 placings in Showmanship and Conformation.

Each Dairy 4-H Club to pay a bond (\$50) with reimbursement if stall area left tidy after the completion of the show.

**Breakfast included for registered 4-H Youth**

## **Oxford 4-H Dairy Showmanship Special**

Open to any youth 9 years old or younger. Prize money given to all entries.  
No pre-registration required – free

**Any questions – contact Dwight 519-788-6768**

**Mark your calendar**

**Oxford 4-H Awards Night**

**Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Zorra & Embro Community Centre**

**Organized by North Oxford Dairy 4-H Club**

**4-H Youth must have 4-H  
participant fee paid once they  
have joined a 4-H project/club.**

**Link to pay fee [https://4-  
hontario.ca/youth/become-a-member/](https://4-hontario.ca/youth/become-a-member/)**



# OXFORD 4-H OPEN BEEF SHOW - SATURDAY AUGUST 24, 2024

## **Rules and Regulations:**

1. To register – 4-H Youth are required to e-transfer \$10 **by AUGUST 15, 2024** to the Oxford 4-H Treasurer at [oxford4htreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:oxford4htreasurer@gmail.com). LATE ENTRIES WILL BE CHARGED A FEE OF \$25.00!!
2. Exhibitors are required to pay a fee of \$10 and must be enrolled in the 4-H Ontario program for 2024.
3. Prize money will be paid in each class only if the judge of the class deems the exhibitor is worthy of the award.
4. Each exhibitor shall be limited to one entry in each class.
5. Each exhibitor will exhibit their project according to the 4-H motto "LEARN TO DO BY DOING". 4-H projects are to be prepared by 4-H youth. Assistance may be provided by current 4-H youth only.
6. Project Animal must be registered on AssistExpo by the June 1st deadline.

**\*\*Prize money: 1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10 All other entries - \$5**

## **Section 1 – Open 4-H Junior Beef Show – All Breeds**

1. **Senior 4-H Showmanship** - members 17 - 21 years old as of January 1, 2024.
- 2: **Junior 4-H Showmanship** - members 13 - 16 years old as of January 1, 2024.
- 3: **Novice 4-H Showmanship** - members 9 - 12 years old as of January 1, 2024.
- 4: **Champion & Reserve Champion 4-H Beef Showperson**

## **Section 2 –Open 4-H Beef Show – All Breeds**

- 1: **Market Animal Class—steer or heifer**
- 2: **Female Calf** – born January 1, 2024 to June 1, 2024
- 3: **Female Junior Yearling** – born April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
- 4: **Female Senior Yearling** -- born January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023
- 5: **Champion & Reserve Champion Beef Female**

**Breakfast included for registered 4-H Youth**

## **Oxford 4-H Beef Showmanship Special**

Open to any youth 9 years old or younger. Prize money given to all entries.  
No pre-registration required – free

**Any questions – contact Dwight 519-788-6768**

## **Terry Richardson Award**

**"Terry Richardson dedicated his life to agriculture.... In recognition of his memory, donations were made to Oxford 4-H to support youth in his community and a scholarship has been created."**

**Eligible: 4-H youth entering 1st year of post secondary education in an agriculture program completing at least 75% of projects in Oxford County 4-H program.**

**Award established by the Richardson Family, through consultation with Oxford County 4-H, in memory of Terry Richardson. Funded by donations to Oxford County 4-H Association in memory of Terry Richardson in 2020.**

**Applications will be received by Oxford 4-H Awards Coordinator by August 31 and then sent to the Richardson Family for selection.**

**Award will be presented at the Oxford 4-H Awards Night by the Richardson Family.**

**Application available through Oxford 4-H Awards Coordinator (Applicant name, contact info; list involvement in Oxford 4-H & in community; what agriculture program are you taking and how do you hope/plan using it after graduation**

2024 4-H Ontario Volunteer Conference was held in Richmond Hill March 22 & 23 at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel with the theme the 'Building Connections 4 Brighter Horizons' hosted by Region 1.

I attended the Annual Meeting virtually Friday night along with about 100 conference delegates in-person. The President, Laurie Farquharson, chaired the meeting. The Directors election resulted with Debbie Coke, Tamara Fisher-Cullen, Erica Murray, Brian O'Neil, Jennifer Waldroff and Edna White being elected. The other Directors are Penny Anger, Lesleigh Elgie, Joanne Hewitson, Fred Sharpe and Laurie Farquharson. Alice Van Vugt is Youth Director, Nav Sadhra is the Director Community and Mary Brander is the 4-H Canada Youth Advisory Council Director. Outgoing Directors, Cheryl Sullivan, Elaine Bowman and Kayla Emmerton were thanked for their service on the Council board. The new President is Erica Murray, Vice-President is Jennifer Waldroff, Director at Large is Lesleigh Elgie and Past President is Laurie Farquharson. The next AGM is March 2024 with place to be determined. The conference kickoff was done by Region 1 Chair Elaine Bowman following the AGM.

On March 23rd Kirsten Dill, Christy Brekelmans and I drove to the conference to learn new information and meet with volunteers in-person for the Saturday. We started our day with breakfast followed by hearing the keynote speaker 'Andrew Campbell', 4-H volunteer, dairy farmer & FreshAir Media from Glencoe. Andrew talked about the Value of Connecting: How to build a personal brand and network that you can use with five ways to build a strong and valuable network: Opportunities, Collaboration, Mentorship, Diversity & Relationships. Each person had to list 3 words that you want people to describe you as; later these words were shared with delegate attendees at the table you were sitting at.

Conference delegates went to their respective Regional JAM session. Melinda led the Region 6 session with hearing about events & news from each of the Region 6 associations. The Region 6 financials were also approved.

The first workshop I attended was 'Positive Youth Development'. Leslie Noble, Program Director with 4-H Canada talked about the '4-H Canada PYD Formula'. With 4-H youth being in a safe, fun, inclusive environment with caring adults and learning to do by doing.....youth develop positive values, responsibility, skill mastery, leadership, sense of purpose, planning & decision making to become responsible, caring and contributing leaders.

During lunch, the 2023 4-H Ontario Ambassadors spoke about their community projects they had done, like promoting 4-H at fairs & parades, donating to food banks. They were then recognized with a wooden clock. The 2024 4-H Ontario Ambassadors were introduced Abby Covert (Northumberland), Beck Sommerville (Waterloo), Colin Ormiston (Wellington), Haleigh-Jo tePlate (Stormont), Kayla Emmerton (Peel) and Rachael Simpson (Hastings) who are available to support 4-H events/activities throughout the province.

The second workshop I attended was 'Volunteer Recruitment at the Local Level' with Faith Kirk, 4-H Ontario Staff talking about the 4 R's.....Recruitment, Retention, Recognition, Relationships. Each table talked about ideas for each "R" and shared with the whole group via sticky notes with each "R".

The third workshop I attended was 'Spotlight on 2024 4-H Projects' presented by Elizabeth Johnston. 2024 project releases are Cultural Diversity (updated), Eye on Energy (updated) and A World of Food in Canada and Real Dirt on Farming (updated), along with 3 new Cloverbud units, A World of Food in Canada, Cultural Diversity and Eye on Energy, added to Year Three of Cloverbud curriculum. We played a Kahoot game reviewing information during the workshop—I placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. We were able to sample some of the food recipes from the projects at the end. The 2025 project releases are 'On Your Own You Can Do It' update and 'Sheep' update.

A chicken dinner was enjoyed before the 4-H Ontario Arbor Award banquet recognizing Suzanne Barker (Kawartha Lakes Haliburton) and Darrell Bergsma (Huron) for their volunteer service. Seventeen Arbor Award recipients since 2001 attending were recognized including Oxford attendee myself. There was a silent auction Friday night and during the day on Saturday with many gift baskets and other items available to bid on. The Live Auction by Scott Bessey followed the award presentation with lots of bidders for the unique items, some handcrafted by 4-H members, volunteers & clubs. Lucas Rogerson Band performed after the live auction for the evening entertainment.

The 4-H Ontario Volunteer Conference is a great way to meet volunteers from across the province to reflect on what 4-H projects/events are happening and how volunteers can use ideas they have heard from others in their own 4-H activities. Get ready to go March 2025 to discover what 4-H has to offer you!! submitted by Shonna Ward



# Woodstock Fair 4-H Member Entries 2024

Woodstock Fair Committee: Shonna Ward (519-854-6919)—Hickson 4-H Club

Woodstock Fair Theme: “Rural & Urban One Community”

## Rules and Regulations:

- Entries and fee may accompany you at the door on Thursday August 22, 2024 between 8-11am. ENTRY FEES AT THE DOOR APPLY TO THESE 4-H ENTRY CLASSES ONLY!!!!
- Entries to be delivered to Oxford Auditorium at the Woodstock Fair, 875 Nellis Street
- Exhibitors will be required to pay a fee of \$5.00 and can enter as many classes as they wish. Exhibitors must be current paid youth participants of Oxford County 4-H for 2024.
- Each Exhibitor will be limited to one entry in each class.
- Exhibitors will exhibit their own projects according to the 4-H Motto “LEARN TO DO BY DOING”. Item must be made by the 4-H youth participant only.
- If there are more than 6 entries in the class it will be split into Clover Buds (6-8), Jr. (9-14) and Sr. (15-21), with the exception of the 4-H Exhibits and the Special Class, which will be judged as an entire class with no divisions.
- Exhibits must be worthy to be awarded prize money at the discretion of the judge.
- Entries must be at the fairgrounds between 8am and 11am Thursday August 22, 2024 and must be removed between 2:00pm and 2:30pm on Monday August 26, 2024.

## Class #1

**4-H Exhibits** (Not previously exhibited, limit of one per project per club or opportunity) These 3-sided display board exhibits are to depict club activities, projects or opportunities (eg Discovery Days, Youth Adventure Camp, Future Leaders in Action, Provincial Leadership Camp, GFTG)

Prize: 1<sup>st</sup> \$20.00    2<sup>nd</sup> \$15.00    3<sup>rd</sup> \$12.00    all remaining entries \$10.00

## Class #2

**Colouring Page**, your choice

## Class #3

**Looking ahead for 4-H Ontario’s 110th year in 2025**, design a placemat using an 8.5” x 14” paper, may be hand drawn or computer generated, black & white, must include 4-H Canada logo and comply to 4-H trademarks, guidelines etc

## Class #4

**Safety Poster**, using a full sheet of Bristol board, outline safety on any topic, examples—home, farm, animal, machinery, water, fire

## Class #5

**Four (4) Photos promoting Fair theme “Rural & Urban One Community”**, each picture size 4” x 6”, mounted together on one black background, minimum border to be 2 cm. Pictures must be taken by exhibitor. No words or captions.

## Class #6

**Handmade Craft**, any handmade item made by exhibitor, examples—sewing, woodworking, knitting, crocheting etc, not previously shown at fair.

## Class #7

**Paper Craft**, using any paper medium made by exhibitor, examples—scrapbook page, origami, puppet, card, napkin folding

### **Class #8**

**Recycled/re-purposed craft**, item made from recycled/re-purposed materials, handmade by exhibitor, not previously shown at fair.

### **Class #9**

**Original Food Dish**, showcase an original recipe created by you, with ingredient list and preparation method, a photo of the finished dish, and comments from at least two people who ate it.

### **Class #10**

**Applesauce Muffins** (Ontario Tasty Fruits & Vegetables 4-H project), three muffins on a disposable plate in a Ziploc bag,

1 cup (250 mL) all-purpose flour  
1 cup (250 mL) oatmeal (not instant)  
1 tsp (5 mL) baking powder  
¼ tsp (1 mL) baking soda  
¼ tsp (1 mL) salt  
1 tsp (5 mL) cinnamon  
½ cup (125 mL) raisins  
½ cup (125 mL) butter  
¾ cup (175 mL) brown sugar  
1 egg  
¾ cup (175 mL) unsweetened applesauce

Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C).

Place paper liners in muffin tins.

Using a wire whisk and a large mixing bowl, mix together flour, oatmeal, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Add raisins. Set aside.

Using electric mixer and medium sized mixing bowl, cream butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy.

Beat in egg. Then mix in applesauce. Disconnect electric mixer and set aside.

Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients by pushing dry ingredients to the sides leaving a hole in the middle.

Pour liquid mixture into the well and stir using a fork, just until all the ingredients are combined.

Scoop batter into paper-lined muffin tins using ice-cream scoop.

Bake for about 20 – 25 minutes.

Classes #2 through to #10 prize: 1<sup>st</sup> \$12.00 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10.00 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5.00

All remaining entries \$3.00

### **Oxford County 4-H Association Special Class**

Create a word search or crossword puzzle pertaining to 4-H, minimum 20 words, 8½” x 11” sheet of paper, provide answer sheet.

Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> \$15.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$12.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10.00, 4<sup>th</sup> \$8.00, 5<sup>th</sup> \$5.00, all remaining entries \$3.00

#### **Conflict Resolution:**

**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.)**

# Ordering 4-H T-shirts from 4-H Canada -- orders due Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>

Contact Shonna [wardshonna@hotmail.com](mailto:wardshonna@hotmail.com)

with size (youth S-XL & adult S-5XL) and t-shirt colour (\$21 each)



## Looking for your ideas / thoughts

### How can Oxford 4-H programming improve??

- What about a 4-H family social gathering??
- What about an informal volunteer night??
- Ideas how to have more volunteers join 4-H
- Ideas how to have more youth join 4-H

Email [oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com) with your ideas/thoughts

## 4-H Pancake Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported the pancake fundraiser at Jakeman's Maple Products!!!

Thank you to all the helpers/clubs to make the pancake fundraiser a great success!!!

Thank you to the Jakeman Families for all their support!!

### Fun facts –

Served 1193 – flipped over 2400 pancakes  
Used 213 lbs sausage, 372 cartons of milk,  
312 juice bottles, 24 100oz cans beans,  
80 L of Jakeman Maple Syrup,  
174 kg pancake mix



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HANDS



HEALTH

Memorial donations to Oxford 4-H can be made with the Oxford 4-H Treasurer  
[oxford4htreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:oxford4htreasurer@gmail.com)