



# NEWSLETTER



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Our 2022 4-H season has come to an end. We had 3 very successful banquets in Cookstown, Beeton and Collingwood. We want to thank the Agricultural Societies for inviting those clubs and providing them with a delicious meal. Our year-end celebration was also a tremendous success and hats off to those Directors who made it happen. There was great feedback from the members and their families this year. As we head into the holiday season, we want to wish all of you a relaxing, safe and memorable time filled with laughter and fun. We are already looking to 2023 and what 4-H has in store for South Simcoe. Watch our website and our social media sites for more details.



## Annual General Meeting

**Thursday, January 26, 2023**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Living Faith Community Church  
205 Murphy Road, Baxter**

**Volunteer Re-Engagement Will be  
Offered**

**Topic: Resolving Conflict Peacefully**

## 2023 Clubs being Offered

Clearview Dairy Club  
Clearview Beef Club  
Beeton/Bradford Dairy Club  
South Simcoe Sheep Club  
South Simcoe Mini Horse Club  
South Simcoe Cloverbuds  
NEW Photography  
NEW Line Dancing  
NEW Parade/Events  
South Simcoe Adventure Club

South Simcoe Garden Club  
South Simcoe Crops Club  
Automotive/Mechanics Club  
Vet Medicine Club  
South Simcoe Book Club  
South Simcoe Poultry Club  
South Simcoe Games Club  
South Simcoe Cooking Club  
Go for the Gold Club  
South Simcoe Biking Club

South Simcoe Judging Club

This list will grow as we hear what leaders have planned for 2023. Registration for 4-H is available online through the 4-H Ontario website. The fee is \$95.00. South Simcoe club sign up will happen January or February 2023. Watch your e-mail and our website for a Rally/Sign-Up date and a chance to save \$20.00 /member!

Submitted by Lauren Cowan - I attended the 4-h Youth Adventure Camp on August 21-24, 2022. My overall experience with the 4-h Youth Adventure Camp was amazing and I would definitely recommend it to other members. We first arrived as strangers and left as friends. All the leaders made us feel welcome to camp and were always energetic. Everyone in South Simcoe was split up to some degree. We saw each other and got closer as we made new friends from other regions. The activities were always linked to how it can help develop our leadership in our future and help us get out of our comfort zone while still feeling safe. We had leadership activities that included not talking, strategic planning, and decision planning. There were many fun activities such as canoeing, swimming, archery and high ropes that helped us connect with our friends more. Everyone at camp made me feel welcome and included. Several of the friends I made have many things in common with me and we grew to be very close in those few days. I learned many new skills at this camp and made lots of new memories. I'm looking forward to next year!

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Submitted by Amber Follitt - 4-H has done a lot for me over the past few years. I have always found it full of new opportunities and a great escape from my everyday life. I suffer from anxiety and 4-H has helped me cope with it by giving me a selection of amazing clubs to be a part of, such as livestock, adventure and gardening. Being a part of these clubs gives me a break and makes me happy to be a part of such an amazing organization. 4-H has shown me so many new skills and learning goals. I have genuinely learnt so much from all the clubs and camps I have attended. I attended a 4-H leadership camp run by YLCC during the summer. I met new friends and learnt important goals and leadership techniques while being there.

Many of the activities used teamwork, communication, organization and leadership. I found all the leaders and other campers easy to get along with and to work with as teammates. One of my favourite activities was the Country Olympics, it was a competition between teams of 4 representing different countries. The teams had to complete different challenges which helped us use the new leadership traits we were taught over the few days of camp. All the activities required teamwork and were exciting and useful. I think the camp helped me be less shy and helped me open up to new people and activities I was not used to. I also learnt how to be a leader to my peers and a leader to myself. The camp also showed me organization. I had a good routine of activities each day to attend to and be on time for.

The camp was an amazing experience for everyone, all the day's activities were exciting and different from one another. We were taught important skills in fun creative ways that will stick with me for the rest of my life. I'm so thankful I attended the 4-H leadership camp because I met so many friends that enjoy the same activities as I do. I also look forward to more 4-H camps and activities in the future because attending them is an experience I will always remember.

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## 4-H Opportunities

All 4-H Camps, Conferences, Scholarship Information can be found on the 4-H Ontario website. You will also receive a Resource Guide in the mail in January 2023 which has all of the registration details and deadlines.

## Provincial 4-H Leadership Camp

When: March 11-16, 2023  
Where: Camp Kinark, Haliburton  
For: Ages 16-21 (prior to Jan. 1/23)  
Registration Deadline: February 6, 2023  
Cost: \$375 + HST

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Year-End Celebration held  
Nov. 27, 2022**

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There are also many individual club sponsors and supporters. We couldn't do it without your generosity!

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### **Job Opportunity - We are Hiring!**

We are looking for a dynamic, self-motivated individual Secretary-Treasurer-Membership Coordinator to provide administrative support for the Directors and the approximate 150 volunteers, members and their families.

#### Time Commitment:

- Approximately 40 hours per month completing job responsibility on behalf of the Association.
- Attend all Association meetings and special events.
- Attend all appropriate teleconferences, hosted by 4-H Ontario.
- Attend 4-H Ontario's Conference and Annual Meeting (held each March).

Please submit a cover letter and resume by December 31, 2022 to:

South Simcoe 4-H Association

Attention: Donna Lange, President

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# 4-H Volunteer & Youth Orientations

## New Volunteer Orientation Webinars for 2023

Wed. Jan. 18  
Tues. Feb. 21  
Wed. Mar. 22           7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Tues. Apr. 18  
Wed. May 24

Register well in advance by e-mailing  
region4@4-hontario.ca.

## Youth Leader Orientation Webinars for 2023

Tues. Feb. 7  
Wed. Mar. 8           7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Tues. Apr. 4  
Wed. May 3

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## Volunteer E-Symposiums for 2023

Mon. Jan. 23  
Mon. Feb. 27  
Mon. Apr. 3           7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Mon. Apr. 24  
Mon. May 29  
Mon. Jun. 26

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## How to Become a 4-H Volunteer

We are always looking for new 4-H Volunteers! The leaders in South Simcoe run a number of clubs and they need help. If you are interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer, visit the 4-H Ontario website (<https://4-hontario.ca/volunteers/become-a-volunteer/>) and it will take you right to the New Volunteer Application Form. Fill the application out and from there you will receive a detailed e-mail from the Region 4 Volunteer Support Coordinator within a couple of weeks.

## South Simcoe 4-H Website Link

<https://4-hontario.ca/association/simcoe-south-4-h-association/>

## 2022 Board of Directors

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We are looking for 2-3 directors for our Board of Directors. If you wish to put your name forward, please e-mail Carla Williams at southsimcoe4h@hotmail.com by Friday, December 16, 2022.

