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Virtual Judging Competition

Our South Simcoe 2021 Virtual Judging Competition was a success and a huge thank you goes out to the 84 members who competed. Please ensure you finish off the competition by giving your verbal reasons for Maple Syrup and Sheep to your leaders as per their instructions.

Another HUGE thank you goes out to Matt Lange, Ashley Harvey, Stephanie French, Kevin Harvey, Scott Cullen, Tamara Fisher-Cullen, Donna Lange, Carla Williams, Nadina & Scott Bray, Brian O'Neil, Jared Ball, Whitney Ball, Marieke Patton, Grant Cowan and the many others who supplied classes, coached the classes, gave official placing and cuts, and helped show off the class. We couldn't have done it without all of your help.



Peavey Mart is happy to give 4-H members a 15% discount on items related to their 4-H project. You can download the discount card by logging into the 4-H Ontario portal and click on Benefits 4 Youth on the left side. It expires Dec. 31, 2001.

Covid-19 Update for South Simcoe

As we move into stage 1 of Ontario's reopening plan, most of our clubs are too large to begin hosting in-person meetings. As stage 2 and stage 3 begin, our 4-H volunteers will have to submit activity plans to 4-H Ontario for approval in order to host any meetings in-person. The South Simcoe Board of Directors will be working with leaders and the local fair boards to hopefully come up with a plan to have small achievement days using those fairgrounds if possible. At this point, our 3 achievement day fairs have been cancelled.

Some South Simcoe 4-H History

Reach for the Top was developed in Peterborough County in the early 1980's and in 1982, they hosted a provincial competition. In 1989, the competition name was changed to Go for the Gold. This year South Simcoe has brought back a Go for the Gold club, but this is not the first of its kind in South Simcoe. Back on August 9 & 11, 1988, there was a Reach for the Top Competition and members from the South Simcoe crops club, swine club, and sheep club participated and I am sure there were others. In the end, the members of the South Simcoe 4-H Swine club were crowned champions. On that winning team was John Watt, Mike Dodd, Katherine Kell and Stephen Kell.

4-H Opportunities

2021 Online Resources

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

Please visit the 4-H Ontario website for all of the up-to-date information on

virtual camps or conferences for all ages.

Page 22-24 of the Leadership in Action Resource Guide offers many scholarship opportunities for 4-H Members.

4-H Opportunity Reimbursement

Members who attend a 4-H Opportunity will be reimbursed 100%. All you have to do is write and submit a brief report about your adventure to Carla Williams at southsimcoe4h@hotmail.com

EastGen Youth Ag-Stravaganza For Beef & Dairy 4-H Members, Ages 14-21
Online, July 6 & 7
Visit www.eastgen.ca for more info!

Pre-Register on AssistExpo

Explore 4-H Online
Cloverbud at Home and Online Explore 4-H Projects are still available at 4-hontario.ca

Discovery Boxes
Boxes for 6-8, 9-12 & 13-15

Purchase now online!

Zooming into Career Mania
Online via Zoom, July 20-23
Cost \$33.90, please register <https://4-hontario.ca/youth/4-h-events/>

Register by June 30

Visit www.4-hontario.ca regularly as they are always adding camps and conferences for 4-H members. It is such a valuable source of information for parents and members.

July Events

EastGen Youth Ag-Stravaganza
July 6 & 7
Ages 14-21, Dairy & Beef members
Visit www.eastgen.ca for more details.

Provincial 4-H Judging Competition
July 15 – August 15
Visit www.4-hontario.ca to register now!

August Events

4-H Ontario Foundation Golf Tournament
August 5, 2021 in Guelph, ON
Visit the Supporters tab on the 4-H Ontario website for more info.

Youth Adventure Camp
Week of August 9th
Visit www.4-hontario.ca for more information

THANK YOU to our Generous 2021 Sponsors!

We would not have 4-H programming in South Simcoe without your support!

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Project Animal Forms

Project Animal Information Forms (PAIF) must be filled out using Assist Expo. The deadline to complete your project animal form is **Friday, June 25**. Please forward the **confirmation e-mail to both your leader and Carla Williams** at southsimcoe4h@hotmail.com.

Spotlight on our South Simcoe Youth Leaders



Hello fellow 4-Hers. My name is Layne Chantler. I'm one of two youth leaders in the South Simcoe 4-H Association. In 2021 I decided to become a Youth Leader because I like leadership and this way, I can meet people that have similar interests as me. I also love to help mentor the younger members and make 4-H fun, especially with doing it all online. 4-H isn't the same but we are making it the best we can! Farm tours online and learning through a screen is difficult but hopefully soon we can learn to do by doing;) in person. This year I'm a youth leader for the Clearview Beef 4-H program. As a youth leader I have done quite a bit of things in the club. I work with the leaders to plan meetings and create the meeting agenda. I also do a game/presentation to do with the club at every meeting. By far the most challenging thing is creating games for the members that can be done with zoom. I really enjoy working with the leaders to figure out what we are doing for the next meeting and make our thoughts come to life. By the end of the year, I'm hoping I can help with the achievement day and if we can't do it in person then help figure out what to do as a substitute.



This year, I applied to become a youth leader with South Simcoe 4-H. After an online training session with 4-H Ontario, I was ready to start helping out. I thought it would be fun to be a youth leader because I would be able to bring a new perspective to meetings and learn some new skills. I have been working with the sheep club and the cooking club as a youth leader and have been looking after the South Simcoe 4-H Instagram page. I enjoy creating trivia games for the sheep club to help members remember the information we have learned. I also helped out with the cooking demonstrations and put together the final slide show for the 4-H Cooking Club Achievement Day. There are lots of great ways for youth to get more involved in 4-H – be sure to check out some of the opportunities on the 4-H website and talk to some of the club leaders you would like to work with.

Submitted by Madeleine Cullen

From a Leader's Perspective

Submitted by Mae Senick, Leader of Cooking Club

Madeleine Cullen has extended her leadership capabilities by taking on the role of Youth Leader for our Cooking Club this year. In my role as Leader, it was wonderful having Madeleine as Youth Leader for this club. She worked to test recipes before meetings and then demonstrated cooking techniques as meetings took place. Madeleine also assisted with the formal portions of club meetings and offered newer members tips to stay on track and answered their questions.

Outside of Cooking Club specifically, Madeleine has started to take South Simcoe 4-H into the 21st century by extending our online presence. She had the idea of creating an Instagram account. She presented this idea to the Board of Directors where it was very well received. Madeleine now monitors and regularly posts pictures and information to the South Simcoe 4-H Instagram account. This has proven to be an excellent tool for reaching different stakeholders within South Simcoe 4-H, 4-H Ontario and beyond.

If you are a youth aged 15-21, or you know a youth of this age involved with South Simcoe 4-H, encourage them to reach out to their leader or visit <https://4-hontario.ca/youth/youth-positions>, to find out if becoming a Youth Leader is something they might be interested in pursuing.

South Simcoe Club Reports

We have a total of 21 clubs in South Simcoe for 2021. At the end of June, five of those clubs have completed. Thank you to the leaders of these clubs for making them so successful!

Chess Club – Submitted by Nicholas Senick

Throughout Chess Club this year we have been learning many things. We have been learning how to play chess and how to determine how many points a chess piece is worth, some strategies of how to play chess and how to create opportunities to capture your opponent's pieces. After each meeting we would have a fun little tournament on ChessKid.com to test out our skills. On Achievement Day we did a bigger tournament on ChessKid.com where we faced each other in a larger tournament to demonstrate our skills that we had learned this year in Chess Club. I think that Chess Club is a good way to get better at playing chess and having fun playing a competitive game.

Vet Medicine Club – from Milana Palmateer’s Press Reports

The Vet Medicine Club was a large club lead for the first time by Grant Cowan, Jackie McCallum, Trish Downey, Scott Cullen, and Tamara Fisher-Cullen. Members in this club were not only from South Simcoe but because it was a virtual club, there were also a handful of border hoppers. This club began at the end of February and most meetings had a guest speaker. Those speakers included Kirsti Clarida, Tara Kleyn, and Dr. Christie Ryan. Members learned how to give injections to animals, all about infectious diseases, medical situations that are considered an emergency and intramuscular and subcutaneous. Milana would recommend this club to those who are interested in animals and how their bodies work. During the last meeting, the members went behind the scenes at the Toronto Zoo via Zoom to see what goes on daily to care for all of the animals at the zoo. The members learned that even at the zoo, there are lots of x-rays, examinations, vaccinations, dentistry and check-ups.

Cooking Club – from Nicole Palmateer’s Press Reports

This year’s cooking club started in early April and completed their 6 meetings by the end of May. The club was quite large once again and looked like a virtual cooking show with leaders demonstrating how to make various recipes and the members following along at home. This usually meant that the families of all of these 4-H members would have a delicious lunch by the time they were through. One Saturday was spent making garlic chicken ranch pizza while another Saturday had a guest speaker who taught the members how to make royal icing and decorate some very delicious looking cookies.

Maple Syrup Club – from Abby Patton’s Press Reports

Maple Syrup club was new to South Simcoe this year and was led by Greg Bray, Nadina Bray and Scott Cullen. Each week focused on one aspect of the maple syrup process starting with identifying the trees that are able to be tapped and then how to successfully tap them. Members shared weekly how successful their collection of sap was going and were able to provide the other members with tips and tricks. Greg was able to show the members the set up they have at home and what process they use to boil the sap down into sweet liquid gold. During the second last meeting, the members learned all about bottling the syrup and grading it. They also learned about labelling a product and what the label must contain. For an achievement day, the members either presented their personal maple syrup journey through pictures or they shared their delicious baking and cooking ideas with maple syrup. Recipes such as Maple Beachcomber Pie and Maple BBQ Ribs were a couple of unique ones. Overall a very sweet club. The leaders plan to run this club in early 2022 so if you missed out this year, be sure to look for details in January or February 2022.

Animal Friends Club – Carla Williams

The Animal Friends club was new to South Simcoe this year and it was geared towards our youngest and newest members. We had 7 members all of whom were under the age of 13. The club learned all about domestic pets - how to choose one, what they eat, how to care for them and how to groom them. We had one guest speaker, Paige Presswood, who spoke about fostering puppies. The members thoroughly enjoyed our Kahoot games at the end of each meeting but they especially loved being able to meet in-person on June 19 for our achievement day. They presented their collage, ate pizza lunch, ran some animals through the obstacle courses and just had some fun.