



# NEWSLETTER



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It has been a busy spring with the clubs well underway and a successful Coaching Night and Judging Competition. Both events were well-attended and it was wonderful to have everyone together in person once again. Special thanks to the Livestock Committee for organizing these important events and of course thanks to the many volunteers that helped to make them a success.

## Coaching Night & Judging Competition



Your judging number is: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Judging Competition results are enclosed with this newsletter. Thank you to the members who participated in this very valuable evening.

Special thanks to Brian & Jan Stephenson (JanBrian Holsteins) for being our hosts.

We also want to thank our gracious hosts for Coaching Night, Doug and Lisa Lloyd (Sprucetone Dairy North).

### **Congratulations to this year's 4-H members who achieved the following awards at the Judging Competition:**

**\*High Cloverbud Member**  
**High Novice Member**  
**High Junior Member**  
**High Intermediate Member**  
**High Senior Member**  
**High Dairy Class Judge**  
**High Beef Class Judge**

**Catherine Reid**  
**Victoria Reid**  
**Abby Patton**  
**Nicholas Senick**  
**Brooklyn Lloyd**  
**Brooklynn Downey**  
**Clara Brooks and Brooklyn Lloyd**

**\* Cloverbuds were judged differently from the 9-21 year olds**

## 4-H Ontario Online Judging Competition 2023

4-H Ontario will be hosting a virtual Provincial 4-H Judging Competition open to all 4-H Ontario participants. It will include classes representing the 4-H Learning and Development Pillars: Sustainable Agriculture and Food, Community Engagement and Communications, Environment and Health Living, and Science and Technology. Competition classes will include four livestock classes and four non-livestock classes and a general knowledge quiz.

Judging will be open from July 15 to August 15. Check the 4-H Ontario website for details on registration:  
<https://4-hontario.ca/youth/4-h-events/competitions/>

# 4-H Opportunities

## Camps (2024)

Provincial 4-H Leadership (ages 15-19)  
Future Leaders in Action (ages 16-21)

## Virtual Programs

Virtual Art Show (ages 6-21)  
Provincial 4-H Judging Competition (ages 6-21)  
4-H Clover Kits (6-12) and 4-H DIY Activities (ages 6-21)

## Conferences

4-H Canada: Careers on the Grow (ages 18-25)  
4-H Canadian Citizenship Congress (ages 16-21) - 2024  
4-H Canada Members Forum (ages 16-21) - November 2023

## Scholarships

4-H Ontario is committed to supporting youth to reach their goals and offer many scholarships. Funds range from \$400 up to \$20,000.

For more information on all of these youth opportunities please view [www.4-hontario.ca](http://www.4-hontario.ca) and click on the youth tab at the top of the page.

## 4-H Opportunities - 100% Refund!

If you register and attend a 4-H Opportunity, you will be reimbursed 100% of your registration fee. All you need to do is write a report and submit it along with your receipt to [southsimcoe4h@hotmail.com](mailto:southsimcoe4h@hotmail.com). We also like to hear from our members at the end of the year at one of the year-end celebrations. This gets other members enthusiastic about going to 4-H opportunities as well.

## CPR and First Aid Training for Leaders

The Board is offering 100% reimbursement of the course registration fee for Standard First Aid and/or CPR Certification or Re-Certification to Leaders who complete the course during this season. Just submit your payment receipt along with proof of certification to Carla Williams ([southsimcoe4h@hotmail.com](mailto:southsimcoe4h@hotmail.com)) prior to November 15, 2023.



## Upcoming Fair Dates

Draft Horse Show	August 5,6	Essa Agriplex, 10th Line, Thorton
Model Cow and County Show	August 23 & 24	Essa Agriplex, Ivy
* Barrie Fair	August 24 - 27	Essa Agriplex, Ivy
* Beeton Fall Fair	September 15 -17	Beeton, ON
Oro Fair	September 15, 16	Oro Agricultural Fairgrounds
* Great Northern Exhibition	September 22 - 24	Collingwood Fairgrounds
Royal Agricultural Winter Fair	November 3 - 12	Exhibition Place, Toronto

\* denotes an Achievement Day Fair

# Spotlight on our South Simcoe Youth Leaders



I was first exposed to 4-H by a friend of my sister. At first, we couldn't believe that any of the clubs would be relevant to us because we live in the city - but we were very wrong! Actually my 4-H journey began as a way to have some fun and excitement during the pandemic. The cooking club turned out to be the perfect way for my sister and I to learn something new, and virtually interact with others, without having to leave our own kitchen. I soon enjoyed joining other clubs too, such as garden, maple syrup and adventure. I've been a participant of the South Simcoe cooking club for approximately 3 years (and also enjoyed some border hopping cooking classes). Through these experiences, I have grown much more comfortable cooking and baking in the kitchen. When invited to become a youth leader for this club, I was excited for this new opportunity and to help the leaders. A few weeks ago, I was asked to demonstrate a skill for the virtual class, specifically to lattice a pie.

I actually ended up demonstrating the whole recipe! Though at first, I was slightly unnerved about the presentation, I soon realized what a unique opportunity this gave me to express what I have learned, and I gained an appreciation for the amount of work that the leaders do during each meeting. Considering I was once afraid to even reach into the oven, the idea that I can now bake a pie by myself is amazing. Cooking club has truly been a wonderful opportunity to improve my skills in the kitchen and I'm thankful. I look forward to finding out what other cool stuff I can learn as a youth leader!

Submitted by Jaclyn Ford

My name is Sierra Steuernol, I am 17 years old and this is my 3rd year being a part of 4-H. Prior to joining 4-H, the only experience I had was helping out at a horse barn so I was a little bit nervous meeting new people that had lived on and worked on farms their whole lives. But as I learned more about other members, I realized that I wasn't the only one who didn't have a farming background and lived in an urban community. After taking my involvement to the next level and becoming a youth leader, I have found a new sense of responsibility and set of leadership skills. Being able to lead my own lessons/games and teach younger kids my knowledge of rabbits has been very rewarding as I get to share my passion like my passion of showing rabbits. As for my leadership skills, I've gained more confidence in my public speaking and teaching abilities. I am able to have freedom with my creativity in creating games and activities for the members of the club which can range from a simple getting to know you game to a broken down judging demonstration. I can't wait to be a youth leader again next year and continue to learn to do by doing!



## Youth Leader Orientation

The webinars for Youth Orientation are now complete, however, Youth Leaders may complete their orientation via a self-directed module. The information can be found on the 4-H Ontario Website <https://4-hontario.ca/youth/youth-positions/>



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## New Government Support for 4-H

The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing more than \$2.3 million over three years through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) to support 4-H Ontario programming. This funding will allow 4-H Ontario to continue to engage youth interested in a career in the agriculture and agri-food industries.

"This investment will ensure 4-H Ontario can continue building future community and business owners, foster greater appreciation and pride of our rural communities and agriculture and food sectors," said Lisa Thompson. "While creating a learning environment outside the classroom where 4-H members can learn by doing."

<https://farmtario.com/news/sustainable-cap-invests-in-4-h-ontario/>

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