



# NEWSLETTER



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We would like to thank the many people and organizations that have helped to make the 2023 season a successful one. We had three wonderful end of year banquets in Cookstown, Beeton and Collingwood and thank the Agricultural Societies for inviting our clubs and providing a delicious meal. The South Simcoe End of Year Celebration was also a success thanks to the support of the Directors and Leaders and to the Cookstown Agricultural Society. Planning for 2024 has begun and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year. We wish all our members and their families a wonderful holiday season full of love and laughter.



## South Simcoe 4-H Annual General Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2024  
at 7:30 p.m.

at the Angus Recreation Centre,  
Banquet Room  
8529 County Rd.10, Angus

## South Simcoe 4-H Rally Night

Saturday, February 3, 2024  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

at the Angus Recreation Centre  
8529 County Rd.10, Angus

Meet the Leaders and learn about  
the clubs that will run in 2024.

Back by popular demand -  
a family skate!

We want to hear from you!

We are gathering feedback from members and  
volunteers. Please use the QR codes to access  
the survey that applies to you.



Member Survey



Volunteer Survey

## Outstanding New Volunteer Award

Congratulations to Marieke Patton, recipient of the Region 4 Outstanding New 4-H Volunteer Award. This award, sponsored by Gay Lea Foods Cooperative Ltd, recognizes volunteers who are new to 4-H and doing great things within their local programming.

Marieke is a dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer with the South Simcoe 4-H Association. She is friendly and engaging with all age levels and leads with integrity and creativity. She has led new club projects in our association, is involved with promotional events to help educate more youth in the community about 4-H and posts 4-H news and items of interest on social media. You will always see Marieke greeting everyone with a smile at the 4-H meetings and events. Marieke is an energetic director on the South Simcoe 4-H Board of Directors and is active on many of their committees.

We are grateful for Marieke's passion, professionalism and resourcefulness as she helps us reach new generations of 4-H youth.



## Call for Nominations for Directors



We are looking for 1-2 directors and a Youth Director for our Board of Directors. If you wish to put your name forward, please email Jill Azis at: southsimcoe4h@gmail.com by December 21, 2023. Additional details are available by scanning this QR code



# The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

## The Rabbit Club at the Royal

This year, two of our very own South Simcoe Rabbit Club members traveled to Toronto to compete at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Nicole and Milana Palmateer, showed their two little Netherland dwarf rabbits Dakota and Lavender and did a superb job. Milana placed first for showmanship and Nicole placed 4th. For showmanship, they were asked some brain busting questions about rabbits such as rabbit care, rabbit health, and many more difficult questions about other rabbit topics. The girls had a fun time and got to see over 20 different breeds of rabbits. Congratulations Nicole and Milana, our club is very proud of your accomplishment! Lavender also placed 3rd for conformation.



Submitted by Sierra Steuernol, Rabbit Club Youth Leader

## The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Junior Sheep Show

The South Simcoe 4H Sheep Show had its last show for the 2023 season on November 11, 2023 at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. We were so fortunate to be able to experience such a big event as a club. Most of our members - 16 out of 18!!! - were able to attend the event and 15 of them competed in the conformation and showmanship classes of the Royal Junior Sheep Show.

The leaders presented members with South Simcoe 4-H Sheep hoodies, sponsored by Ontario 4H and the Ontario Sheep District 6, which made us look like quite the team! We also had the 4-H South Simcoe banners standing tall. We had members make it out of their heat into the finals for their class and many were the last cut in their heat. Great job by all our members. Lauren Cowan of Cowan Acres won the prestigious 2023 Wool and Sheep Ambassador Competition.

Congratulations to the South Simcoe Sheep Club members for all of their accomplishments this year. And a huge thank you to our leaders that set up at all our meetings and organized fun activities. It was a great season for all!

Submitted by Clara Brooks



## Kubota Longstanding Graduating Member Award - RILEY BROAD

Kubota Canada Limited is pleased to honour Riley Broad as this year's Longstanding Graduating Member. Here's what Riley says about his time at 4-H.

"I've been a 4-H member and have been showing dairy cattle for the last 8 years. 4-H lead me to meet many people in the dairy industry and make lifelong friendships with my fellow club members as well as getting to meet many other passionate members at bigger fairs. 4-H gave me the opportunity to show a few home bred calves that have now classified excellent which is pretty exciting! I hope to continue working on my family farm and one day take over from my uncle and grandfather. Overall my 4-H career was very enjoyable and I would recommend showing cattle to anyone who is interested."

Riley has been the recipient of the John W. Taylor Trophy for High Dairy Class Judge (2022) and the J. G. Brethet Trophy for High Senior Judge (2022). We wish Riley all the very best as he graduates from South Simcoe 4-H.



Kubota supports 4-H Ontario youth and honours their long-term commitment and dedication to the 4-H program. South Simcoe 4-H Association greatly appreciates their generosity.

## 2024 Clubs Being Offered\*

Beeton/Bradford Dairy Club	South Simcoe Cooking (cookies and squares)	South Simcoe Line Dancing
Clearview Dairy Club	South Simcoe Automotive/Mechanics Club	South Simcoe Poultry Club
Cookstown Beef Club	NEW - South Simcoe Farm Safety Club	South Simcoe Rabbit Club
Cookstown Horse and Pony Club	South Simcoe Biking Club	South Simcoe Sheep Club
Cookstown Plowing Club	South Simcoe Garden Club	South Simcoe Soil and Crop Club
Cookstown Mini Horse Club	South Simcoe Heritage Club	South Simcoe Vet Medicine Club
South Simcoe Arts and Crafts	South Simcoe Judging Club	Everett Horse Club
South Simcoe Cloverbuds		

\*This is the tentative list, which will change as leaders confirm their plans for 2024. Register online through the 4-H Ontario website. The fee for 2024 is \$100. Register after January 1st but before February 10th to save \$20/membership fee. Watch your e-mail for specific South Simcoe club sign-up information that will follow once you register with 4-H Ontario.

### Become a Youth Leader

Youth Leader positions are for 4-H members 15-21 years of age. Speak to a club leader about a club you are interested in becoming a youth leader for in 2024. You will need to register with [region4@4-hontario.ca](mailto:region4@4-hontario.ca) and participate in a youth leader training webinar. For more information check out the 4-H Ontario website: [4-hontario.ca/youth/youth-positions/](http://4-hontario.ca/youth/youth-positions/)

#### Youth Leader Orientation Webinars

February 6	7:00 - 8:00 pm
March 6	7:00 - 8:00 pm
April 2	7:00 - 8:00 pm
May 1	7:00 - 8:00 pm

Register well in advance - email to: [region4@4-hontario.ca](mailto:region4@4-hontario.ca)

There is also the option of a self-directed Youth Leader Orientation.

### Become a 4-H Ambassador

Become a 4-H Ambassador by submitting your application before the deadline of January 8, 2024. The application form for the 2024 4-H Ontario Ambassador program is now live! You can find information about the program and the registration form at: <https://4-hontario.ca/youth/youth-positions/>. This opportunity is open to youth 18-21 (prior to Jan 2024).

Please check out youth tab on the Ontario 4-H website. There are many youth opportunities available for you to check out on the youth tab, camps, scholarships, competitions and conferences.

### 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 your help. If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer, visit the 4-H Ontario website ([4-hontario.ca/volunteers/become-a-volunteer/](http://4-hontario.ca/volunteers/become-a-volunteer/)).

#### New Volunteer Orientation Webinars

March 20	7:00 - 9:00 pm
April 17	7:00 - 9:00 pm
May 22	7:00 - 9:00 pm

Register well in advance - email to: [region4@4-hontario.ca](mailto:region4@4-hontario.ca)

New Volunteer Candidates may complete Orientation through a self-directed session at any time.

### 2024 Volunteer Conference

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2024 VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE! Plans are underway for the 2024 Volunteer Conference - 'Building Connections 4 Brighter Horizons' at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North, March 22nd and 23rd. Look for registration information hitting your inboxes in December and keep an eye on the website for more details, coming soon!

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## Thank You to Our Sponsors

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The South Simcoe 4-H Clubs would like to thank the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture for their generous donation to aid the administrative costs of sending out our newsletter.

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We would also like to thank all the families and organizations that provided financial support, breed awards, trophies, and anonymous donations.

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