



# NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to a brand new 4-H year! Thank you to all the members who attended on February 3rd to participate in the Rally Night/Skating event. We had a fantastic turnout and you could feel the excitement in the room. We are thrilled to offer 30 clubs in 2024. Although some favourite clubs have decided to take a break, we have some exciting new (and renewed) ones like Farm Safety, Community Involvement and Cooking on a Budget.

What a great start to the year!

## Rally Night

The Angus Arena was buzzing on Saturday, February 3rd as the South Simcoe 4-H Rally Night was back! The arena was full with friends, volunteers and parents as they discovered the many club projects being offered in South Simcoe for the 2024 season! Thanks to the Leaders for their informative and interesting displays. By the end of the evening, members had a better idea of which clubs they wanted to sign up for! At 7:00 p.m. we laced up our skates for some fun on the ice! Whether they were new to skating or had years of experience, the best part was that everyone had fun and encouraged one another!

We were so glad to see so many members at Rally Night. We hope you got all your questions answered. Please reach out to one of the leaders if you would like more information about a specific club.



## Leaders' Meeting

When: March 27, 2024

Where: Angus Recreation Centre, Banquet Room

POTLUCK SOCIAL 6:30 p.m. - Bring a sweet or savoury finger food to share and enjoy in the fellowship of other leaders. Beverages will be provided.

MEETING 7:30 p.m. - The Leaders' Meeting will review key information for the 2024 South Simcoe 4-H season. Please arrange for at least 1 leader from each club to be in attendance!



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South Simcoe 4-H Website Link

\*Club meetings can be found on the  
Google Calendar on the website

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## Youth

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### Region 4 Discovery Days Bring a Friend...find out what 4-H is all about!

When: June 22, 2024  
Where: Albion Bolton Community Centre  
For: Ages 6 - 12 (prior to Jan. 1/24)  
Cost: \$35 includes t-shirt and pizza lunch  
Sponsored by Beef Farmers of Ontario

### Find more information about 4-H Opportunities in the Leadership in Action Magazine

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## 4-H Opportunities

### Dairy Sen\$e

Dairy Sen\$e is returning and tentatively scheduled for January 2025. See the 4-H Ontario website for updates.

### Youth Adventure Camp

When: August 18-21, 2024  
Where: Camp Winnebago, Huntsville  
For: Ages 12-15 (prior to Jan. 1/24)  
Registration Deadline: June 12, 2024  
Cost: \$375 + HST

### Conferences

Careers on the Grow (ages 18-25) - date tba  
Impact Conference (ages 14-21) - Oct 2024  
4-H Canada Members Forum (ages 16-21) - Nov 2024  
4-H Canadian Citizenship Congress (ages 16-21) - 2025

### Virtual Programs

Virtual Art Show (ages 6-21)  
Provincial 4-H Judging Competition (ages 6-21)  
Online Explore 4-H Project & Cloverbud At Home Experience - 2024  
Watch for information on the 4-H Ontario website!

### 4-H Opportunities - get 100% refund!

South Simcoe Members who have registered for 2024 and are enrolled in a South Simcoe Club as well as South Simcoe Volunteers in Good Standing may be reimbursed for 100% of the registration fee when they attend a 4-H Opportunity. They will need to write a report about their experience and submit it along with a receipt to southsimcoe4h@gmail.com. Members will be asked to speak at one of the year-end celebrations. This inspires other members to go to 4-H opportunities as well.

### Scholarships

4-H Ontario is committed to supporting youth to reach their goals and offer many scholarships. Funds range from \$500 up to \$20,000.



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

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## Volunteers

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All active volunteers are required to complete the Annual Volunteer Participation Form prior to participating in 2024 activities. The form can be found on the 4-H Ontario website:

<https://4-hontario.ca/2022-4-h-volunteer-participation-form/>

Please complete it as soon as possible (if you haven't already)!



4-H Ontario offers a wide variety of learning opportunities for Volunteers throughout the year. Details are available on the 4-H Ontario website and in the Leadership in Action Magazine. The upcoming Volunteer E-Symposiums are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

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## Impact Conference 2023 - Two South Simcoe Perspectives

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The Impact Conference is a 4-H Ontario leadership opportunity for youth from ages 15 to 21. I was lucky enough to be selected to go to the conference and to learn. On the first night, we did icebreakers and a run through of the next day's agenda. Then we had free time and got to socialize with our fellow 4-Hers. I met new friends and saw old ones that I've had the chance to meet at past 4-H events.

A highlight of the conference was the first day when we played a huge game of spoons. We sat in a circle with 30 of us passing around cards and reaching for spoons! We attended sessions which included succession planning, "What fuels your passions", agricultural jobs in government, etc. I took a lot away from these sessions and was sad I had to pick between 2 each time. Another highlight was the socializing on the final night. I had gotten a group of my friends together and we started line dancing. Soon after, most of the 4-Hers were learning to line dance. When that was over, some of us learned square dancing too.\*

In the morning we talked with 4-H Ontario employees and were asked questions about our experiences in 4-H. Then the part I hate - the ending. I said my goodbyes knowing I'd see my 4-H friends soon either at the Royal or hopefully at the next 4-H Ontario event.

I left the conference with an idea of a future job, friendships, contacts for more people in the agriculture industry and lots of memories. The conference made an impact. I'd like to thank all the sponsors and volunteer facilitators who make these opportunities possible. They really do make an impact on the lives of our future leaders.

Submitted by Isabella Cullen

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From October 13-15 2023, I had the opportunity to attend 4-H Ontario's first ever Youth Impact Conference in Oakville, along with 3 other members of South Simcoe. On Friday night we arrived at the Holiday Inn, checked in, met our roommates and went back down stairs for the rules of the conference and activities. We even played about a 30 person round of spoons before heading off to bed to get ready for business casual the following morning.

Saturday was the actual business part of the conference. Before we started our sessions for the day, we listened to Drew Dudley where he talked to us about leadership. We had sessions where we had the opportunity to listen to 3 out of the 6 speakers. Each of the speakers talked about jobs in agriculture, how they got there, and then what they do.

Personally I chose to hear from Bruce Sargent and his session on AG Careers in Marketing and Media. Bruce talked about what he does and how he does photo shoots for businesses in Ag for their advertisements along with his work on his family's Dairy farm and the business. The next session I listened to Jennifer Peart Anderson with young farmers. She talked about how you can apply for help when it comes to the start of farming and what all we need to be able to do so. She also gave us an up-to-date cost breakdown of running your own farm. Finally I listened to Annie Sanassion with Finding a Career that fuels your Passion. Annie talked about how when she was growing up she absolutely loved mushrooms and now she runs a farmers market where she sells certain types of mushrooms to help improve your health.

After the completion of our sessions, we had a social where we could go around and talk to the speakers, sponsors and others with careers in agriculture to get a more in-depth answer to the questions we had. Following the social, we had a career panel where some of the speakers from the social and our sessions were asked more questions about their jobs and then questions from the youth. Of course we had to end our conference with a bang! With the help of the South Simcoe Line Dancing club and members of different county's Line Dancing clubs, we line danced for a few hours and then headed up for bed.

Sunday was our very last day and we reflected on what we learned the prior day. We also had the opportunity to have a say in what the future of 4-H should be by providing input into the next 5-year plan. Friendships were made that will last a lifetime, many of us have talked every day since the conference ended.

My favourite part of the conference would have to be Saturday night's line dancing. Nobody judged you if you didn't know how to dance, you were taught. Signing and dancing filled the conference room and even the chaperones joined in on some of the dances.

I would like to thank South Simcoe 4-H Association for its support in attending this conference.

Submitted by Rachael Lange



# 4-H Volunteer & Youth Orientations

## New Volunteer Orientation

### Webinars for 2024:

March 20 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
April 17 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
May 22 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Register at least a week in advance through the 4-H Ontario website. Places are limited. Self-directed orientation sessions are also available.

<https://4-hontario.ca/volunteers/become-a-volunteer/new-volunteer-orientation/>



## Youth Leader Orientation

### Webinars for 2024:

April 2 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
May 1 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Register at least a week in advance through the 4-H Ontario website. Places are limited. Self-directed orientation sessions are also available.

<https://4-hontario.ca/youth/youth-positions/>



## Volunteer E-Symposiums for 2024 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

April 12 - Debunking Local Events  
April 15 - Delivering Club Content  
May 13 - Rocking, Respecting and Representing the 4-H Brand  
June 3 - Volunteering - What Next?  
June 17 - Tricks, Tips and Tools on Livestock Clubs

To register or for information go to:

[4-hontario.ca/volunteers/conferences-agms/volunteer-symposium-conferences](https://4-hontario.ca/volunteers/conferences-agms/volunteer-symposium-conferences)



## 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 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.

<https://4-hontario.ca/volunteers/become-a-volunteer/>



Roslyn Watkins and the team at Farm View are so supportive of 4-H. Please encourage your News Reporters to e-mail monthly club reports to [farmview@on.aibn.com](mailto:farmview@on.aibn.com) before the 14th of the month prior so that our community can read all about what your clubs are doing.

Members, read your copy at [www.farmviewonline.com](http://www.farmviewonline.com)



## Thank You to Our Sponsors

The Schomberg Agricultural Society

Farm Credit Canada has donated to the South Simcoe Arts and Crafts, South Simcoe Cooking on a Budget, South Simcoe Farm Safety, South Simcoe Garden and South Simcoe Heritage Clubs this year.

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