



NEWSLETTER



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It has been wonderful to feel the excitement as new members enroll and clubs get underway. We would like to welcome new members and welcome back returning members. We would also like to extend sincere thanks to the club leaders and volunteers; without you these programs would not be possible.

Coaching Night & Judging Competition



Reasons Classes: Dairy, Beef, Cookies and
Soy Beans

Non-Reason Classes: Rabbits, Mini Horses,
Bike Helmets and Flowers

Coaching Night - May 31

7:00 p.m.

Location:

Haanview Farms (den Haan Family)
4284 Concession Rd 5, Loretto



Each year we host a Judging Competition where members judge a variety of items across eight classes, including four where they give their reasons as to why they placed the class the way that they did. It is a great hands-on skillset that will be important for all members to carry with them throughout their lifetime. Our Coaching Night teaches our members what they need to know before they attend the Judging Competition.

The Judging Competition is MANDATORY for all livestock club members.

We encourage all of our members from EVERY club to participate in the Judging Competition. If you cannot attend our Judging Competition, speak to your leader about alternate dates. Dates are also on the 4-H Ontario website.

Judging Competition - June 7

Registration 6:00 p.m.

Location:

Walkhavern Farms (Collin and Tanya Walker)
2308 County Rd 42, Stayner



Supporting 4-H Programs - How You Can Help

The Promotions and Fundraising Committee will be sending out a letter to past donors giving them an update on the exciting news in South Simcoe 4-H and asking for their support again this year.

Do you know of any businesses that would be interested in supporting our 4-H program or your club?

Please send your suggestions to us (southsimcoe4h@gmail.com) along with a contact name if you have it! If you would like to hand out our fundraising letter yourself we would be happy to send you copies for that personal touch!

With so many clubs covering a wide number of topics, it would be great to let our community know about what is happening with South Simcoe 4-H! For example, let your bookstore know about the Book Club; tell your local garden centre about the Garden Club when picking up Garden Club supplies; the grocery manager about your Cooking Club; the feed store about your Livestock Club; the bike shop about your Biking Club - you get the idea!

Community is a pillar of 4-H. Inviting the community to come alongside us builds stronger communities!



4-H Volunteer & Youth Orientations

New Volunteer Orientation Webinar:

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.

Volunteer E-Symposiums: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

May 13 - Rocking, Respecting and Representing the 4-H Brand



June 3 - Volunteering - What Next?

June 17 - Tricks, Tips and Tools on Livestock Clubs



Youth Leader Orientation:

The webinars for Youth Leader 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.

Region 4 Discovery Days Bring a Friend...

Find out what 4-H is all about!

This year's theme is "Mighty 4-H". Make crafts, test your trivia skills and play fun activities all in one day. You will also have a pizza lunch, decorate a T-shirt and meet new friends. Don't miss out - share this experience with a friend and register today.

When: June 22, 2024 (register by June 10th)

Where: Albion Bolton Community Centre

For: Ages 6 - 12 (prior to Jan. 1/24)

Cost: \$35

Scan to register online



Youth Adventure Camp

When: August 18-21, 2024 (register by June 17th)

Where: Camp Winnebago, Huntsville

For: Ages 12-15 (prior to Jan. 1/24)

Cost: \$375 + HST

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)

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Action Magazine



4-H Opportunities

4-H Opportunities - get 100% refunded!

South Simcoe Members who have registered for 2024 and are enrolled in a South Simcoe Club 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 the 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 offers 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 and click on the youth tab at the top of the page.

The Impact Conference 2024

It's back for a second year! This conference is open to all 4-H participants aged 14-21 (prior to Jan. 1, 2024) who have completed a minimum of 6 clubs and are actively involved in 4-H and their community.

Participants will learn about careers, volunteering and making a difference in their communities. The Impact Conference aims to educate, inspire and empower the future generation of leaders by providing them with the knowledge and resources necessary to pursue their chosen career path, and create a positive lasting impact within their club, community, country and world!

When: October 18-20, 2024

Where: Oakville, ON

Cost: \$225 +HST

Eligible members should watch their email for more information and the application form. The application deadline is June 1, 2024.

Calling for Volunteers - 2024 Region 4 Go For The Gold!

South Simcoe 4-H Association is excited to be hosting the Region 4 Go For The Gold Event on Saturday July 27th at the Alliston Christian Reformed Church, 28 Downey Avenue, Alliston. We are looking for volunteers for the following tasks: set-up (8:30-9:30 a.m.), registration (9:30 - 10:00 a.m.), cleanup (3:00-4:30 p.m.), snack and lunch prep (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - safe food handler certification an asset).

We need also need volunteers who are not related to members or volunteers involved in the games being played and who are not Directors to serve as adjudicators, judges and scorekeepers.

We have formed a Go For The Gold committee that is helping to plan and organize this event. If you are interested in volunteering on July 27th with this event please email cullenfamily97@gmail.com.

New South Simcoe Awards

Who will be this year's first Top Club Secretary Award and first Top Club News Reporter Award winners?

The 4-H Awards Committee for 2024 is pleased to announce two new awards to honour the documenting skills of our club secretaries and creative writing talents of club news reporters. These awards will celebrate the qualities of enthusiasm, communication, leadership, the experience of 'Learn To Do By Doing' and devotion to serve others.

The Top Secretary Award will recognize one club secretary's book which reflects complete meeting reports, correct use and spelling of Canadian English, neatness, Achievement Program reports as well as other criteria.

The Top News Reporter Award will recognize one club news reporter for their quality submissions of press releases to news outlets, social media feeds, bursts, and photos with captions.

Committee award reviewers will be looking for correct use and spelling of Canadian English, acknowledging club highlights with enthusiasm and interest for potential youth members, reports that hold the reader's attention, reports of meetings, activities and an Achievement Program report.

To be considered for these awards, members must submit their work to the Awards Committee within one week after Marking Night (late September/early October). Submissions should include the secretary's book (physical copy) for Top Secretary Award and for Top News Reporter Award press reports published in papers or on social media platforms.

If you have questions, please email the 4-H Secretary (southsimcoe4h@gmail.com) or contact the Awards Committee (cullenfamily97@gmail.com). Leaders - detailed information is posted on the Leaders' Google drive.

Club secretaries and news reporters are encouraged to go the extra mile with their duties, have fun and submit their best work.

Nominations for Outstanding New Volunteer Award

Volunteers - If you have worked with a club leader who has been involved with the South Simcoe 4-H Association for five years or less and is doing great things within their local programming please consider nominating them for the Outstanding New 4-H Volunteer Award.

Submit a letter of support for the Leader you have worked with to southsimcoe4h@gmail.com by June 1st. The Board of Directors will choose the nominee to be put forward from the South Simcoe Association based on the letter of support. If your nominee is selected you will be asked to help coordinate two letters of support from club members.

2024 4-H Volunteer Conference and the 4-H Ontario AGM

Volunteer Conference

On March 23rd, the Volunteer Conference was held at the Sheraton Parkway in Richmond Hill. The day started with registration and keynote speaker Andrew Campbell who spoke about your personal brand. We then went to Region 4's JAM session and learned what was happening in Region 4's 12 Associations.

You could attend three of nine workshops being offered - Navigating Leadership Dynamics, Positive Youth Development, Bring Out the Best in Youth, Association Secretary and Treasurer Best Practices to name a few. Workshops involved group participation and were educational.

There was a silent auction with many wonderful items being supplied by a variety of Associations at good value. Supper was served and the 2024 Arbor Award winners were announced. They recalled their involvement in the 4-H program and more than one funny 'Learn To Do by Doing' story was shared. A live auction followed with energetic bidders and a lively auctioneer. The evening saw fantastic live entertainment from the Lucas Rogerson Band. There were lots of opportunities to network and meet other volunteers and 4-H staff. I recommend that volunteers consider attending the 2025 Ontario Volunteer Conference. Too close to home to miss.

Written by Scott Cullen

Tamara Fisher-Cullen Elected to the Ontario 4-H Council Board of Directors

Tamara Fisher-Cullen, a 4-H alumni, and third generation 4-H volunteer became involved in 4-H South Simcoe nine years ago when she and her husband Scott started the South Simcoe Cloverbud program. Over the years, Tamara has led a number of lifeskill clubs and she is always looking for new club ideas and volunteers to collaborate with for the benefit of local youth. Tamara serves on the South Simcoe 4-H Board of Directors as Association Representative to 4-H Ontario. At the 4-H Ontario AGM, she was elected to the Ontario 4-H Council Board of Directors <https://4-hontario.ca/about-4-h/ontario-4-h-council/>.

Here is what she says about the recent 4-H Ontario AGM: "Conference delegates, including association representatives, met for the annual general meeting on the Friday evening of the 4-H volunteer conference, March 22nd. This was an opportunity to learn about participant enrollment, volunteer involvement, important undertakings like the Impact Conference for youth and the Strategic Plan, as well as to review the financials of 4-H Ontario. I encourage you to review the annual report <https://4-hontario.ca/about-4-h/annual-reports/>." If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Tamara Fisher-Cullen. (tfishercullen@gmail.com)

Hear from Our Future Leaders...

Jaiden van Kolfshoten

This year I had the opportunity to attend FLIA which stands for 'Future Leaders in Action'. It ran from Saturday March 9th to Wednesday March 13th.

At this camp we had the opportunity to have discussions on leading meetings, outdoor activities like tug of war, tree top trekking, Jacobs ladder, and many others. We were very grateful to the Camp George staff located in Parry Sound for both offering the amazing and fun opportunities along with the delicious food.

My favourite activity was the tug of war. This year we had the opportunity to slip and slide with this extremely wet weather. Mother Nature knew what she was doing, as many of us became one with the ground!

This camp was very eventful as in our free time we were line dancing and learning new dances, sharing snacks, talking about past 4-H experiences and singing along to some of the members favourite songs!

To end the time, we had a banquet where our sponsor Dairy Farmers of Ontario had sent a representative Keith Emiry. At this banquet we had the opportunity to communicate with our sponsor and how our different Associations ran, along with what clubs we were involved in. We had an amazing night with line dancing and square dancing where our facilitators jumped in many times to have some fun.

Nicole Palmateer

On March 9th, 2024 I had my bags packed and set off to Seguin, Ontario to attend 'Future Leaders in Action' Camp. I got to learn a lot about my fellow 4-H'ers with icebreakers and "get to know you" games.

Over the course of 5 days at camp I experienced many leadership sessions that make me feel very confident to be a Youth Leader this year. I really enjoyed FLIA. It was completely different from any other 4-H event I've been to. On the first day it was mostly fun games for everyone to get to know each other. On the second day we got into groups and did a scavenger hunt all over Camp George. Later that day we learned about leading techniques that might help us as Youth Leaders and we made TikTok videos for 4-H Ontario! On Monday we had camp Olympics! We carried canoes, did tug of war in the mud, and we also did high ropes that day too. Those were some awesome experiences. Then on Tuesday, our last full day at camp we had a very eventful day with activities like an escape room. We built little cars and saw whose could go the fastest. After that everyone got all dressed up and had a banquet. During the banquet we had a member of Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Keith Emiry, give a small speech. Later that evening we all took some great pictures and did some square dancing, line dancing and listened to music. It will be a night to remember. Lastly on Wednesday, we had a smooth day doing some nine square and saying our goodbyes.

FLIA was so much fun. I loved all the people and I came home with so much more knowledge about leadership. I would highly recommend everyone to go to Future Leaders in Action Camp.



Thank you to Roslyn Watkins and the team at Farm View for being so supportive of 4-H. Leaders, please encourage your News Reporters to e-mail monthly club reports to farmview@on.aibn.com before the 14th of the month prior.



Check out the center spreads in the April and May issues to read about what the clubs and the members are doing!
Read your copy at www.farmviewonline.com

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Keep informed on what's going on at 4-H South Simcoe!

Club meetings can be found on the Google Calendar which is on the website.



[South Simcoe 4-H Website Link](#)



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