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As we reflect on the 2023 4-H season, we would like to thank the many people and organizations that have helped to make this season a successful one. South Simcoe completed 29 clubs with 133 members. All of our Achievement Days were a huge success and members will have an opportunity to celebrate their achievements at the various upcoming year-end events. Thank you to our leaders, volunteers, members and parents for all of their hard work and dedication this year. 4-H would not be the youth development program that it is without all of you.

Year-End Celebrations - updated information

Cookstown Area Banquet

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Living Faith Community
Presbyterian Church
206 Murphy Road, Baxter
at 7 p.m.

For members of:
Cookstown Dairy Club
Cookstown Beef Club
Cookstown Mini Horse Club

Beeton Area Banquet

Saturday, November 25, 2023

Alliston Memorial Arena
49 Nelson Street West, Alliston
at 7 p.m.

For members of:
Beeton/Bradford Dairy Club
Rabbit Club Poultry Club
Cooking Club Crops Club
Garden Club Mechanics Club
Line Dancing Club

Collingwood Area Banquet

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Centennial United Church
234 William Street, Stayner
at 7 p.m.

For members of:
Clearview Dairy Club
South Simcoe Sheep Club

Year-End Celebration for all Clubs

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Living Faith Community
Presbyterian Church
206 Murphy Road, Baxter

2:00 p.m. - 4:00p.m.

Save the Date: Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. More details to follow.



Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Dairy & Beef Teams 2023



Beef

Hayden Chantler
Layne Chantler
Morgan Gilpin
Kylee Chantler
Ben Gilpin
Paige Moore



Dairy

Grace Finch
Scarlett McCallum-Pinho
Connor Walker
Megan Woodhouse
Herdsman: Clara Brooks
Rachael Lange
Rebecca Lange
Larissa Walker
Emily Vaughan

Congratulations and good luck to these South Simcoe 4-H members who will represent us at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair November 4 - 13th. If you want to come and cheer on our members, you will find the dairy team at the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic on November 6th (9 a.m.) and 7th (8 a.m.) in the Semex Ring of Excellence. The 2023 Masterfeeds National Junior Beef Heifer Show will be held on November 3rd (8 a.m.) and 4th (8 a.m.) in the Semex Ring of Excellence (South Ring).

South Simcoe 4-H Club Reports in Farm View

We would like to thank Roslyn Watkins and the Farm View newspaper for featuring the articles from the South Simcoe 4-H Association. You will find current and past articles written by our members in print and on the Farm View website at:

<https://farmviewonline.com/issues/>



Ontario Youth Adventure Camp

On August 20th I was packed and on my way to Youth Adventure Camp, I had participated in the camp last year and was looking forward to seeing friends from last year along with making new ones. Over the course of the three days we played games, and had chances to use the amazing water inflatables along with the incredible rock wall and tree top trekking course. Everyone at camp was welcoming and enthusiastic. We learned a lot about leadership and encouraging others to do their best. We had a lot of experience using many different skills and strategies to help us later on in life. I want to thank the sponsors for their generous funding to allow this camp to be possible for myself and others.

Submitted by Jaiden van Kolschoten

Youth Adventure Camp 2023 was so much fun ! It was full of the kindest 4-H'ers and the most awesome leaders. We played so many different games in the 4 days we spent at camp. We played ice breaker games and games that taught me about leadership and ways you can use it. The teamwork games were also awesome! We tried cool activities like canoeing , kayaking, paddle boarding, rock climbing, and archery which probably was my favourite. I would also like to mention that the camp ground staff were also all so nice and they made some really delicious food. Overall this year's Youth Adventure Camp was so much fun and I would definitely like to go back next year!

Submitted by Nicole Palmateer

I had the opportunity to go to 4-H Youth Adventure Camp this summer and I'm so glad I signed up! At YAC we were able to work on our team building activities in the mornings. One of the activities we did was setting SMART goals. We started our days off with energizers and the polar dip which definitely woke you up for the day (burr). After lunch we would do three of six activities. The first day I did archery, kayaking/paddle boarding and canoeing. The second day I did high ropes, rock climbing and swimming. In the evening after supper we had a campfire with snacks and chatted with our new friends from across the province. If you ever have the chance to go to Youth Adventure Camp I would highly recommend it. YAC was one of the highlights of my summer.

I want to say a huge thank you to the Camp Winnebagoe staff and all of the 4-H volunteers who made this year's camp so wonderful. I would also like to thank our sponsors who made this possible.

Submitted by Abby Patton

I was so excited to return to camp this year because the previous year was such a great experience. Prior to leaving for camp I reached out to all of my friends from last year and we talked a lot about the great memories that we had and how excited we were to make new ones.

When we arrived at camp we did some Icebreakers which really allowed everyone to get to know each other better.

We then unpacked and of course had a fabulous meal (spaghetti-yummy!)

The week was packed with lots of fun leadership activities. I learned about how a dream can turn into a goal, setting goals and how to reach your goals. This will go a long way in setting me up for future success. Currently, I play rep volleyball and these learnings have helped me to achieve my goal of making it onto a Division One Team so the learnings from this camp are used in my every day to help me be the best that I can be. We did high ropes, a rock wall, and archery which was a lot of fun. It allowed us to bond as a group. There was a talent show where everyone was able to share a talent and learn from each other. I learned a lot about the people at my camp and their unique abilities.

Each year that I have attended camp I met so many new friends that I can continue to connect with beyond camp. We live very far apart but camp has brought us together. I am so very thankful to have had the opportunity to attend such a great camp! The leadership lessons that I have learned at 4H will help me each and every day!

Thank You so much for hosting such a wonderful camp. I LOVED it!!!

Submitted by Mattie McAulay



4-H Opportunities – Member Experiences



Thank you to the people who sponsored 4-H Youth Adventure Camp 2023. I would also like to thank the sponsors for allowing me this opportunity, and thank you to all the leaders and staff that volunteered their time. I had a lot of fun at camp and made many new friends and memories. There were a lot of activities like high ropes, swimming, rock climbing, archery, canoeing and many different leadership games. But one of my favorite activities was the campfires, this was an opportunity for everyone to sing songs and get to know each other more. I'm very sad to be aging out and this was my last year at 4-H Youth Adventure Camp. But I recommend many more kids go because it's a great experience and opportunity.

Submitted by Jayme Orr

O.Y.A.C. isn't an ordinary camp, it's a 4-H youth opportunity to meet new friends, to see old friends, to gain confidence, and develop leadership skills in everything you do! This year was by far the most amazing yet. We were greeted by smiling faces and enthusiastic leaders! We started our first day with an icebreaker and played get to know each other games. For every meal, they'd put us in groups to get us to know everyone in the camp! Every day we started with 4 stations that used games or activities to teach us different lessons on leadership such as how to communicate without speaking, how to listen with a blindfold and some about just how to work together! We challenged ourselves with activities like canoeing, kayaking, archery, high ropes or rock climbing. These activities taught us to step out of our comfort zones and challenge ourselves! At the end of the day, we'd do another activity like a talent show where everyone supported their new friends and shared their skills. Many of our South Simcoe crew along with some new friends showcased how to line dance. This was my last year for O.Y.A.C. as I have aged out, and I am so grateful for the sponsors who made it possible! It truly was the best year and I left with so many new friendships and developed more leadership skills. Thank you.

Submitted by Isabella Cullen

I want to thank the sponsors of the 4-H Youth Adventure Camp 2023 for helping to make this experience happen. This camp is amazing, you get to do fun outdoor activities such as rock climbing, canoeing, archery, swimming, and paddleboarding. They played a lot of games, teamwork games, strategy games, and a few other different types. At night there are campfires. There were a lot of leadership training activities. The morning energizers were good to get us up and going for the day. But the best part of all about camp is the people you meet. I met so many new people at 4-H Youth Adventure Camp. Some of those I will probably see again. Some maybe I will not, but it was still great to spend the time with them. I also want to thank the volunteers at camp who provided everyone with full days of fun at camp. I highly recommend Youth Adventure Camp to other people who want to experience new things and make a bunch of new friends.

Submitted by Danya Orr

My name is Kaitlyn Dunlop, this summer I went to Youth Adventure Camp at Camp Winnebago. Everyday we would do different group activities inside and outside, such as rock climbing, archery, tennis, running games and my favorite part was the water activities because there were so many options like canoeing, kayaking and swimming. Some mornings you could even do a cold plunge in the lake. Some nights we would have campfires and sing lots of fun songs before we went to bed. At this camp, I met so many new people that I've become friends with now. I'm so glad that I got the opportunity to go to this camp this summer and I'm looking forward to going back next year! Thank you!

Submitted by Kaitlyn Dunlop

I attended youth adventure camp (YAC) this summer and I am definitely going back next year. I met a lot of new people and left with new friends and amazing memories. Many of the skills we learned I could see being used in the future. We often had fires at night where we could talk with our friends and get to know new people or we could sing. The activities we did were very fun. We had chances to go paddleboarding/ kayaking and canoeing, we had access to the water inflatables and the diving towers. We went rock climbing and did high ropes. A lot of the activities and games we did we showed our leadership and stepped outside of our comfort zone. I think that it was an amazing experience for everyone not to be passed up.

Submitted by Olivia Livingston

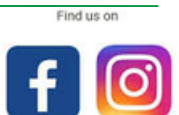
This year at camp was a lot of fun. I feel like it was organized and planned out well. The facilitators were very engaging and were very friendly. The meals and snacks provided were excellent and filling. The activities the campers did in the day was more than enough to tire them out by around ten o'clock. I would recommend this camp to people who are looking to improve their leadership skills and find more friends. YAC is a lot more fun when the campers decide to join in singing the songs the facilitators sing. As an example, the campers sang campfire songs when the facilitators took them to the campfire and it was a lot of fun since most of the campers were joining. I would definitely go to this camp again because the people there are so nice and welcoming, which makes being at a different place than home, feel much better.

Submitted by Milana Palmateer

Reminder: October 25th is the deadline for the Fall Clothing Order for Hoodies email your order to: marieke.patton@gmail.com Check your email for details.



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