

# JOIN MERRIMACK COUNTY 4-H AT THE HOPKINTON STATE FAIR

**Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Hopkinton State Fair is a time when our 4-H youth get to showcase their hard work from the year. Members can show their 4-H animal projects, enter exhibits, and partake in volunteering opportunities.

**We are reaching out to all 4-H families in this newsletter with exhibitor information and to recruit help in the 4-H Ice Cream Parlor & 4-H Exhibit Hall to make this a successful event!** Part of the 4-H pledge is to help one's club, community, country, and world. [Sign up online](#) or email Hannah Majewski at [hannah.majewski@unh.edu](mailto:hannah.majewski@unh.edu) to help give back to 4-H. 4-H has deep roots in being a part of the Hopkinton Fair since its inception. Let's show our "spirit" and be there volunteering, participating, and showing the face of today's 4-H.

Check out this year's Fair Exhibitor Handbook located online at: <https://www.hsfairexhibitors.org/>. If you do not have access to the internet, contact the **FAIR OFFICE** at (603) 865-1698. **ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS MUST REGISTER THROUGH [FAIR ENTRY!](#)**



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## \*GENERAL FAIR INFORMATION\*

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- [Animal Exhibitor Registration Open](#): July 15 – August 15, 2022
- [Volunteer Sign-Ups Due](#): August 1, 2022
- Fair Clean-Up Day: Sunday, August 14 at 1:00pm (there will be pizza and a potluck for all helpers!)
- Exhibit Hall Items Due to Fairground: Wednesday, August 31, 4:30pm – 7:30pm
- Exhibit Hall Judging Day: Thursday, September 1, 9:00am (lunch will be provided for judges!)

### FAIR CLEAN UP – Sunday, August 14 at 1:00pm

Help is necessary to prepare the 4-H Exhibit Hall for displays and to clean the 4-H Ice Cream Parlor. The clean-up date is Sunday, August 14, at 1:00pm. Major cleaning will be done this year in the exhibit hall. We are asking clubs to volunteer for a task to complete together. The Merrimack County 4-H Leaders Association will provide pizza for all helpers, and clubs and families are invited to bring drinks, snacks, side dishes and desserts to share. Please check with your club leader about how you can help.

## **REGISTER TO EXHIBIT AN ANIMAL AT HOPKINTON FAIR WITH FAIR ENTRY**

The Hopkinton State Fair is collecting entries via “Fair Entry” for 4-H Animal Shows, Skill-A-Thon, and the 4-H Forestry Contest. \*For questions regarding an exhibit, contact Hannah at [hannah.majewski@unh.edu](mailto:hannah.majewski@unh.edu) , for questions or issues with Fair Entry, contact the Hopkinton Fair Office at [info@hsfair.org](mailto:info@hsfair.org) or (603) 865-1698.\*

**Link to full instructions:** <https://scholars.unh.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2270&context=extension>

- **Current 4-H member animal show entry instructions:**
  1. **Register for the animal show with Fair Entry** (<https://hsfairexhibitors.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/17434>) log-in with your 4-HOnline credentials - email & password for your 4HOnline account.
- **Non 4-H member animal show entry instructions:** Follow these steps to become a 4-Her for the fair.
  1. **Create an account with 4-HOnline** (<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-up>) **and enroll youth (ages 8-18). Instructions:** <https://scholars.unh.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2270&context=extension>
  2. **Register for the animal show with Fair Entry** (<https://hsfairexhibitors.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/17434>) log-in with your 4-HOnline credentials you created (email & password you just used to create your 4HOnline account).

### **4-H FORESTRY EVENT – 7:00pm on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hood Arena**

Open to all 4-H Members ages 8 to 18. Sign-up is required by August 25<sup>th</sup>. All equipment will be provided. Events will include a peavey log roll, single-person bucksaw, two-person crosscut saw, cordwood stack, and a forestry knowledge quiz. Register online at [www.hsfairexhibitors.org](http://www.hsfairexhibitors.org).

### **4-H SKILL-A-THON (ANIMAL SCIENCE EVENT) – 7:00pm on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hood Arena**

Open to all 4-H Members ages 8 to 18. Sign-up is required by August 25<sup>th</sup>. Youth will compete in teams of 2-4 in a series of Animal Science stations. Teams will be based on the number of sign-ups. Stations could include but are not limited to, proper animal identification, herd health scenarios, and animal handling techniques. Register online at [www.hsfairexhibitors.org](http://www.hsfairexhibitors.org).

### **4-H CLUB EXHIBIT CONTEST – NEW THIS YEAR!**

We want to see your 4-H PRIDE this year at the Hopkinton Fair! Clubs have a new and exciting opportunity to earn prizes this year in the 4-H Exhibit Hall! Clubs can enter a club display in the booths in the exhibit hall and ribbons will be awarded with the Danish system as usual, but there are extra prizes and premiums this year. **The top 3 club displays will be awarded “Best of Show”, “Reserve Best of Show” and “Honorable Mention Best of Show”, with premiums of \$125.00, \$100.00, and \$50.00, respectively.** To receive these awards, clubs should go above and beyond to showcase the amazing things they have done throughout the year and tell a story about why 4-H is so awesome!

### **EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION - 4-H DAY PASSES AVAILABLE!**

Deadline To Request Tickets: August 1

If you are looking to check out Eastern States Exposition this year for 4-H Day on **Saturday, September 17, 2022**, free passes are offered. Tickets are available for 4-H youth and leaders! These need to be pre-ordered so we can make a request for the tickets. Email Hannah at [hannah.majewski@unh.edu](mailto:hannah.majewski@unh.edu) if you would like to request tickets for 4-H Day at the Big E!

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# \*VOLUNTEERS & JUDGES NEEDED\*

**SIGN UP ONLINE HERE BY AUGUST 1:** [https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_c5u1MjGSm3tJ5Q](https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_c5u1MjGSm3tJ5Q)

## **WHY VOLUNTEER?**

- Clubs are strongly encouraged to work hard to find youth & families to take one shift or find another club to split a shift or pull a crew together.
- Any youth or volunteer receiving scholarships or Book Awards to attend a 4-H event, should sign up to “Pay it Forward”.
- **You will receive a full-day fair pass and a voucher redeemable at the 4-H Ice Cream Parlor.**

## **Leaders, Parents, Friends of 4-H and Youth Members... you can help in the following areas:**

- **Ice Cream Parlor** – Youth (8 & older) & Adults
- **Exhibit Hall Judge** – Jr. Leaders & Adults
- **Exhibit Hall Monitor** – Youth Helpers & Adults

## **ICE CREAM PARLOR VOLUNTEERS – Contact Hannah if your club has not signed up for a shift yet!**

- Merrimack County 4-H Clubs are encouraged to fill a shift with their club members and volunteers
  - At least one adult needs to be present as the “shift leader” to make sure operations run smoothly, safety procedures are followed, and all areas of operation are covered during the shift
  - Youth need to be at least 8 years old
  - About six to eight people are needed per shift.
  - One or two adult cashiers or teens; sixteen and older, with cashier experience.
- You will make jet shakes, scoop ice cream, and serve the public.

## **JUDGES FOR THE 4-H EXHIBIT HALL**

Judging will be done on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 9:00am. We need volunteers to sign up by August 1<sup>st</sup> in order to get organized and letters out. Lunch will be provided.

## **JUNIOR JUDGES FOR THE 4-H EXHIBIT HALL**

We want to encourage our older 4-Hers (12 & older), to sign up to be a judge to get involved with the experience. Other volunteers (can be youth), are needed to put ribbons on exhibits, collect exhibit card tags, help take down and put exhibits back up and arrange exhibits for an attractive building display while judging is going on.

## **HALL MONITORS FOR THE 4-H EXHIBIT HALL**

Members 12 & older, as well as parents and leaders, are encouraged to assist with the supervision of the exhibit hall. While manning the building, you might be asked questions regarding 4-H, and who could answer better than a parent or older youth who has experienced the program. You are the validation for others that this might be a good program for their family. For four hours of watchful supervision per shift, you receive a full day pass to the fair! We are not able to give tickets to family members only those who are committing to volunteer and cover the shift. A shift consists of 1-2 volunteers.

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# \*EXHIBITING AT THE 4-H EXHIBIT HALL\*

## PROCEDURES TO GET ITEMS TO THE FAIR

- Prepare all items with Exhibit Card & Registration Form - these will be available for you to fill out AT THE EXHIBIT HALL you do not need to pick them up ahead of time at the 4-H Office. If you would like to fill them out ahead of time your club leader may have them available or you can arrange a time to pick them up at the 4-H Office.
- **Exhibits must be completed and dropped off at the Exhibit Hall at the fair by Wednesday, August 31, 2022, between the hours of 4:30pm – 7:30pm.**
- Judging begins at 9:00am on Thursday, September 1, 2022.

## GETTING ON FAIRGROUNDS

- Enter the **GREEN GATE** off Kearsarge Ave, in Contoocook. See enclosed map.
- Drop off exhibits then move vehicle to area designated by security.

## EXHIBIT PICK UP

The fair closes on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm. Please be there to pick up your exhibits at 7:15pm! To park, leave your vehicle at G (green) gate, designated parking off Kearsarge Ave. Do not pay for parking outside at private parking areas. The fair must get the grounds cleared before we are given clearance to remove exhibits. Carts or some way to wheel your exhibits out is helpful.

## GARDEN CLINIC SALSA CHALLENGE

Did you participate in the Merrimack County 4-H Garden Clinic this year? Don't forget to enter your homemade fresh salsa for judging in the 4-H Exhibit Hall this year! Top 3 salsa entries will be awarded additional prizes of \$50.00, \$25.00 and \$15.00.

## GENERAL EXHIBITING TIPS

- Members should only be exhibiting items made as part of a 4-H project or done on their own at home
- School projects, along with other projects not done in the 4-H club system, are not allowed.
- All articles are exhibited at members' own risk.
- Exhibits should be the best example of 4-H'ers ability and should be nicely displayed.
- Projects or articles exhibited must represent work done since July 1<sup>st</sup> of last year and not previously exhibited by 4-H members at HSF.
- Ribbons and premiums are awarded to worthy exhibits on the basis of individual merits at Hopkinton State Fair only. Premium checks are awarded at club Achievement Nights in the fall. All checks are to be cashed within 60 days.
- Items exhibited by Merrimack County members at the Ruth Kimball Hall are not eligible for display at any other fair.
- Each qualifying exhibit will receive a ribbon. Blue ribbon, Red ribbon and White ribbon. Green ribbon, worthy of recognition, but not meeting exhibiting criteria and guidelines.
- Unsatisfactory projects may be disqualified and will not be eligible for awards.
- Only items listed in the Fair Guideline Book can be exhibited.

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## \* NH 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW & AUCTION\*

**Monday, September 5, 2022 at the Hopkinton State Fair**  
**Market Classes begin at 10:00am and the Livestock Auction begins at 12:30pm**

The [NH 4-H Livestock Show & Auction](#) will be held at the Hopkinton State Fair on Monday, September 5, 2022. Youth 4-H members will auction off their 4-H project animals they have been raising specifically for this event. The Livestock Show begins at 10:00am and buyers will get a chance to see the available animals to bid on. The Livestock Auction begins at 12:30pm and bidders should be present or make arrangements to submit an absentee bid.

If you are [interested in learning more](#) about the NH 4-H Livestock Show & Auction and would like to become a buyer or sponsor of the auction, please contact Michelle Bersaw-Robblee at [michelle.bersaw@unh.edu](mailto:michelle.bersaw@unh.edu) or (603)-255-3556.

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## \*ANIMAL SCIENCE AT THE FAIR\*

**ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15: <https://www.hsfairexhibitors.org/>**  
**(ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!)**

**Learn to How to Submit Entries here:**

<https://scholars.unh.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2270&context=extension>

*New Livestock Families* if you have any questions about what you need to do to prepare for the fair, please call the 4-H office or talk to your Club Leader. **Remember it is your responsibility to enter the fairs you choose to go to.**

### **ANIMAL ARRIVAL TIMES**

- Wednesday, August 31, 2022 from 9:00am – 9:00pm
- Thursday, September 1, 2022 from 7:00am – 12:00pm

Note: No animals will be allowed on the fairgrounds prior to 9:00am, on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. All livestock must enter the fairgrounds through the agricultural gate.

**Health inspections** will be conducted on all animals by the Show Superintendent prior to unloading. Please arrange your schedule accordingly. All animals (except horses and dogs which are not 5-day shows) must be on the grounds during health inspection times on Wednesday or Thursday and remain until released on Monday.

### **HERDSMANSHIP**

In order to be eligible for Herdsmanship, animals must be penned for all five (5) days. 4-H Exhibitors must choose either Open Herdsmanship or 4-H Herdsmanship. As always, 4-Hers will be the only ones allowed to feed, water, and clean the animals. If a 4-Her must be in school, they must find a 4-Her to do their chores and tell their superintendent

that they will be off the grounds and who will be representing them by doing their Herdsmanship. All youth, not mandated to be in school, should be on the grounds Thursday. All of the above will be strictly enforced.

**4-H Animal Science exhibitors are expected to have an educational display as part of their exhibit area.** This is an effective way to deliver accurate and educational information to fairgoers even when you are unable to be at your exhibit. These displays are awarded points on the Herdsmanship Scorecard. NOTE: Failure to present a display will result in 0 points for all 5 days and prohibit an exhibitor from receiving a blue ribbon for Herdsmanship.

## **ACCIDENTS**

We carry an accident policy on all 4-H members at the fair. 4-H Superintendents will carry the necessary papers to submit insurance claims. **Parents are expected to supervise their children at all times during the fair. It is not the responsibility of 4-H Superintendents or staff to supervise 4-H members.**

## **FAIR PASSES**

Each 4-H livestock exhibitor will receive an admission pass for themselves for the Fair. Participants in the 4-H Dairy Show, 4-H Goat Show, 4-H Working Steer Show, 4-H Beef Show, 4-H Sheep Show and 4-H Swine Show will receive tickets good for the 5 days of the fair. Participants in the 4-H Dog Show receive a 1-day pass, good for entry the day of the show. 5-day exhibitors will receive 2 additional 5-Day Adult Passes, good for one swipe each day. 4-H Horse Exhibitors will not receive any passes, all entry to the fairgrounds will be handled at the gate by the show staff.

## **NEW FOR THE 2022 4-H RABBIT AND POULTRY SHOWS**

Exhibitors can enter a display to educate fairgoers about your 4-H rabbit or poultry project! Live animals can be included to enhance the display (the exhibitor must supply proper caging and health papers). Only one display per 4-H member per species is allowed (a 4-H member may enter one poultry AND one rabbit display). Set up will be on Wednesday, August 31st from 12:00-6:00pm and take down will be on Monday, September 5th from 7:00- 8:00pm. Judging will take place on Thursday, September 1st. Each display will be judged on merit and will be awarded using the Danish ribbon system (Bonus premiums are awarded if a 4-H member does a 15-minute “Fence Talk” about their display). Visit <https://www.hsfairerexhibitors.org/> for more information and judging criteria. Entries need to be submitted through Fair Entry by August 15. This is a great opportunity to advocate for agriculture!

## **COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AWARDS FOR AGRICULTURAL EXCELLENCE**

### CRITERIA:

1. Awards shall recognize exhibits, which promote a better understanding of agriculture and rural life.
2. Awards may be given to individuals, farms, businesses, or organizations.
3. Awards shall be given based upon assessment of the following:
  - a. Organization and neatness
  - b. Ability to convey clear information or message
  - c. Conformity to generally accepted practices such as animal cleanliness, proper preparation of produce, adherence to state or federal grade and quality standards, etc.
  - d. Clear identification of exhibitor: name and hometown.
  - e. Integration with overall goals of the individual fair.
  - f. Originality
4. Awards shall not be given to an exhibitor more than once in three years.
5. Awards shall be determined by Judges appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets and Food.

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## \*2022 ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR HSF\*

Health inspections will be conducted on all livestock being exhibited during the Hopkinton State Fair by the SHOW SUPERINTENDENT for each department. All animals prior to inspection must have blankets removed. Any animals exhibiting signs of potentially contagious diseases to humans or livestock will not be allowed to stay on the grounds. Examples of contagious diseases include, but are not limited to, shipping fever, ringworm, conjunctivitis, sore mouth, foot rot, and external parasites.

A VETERINARIAN contracted by Hopkinton State Fair will be on the grounds to assist the SHOW SUPERINTENDENTS as needed. The attending VETERINARIAN's judgment will be final. Animals may be dismissed for health problems by any SHOW SUPERINTENDENT, FAIR MANAGEMENT, or VETERINARIAN and the animal must be removed from the grounds immediately.

**Hopkinton State Fair Veterinarian:** Pembroke Animal Hospital - 13 Sheep Davis Road (Route 106), Pembroke, NH 03275. Phone: (603) 228-0019, Fax: (603) 228-9378

**RABIES:** All livestock (excluding poultry and rabbits) entered in the Hopkinton State Fair must be inoculated for rabies at least 30 days prior to and within 1 year of entry to the grounds. Proper documentation must be available upon request. It is REQUIRED that the rabies vaccine be administered by a Licensed Veterinarian to all equine, cattle and sheep for which there is an approved vaccine. Hopkinton State Fair does acknowledge the "Extra Label" use of the Rabies vaccines on goats, camelids, and swine. Owners can administer the vaccine to these species as there is no Rabies Vaccine labeled for use in them. Exhibitors must provide the appropriate documentation upon inspection of their animals at the fairgrounds. Appropriate documentation of owner-administered Rabies Vaccination includes the manufacturer, serial number, expiration date, the date of administration, and the animal identification number. Please note that this regulation ONLY applies to goats, camelids, and swine because there is no legally labeled vaccine for these species although the manufacturers believe it to be protective.

The youngest age a rabies vaccine can be given is 12 weeks of age and the vaccine is not considered valid for 30 days after administration. Therefore, the youngest animal on the fairgrounds not nursing on its dam must be 4 months of age or older.

All livestock must be clearly identified by permanent identification, which includes tattoos, ear tags, microchips, or specific breed registration photo ID. Acceptable identification methods are listed by species in this section, and all forms of identification must be in place and legible prior to arriving at the fair. Animals not clearly identified will not be allowed to stay on the fairgrounds. Cattle (Beef, Dairy, and Working Steer/Oxen), Camelids, and Pigs: Microchips, Breed Registration Tattoos/ or Photo ID, Metal State Ear Farm Tag Sheep and Goats\* Federal Scrapie Tags, Breed Registration Tattoos, Microchips\* NO FARM TAGS ACCEPTED FOR SHEEP AND GOATS. If you do not have a Federal ID Farm number, contact your veterinarian regarding getting appropriate scrapie tags.

Paperwork (i.e.: rabies certificates or interstate health certificate) need to be presented at the time of inspection. No animal should be unloaded until authorized by department superintendent.

Animals arriving at the Fair from NH farms do not have to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) but appropriate proofs of Rabies vaccinations are necessary. Livestock arriving from out of state must have a current year CVI accompanying them. New Hampshire will accept a Fair and Show Season CVI that has been issued between July 1 and October 31, corresponding to the NH Fair and Show Season. A list of the fairs and shows attended through the season, with USPS addresses and dates of attendance must be attached to the document at all times.

Unfortunately, Hopkinton State Fair does not allow livestock “bottle babies” on grounds secondary to their susceptibility to infections and not being old enough for vaccines. Please make arrangements to leave juvenile livestock at home that needs to be bottle-fed. They will not be allowed to stay on the grounds.

These regulations are to protect the health of your animals and the public and to be in conformity with the Federal Permanent Identification Programs. If you have any questions about the contagiousness of your show animals prior to the fair, please contact your veterinarian for a health exam so that potential illnesses can be addressed and hopefully resolved prior to the shows.

**BIO-SECURITY:** When exhibiting animals at the fairs or shows, bring your own shovels, forks, brooms, and wheelbarrows for your personal use, and do not allow them to be used by others. Disinfect all of the hand tools, including the wheelbarrows, feed tubs, and your boots and shoes before going back to the farm. Consider isolating all animals returning to your farm from the animals left at home for a period of time to minimize the transmission of diseases that may have been picked up at the show. Do not allow the public to walk in the feed areas and do not allow manure contamination of the feed or feeding areas. There are many diseases such as Johnes, E. Coli, Salmonella, etc. that can be spread at fairs and brought back to the farm. Prevent the spread of organisms.

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## \* RABIES REQUIREMENTS FOR NH 4-H ANIMALS\*

Upon the recommendation of the New Hampshire State Veterinarian, all mammals except rabbits and cavies shown or exhibited at New Hampshire 4-H events including fairs, shows, clinics, 4-H club meetings, county activities day or any other event sponsored by 4-H, must have a current inoculation for rabies given at least 30 days prior to the event. In the event of an animal who had a prior current rabies vaccination, the 30-day prior to the event requirement is waived; for example a horse receiving a rabies vaccination May 1 of the prior year can receive a booster vaccination on May 1 of the current year and attend an event immediately. A licensed veterinarian administered rabies vaccination is recommended. *Always check with individual fair regulations for their requirements as some may require veterinarian certification.*

Immunization against rabies is recommended for all rabbits and cavies shown in NH 4-H shows and other 4-H events, provided the animal is housed in a cage or hutch that prevents any direct contact with wildlife. Any rabbit or cavy housed in a situation that allows exposure to wildlife is required to be immunized against rabies. **Some fairs and events may require rabies vaccination for all rabbits and cavies; be sure to check the animal health requirements for any event you plan to attend.**

All animals being displayed at fairs, shows and events should be restrained in a manner that would not allow the public to be bitten or exposed to saliva.



Rabies vaccinations cannot be given to 4-H animals under three months of age AND we require the vaccination be given at least 30 days prior to exhibiting an animal. All 4-H project animals requiring vaccination must be at least four months of age by show day to be shown, exhibited or brought to any 4-H event. For instance, a lamb born on April 30 could not be vaccinated until July 31 and couldn't be exhibited or brought to a 4-H event before August 30. Always check the fair book or show/event materials for the deadlines for the specific event.

Other health requirements vary by species and show. Individual shows and fairs may have additional vaccination and health requirements as recommended by the New Hampshire State Veterinarian's office. **Always check the fair book or event materials for additional health requirements.**

