

MINNESOTA 4-H CLOVER UPDATE

Southeast Region - FREEBORN COUNTY

July 2014



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Calendar

July

- 4-Extension Office Closed for 4th of July Holiday
- 7 Regional Ambassador Canoe Event
- 8-livestock workshop in 4-H Building from 630-830pm
- 16-Clothing/Fashion Revue/Food Review/Demonstrations at Northbridge Mall
- 19-20-County Dog Show
- 23-Livestock Interviews in Fairlane from 2-8pm
- 23-Exhibit Building Set-up (note: this event has moved from a Monday in the past to Wednesday this year)
- 28-General Project Judging in 4-H Building
- 29-31 County Fair

August

- 1-3 County Fair
- 20-animals and kids to State Fair
- 21-24 4-H Livestock Week at State Fair
- 25-Leaders Council in Fairlane at 7pm
- 27-29 State Lama
- 28 General Project SF Encampment
- 28-30 4-H General at State Fair

September

- 1-Extension Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- 5-7 State Shoot
- 13-15 State Horse
- 14-Pasta Dinner in Fairlane from 11am-2pm
- 20-21 State Dog
- 22-Leaders Council
- 25-28 AK-SAR-BEN



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There are some shifts open for clubs to sign up for recycling at county fair. You will receive a monetary donation from Environmental Services if your club does this. Call the Extension Office at 377-5660 to sign up.

There are shifts open in the Cloverstand. We do NOT want this stand closed at all during the fair so please check your schedules to see where you can help out. Call the Extension Office to sign up.

Our 2nd annual Pasta Dinner will be on Sunday September 14th from 11am-2pm in the Fairlane building at the Fairgrounds. Get your tickets from your key leader. Additional tickets are available in the Extension Office. Remember that ALL proceeds from fundraisers go towards ALL 4-Hers attending events.

Check out our Facebook page. We have a lot of pictures on there from 4-H Camp, the dog project, and the horse project to just name a few. Our page is: University of Minnesota Extension Freeborn County 4-H

Livestock Committee members will be hosting a livestock workshop on July 8th in the 4-H Building. See the attached flyer for more information.

2014 COUNTY FAIR CLUB

Club Booths

The following clubs will have booth space this year (first 8) in center of Exhibit

Building:

- 1 - Mansfield
- 2 - Hartland
- 3 - Conger
- 4 - Moscow
- 5 - Oakland
- 6 - Nunda
- 7 - Twin Lakes
- 8 - 4-H Dog Project

Club Banners

The following clubs will have banners:

- Alden
- Conger
- Hartland
- Hayward
- Moscow
- Myrtle
- Oakland
- Riceland

If your club is not listed please call our office immediately.

Community Pride

The following clubs will have exhibits:

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| 1 - Oakland | 5 - Hartland |
| 2 - Conger | 6 - Mansfield |
| 3 - Hayward | 7 - Riceland |
| 4 - Alden | 8 - Myrtle |

If your club is not listed and you have a Community Pride Exhibit please call our office immediately.

The project will be conference judged. Two youth delegates who participated in the Community Pride project will represent the club members in the conference judging



process. Entry and judging will be Monday, July 28.

Judging for Community Pride will be on Monday, July 28 with the following schedule:

- 12:30 pm – Oakland
- 1:50 pm - Hartland
- 12:50 pm – Conger
- 2:10 pm - Mansfield
- 1:10 pm – Hayward
- 2:30 pm - Riceland
- 1:30 pm - Alden
- 2:50 pm - Myrtle

COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT - - 2014 Recycling Schedule

TIME: late morning 11 am - 12 noon

Evening approx. 5-6 pm

Wednesday pm -

Thursday pm - **Riceland Club**

Friday am - **Mansfield Club**

Friday pm - **Myrtle Club**

Saturday am -

Saturday pm - **Oakland Club**

Sunday am - **Hayward Club**

Sunday pm - **Alden Club**

We are hoping that all clubs will participate in this County Service Project. Above is a schedule of dates and times still available. Please call the Extension Office to fill a spot. Each club participating will receive a monetary donation from Freeborn County Environmental Services.

JUDGING DAY SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY JULY 28

12:30-1:00 pm—Twin Lakes & Moscow & Oakland 4-H Clubs

1:00-2:00 pm—Shellrock & Conger 4-H Clubs

2:00-3:00 pm—Hayward & Alden 4-H Clubs

3:00-4:00 pm—Nunda & Hartland 4-H Clubs

4:00-5:00 pm—BREAK

5:00-6:00 pm—Mansfield & Riceland & Myrtle 4-H Clubs

RELAY FOR LIFE

We need volunteers for Relay for Life to place luminaries on the track Friday morning at 9 am, August 8, 2014 at the fairgrounds. It usually takes a couple hours but even an hour helps tremendously! Questions, call Cheryl at 507-383-2703.

JULY PRE-FAIR EVENTS

Clothing Evaluation/Fashion Revue

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Wednesday, July 16

Northbridge Mall

8:30 am with advanced clothing first

More information will be sent directly to members in the Clothing project.

Public Fashion Revue will take place at 7:00 pm at the Northbridge Mall.

Demonstration Judging

Wednesday, July 16

Northbridge Mall

4-6 pm

Judging information will be sent directly to 4-H members.

FOOD REVIEW:

Wednesday, July 16

Northbridge Mall

2-4 pm

Judging information will be sent directly to 4-H members. Grand, Reserve, and state fair line-up tables will be brought to the county fair for display.

LIVESTOCK INTERVIEWS:

Wednesday, July 23

2:00 - 8:00 pm

Fairlane Community Center

All livestock exhibitors including horse, dog, and lama are required to do a livestock interview.

You will check in at a table at the Fairlane and then proceed to the interviewer to have your interview. You will stand in line until the person before you is done.

WATER TESTING CLINIC:

Wednesday, July 30

10 am - 2 pm

4-H Exhibit Building Freeborn County Fairgrounds

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Environmental Services Department. For questions please call them at 507-377-5186.

COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR LEADER SET-UP & CLEAN-UP OF 4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING:

Set-up: Wednesday, July 23 at 2-8 pm

(come anytime to help out)

Clubs helping with **SET-UP** please bring buckets & rags:

Conger, Hayward, Nunda, Shellrock, Twin Lakes

Clubs helping with **TEAR DOWN** of 4-H Building & Clean-up: Sun., August 4 from 5-7 pm.

Alden, Hartland, Mansfield, Moscow,
Myrtle, Oakland, Riceland

FAIR EXHIBITION:

As we finalize our preparation for the fair and exhibiting your projects, there are a few things we want to encourage you to remember. This is 4-H's chance to shine. The fair is the most visible time for our projects and we need to put our best foot forward. The community identifies 4-H with what they see at the fair. We also need to consider what other people will think about your project and how it will reflect on both you and the 4-H program. Keep up the good work and have fun getting ready for the fair.

PROCEDURES FOR GENERAL EXHIBIT ENTRY:

Check in at the Central Registration area in the 4-H Building. Be sure to indicate any projects that were marked on the pre-entry form that you did not bring to exhibit at the fair. Take your exhibits and exhibit card to the project area. Check in with the judge's assistant.

If you are not properly enrolled for a certain exhibit, you may still go through the conference judging process for experience only. You will not be eligible for Champion, Reserve, any special awards, or State Fair trips. The judge will visit with each 4-Her giving comments about their projects.

NOTE: There will be ample room in the exhibit building to hang exhibits, so, if appropriate, prepare your exhibit for hanging, (ex. Wall hangings, accessories, etc.) If you have an extra-large exhibit, please let us know so we can plan our space area; call the Extension Office at 377-5660.

4-H EXHIBITOR PASSES:

All 4-H members, grades 3 -13 will get a free pass. Fair passes will be handed out on Monday, July 28 in the 4-H Exhibit Building at the central registration area. Tuesday, July 29 we will have the passes available at the 4-H Livestock Office. **IMPORTANT:** 4-Hers will get only **ONE** free pass. This pass will get the **4-Her** in the gate only. If you drive onto the grounds you will need to purchase a car pass for \$15.00. Livestock Exhibitor passes are \$25.00. These both can be purchased at the Fair Office.

PREPARING FOR GENERAL EXHIBIT CONFERENCE JUDGING:

As you work on project activities and prepare exhibits for the fair, remember to prepare yourself too. Because conference judging includes an evaluation of both your actual exhibit and your learning knowledge of the exhibit, you should prepare for both parts of the evaluation.

Think about what you learned in preparing your exhibit, decisions you made and why you made them, and the quality of your finished exhibit. Knowing and carrying out the following should help you.

- * Prepare your exhibit carefully & neatly.
- * Know why you chose this particular item as your exhibit and how it fits your project.
- * Know how much the exhibit cost in time, materials, and effort.
- * Be able to explain what decisions you made and why in preparing the exhibit.
- * Make sure your project has your name and club on it.

NON-TERMINAL MARKET SHOWS:

All market animals shown at 4-H livestock shows are allowed to be taken home at the conclusion of the County Fair. This will give 4-H members many new opportunities with their 4-H livestock projects. You must

notify the Livestock Office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31 if animals will be going home or are terminal. In addition, the 4-H Livestock Auction Committee will allow animals sold on the 4-H Auction to be taken home. All exhibitors wishing to place an animal in the 4-H Auction will be required to register and pay the auction entry fee by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31 in the Livestock Office.

*Swine Exhibitors will have to get tattooed on Tuesday during weigh-in if there is a possibility that they will get sold to Hormel. Even if the pig is tattooed for market and end up getting a state fair trip, you can take that pig off the list to get sold. There is NOT another chance to get it tattooed though after Tuesday, so if there is a chance it will be sold, get it tattooed.

PICTURE SCHEDULE:

All **livestock** Champions and Special Award pictures for the Albert Lea Tribune will be taken at the end of each livestock show. Please hold your Champion or Reserve sign for pictures. (includes Grand, Reserve, and Junior Champions).

TIE-OUTS -- TIE OUT TIME STARTS AT 8:00 PM:

Again this year, tie-outs will be available for 4-Hers to use. Please sign up at Livestock Office on Tuesday of county fair. Each family will sign up for a tie-out spot and that will be your spot for the week. It will be the family's responsibility for bedding that area as well as Herdsmanship (cleaning of tie-out area while animals are in that space.)

SHOWMANSHIP:

Every 4-H member that participates in Livestock Showmanship will receive a \$2.00 premium. Showmanship is the 4-H member's opportunity to "shine", so we encourage each and every one of you to participate. ALL Poultry, Rabbit, Lama, and Goat members are required to be in Showmanship. **Beef, Sheep, and Swine showmanship is also required and will be held during the actual showing of animal. The call backs for champion show person will be held at conclusion of the show; as well as ANY member who wants to come back. Dairy will have a separate showmanship class in which 90% of the exhibitors must exhibit in to earn the extra bonus trip.**

Showmanship Ages

- **Junior:** 4-Hers who have completed 3rd-5th grades (as of county fair)
- **Intermediate:** 4-Hers who have completed 6th-8th grades (as of county fair).
- **Senior:** 4-Hers who have completed 9th grade and over.
- **Novice:** 1st year members showing goats.
- **Masters:** Beef & Rabbit Showmanship winners from previous years.

SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP:

Friday, August 1 - 3:00 p.m., Indoor Arena

□ Any Show person in the following species is eligible:

Beef, Dairy Steers, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Market Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine.

- ❖ Judging will be 50% on showmanship and 50% on knowledge of each of the species
- ❖ All show persons will compete as a group
- ❖ All show persons will show each specie

- ❖ Grand and Reserve Champion Supreme Show person will be selected
- ❖ Awards will be presented

Must have 8 participants pre-entered/signed up by Thursday after completion of Beef Show to have this contest.

Once someone has been chosen as the Supreme Show person, they will no longer be able to take part in the Supreme Showmanship competition, but they will be asked to judge the specie of their choice for the competition the following year.

WANTED: STATE FAIR CHAPERONES:

Chaperones are needed for both Livestock and General Encampment. Freeborn County 4-H will pay lodging and some food costs. This is a GREAT opportunity to stay at the Minnesota State Fair. If you are interested, please talk to Amy or Megan. It is important we get chaperones for General Encampment (August 28-30) and livestock encampment (August 20-24) as the 4-H Program Coordinators **will not** be attending or will be of limited hours in attendance. If we don't have chaperones, kids cannot stay in the 4-H dorms for overnight encampment.

DUAL TRIP POLICY:

Once again, 4-Hers can exhibit BOTH a livestock and a non-livestock project each year they are State Fair eligible (completed 6th grade or older). In addition, 4-Hers can participate in a wide array of group activities such as judging contests, Share-the-Fun and demonstrations. In addition to livestock and general trips a 4-Her may also take a dog trip, lama trip, and horse trip if they have earned it. Only 1 program fee will be charged to go to state fair.

AK-SAR-BEN:

The dates for Ak-Sar-Ben are September 25-28, 2014. If you would like to take an animal to Ak-Sar-Ben, trips must be registered in the 4-H Livestock Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31.

- All sheep, beef, swine, & goats being exhibited at Ak-Sar-Ben must have had DNA testing submitted by May 15. Any animals that you intend to exhibit at Ak-Sar-Ben must be identified on your MN State 4-H Affidavit for the appropriate specie.

STATE FAIR REGISTRATION- GENERAL PROJECTS:

All Champions, Reserves, and the State Fair Line-up will be posted on Tuesday, July 29 in the 4-H Exhibit Building. It is important that all 4-H members check the State Fair Line-up to see if they are on the list to receive a trip. If you are on the list, please notify the people working in the Exhibit Building if you accept or decline the trip. Please make your decision as quickly as possible so the next person in line has time to accept or decline. You can pick up your packet at the Exhibit Building, but must turn in paperwork and pay at Livestock Office.

All State Fair trip registrations will take place at the 4H Livestock Office.

The deadline for State Fair Trips for General Projects is Friday, August 1, at 5:00 p.m. Remember, your registrations must be signed by the 4-H member and a parent.

- ***Just remember**– If you have not accepted your trip by this deadline, the State Fair trip will be awarded to the next alternate in line.

ATTENTION 4-H LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS:

There are not sufficient tack areas in the barns to bring supplies for the entire 6 days

of the fair. Feed and bedding should be brought into the fairgrounds daily. Please plan to arrive early each day with any feed, bedding, or tack that you will need for the day. Because of the outstanding talent in the grandstand, the parking lots will most likely fill up quickly. If the parking lots are closed because they are full, you will **NOT** be allowed to drive your vehicle in and drop off any supplies. When the gate is closed, it will remain closed for everyone, even if you have purchased a parking pass or have supplies for your animals. Please be responsible and make your arrangements accordingly.

RETAGGING PROCEDURES:

If an animal loses its MN State 4-H ID tag, you must inform the Extension Office immediately, at which time you will be informed of the proper steps for retagging. If possible, please locate the tag that came out and return it to our office in a Ziploc bag labeled with your family name, club, and specie.

ANIMAL CHECK-IN:

Any animal whose tag, tattoo, notches, or registration papers do not match with the affidavit will be eligible to show at the

County Fair and receive up to a purple placing, but will be **ineligible** for champions, trips, or special awards.

LIVESTOCK ENTRY DAY:

4-H livestock exhibitors can bring your animals to the fairgrounds on ***Monday, July 28 after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 p.m.***

Families can choose to bring animals on Monday evening, or as in the past, on ***Tuesday, July 29 between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*** This is an option that your family can choose; you DO NOT have to bring animals in on Monday.

Club Stalling Charts will not be posted in the barns until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28, so there is no need to come earlier than 5:00 p.m. If we do not follow the 5:00 p.m. arrival time and trailers are arriving early, we may not be offered this opportunity again, so ***PLEASE do not arrive until after 5:00 p.m. on Monday.***

If you plan to arrive on Monday, you must enter the fairgrounds on the north east side using the Richway entrances. ***DO NOT enter off of Bridge Street.*** If you arrive on Tuesday, please read the Premium Book or this newsletter for directions on entering, parking, and exiting the fairgrounds.

You must make sure your club is leaving sufficient room for the animals and tack of the families that do not arrive until Tuesday morning. You will be told to move your animals, dividers, and/or tack if you have not left enough room. Disputes will not be tolerated and the privilege of arriving on Monday can be eliminated.

Animals will not be checked in or weighed until Tuesday.

STALLING:

Stalling charts will be posted in each barn by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28. Please find the correct place to stall your animals. The stalling charts must be followed to allow fairness to all exhibitors. If animals are placed in the wrong areas, the Livestock Committee will be notified and they will decide the appropriate action to take.

Stall cards MUST be in place by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday in order to be judged for Herdsmanship.

Please do not set up any cattle panels, fans, etc., until after 5 pm. Your entire club **MUST** be present to set up any stalls early.

*reminder, for cattle barn that only one fan per animal will be allowed. So work with your other families in your club to figure out the best situation for your animals.

UNLOADING OF LIVESTOCK ON TUESDAY, July 29:

Livestock trailers that arrive on Tuesday must enter the fairgrounds through the **NORTHEAST** entrance on Richway Drive (by the Outdoor Arena). Trailers must exit through the **NORTHWEST (by the campers)** gate back onto Richway Drive. If you need to park your trailer, you must re-enter through the **NORTHEAST** gate and park by the outdoor horse arena. No livestock trailers are allowed to park in the **NORTHWEST** parking lot.

DAIRY - West end of the 4-H Cattle Barn

BEEF - West end of the 4-H Cattle Barn

SHEEP - West end of new 4-H Barn (new barn between beef & swine barns)

SWINE - Southeast corner of the North Pavilion or West end of Swine Barn

GOATS - West end of new 4-H Barn

LAMA & HORSE – Sherriff Posse barn or North Pavilion

Some lines may overlap - so be sure you aren't waiting in the wrong line!

COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRY DAY SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, July 29

All livestock must be in place by 11:00 noon on Tuesday.

During Breeding animal check-in, members will be able to pick up their stall cards & Home Grown signs. Stall Cards must be in place by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday. ***Clubs without stall cards properly displayed will not receive a Herdsmanship score for that day.***

All 4-Hers must be present at the time their breeding animals are verified. Please bring breeding animals to weigh-in location.

You will also verify which classes you will be showing in. It is very important that 4-H members indicate which classes they enrolled in, but are not showing in.

LIVESTOCK BEDDING:

All bedding will be paid for again in 2014 due to the Executive Council's decision.

Bedding will be paid out of auction dollar monies. Beef exhibitors will use common bedding. Market sheep, swine, market goats, rabbits, and poultry will all get initial bedding on entry day. More bedding will be available all week by Cattle Manure Pit.

When this bedding is gone, you must provide your own. All other bedding will be in the barn or located near the North Horse Pavilion.

Livestock Pre-Show Exhibitor Meeting:

We will try to hold a pre-show exhibitor meeting will be held 1/2 hour prior to the start of each livestock show. Show schedule and State Fair line up procedures will be outlined. If you have questions make sure they are asked before the show starts.

Sometimes the schedule gets hectic and the meeting doesn't happen but if you have questions, stop in to the Livestock Office for clarification. Asking other 4-H families is an OK thing to do as well.

HERDSMANSHIP SCORE CARD:

Cleanliness of aisle and stall:

Bedding – dry, in place, adequate but not excessive; animals tied and pens fastened securely; feed boxes in front of livestock only at feeding time; manure hauled out and deposited in proper place; alleys kept clean; water pans kept clean.

Appearance of pens:

Shavings - dry, in place, adequate but not excessive; animals adequately, but not excessively fed and watered; crates properly stored out of aisles; exhibitor and club signs

arranged properly and replaced if necessary; waterers kept clean.

Arrangements of exhibits:

Animals neatly arranged; show boxes in proper place and out of public walk ways; equipment kept neat and clean; decorations and other identifications are discouraged with the exception of the horse exhibits, however, this will not affect the score.

Appearance of Animals:

Animals groomed; animals in designated area; animals clean in appearance; animals separated, if injured due to fighting.

Exhibitors:

Courtesy and conduct of exhibitors.

Herdsmanship is expected from all 4-Hers. You may forfeit any auction premium money if you do not care for your animal. Remember, Herdsmanship is feeding, watering, and bedding your animal.

Herdsmanship is a very important part of the fair and is each 4-Her and club's responsibility. Areas included are: swine, dairy, goats, beef, sheep, poultry, rabbits, lamas, and horses.

Judging will be sometime after 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday and twice a day after 10:00 a.m. on

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Herdsmanship scores will be posted daily at the 4-H Livestock Office. Judges will be asked to take into consideration when each specie is being judged.

**Remember you signed an agreement form that you agreed to do Herdsmanship.

Home Grown Signs:

Signs are available for 4-H producers who exhibit animals which have been born and raised on your home farm operations.

Please pick them up at the 4-H Livestock Office or during animal check in.

GROOMING GUIDELINES:

County Fair provides the opportunity to learn and practice skills necessary to participate in further competition. Parents and 4-H leaders are an important part of this process, but an exhibitor must be able to care for his/her animal completely when advancing beyond the county level.

GROOMING is primarily the responsibility of the exhibitors. In keeping with this fact, the following rules will be observed:

1) Clipping, trimming, blowing, combing, washing, blocking, etc., (all species) must be done by the exhibitor, members of the

immediate family (parents, stepparents, grandparents, legal guardians, brothers, or sisters) or any other bonafide MN 4-H member. **Any exhibitor found in violation of this rule will be eliminated** from further competition in the show and will not be eligible for any livestock awards or premiums including championships, the auction, showmanship, or trips.

Enforcement of this rule will be the responsibility of the 4-H Livestock Committee, the Regional Extension Educator, and Program Coordinators.

2) In the beef show, the use of artificial tail fins or the addition of any hair or hair like substance to the animals' body excluding false tails, will not be permitted.

All beef exhibitors must groom and fit in designated areas only which include: open class sheep barn, North Side of Cattle barn, and/or inside cattle barn. Please do not set up fitting tents/chutes prior to completion of the 4-H Sheep Show on Wednesday night. You will be asked to take them down if they are set up earlier. **WAS NEW in 2012: NO GROOMING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PICNIC AREA.**

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR CARD:

Each 4-H member must wear an Exhibitor Card on their back at each livestock show. If you exhibit more than one specie, you will receive a new Exhibitor Card for each show.

Exhibitor Cards can be picked up at the announcer's table prior to each show or during the Pre-Show meeting. Your exhibitor cards are the same for all of your species

LIVESTOCK TRAILERS:

All livestock that will be put on a trailer to go to market will receive a postcard. You can get the postcard when you sign your animal up to go home or terminal at the livestock office. The postcard will be filled out with 4-Hers name and specie information. The animal is not allowed on the trailer without a postcard.

Non Livestock RELEASE TIME--

All youth leaders from the following clubs should report at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday to help in releasing exhibits and clean up in Exhibit Building. The release time for exhibits from the 4-H Exhibit Building will be 5-7 pm on Sunday, August 3. ***ABSOLUTELY NO EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED BEFORE 5:00 pm.*** The 4-Her will forfeit premium money and trips in the event that

his/her exhibit is removed before that time.

If a 4-Her cannot be present to claim his/her exhibit, the 4-Her should ask a parent, leader, or friend to pick it up for him/her.

All exhibits not picked up will be discarded or given to charity. *If you have any questions regarding this, please contact our office at 507-377-5660. Clubs that should help on Sunday: Alden, Hartland, Mansfield, Moscow, Myrtle, Oakland, Riceland*

Livestock Release Time

All Livestock will be released after 4:00 pm Sunday, August 3. There is NO option for your animals to leave on Saturday night anymore, or you will lose all premiums, special awards, and state fair trips. Sunday is a family day at the fair and spectators miss seeing 4-H'ers and their animals.

*The Exception is swine who will leave Friday morning if going to Hormel to market, or after open pig show Friday evening. All swine need to be gone by the completion of the open swine show.

LIVESTOCK STATE FAIR TRIPS:

Only 4-H members that have completed 6th grade and above will be eligible to bring their animals back to the show ring for the

State fair Line-up (following the selection of Champions).

The State Fair Line-up for all species will be posted in the Livestock Office following each who. Please come to the Livestock Office to fill out the registration forms and pay the registration fee. All 4-H members and a parent must sign the registration forms. Registrations are not considered complete until the registration fee is paid. ALL MARKET and BREEDING trips must be accepted or declined no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31. ***If the trip had not been accepted at this time, it will be awarded to the next available alternate.*** If you accept a State Fair trip and for any reason you decide you cannot take the animal to the State Fair, it is your responsibility to inform the Extension Office immediately. You will forfeit your registration fee for State Fair and also any trip animal premium from the 4-H Livestock Auction.

RECOMMENDED PRE-STATE FAIR MEETING:

All General Exhibit trip winners and a parent should attend the State Fair General Meeting on Saturday, August 2nd at 2:30 p.m. in the Swine Arena. All Livestock

participants will meet at 3:00 p.m. in the Swine Barn. It is very important that all members going to the State Fair attend this meeting so that information can be discussed and decided.

AUCTION PICTURES:

Once again this year, each exhibitor will have their picture taken with their market animal for the 4-H Livestock Auction to be given to the buyer to display in their place of business. This is a tremendous way to say “Thank You” to the buyers. We appreciate the hard work of volunteers who are willing to take on this huge project and your cooperation is very important. The schedule for pictures is as follows:

- **Poultry:** (Champion & Reserve Market Overall only), Wednesday, July 30 after the Poultry Show
- **Rabbits:** (Champion & Reserve Market Rabbit or Pen only), Tuesday, July 29 after the Rabbit Show
- **Goats:** Thursday, July 31, before the goat show.
- **Swine:** Wednesday, July 30, either before or after you show your pig
- **Sheep:** Wednesday, July 30, before entering the show ring

- **Beef:** Thursday, July 31, before entering the show ring or after you show

4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION:

9:00 am-Saturday August 2-Indoor Arena

It is the responsibility of each 4-H member to sign up for the Auction by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday in the Livestock Office. Each 4-H member exhibiting market animals is allowed to take one animal of each species through the auction. You must have the proper tag or tattoo numbers of each specie you will be selling at the time you sign up.

All 4-H members and their animals must be ready by 8:30 am on Saturday, August 2 for the 4-H Auction.

If the member accepts a State Fair trip or is going to exhibit at Ak-Sar-Ben, they will be allowed to take a second “trip animal” through the sale ring of the same species, provided they have exhibited two market animals in that species. (Example: If you accept a State Fair trip with your market barrow, but you only showed one pig at the County Fair, you CANNOT take a “trip animal” barrow through the sale ring also.)

Also: If you take a trip animal through the auction and decide not to take that trip, your auction money will be forfeited.

The Livestock Auction will be on Saturday, August 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Indoor Judging Arena. All exhibitors and animals must be in place by 8:30 am. It is the responsibility of each 4-H member to ensure that the proper market animals are loaded on the truck for the packer.

Animals that are not consigned to the Auction, but you want to sell to the packer, must be loaded on the truck by the 4-H family and have a postcard. Any pigs that are being taken home must be loaded out by the completion of the Open Swine Show Friday night.

AUCTION OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES:

To promote and encourage market livestock production by the youth of Freeborn County 4-H Clubs with a long term goal of increasing the growth of market livestock enterprises within the county.

Only market swine, beef, sheep, or goats that have been properly weighed, identified, pre-entered, and are listed on proper 4-H affidavits by due dates will be eligible for the 4-H Livestock Sale, Sate Fair, or AK-SAR-BEN trips. In addition, we will be recognizing Grand & Reserve Market

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Poultry and Grand & Reserve Market

Rabbits.

Remember, all 4-Hers winning trips to the State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN - your trip animal is eligible to go through the sale. In the event the 4-Her does not participate in either the State Fair or AK-SAR-BEN, the premium monies paid at the 4-H Livestock Sale will be forfeited. 4-H members must have exhibited 2 market animals of the same species to have a trip animal go through the auction.

All exhibitors wishing to place an animal in the sale will be required to register and pay the entry fees in the 4-H Livestock Office by 5:00 p.m. Thursday.

Market Beef - \$6.00/animal;

Market Swine - \$6.00/animal/pen;

Market Sheep - \$6.00/animal;

Market Goats - \$6.00/animal;

Grand & Reserve Poultry - \$6.00/animal;

Grand & Reserve Rabbit - \$6.00/animal

This includes champions and trip animals. No white ribbon animals will be eligible for sale as white ribbons indicate that they are not market ready. All 4-Hers and animals must be present by 8:30 a.m. Saturday in preparation for the sale. The sale order will be posted Friday night or Saturday morning. All animals must be in line according to sale catalog. Any animals

out of sale order will go to end of their designated specie line.

Each 4-H member will be responsible for bringing his/her animal through the sale ring. If the 4-Her is unable to do so, a family member may represent the 4-H member with prior approval from the Extension Office.

4-Hers may consign non-sale animals to packer immediately following sale.

Consigned animals **MUST** have an entry day scale weight. **It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to load non-auction animals on the appropriate truck and have the postcard filled out when loading the animal.**

Animals that don't make minimum weights - are not eligible for the sale. ***Exception: Trip animals in sale will not need to meet weight requirements.***

- **MARKET BEEF:** Minimum weight 800 lbs/No maximum weight.
- **MARKET GOATS:** Minimum weight 40 lbs/No maximum weight.
- **MARKET SHEEP:** Minimum weight 100 lbs/No maximum weight.
- **MARKET SWINE:** Minimum weight 210 lbs/No maximum weight.
- **SWINE PENS:** Market pen will be weighed and sold as a pen in the sale.

All bids will be for total premium only - not multiplied by the number of animals. After giving the 4-H Extension Office your buyer thank you's, your auction check will be mailed to you.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS:

The Champion and Reserve dairy market goat, meat market goat, steer, market heifer, dairy beef, swine, swine pen of three, sheep, poultry, and rabbit will be auctioned off from a special ring in the center of the judging arena following the sale of red, blue, and purple animals. These champion exhibits should be in place by 11:00 am on Saturday.

AUCTION THANK YOU NOTES:

4-Her's, just a reminder that you must submit thank you cards for your buyers to the Extension Office by Friday, August 15th.

4-Hers can complete a thank you note after the conclusion of the sale starting at 1 pm at the 4-H Livestock Office.

You can either write them out then or you can take the cards and turn them back to the Extension Office by Friday, August 15th.

You will NOT receive your sale check until you have completed your cards.

Checks will be mailed to you after the 80%

of the buyers' premiums have been paid to Freeborn County 4-H.

4-H FAIR CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

2-8 pm - Livestock Interviews -
Fairlane

4-7 pm - bring 2014 club banners

2-8 pm - Jr. Leader set-up - Exhibit Bldg.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

1-4 p.m. - SET UP BOOTHS-Exhibit Bldg.

MONDAY, JULY 28 - ENTRY DAY

ALL general exhibits MUST be brought in on Monday. All clothing, food review, and demonstrations will be evaluated July 16 at Northbridge Mall.

12:00 p.m. - Exhibit Building - Jr. Supt. Meeting

12:00 p.m. - Booths MUST be ready for judging

12:00 p.m. - Judges Orientation

12:30 pm-7 pm -ALL GENERAL

EXHIBITS JUDGED

12:30 p.m. - Community Pride Judging

5:00-10:00 p.m. - LIVESTOCK MAY BE STALLED

6-8 pm -Horse & Lama check-in -Livestock Office

TUESDAY, JULY 29

LIVESTOCK ENTRY DAY SCHEDULE

All Livestock MUST be in place by 12:00 (noon) on Tuesday. All weigh-in will be located in **indoor judging arena** except swine.)

Breeding Animal Check-In:

Beef: 10 am-12 pm

Dairy: 10 am-12 pm

Sheep: 8 am-10 am

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Swine: 7 am - noon
Goats: 8 am - 10 am

Market Animal Weigh Schedule:

Beef: 10 am-12 pm
Swine: 7 am - 12 noon
Sheep/Goat: 8 am-10 am
12:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Show- starts in
Indoor Arena then moves to Outdoor Arena
6:00 p.m. 4-H Rabbit Show- Indoor Arena

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

8:00 a.m. 4-H Swine Show-Indoor Arena
1:30 p.m. Lamb Lead Interviews -
Livestock Office
2:00 p.m. 4-H Poultry Show
5:00 p.m. 4-H Lamb Lead Show-Indoor
Arena
4-H Sheep Show-Indoor Arena

THURSDAY, JULY 31

8:00 a.m. 4-H Dairy Show-Indoor Arena
9:00 a.m. 4-H Beef Show- Indoor Arena
2:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Show- Indoor
Arena
4:00 p.m. 4-H Meat Goat Show-Indoor
Arena
2:00 p.m. Pictures of all general exhibit
Grand, Reserve, and Junior Champions will
be taken at the 4-H Exhibit Building

5:00 p.m. **DEADLINE**
4-H Livestock Auction Sign-up and
terminal or going home.

*All exhibitors wishing to place an animal in
the 4-H Auction MUST register at the 4-H
Livestock Office and pay the entry fees. ***
This MUST be done by 5:00 p.m. on
THURSDAY. **

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

10:00 a.m. 4-H Judging Contest
1:30 p.m. 4-H Beef Fitting Contest
4:00 p.m. 4-H Supreme Showmanship

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 a.m. 4-H Livestock Sale-Indoor Arena
2:30 p.m. State Fair General Exhibitor
Meeting –Swine Barn
3:00 p.m. State Fair Livestock Meeting-
Swine Barn

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 a.m. 4-H Lama Show-Indoor Arena
3:00 p.m. 4-H Small & Baby Animal Show-
Swine Barn
4:00 p.m. Livestock projects released
5:00 p.m. General projects releases

4-H Volunteer Corner

The 4-H Learning Environment

‘Tis the season of county fair and 4-H
conference judging

When young people join a 4-H program,
they embark on a journey of fun and
personal development. School teachers
will often comment they can identify
the “4-H kids” in the classroom based
on their communication skills. 4-H
Youth are known for their public
presentation skills, their ability to
convey information and engage in a
conversation. Not surprisingly, 4-H
members have a distinct advantage
when participating in interviews for
scholarships or job interviews.

One of the highly visible learning
opportunities in the 4-H Youth
Development Program is 4-H project
judging at the county and state fair. Fair
project conference judging is just one
of the methods incorporated by the
Minnesota 4-H Program to develop
communication and life skills in young
people. In conference judging the
ribbon placing on the project is based
50% on the project and 50% on the
knowledge of the exhibitor. Conference
judging consists of a conversation or
“mini interview” between the 4-H
member and the judge. During the

judging process a 4-H member shares their knowledge and work on the project. The judge asks questions that help the 4-H member reflect on their learning experiences and celebrate their accomplishments. 4-H members exhibit fair projects because they are fun, but learning is the real take-away.

Conference judging is just one example of how the Minnesota 4-H Program creates non-formal learning opportunities for youth.

To learn more, view the 30-minute 4-H Online Training module [*The 4-H Learning Environment*](#) available at www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/volunteer/online-training

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Message from Dorothy

Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,

In 2014, Minnesota 4-H launched online animal identifications, replacing the previously paper-only process. Moving animal identifications online is part of our effort to improve our processes by making them more efficient, effective and accessible for staff and 4-H families.

Once fully implemented, the online process will reduce inaccuracies, and log and track data, making it accessible for review at any time by families and staff. Families can now log in and upload animal information and photos at their convenience, and view and print reports at any time. This will eventually make the county and state fair processes easier and more efficient. We also still offer a paper-based system for families who need them.

The project to move animal identification online has been hugely successful. As of May 30, there were more than 56,000 animals identified through the new online ID process – a truly remarkable achievement!

We will continue to evaluate and identify additional processes that can be moved online to improve efficiencies in the future.

We want to thank our staff, volunteers and 4-H families for working with us to implement this new online process. Your time, patience, cooperation and support was essential in making this successful. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Freeman
Associate Dean and State 4-H Director

Get Ready to Chaperone

4-H'ers have lots of opportunities to travel, and adult chaperones are critical to their experience. The online training, "Chaperone Policies and Procedures" covers roles, expectations and best practices when chaperoning young people on trips, retreats and at events. This training is recommended for adults chaperoning youth at any 4-H program or event (e.g. state fair, BLU, YELLO, state and national trips, interstate exchange trips, etc.)

The training is part of a series of dynamic, interactive 30-minute online training modules to help volunteers build their skills and knowledge from home. These trainings are available to all adult screened volunteers, through <https://mn.4honline.com/>. Check out other online volunteer training topics:

- Creating a welcoming, engaging and encouraging environment for youth
 - Managing 4-H Clubs - Online 4-H Volunteer Training
 - The 4-H learning environment
 - 4-H Project Leaders - Where the Action Starts!
 - County Financial Practices: A Guide for County Financial Teams
- Preview of each of the trainings: www.4-h.umn.edu/volunteer/online-training/

One of your 4-H'ers Could Win a Trip to NYSD!

Do you know teens who love Science? 4-H and HughesNet want to inspire future scientists to pursue their passion.

If you know an aspiring scientist, 4-H and HughesNet want to hear their story! Young scientists should share a 15 second science video using the hashtag #4HFutureScientist and tell us why they love science for a chance to win a trip to the 2014 National Youth

Science Day event in Washington, D.C., a science kit, and a \$1,000 prize!

Learn more here: <http://www.4-h.org/about/partners/hughesnetinspireafuturescientist.aspx>

Food preservation projects must meet food safety standards

It is so exciting to see the food preservation project area growing. The food preservation judging process is fairly rigorous due to potential food safety concerns of preserved projects. Following research-tested recipes and methods approved for canning and drying is critical to prevent foodborne illness related to preserved products. Be sure to:

- Read and follow your county's premium book for requirements. This may have changed from past years. It may follow the state fair requirements, "All recipes, procedures and times must be according to the current USDA and/or National Center for Home Food Preservation. No "family" recipes. Quantities of sugar and juice used in jams and jellies may come from recipes on commercial pectin packages, but the processing method must be USDA or [National Center for Home Food Preservation](#) approved methods and recipes".
- Recipes [Extension's website](#) follow USDA processing methods. Processing times are adjusted for Minnesota altitudes. Use processing times from 1001-2000 feet for our altitudes in Minnesota which is usually an addition of 5 minutes in USDA recipes.
- Using a research tested recipe is critical not only for safety but also for a quality product too.
- If you can't find a researched tested recipe for what you want to preserve,

don't preserve it. Instead, consider a poster board on the science of canning.

- Be knowledgeable about the science of food preservation and the product you are preserving. Learn by viewing the Extension [food preservation mini-modules](#).

Happy safe preserving! Hope to see your food preservation exhibits at the fair.

Suzanne Driessen
Extension Educator, Food Safety

General and Livestock Demonstrations

\$30 awards will be given to ALL 4-H'ers who complete a 4-H demonstration during General Encampment and Livestock Encampment. NOTE: AN ANIMAL IS REQUIRED FOR LIVESTOCK DEMONSTRATIONS. In addition, each county will receive an additional livestock quota for one demonstrator with livestock. This demonstrator can also participate in all other species activities (show, interviews, showmanship, etc.)

IN ADDITION: A \$25 cash incentive will be given for swine demonstrations dealing with PEDv at County Demonstration Day. There is no ribbon requirement. No animal is needed unless it is already there (i.e. County Fair). Team demos will get \$25 per demonstrator PLUS \$20 additional incentive for the State Fair PEDv demo (a total of \$50). Yes, a State Fair PEDv demonstrator will collect \$75 in incentives!

4-H Scholarship Opportunities

High School Seniors and college students -- check out the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association Auction Scholarship and Minnesota State Fair Scholarship Program (formerly known as the Hallberg Scholarship) at

www.extension.umn.edu/youth/scholarships/index.html.

4-H Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics Policy

All youth participating as a State Fair 4-H livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, meat and dairy goat and lama must have completed the a Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics workshop. Certification is required prior to county fair qualifying show and is good for three fair seasons. The level of training required is determined by the grade of the youth at the time the training takes place. To view the entire LQA&E policy, go to www.4-H.umn.edu/policies/LQA&E-Policy.pdf.

Note: Since 2006, it is recommended that pre-State Fair age 4-H'ers be certified. Some counties do, however, require certification of swine members (grades 3-13) due to packer requirements at the county fair. Please contact your local extension office or visit www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/lqae/index.html for training near you.

Minnesota 4-H Dairy Showcase: Honoring Blue Ribbon Kids

This event recognized overall achievement of Minnesota 4-H Dairy Project exhibitors that have **demonstrated** year-round participation within 4-H and the dairy industry, including success with the animal; **knowledge** of the dairy project and industry; involvement within 4-H and dairy communities and activities in school, church and community. The Minnesota 4-H Dairy Showcase will recognize the top 25 4-H dairy project members that exhibit at the MN State Fair 4-H Show. Complete details and online portfolio are available at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/dairy-showcase.html.

Minnesota 4-H Poultry Prince & Princess Contest

This contest is a scholarship program of Minnesota 4-H and Gold'n Plump. More details are available online at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/poultry-prince-princess.html.

Paint Horse Giveaway Essay Contest

Do you want the opportunity to win a horse? Now is the time! The Paint Horse Giveaway Essay contest and the Arabian Horse Giveaway Essay contest await your entry. Each year we give away a young registered Arabian and a young registered Paint Horse to a lucky 4-H member in Minnesota. If you are interested applications are being accepted now through *September 2, 2014* with the winner announced at the Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show in September 2014. Go to the following website and look under State and Regional Events for both Essay Contests: www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/horse/.

2014 Minnesota 4-H "Chef for a Day Cook-Off!"

This event is held during all State Fair encampments and is open to all 4-H State Fair exhibitors. Each county will provide a team of 3-5 exhibitors for a 2 hour program, during Livestock Encampment & every General Encampment. The first hour will include an educational activity, and the second hour will be the Chef for the Day Cook-Off! Assigned categories will include Stir Fry, Omelet, or Grilling. All equipment will be supplied, all meat, and some possible ingredients. Teams may bring additional ingredients, (No refrigeration supplied). There will be PRIZES! Contact your local extension office for more details coming soon.

4-H Summer Employment Opportunities

A variety of employment opportunities are available at 4-H state-level summer events. Applications are accepted up to five working days prior to the event. Go to www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/employment/ for more information.

MN 4-H State Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational (State Shoot)

The Minnesota 4-H State Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational will be held *Sept. 5-7 in Alexandria*. Registration is due to your county Extension office on Monday, *July 21*. Team registrations are due to the Marshall Regional Extension Office on Friday, *Aug. 22*. Rules and registration materials can be found on the 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife website at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/shooting-sports-invitational/.

2014-2015 Shooting Sports & Wildlife Leaders Certification

The Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program Development Committee invites you to attend a 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Leader Certification! This training is designed for adults and youth who lead or would like to lead training in shooting sports or wildlife. Classes will be offered in these disciplines: coordinator, archery, rifle/pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading, and wildlife. This training meets the 4-H project leaders' requirements for certification and recertification.

- *October 4-5, 2014: Long Lake Conservation Center, Palisades, MN*
- *April 25-26, 2015: Two Locations: Ahlman's, Morristown, MN and Crookston, MN*

Mark your calendars now! Registration and complete details will be available later this

summer on the Leader Certification website:
www.4-H.umn.edu/events/shooting-sports-certification/.

State Fair Animal Science Youth Media Trip

4-H is very excited to be able to offer the State Fair 4-H Animal Science Youth Media Trip again in 2014 from Wed. August 20-Sunday, August 24, for youth who have completed grade 9+ and who are interested in and passionate about journalism, media relations, writing, photography, or about animal science and telling great stories about 4-H'ers! Youth need not have experience in these areas.

The goal of the Animal Science Youth Media Trip is to provide 4-H youth with a learning experience that includes both skills workshops and hands-on-learning about working with media to tell stories of 4-H youth showing livestock at the Minnesota State Fair.

More information may be found at www.mn4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/resources.html, by contacting a county Program Coordinator, or by contacting Anita Harris, Extension Educator, at aharris@umn.edu.

State Fair Forage/Bedding Changes for 2014

4-H has been working with the Minnesota State Fair to develop a new process for forage and bedding provided to 4-H families exhibiting at the state fair. It will affect all 4-H beef, dairy, all goat, sheep, swine and lama exhibitors. Instead of providing various feed and bedding allotments for animals, the state fair has set aside a pool of money even greater than their previous allowance. These funds will be distributed directly to counties according to the number of animals

they bring in each species. County 4-H staff and county livestock delegations will determine how this allocation is spent. Possibilities will range from setting up an account with the SF forage department to reimbursing trucking expenses. The allotment will be \$8 for every dairy exhibit and \$5 for every goat, sheep, swine and lama exhibit. Beef will have wood chips provided as usual. They will not get a dollar allotment and will be charged a \$10 fee for bedding due to the high cost of providing wood chips. This is consistent with other beef events that provide wood chips. These changes will not affect 4-H rabbits and poultry who will continue to receive feed/bedding allotments. Complete details of these changes will be available on the 4-H state fair webpage.

Calendar

- **JULY**
- **21** Registration due for SS&W Invitational
- **AUGUST**
- **7-14** Sate Arts-In show development
- **19-9/1** State Art-In state fair event
- **20-24** Animal Science Youth Media Trip, State Fair
- **22** Team registrations due for SS&W Invitational
- **SEPTEMBER**
- **2** Horse Giveaway Essays Contest applications due
- **5-7** SS&W Invitational, Alexandria

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- **OCTOBER**
- **4-5 SS&W Leader Certification, Palisades, MN**

