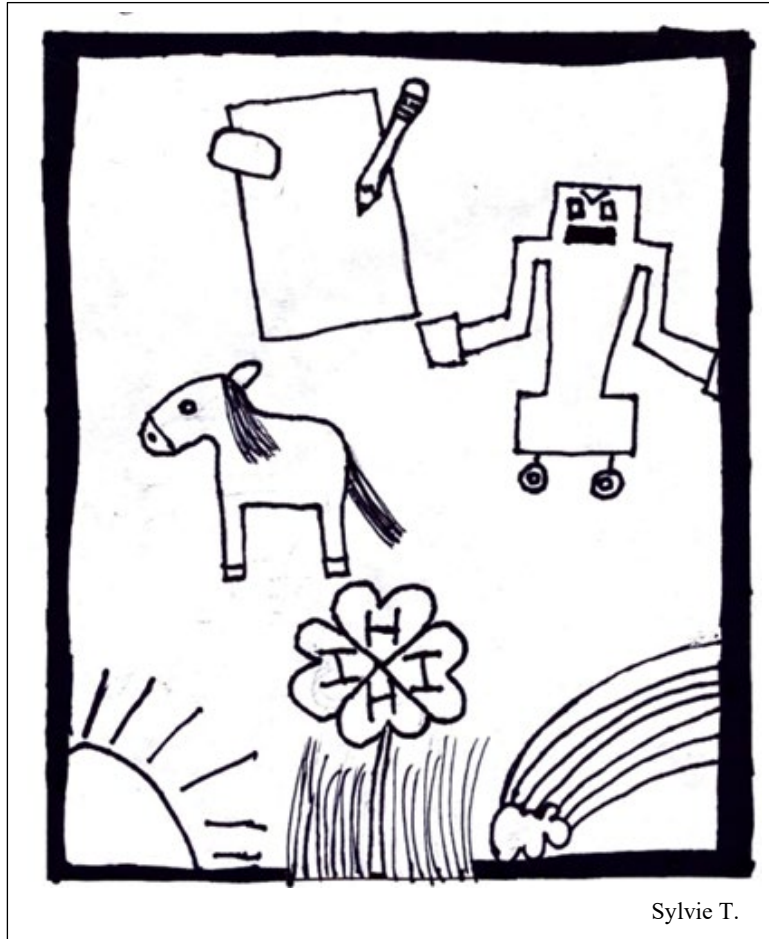




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and Never Giving Up!**



Sylvie T.

Fairfield County 4-H Fair
CT's Beardsley Zoo
1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06610
Saturday, October 12, 2024
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Registration Deadline is September 27

FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR
Saturday, October 12, 2024, 9:00am
CT's Beardsley Zoo, Bridgeport

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - September 27
FC 4-H Fair info is also on our web page- s.uconn.edu/fairfield4-h

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The winning Fair Book Cover & Slogan were submitted by: Sylvie T., Cool Creators Club
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Honorable Mention Cover & Slogan by: Lilly M., Cool Creators Club
4-H: Where We Learn and Create

Honorable Mention Cover and entries are on the inside back cover.



PREMIUMS!

Paid for Fair Projects

Individual Projects

- Blue:** \$1
- Red:** .50 Cents
- White:** .25 Cents



Group Projects

If a club participates in a group project the money will go to their club.

- Blue:** \$5
- Red:** \$4
- White:** \$3

Premiums will be mailed after the Fair.
**Please cash your check in a timely fashion!!*

NEW RAFFLE TICKET RULES

Each Exhibitor will receive 3 raffle tickets at the start of closing ceremonies.

You may choose to put your raffle tickets in any prize cup.

One prize per winner. No trades if a second ticket number is called!

Tickets will only go to 4-H exhibitors. No tickets will be sold.

First time exhibitors receive one extra ticket if indicated on the registration form.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

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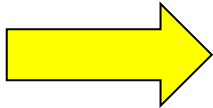
FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Do you want to exhibit projects at the 4-H Fair?...YES, of course!



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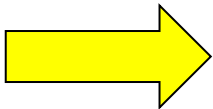
Fill out the Exhibit Registration form on pages 27 & 28



Next:

Scan & email the form by September 27th to Allison C.

Fairfieldcounty4hexhibits@gmail.com



THEN: Exhibit cards will be emailed back to you with your exhibitor number. Be sure to use the number, not your name on the exhibit cards. On the Exhibit Registration, pages 27 & 28. You may check off if you need exhibit cards returned by mail.

New Division 2024!
My Plate Nutrition - Division 23!



NEW 'Of the Year' Award Categories!

All winners will receive a special ribbon!

Artisan of the year:

- ★ Art
- ★ Photography
- ★ Leisure Arts
- ★ Home Arts
- ★ Woodworking



Foodie of the year:

- ★ Foods
- ★ Baking Contest
- ★ Food Preservation
- ★ My Plate Nutrition



Scientist of the Year:

- ★ STEM
- ★ Natural Sciences
- ★ Veterinary Sciences
- ★ 4-H Goes Green
- ★ Horticulture



To win an 'Of the Year' award you must win a blue ribbon in three (3) divisions listed under the award title.



Fairfield County 4-H Fair!!
Sunday, October 12, 2024
CT's Beardsley Zoo, Bridgeport

REGISTRATION DEADLINES - All registration sheets are **DUE September 27.**

Send Exhibit Registration to:

fairfieldcounty4hexhibits@gmail.com

Fax 203-207-3273 One exhibit registration needed per 4-H member.

Send Workshop Registration to:

fairfieldworkshops@gmail.com

Fax 203-207-3273 One workshop registration sheet per 4-H member.

Send Lunch / Volunteers to:

4-H Office UConn Extension, 67 Stony Hill Road, Bethel, CT 06801 emily.picard@uconn.edu

Fax 203-207-3273 One sheet per family.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

Emily Picard, 4-H Youth Educator emily.picard@uconn.edu

Donna Liska, Educational Assistant donna.liska@uconn.edu

Ede Valiquette: 4-H Youth Educator edith.valiquette@uconn.edu



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FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H

**DREAM and
ACHIEVE**

Welcome from the FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR Teen Fair Board President

Hello Everyone,

I'm excited to welcome you all to our annual Fairfield 4-H fair! As always, our event will be held at Beardsley Zoo. For this year we have combined some "of the year" awards due to some being fairly similar to each other. The fair has always been a huge event and it takes time and commitment from everyone, but I would especially like to thank the fair board members and the adults that help with the fair. The fair board members have worked very hard and all the adults were right there every step to give advice and help to the members. We are so excited for everyone to see what we have prepared this year! I hope you all enjoy your time and have fun at the 2024 Fairfield County 4-H fair!

*Sara N
2024 Fair Board President*



“4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, healthy living, science and life skills.”



FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR TIME SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. - 9:00a.m.

Set up exhibits for **Fairfield County 4-H Fairboard Members & Special Fair Volunteers**

9:00 am - 10:00 am Please look for Fair signage

Exhibit set up - *(NO EXHIBITS ACCEPTED AFTER 10:15 am.)*

ONLY EXHIBITORS ALLOWED in Exhibit Hall (Hansen Building) NO PARENTS

- Fair Check-in at Registration table
- Set up Pumpkins on the deck
- Guessing Contests
- Work on 4-H Community Service Project before or after checking in and setting up exhibits

10:15 am - 10:30 am

- Opening Ceremonies on Hanson building deck
- Pumpkin Contest Voting Hanson building deck
- Fair Group Photo on hill by the deck

10:15 am - 12:30 pm

Exhibit Judging: No one is allowed in the Exhibit Hall until after Good Goofy Fun as volunteers will still be working!

10:45 am - 11:30 am

- Workshops

11:40 am – 12:25 pm

- Large Group Activity

12:30 pm -1:00 pm

LUNCH- Exhibit Hall will remain closed

- Ballots counted for Pumpkin Contest and Guessing Contests
- Set-up for Good Goofy Fun

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

- Good Goofy Fun

1:45pm – View exhibits. Do Not Touch or Move until after Closing Ceremonies!

2:00 pm

- Closing ceremonies. Celebrate Best of Division, Premier Exhibitor and Of the Year winners!
- Raffle will take place & Contest winners will be announced.

Clean-up and Pack-up your belongings. Everyone helps!
4-H is not responsible for items left behind at the CT's Beardsley Zoo

*Ribbons, rosettes, water, snacks are funded through the
Fairfield County Ad & Sponsorships Campaign.
Did you sell ads to help make this day possible?? Coming December 2024!*



A QUICK LOOK at the FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR

The FAIR is Saturday, October 12, 2024. Registration deadline for everything- exhibits, workshops, lunch/volunteers & community service is September 27. Exhibits must be pre-registered.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Some of the goals of our Fair are to provide an evaluation for 4-H exhibits; provide educational experiences for members; and to provide an opportunity for 4-Hers from different clubs to get to know each other. If these goals are to be accomplished, 4-Hers need to stay for the entire day. PLEASE make every effort to do this. *As a reminder, 4-Hers must set up their own exhibits and exhibits cannot be removed until the end of the day after closing ceremonies. Fair premiums will be mailed. **FC 4-H Fair Admission is \$3 per 4-H Member, Adult and Siblings! One Zoo ticket for the 4-H Member and One for their Guardian. *All others pay the entrance fee into the Zoo.**

EXHIBITS (starts on page 15)

→ If you are planning to complete the Super 4-Her form due May 1, 2025, you must exhibit at least one item at this Fair 2024.

- Read the Exhibit Guidelines and specific division requirements carefully! Some requirements may have changed. Items must be exhibited exactly as indicated in the directions or it will result in a lower score. If you have questions, Allison C fairfieldcounty4hexhibits@gmail.com or the 4-H office.

***Points will be deducted from projects not exhibited according to the directions.**

What is an Exhibit??

An exhibit is anything you have created, collected, built or written since last years' Fair. It does not have to be related to your 4-H project you are currently working on in your club or independently.

→ Exhibits created and submitted by two or more members **must** include a description of who did what on the exhibit card.

- There is no limit to the number of exhibits that a 4-Her can exhibit. However, there are limits to the lots in some divisions.
- Did you go to camp? - How about those arts and crafts projects?
- How about those creative writing, science, or home economics school projects?
- Exhibit those projects that you did at home for fun! – Do you have a hobby or collection?

PREMIER EXHIBITOR

Any 4-Her winning a blue ribbon in 4 different divisions will be awarded a special rosette. All Premier Exhibitors will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card!

OF THE YEAR EXHIBITOR AWARDS

Explained on page 5.

RAFFLE TICKETS

One raffle prize per 4-Her. You must be present to win. You will receive 3 tickets at closing ceremonies if you exhibit an item for judging at the Fair.

BAKING CONTEST RECIPE: Easy Apple Cinnamon Muffins (page 25).

PUMPKINS (page 14) & GUESSING CONTEST

Back by popular demand! The Pumpkin Decorating Contest is back!! Bring a decorated pumpkin from home and place it in the category of your choice. Welcome back, Jar Guessing Contest!

WORKSHOPS (pages 14, 29)

Workshops and other activities are conducted while exhibits are being judged. All 4-Hers spending the day at the Fair must attend workshops. All youth must pre-register for workshops unless they have specific Fair responsibilities (Fairboard members). All descriptions and registration forms are included in this booklet. Pre-registration is necessary. *Please note - Youth enrolling in workshops past the deadline will have a limited choice.

GOOD GOOFY FUN

After lunch and before closing ceremonies, we have some good goofy fun! Popular cheese ball toss & some new fun games!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT at the FAIR (page 12)

Every year during the morning activities of setting up exhibits and checking in for the fair, Fairfield County 4-Hers' work on a specific community service project.

LUNCH (page 30)

Participants and their families can bring their own lunch or pre-purchase one supplied by the Fairboard. This year we are selling 6" Subway sandwiches. (page 30)

VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED! (page 30)

Parents and 4-H Volunteers- Help is always needed on the day of the Fair. We also need help with setting up the Fair the day before, on Friday, October 11th usually around 10am. Please fill out the volunteer form that is included with this packet then send/e-mail to the 4-H office, 67 Stony Hill Rd., Bethel, CT 06801 emily.picard@uconn.edu.

CLUB POSTERS- What did your club create last year? What community service project did you work on? What about your regular meetings and activities, do you have photos? Exhibit a club poster and tell others what you did!

SUPER 4-Her- To apply and receive a Super 4-Her Award next May 2025 (along with other requirements) you must exhibit one project (item) for judging at the Fair.

4-H: Where Young Generations of Leaders are Born!



The 4-H Pledge

I pledge

My Head to clear thinking

My Heart to greater loyalty

My Hands to larger service, and

My Health to better living for

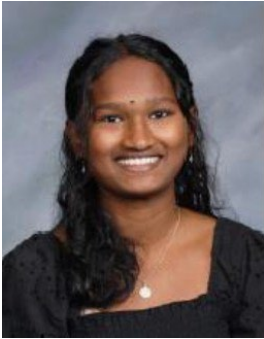
My Club, my Community

My Country and my World



2024 FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR BOARD

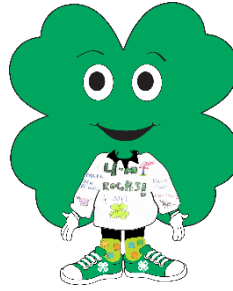
We hope you will participate in this special day! The Fairboard has spent many hours preparing a FUN worthwhile experience. If you have any questions, contact 4-H staff. If you need more registration forms, please call the 4-H office at (203) 207-8440 or email Donna.



Sara



Erin



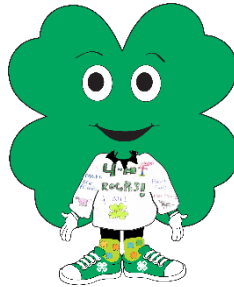
Christina



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Kyrie



Alice



Olivia

MEET YOUR 2024 FAIRBOARD!

President – Sara N
Secretary- Christina N

Vice-president- Erin T
Treasurer- Allison C

Workshops Committee
Chair: Sara N
Adult Advisor: Coreen Ahmad

Special Events & Good Goofy Fun Committee
Chair: Alice S
Christina N
Kyrie J
Adult Advisor: Linda Tomas

Exhibits Committee
Chair: Olivia M
Allison C
Adult Advisor: Joanne Malia

Community Service Committee
Chair: Erin T
Adult Advisor: Alison Cantone

FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR GOALS

The Fairfield County 4-H Program established the annual Fairfield County 4-H Fair with the following goals:

- to provide evaluation for 4-H member's projects.
- to provide educational experiences for members.
- to kick-off the new 4-H year.
- to provide visibility in the community.
- to provide leadership experience for seniors and selected junior 4-Hers.

The Fairboard attempts to reach these goals for 4-H members.

4-H PHILOSOPHY OF EVALUATING

There are two major purposes of evaluating:

- to contribute to the learning experience of the 4-H member.
- to evaluate the quality of a project.

Contributing to the 4-H member's learning experience is important. Members should receive positive feedback as to ways they have shown themselves to be proficient as well as suggestions of ways to improve future projects. Fostering a positive self-image is our goal.

Evaluating the project involves an objective appraisal of the finished product (whether it is a loaf of bread or a public presentation). By using appropriate score sheets, we try to evaluate in a uniform way according to certain standards.

The Danish system is used at the 4-H Fair. This approach emphasizes individual achievement rather than competition. Each 4-H'er is evaluated on his/her own personal ability and experience. This means that there can be many "blue ribbons" - it is determined by individual achievement, not in relation to other entries.

Having a 4-H project evaluated should be a positive learning experience, stimulating the 4-H member to greater achievement and personal development. Therefore, always offer specific constructive written comments on what the 4-H'er has done well and ways in which they might improve.

2024 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

For this year's community service project, we are giving back to some of the most important people in our community, the seniors! Our goal this year is to give items to local Senior Centers! The centers are asking for donations of **all new**:

- Puzzles (100 - 1000 pieces)
- Board games (Checkers, Chess, Backgammon sets (moderately priced), Scrabble, Boggle, Dominos, Yahtzee, etc.)
- Simple large print adult coloring books and colored pencils
- Large print word search, sudoku, and crossword puzzle books
- Playing cards
- Dice

* Please bring donations to the community service area at the fair. A member of the Community Service committee will be in contact with all club leaders to answer any questions.

These donations would provide entertainment to the guests as well as helping memory! Thank you so much!



WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE FAIR

You can start by checking in at the registration area. Look for signs.



Before 10am do the following:

- ✓ Check-in for Fair Day, pay your \$3 admission fee per 4-H Member, Adults and Siblings.
- ✓ Receive a Zoo bracelet (one parent and 4-H member) All others must pay the Zoo Entry Fee.
- ✓ Pick up Workshop Slip & Confirm Lunch
- ✓ Set-up Exhibits in the Hanson Building Exhibit Hall
- ✓ Vote for the Guessing Contests
- ✓ Enter the Pumpkin Contest (if you brought a decorated pumpkin)
- ✓ Help with the Community Service project.
- ✓ Enjoy some snacks and hot chocolate on us! *No coffee or tea will be served.*

Opening Ceremonies start at 10:15 a.m.

Parents may not enter the Exhibit Hall. There are people inside to help the younger and new 4-Hers' set up. Exhibits must be set up by 10 a.m. From 10 - 10:15 you will receive the next lower ribbon.

GENERAL FAIR GUIDELINES

1. **SAVE THIS BOOKLET.** Please feel free make copies of the registration forms if you need more or call the office at 203 207-8440 or e-mail donna.liska@uconn.edu. The Fair book will be posted on s.uconn.edu/fairfield4-h
2. All information concerning exhibits, workshops, contests, lunch and our community service project is available in this booklet. Please read each section carefully for specific guidelines.
3. Participation is open to any enrolled Fairfield County 4-H member aged 5 - 19 as of January 1, 2024. 4-Hers' may exhibit in any or all divisions as long as they meet the requirements of that division. Projects must have been completed since the last Fair 2024. *Youth do not have to have a record book to enter. Please re-enroll in Z-suite after October 1.*
4. Exhibit judging will start on time, all projects must be entered AND SET UP by 10:00 am **ABSOLUTELY NO** entries will be accepted after 10:15 am. Late entries (10 - 10:15) **will be penalized by receiving the next lower ribbon.**
5. Everyone, aged 4 and up, is asked to pay \$3 cash admission to help defray the costs of the Fair.
6. 4-Hers may attend the Fair without exhibiting a project but they **must** register for and attend workshops.
7. Workshops are for 4-H members and pre-paid guests only. 4-H members will register for and attend workshops.
8. We encourage all youth to exhibit at least one item and **it is expected that all youth stay for the entire day.** Closing Ceremonies at 2pm then Clean-up.
9. Have a friend that is thinking of joining 4-H? Invite them to the 4-H Fair! They can participate in workshops for a registration fee of \$5 cash.



FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR WORKSHOP GUIDELINES

- **Workshop registration is due September 27, 2024**
- **Email fairfieldworkshops@gmail.com**
- **Fax: 203 207-3273**
- Any youth spending the day at the Fair must sign up for and attend workshops and activities. The exception is youth who have specific Fair responsibilities.
- Workshops are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Number your choices for each workshop slot. Every effort will be made to accommodate your first choice.
- It is expected that people will participate in the workshops assigned to them – attendance is taken.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

On the registration form (page 29), please mark your first, second and third choices for workshops. Unless indicated, workshops are appropriate for all ages.

WORKSHOP 10:45am – 11:30am

- A. Vet Science:** learn first aid and life saving techniques from a professional vet science teacher!
- B. Marble Acrylic:** learn how to do marbling with acrylic paint. It is a fun way to get your creativity out. Make different sorts of designs and have fun creating.
- C. Robotics:** learn some engineering along with a wonderful 4-H robotic group. Learn how to design, manufacture, and learn the way of robotics with Gaelhawks 4-H.

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

The categories were selected by the Special Events Committee. Decorate your pumpkin at home and bring it to the Fair!!

- **FANTASY**
- **SCARY**
- **NATURE**
- **SELF PORTRAIT**



Fairfield County

4-H Fair

Exhibit Book

Please read carefully!

Questions about exhibits?

Email: fairfieldcounty4Hexhibits@gmail.com

or call the 4-H office 203-207-8440

**Points will be deducted from projects
not exhibited according to the directions.*



FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR EXHIBITS GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

All Exhibits must be pre-registered. Registration forms must be returned by mail/email to:
e-mail: fairfieldcounty4Hexhibits@gmail.com

Exhibit registration must be submitted no later than **September 27, 2024**. The Exhibit Registration form should be typed or printed in ink. Include your name, age, division, number of entries and, where appropriate, size of space needed. If you have questions, please contact the office.

Upon receipt of the Fair registration form, *appropriate 4-H exhibitor cards and an exhibitor # will be emailed to you to attach securely to each of your exhibit entries*. Each 4-H exhibitor is assigned a number for their exhibits. **Your name is not used on the exhibitor card**. Every exhibit entry including different lots within a division needs to have a new exhibitor card with your # number written on it. Write the number of years you have been doing the technique on the exhibit card and not the number of years you have been in 4-H. **First time exhibitors should indicate this on the exhibit registration form**. Feel free to add any information to the exhibit card to help the evaluator understand the effort you made on your project.

1. Participation is open to any enrolled Fairfield County 4-H member or Explorer ages 5 & 6, Juniors ages 7-12 & Seniors ages 13-18 as of January 1, 2024.
2. 4-H members may exhibit in any or all divisions as long as they meet the requirements of that division. Some divisions have a lot limit. Please do not bring extra artwork or photos other than indicated in the division parameters. They will not be judged.
3. Projects must have been completed since the last 4-H Fair.
4. Youth do not have to have a record book to enter.
5. Register for only the exhibits you plan to bring to the Fair. Be realistic in your planning.
6. Exhibits created and submitted by more than one member must include a description of who did what on the exhibit card.
7. Explorers aged 5 & 6 enter only Division 24 4-H Explorers.
8. Judging will start on time, so all projects must be entered AND SET UP by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. **ABSOLUTELY NO** entries will be accepted after **10:15 a.m.** Late entries (10am -10:15) will be penalized by receiving the next lower ribbon.
9. **IMPORTANT:** Each 4-Her must **set-up and take down** their own exhibits - only exhibitors (4-H members) will be allowed in the exhibit hall during set-up time. Parents must wait outside the Exhibit Hall (Hanson Building). There are volunteers to help members' set-up. Each member must completely clean their area and dispose of debris in the proper trash can before leaving the grounds. Exhibits **MUST** remain in place until **after** closing ceremonies.

10. *Any entries not meeting the specific requirements of the division will receive the next lower ribbon.* For example, artwork not mounted; recipes not accompanying food exhibits or written on something other than 3" x 5" card. Please read all directions for the division carefully.
11. There will be no exhibit entry fee. Only the fee (\$3/per person 4 & up) to enter the Fair. Premiums will be paid to exhibitors by check and be mailed after the Fair.
12. Ribbons will be awarded according to the Danish System. Every Division will have a Best of Show for Junior and Senior exhibitors. Special ribbons will be awarded to youth entering designated categories and lot winners in various divisions. Team/Club exhibits will only be awarded one Best of Show rosette.
 - **NEW THIS YEAR!** New Division 23: My Plate Nutrition!
 - **NEW THIS YEAR!** We now have three "Of the Year" awards, Scientist of the Year, Artisan, and Foodie of the year awards. Please review page 5.
 - **BACK THIS YEAR!** A special rosette, *Premier Exhibitor*, will be awarded to 4-Hers with exhibits receiving blue ribbons in 4 separate divisions. Premier Exhibitors will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card, selected at the closing ceremony.
13. Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of exhibits while they are on exhibit, but 4-H will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. All exhibitors must give personal attention to their property and at the close of the Fair and take charge of it.
14. *The Fairboard is not responsible or liable for any accidents resulting in personal injury that occur on the grounds.*
15. Alcoholic beverages and other controlled substances are NOT allowed. There is no smoking permitted on the grounds. No pets are allowed.
16. Siblings of 4-H'ers are welcome to attend if accompanied by a parent or guardian. You will need to pay for the youth to enter the Fair and CT's Beardsley Zoo.
17. Enrolled 4-H Explorers (youth ages 5 & 6) may exhibit in Division 24. **See page 26.**
18. PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH ANY EXHIBITS.
19. Any live animal exhibit must be contained in a double fenced cage or secure covered top for aquariums. At **NO** time can animals be removed from secured containers.
20. Space is limited for large exhibits such as booths or hobbies. On the exhibit registration form please be as exact as possible about the amount of space needed.
21. This year the Baking Contest is *Apple Cinnamon Muffins*. See the recipe on **page 25**.

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DIVISION 1 – CLOTHING

1. Garments must have been made by a 4-H member since the last Fair.
2. Pattern envelope and directions **must** accompany garment.
3. All clothing must be clean, well pressed and on a hanger.
4. Clothing Revue garments are welcome to be displayed but cannot be judged again and will only receive a participation ribbon. Do not list Clothing Revue garments on clothing line of registration form. Please write "Do Not Judge" on exhibit cards.
5. *Exhibits will be judged on neatness, proper use of sewing techniques, choice of fabric, condition and construction.*

DIVISION 2 – FOODS

1. Cover all exhibits with clear transparent wrap.
2. Recipes, including recipe source, (include frosting recipes) **must** be provided for all food exhibits on a 3" x 5" card. They may be printed neatly (in ink), typed or copied and attached to the card.
3. *Please note clearly if the recipe is a **gluten-free** food.*
4. The following are not allowed: packaged mixes such as store-bought frostings, Bisquick, pie crust mixes, etc) beverages, and anything that needs refrigeration.
5. *Your food will be judged on the following qualities:*
 - Outside characteristics - (color, shape, size, frosting)*
 - Inside characteristics - (texture, grain, crumb, filling)*
 - Flavor - (pleasing blend, characteristics of product)*
6. Exhibits in this division may include but are not limited to:
(Please note that specific amounts are required for each item)
 - whole quick breads
 - 4 pieces of candy/fudge, nutritious snacks
 - 4 cookies
 - 4 muffins
 - whole cakes
 - 4 biscuits
 - loaf of bread
 - 4 cupcakes
 - whole pies
 - 4 rolls

4-H: BUILDING A BRIGHTER TOMORROW!



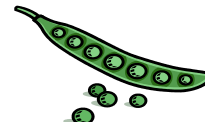
DIVISION 3 - FOOD PRESERVATION (Canning)

1. All entries must have been canned by 4-H member since the last Fair.
2. Must use label on product. Label should include name of product, date canned and processing method used.
3. Jars made specifically for canning purposes must be used. Jars from commercially prepared products will be disqualified as they are unsafe for home canning.
4. Recipes, including recipe source, must be printed neatly (in ink) or typed on 3 x 5 card(s) and need to accompany all exhibits.
5. Your canning will be judged on:
Jar - well sealed, clean and neatly labeled. Processing method used. Pack - full but not crowded. Pieces of size convenient for serving. No foreign pack. No extra credit for fancy pack. Liquid clear, not discolored. Liquid should cover the pieces. Product - good texture, right stage of maturity, uniform size and shape. Appearance - natural color, careful preparation.

DIVISION 4 - HORTICULTURE

1. All exhibits must have been grown, cared for or selected by the exhibitor. All exhibits **must** be insect free. Exhibits in this category includes flowers, vegetables, foliage plants and terrariums.
2. **Flowers** should be uniform in size and color with appropriate number per container. *They will be judged on quality of flowers and freedom from disease.* Flowers not used in an arrangement must be grown by the exhibitor.
3. **Arrangements** must be made by the exhibitor, but the flowers need not be grown by the exhibitor (for example, silk flowers, dried flowers or any store bought fresh flowers). *Arrangements will be judged on color, design, balance and proportion, and condition.* A good arrangement must have balance and pleasing line in its design, good color, harmony and well-related textures.
4. **Houseplants** must be in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months prior to the Fair. *Plants will be judged on condition, form (uniformity, shape), stem and foliage quality, color and size.* Plants must be insect free and in proper proportion to their containers. If entering houseplants: include a 3" x 5" card on which is stated how often the plant is watered and fertilized; what type of fertilizer is used and any other pertinent information regarding the care of that plant.
5. **Fruit & Vegetable** entries must be grown by the exhibitor. *Entries will be judged on uniformity (size, shape, color, stem quality) and condition (freshness, maturity, preparation).* Only fruits & vegetables which are of uniform size, shape and color and are at proper maturity for table use or canning should be selected. Vegetables must be clean, fresh, firm and free from blemishes caused by disease, insect and rough handling. Fruits & vegetables should be exhibited on a paper plate.
 (Please note that specific amounts are required for each item)

Beans - 6 pods (any type)	Beets - 5	Broccoli - 1 bunch	Cabbage - 1 head
Carrots - 5	Celery - 5	Corn - 3 ears	Cucumbers - 3
Eggplant - 1	Onions - 5	Parsnips - 5	Peppers - 3 (any type)
Potatoes - 5	Pumpkin - 1	Radishes - 5	Squash - 1 (any type)
Swiss Chard - 1 plant	Tomatoes - 3 (green/red/yellow)	Herbs or spices , 1 pot or in water	
Fruit large - 1	Fruit small - 3		





DIVISION 5 – S.T.E.M.

(Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

1. Exhibits must have been made by the exhibitor since the last Fair.
2. Exhibits in this division include but are not limited to: veterinary science, electrical, metal, Legos (with moving pieces) and rocket projects.
3. Kit projects are acceptable, please indicate "Kit" on exhibitor card.
4. Exhibits will be judged on
 - *Design (choice of materials, proportions, balance and color)*
 - *Workmanship (neatness, construction, finishing)*
 - *Creativity.*

DIVISION 6 - NATURAL SCIENCES

1. Each article or collection must be a current 4-H project made or altered since the last Fair.
 - If entered in previous years, exhibitor must provide a written explanation of what has been added or changed for the current year.
2. Each article must have been made, collected or kept by each exhibitor.
3. All collections must be neatly mounted and well labeled by the exhibitor.
4. Exhibits in this area may include but are not limited to: forestry and wildlife collections, rocks and minerals, insects, shells, wildflowers, and ecology exhibits.
5. *Articles will be judged on nearness, labeling, quality and completeness.*

DIVISION 7 - 4-H BOOTH EXHIBITS

1. Exhibits in this category may be individual or done by a group of club members. If done as a group, it should be registered by only one member. The exhibitor numbers and ages of each person in the group must be on the exhibitor card. Blue, red or white ribbons will be provided to all members creating and submitting the exhibit. Only one rosette, if selected as division winner, will be awarded.
2. An exhibit is meant to stand on its own without explanation from members.
3. This division serves as an opportunity for individuals or groups of 4-H members to demonstrate a craft or skill or offer visitors information on a project or issue.
4. Size of exhibit (amount of space needed) MUST accompany registration. Due to limited space, a maximum of 4 feet by 2½ feet will be allowed. Display boards must be provided by exhibitor. Display MUST fit pre-measured booth area. Items on floor or walls around the booth WILL NOT be included in the booth and WILL NOT be judged.
5. Preparation and setting up of booths MUST be the work of club member(s) AND NOT of leaders or parents. Title of booth must be prominently displayed.
6. Only pre-registered booths will be accepted. All booths must be COMPLETELY set up by 9:45.
7. If animals are used (i.e. rabbits, hamsters, ferrets, snakes, etc.), they must be in good physical condition and free from apparent disease.
 - In accordance with state Rabies guidelines, all animals must be kept in a secure cage and must be double caged at all times.
8. Scoring of exhibits will be as follows:
 - a. *Subject - 20%*
 1. *One main idea*
 2. *Important to people (practical and timely)*
 3. *Expressed simply and clearly*
 4. *Accurate information, readable signs*

- b. *Public appeal - 40%*
 - 1. *Causes people to stop and look*
 - 2. *Arouses and holds interest*
 - 3. *Will be remembered and talked about later*
 - 4. *If appropriate, tells where to get further information*
- c. *Attractiveness - 20%*
 - 1. *Neat,*
 - 2. *Good arrangement*
 - 3. *Simplicity*
 - 4. *Appropriate size and style of lettering*
 - 5. *If appropriate, good use of color combination*
- d. *Originality - 20%*
 - Idea shown in an unusual way (motion, color, slogan)*

DIVISION 8 – PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Photographs must have been taken by 4-H member since the last Fair.
2. All photographs must be mounted on a firm surface with at least a 1" border. **DO NOT PUT IN A FRAME.**
3. **CAPTION ALL PICTURES.**
4. Type of camera used (35mm automatic focus, Polaroid, 35mm single lens reflex, disposable, phone, digital, etc.) **MUST** be written clearly on the exhibitor card. If entries warrant, this division will be divided into traditional film and digital image. The judge may decide to award two Best of Shows.
4. **Exhibitors may enter 2 (two) photos per Lot, up to a total of 10 photos. Additional photos will not be judged.**
5. The winner of each Lot will receive a special ribbon. One Best of Show, per each age division will be awarded.
 - *Any Exhibitor not following these directions will lose points.
6. *Exhibits will be judged on storytelling ability (as suggested by the caption), photographic quality, mounting and captions.*

LOTS

1. Macro
2. Landscape/Architecture
3. Portraits
4. Animals
5. Computer assisted (with programs such as Photoshop)



DIVISION 9 – 4-H SCRAPBOOKS

1. Individual or club scrapbooks may be entered. **The exhibitor card must indicate if the entry is a 4-H club scrapbook or an individual 4-H scrapbook.**
 - Individual scrapbooks must be about the member's experiences in the past 4-H year.
 - Club scrapbooks must focus on a club's events and activities and have more than one author. In that situation, on the scrapbook exhibitor card, list all exhibitor I.D. numbers of individual club members. Blue, red or white ribbons will be provided to all members creating and submitting the exhibit. Only one rosette, if selected as division winner, will be awarded.
2. Scrapbooks will be judged on entries made since the previous year's Fair.
3. *Scrapbooks will be judged on neatness, organization, interest and attractiveness*



DIVISION 10 – SCRAPBOOKING

1. Only individual scrapbooks may be entered. Individual scrapbooks must be non-4-H related.
2. Scrapbooks will be judged on entries made since the previous year's Fair.
3. *Scrapbooks will be judged on neatness, organization, interest and attractiveness.*

DIVISION 11 - ART

1. Entries submitted must be done by a 4-H member since the last Fair.
2. All art work must be mounted (able to be hung on the wall), where appropriate.
3. Exhibitors may enter **3** art items per Lot, up to a total of 10 art items per exhibitor.
4. Examples of projects eligible for this division include but are not limited to: drawings, sketches, paintings, stenciling a picture, block printing and sculpture.
5. Art created by computer may consist of drawing by hand or the use of clip art & program-modified photos including technology such as three-dimensional renders.
6. *Exhibits will be judged on neatness, subject matter and originality. Computerized art will also be judged on the exhibitor's knowledge of the technology and how smoothly the piece is put together.*
7. The winner of each Lot will receive a special ribbon. One Best of Show, per each age division will be awarded.

LOTS: 1. Painting 2. Pencil 3. Pastels 4. Computer 5. Other

DIVISION 12 - LEISURE ARTS

1. Each exhibit must have been made by the member since last year's 4-H Fair. 4-H'ers may enter no more than **5** items in this Division.
2. If item is a club project, please check the appropriate box on exhibitor card. Indicate any camp or school project as well. If a kit craft is used, please indicate on exhibitor card "kit craft". **Also note that the section on the entry card asking for "years in project" should indicate the number of years you have been using this technique or doing this particular craft, not the number of years in the leisure projects in general.**
3. If an item is pottery, ceramic or clay, please indicate the following:
 - Item thrown on a potter's wheel by 4-H'er.
 - Created from a slab of clay by 4-H'er.
 - Purchased green ware.
4. Examples of projects eligible for this division include but are not limited to: carving, pottery, collage, decoupage, ceramics, jewelry, leather work, nature craft, basketry, bead work, macramé, papier-mâché, candles, mobiles, mosaic, stenciling, paper craft, tie dyeing, soft sculpture, kit crafts, paint by number, holiday decoration, kites, or a mold made by 4-H'er.
5. *Exhibits will be judged on neatness, correct preparation and finish and quality of work.*

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DIVISION 13 – HOBBY COLLECTIONS

1. Exhibits in this division must only be the work of the 4-H member. Each exhibit must be a current collection or one that has been altered since the last Fair. If entered in previous years, exhibitor must provide a written explanation of what has been added or changed this year.
2. Size of space needed **MUST** accompany registration. Due to limited space, a maximum of 4 feet by 2½ feet will be allowed. **Only pre-registered hobby exhibits will be accepted.**
3. Animals are not a hobby collection and may only be exhibited as part of a booth exhibit.
4. Every effort should be made to omit or cover exhibitor's name from collection
5. Examples of projects eligible for this division include but are not limited to: baseball card, horses, dolls, stamps, Legos without moving parts, coins.
6. *Exhibits will be judged on correctness of labels, neatness, and methods of display (originality) and titles.* Also explain your interest in this hobby collection. In judging collections, the size and value of the collection is not as important as the neatness, methods of display, proper labeling and titles.

DIVISION 14 - HOME ARTS



1. Each exhibit must have been made by the member since the last Fair.
2. If a kit craft is used, please indicate on exhibitor card "kit craft".
3. If item is a club project, please check the appropriate box on exhibitor card. Indicate any camp or school project as well.
4. Similar or identical items are limited to two individual exhibits per person. If there are more than two similar items in this category, they must be grouped as one exhibit.
5. Examples of projects eligible for this division include but are not limited to: crochet or knit articles, embroidery, needlepoint, cross-stitch, quilting, hooking, pillows, tote bags, pajama bags, bean bags, pin cushions or stuffed toys.
6. *Exhibits will be judged on neatness, correct preparation and finish and quality of workmanship.*

DIVISION 15 - RECORD BOOKS

1. To be eligible for this division, a 4-H'er must have received a blue ribbon at the county evaluation.
2. Your completed evaluation sheet from this year MUST be inserted on top of this year's activity record sheet or it cannot be considered for this division.
3. No exhibitor card is needed for this division.
4. 4-H member **SHOULD NOT** make changes to record book following county evaluation held earlier in the fall before submitting for consideration for Best of Show. Because record books have already been judged, only three best of show ribbons will be awarded in this division: one for juniors, one for seniors and one for first year books.
5. *Books will be judged on neatness, accuracy, completeness, effort put forth and arrangement.*

DIVISION 16 – WOODCRAFTS

1. Exhibits must have been made by the exhibitor since the last Fair.
2. Kit projects are acceptable, please indicate "kit" on exhibitor card
3. Exhibits in this division include but are not limited to: birdhouse or feeder, tray, shelf, bookends, stool, bookcases and other wooden projects.
4. *Exhibits will be judges on design (choice of materials, proportions, balance and color), workmanship (neatness, construction, finishing) and creativity.*



DIVISION 17 – COMMUNICATIONS

1. For Junior 4-Hers all written work should be neat and easy to read; it may be typed.
2. For Senior 4-Hers all written work should be typed with double spacing unless it is part of the creative presentation of the work.
3. Previously evaluated work (such as school reports) is acceptable if it fulfills the criteria below. A clean copy of such work should be entered - work with grades or comments will not be judged.
4. Exhibits can include but are not limited to:
 - Original Essay (not to exceed 5 pages)
 - Original Research Reports (not to exceed 5 pages)
 - Original Short Story
 - Original Poetry Collection (up to 5 pieces)
 - Other original miscellaneous written work
 - Original Web Page (printout is acceptable)
 - Original 4-H Press Release
5. *All work will be evaluated on content, correctness, neatness and presentation.*

DIVISION 18 - CAREER EXPLORATION

Poster can be on standard poster board and must be of uniform size 22" X 28" or a standard tri-fold board 36" X 48" - other sizes are ineligible. Use a theme to select a career you are interested in and share it with us! For example: *"Explore Nursing."*

1. Posters must contain artwork or text created by the 4-Her.
2. Pictures or diagrams may be drawn by the 4-Her or neatly cut out from other sources (magazines, website printouts, etc.). If not original work the source should be cited.
3. Do not attach items thicker than the poster board to the poster.
4. Keep it simple and to the point.
5. *Exhibits will be judged on originality, follows the theme, conveys easily understood message, accurate information and general appearance.*

DIVISION 19 - 4-H BAKING CONTEST

1. Entries must be covered with clear plastic wrap.
2. Participants must be enrolled in Fairfield County 4-H.
3. All entries will be judged on the Danish system. A Best in Show Rosette may be awarded in each section.
4. Entries will be judged *on the following qualities:*
 - *Outside characteristics - (color, shape, size, frosting)*
 - *Inside characteristics - (texture, grain, crumb, filling)*
 - *Flavor - (pleasing blend, characteristics of product)*
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4-H BAKING CONTEST RECIPE

Easy Apple Cinnamon Muffins

1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup white sugar
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 egg
1/3 cup milk

⅓ cup vegetable oil
2 apples, peeled, cored and chopped

Topping: ½ cup white sugar
½ cup butter, cubed
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Prep 20m Cook 25m Ready in 45m

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease six muffin cups or line with paper muffin liners.
2. Stir together 1 ½ cup flour, ¾ cup sugar, salt, baking powder and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Mix in oil, egg and milk. Fold in apples. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups, filling to the top of the cup.
3. In a small bowl, stir together ½ cup sugar, 1/3 cup flour, butter and 1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon. Mix together with a fork and sprinkle over unbaked muffins.
4. Bake in pre heated oven for 20 to 25 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into center of a muffin comes out clean.
5. Exhibit by placing 4 of your best muffins on a plate and covering them with plastic wrap

DIVISION 20 - 4-H GOES GREEN!!!

1. Entries may be no more than 18 inches long by 18 inches wide (not including hanging materials). Entries must consist entirely of recycled or repurposed materials in keeping with the "Green" theme. Can't think of anything? What about wind chimes, an art project, a sculpture, or some technology?
2. Entries will be judged *on the following qualities*:
 - Attractiveness 30%
 - Originality 20%
 - Workmanship 15%
 - Suitability of materials 35%

DIVISION 21 – VETERINARY SCIENCE

1. Any Articles in this class must have been made by the exhibitor by last 4-H Fair date.
2. No more than two entries per lot. Each entry must be different. All work must be original. No kits can be used.
3. Box projects are displays which are at least the size of a shoebox, but no larger than a three section display board 36" height X 24" Width X 12" Depth. Posters must be no larger than 24" X 36".
4. Entries will be judged on the following qualities:
 - Attractiveness 30%
 - Originality 20%
 - Workmanship 15%
 - Accuracy 35%

Lots:

1. Poster or box project about an animal disease.
2. Poster or box project about the anatomy of a specific animal.
3. Poster or box project about proper nutrition for a specific animal.
4. Poster or box project that illustrates a safe, healthy environment for a specific animal.



DIVISION 22- CHILD DEVELOPMENT/ HOME GAMES

1. Each article must provide a tag of the name of the article, directions for its use and appropriate age range for the child or children who will be using it.

2. Points considered in judging will be:

-Neatness 30%

-Attractiveness 25%

-Originality- 25%

-Is toy or game appropriate to age of child/ren? 20%

3. Examples of projects eligible for this division include:

-Babysitter bag includes: written description of the items included and the purpose of each item

-Homemade toy

-Board Game. Games can be original or adapted. The game must include the rules, age level, and number of participants.

-Indoor/Outdoor Game. Games can be original or adapted. The game must include the rules, age level, and number of participants.

NEW DIVISION 23 - MY PLATE NUTRITION

Project can be on standard 8.5 x 11 sturdy paper. Use MyPlate as you design a meal & determine the healthiness of your meal. Please be clear with what is on your dish and how it matches the MyPlate goals.

1. Pictures or diagrams may be drawn by the 4-Her or neatly cut out of other sources (magazines, website, printout etc.). If not original work the sources should be cited.

2. Keep it simple and to the point.

3. Entries will be judged on:

- Originality

- Conveys easily understood messages

- Accurate Information

- General Appearance

DIVISION 24 – 4-H EXPLORERS

1. Participants must be enrolled in 4-H Explorers ages 5 & 6 years old as of January 1st of the current year.

2. Participants can enter exhibit items from any division listed in this Fair Book.

3. All entries will be exhibited in the Exhibit Hall under Division 23, 4-H Explorers and receive participation ribbons only.

4-H: Coming Together for a Great Purpose!

FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR EXHIBIT REGISTRATION

Exhibit Registrations are due September 27, 2024

Email fairfieldcounty4hexhibits@gmail.com

FAX 203-207-3273

Are you a first-time exhibitor? _____ **YES** _____ **NO** (Receive 4-H pin & sticker on exhibit sheets)

PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE: One form per 4-H member exhibiting.

Name:	Age as of January 1, 2024:
Phone Number:	Juniors 7-12 Seniors 13-19
Address:	Town & Zip
Club:	Years in 4-H
Email:	

Division 24 - 4-H Explorers Registration

Exhibit registrations are due September 27, 2024

Email to Allison C fairfieldcounty4hexhibits@gmail.com

PLEASE PRINT. You need one form for each 4-H Explorer, ages 5 or 6

Name _____ Age (as of 1/1/2024) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ *must have

Signature of Exhibitor

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Exhibit cards will be emailed to you. Please look for them in your emails!

Enter your fair exhibits on the reverse side of this sheet in the 'Number of Exhibits' column.

The rest of the columns are for office use only.

If you need exhibitor cards by regular mail please check here _____

- Office use only/ Exhibitor Number: _____ (Assigned by Exhibit Committee)

/For Office Use Only: Total # of Exhibits Exhibitor #

Division #	Enter # of Exhibits	# Blue	#Red	#White	Total Premium
1-CLOTHING					
2-FOODS					
3-FOOD PRESERVATION					
4-HORTICULTURE					
5-STEM					
6-NATURAL SCIENCES					
7-4-H BOOTH EXHIBIT					
8-PHOTOGRAPHY					
9-4-H SCRAPBOOKS					
10-SCRAPBOOKING					
11-ART					
12-LEISURE ARTS					
13-HOBBYS					
14-HOME ARTS					
15-RECORD BOOKS					
16-WOODWORKING					
17-COMMUNICATIONS					
18-CAREER EXPLORATION					
19-4-H BAKING CONTEST					
20-4-H GOES GREEN					
21-VETERINARY SCIENCE					
22-CHILD DEV/HOME GAMES					
23-MY PLATE NUTRITION					
24-4-H EXPLORERS					
TOTAL EXHIBITS					

KEY: ARTISAN OF THE YEAR FOODIE OF THE YEAR SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR

Booth Exhibits (one registration per booth)_____ Is this a live animal booth? Yes_____ No_____ Hobby/collections (space is limited) Only request space if you plan to make use of it. Space needed (max is 4 ft x 2.5)_____ No electricity can be used.

I agree to hold the Fairfield County Cooperative Extension 4-H program and all those who are assisting and donating to the event harmless from suit, claim, damage that may be occasioned by me or my exhibit. I also agree to abide by the rules of the event and to show good sportsmanship. I agree that my entry will be on display until the time stated in the general rules.

Signature of Exhibitor

Signature of Parent or Guardian

FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Workshop Registrations are due September 27, 2024.

Email fairfieldworkshops@gmail.com

Fax 203-207-3273

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Age as of January 1, 2024 _____ E-MAIL _____

Workshop: 10:45 – 11:30

A. Vet Science

B. Marble Acrylics

C. Robotics

1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

3rd choice _____

See page 14 for a full workshop description.

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR LUNCH & VOLUNTEER FORM

To reserve your lunch, please complete the LUNCH ORDER FORM, enclose a check for the proper amount, made out to the Fairfield County 4-H, and mail to 4-H Fair, 67 Stony Hill Road, Bethel, CT 06801 by September 27.

LUNCH ORDER FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

I would like to order subs for lunch.

Turkey _____ X \$6.00 = _____

Veggie _____ X \$6.00 = _____

BMT _____ X \$6.00 = _____ (pepperoni, ham, salami and bologna)

Total Due ___\$_____

Payment must be made with the order of sandwiches.

Checks should be made out to Fairfield County 4-H. *Money is non-refundable.*

Help Needed

Help Needed

VOLUNTEER FORM

Parents and 4-H Volunteers: Help is always needed for the Fair! **Friday**, set-up is at CT's Beardsley Zoo. Saturday, volunteers are needed as workshop attendants, helping with refreshments, etc. If you are able to help, please fill out the bottom of the registration form. A member of the committee will contact you to discuss your duties.

**Send, email or just call! 67 Stony Hill Rd., Bethel, CT 06801 203-207-3264
emily.picard@uconn.edu**

Friday, October 11: 10am-1pm _____

Saturday, October 12: 8am – 11am _____ 11am – 2pm _____

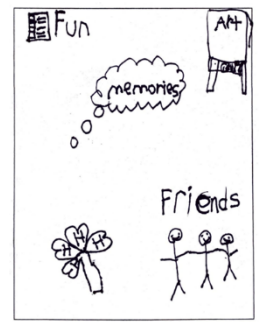
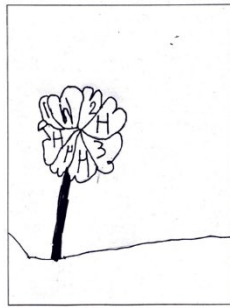
Name & email _____

Everyone helps with clean-up after the Fair.



Honorable Mention Cover by Lilly M.

Cover Entries by: Sylvie T, Levi C, Ayda C, Roxanne D, Mike D, Lilly M, Sara N



Honorable Mention Slogan by Lilly M.

4-H: Where We Learn and Create

Youth entering the Slogan Contest this year were: Sylvie T, Levi C, Ayda C, Roxanne D, Mike D, Lilly M, Sara N

All the entries came from the Cool Creators 4-H Club except Sara from CT's Beardsley Zoo 4-H.
Let's get more people to enter the Fair & Slogan Contest next year!!

**Did you sell ads to help make this day possible??
Coming December 2024!**

**Thank you to everyone involved in the 2024
Fairfield County 4-H Fair!**

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