

# 4-H Calendars

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## Fairfield County 4-H Year at a Glance 1 October – 30 September

State, regional and national 4-H activities are italicized

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-County club enrollments due</li> <li>-4-H After School begins</li> <li>-Fairfield County 4-H Fair</li> <li><i>-New 4-H Year Begins – National 4-H week</i></li> <li><i>-Fall Festival at the 4-H Farm, Bloomfield</i></li> <li><i>-Eastern Regional Horse Event, KY</i></li> <li><i>-Cornucopia, UConn</i></li> <li><i>-National Dairy Conference, WI</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-County Volunteer training</li> <li><i>-State Teen Leadership Weekend</i></li> <li><i>-National 4-H Congress, GA</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Fairfield 4-H Spring Benefit Horse Show</li> <li>Ad Campaign Begins</li> <li>-Fairfield 4-H Spring Benefit Horse Show</li> <li>Prize List Cover Contest</li> <li><i>-CT Recognition Forms Due for:</i></li> <li><i>National 4-H Conference or</i></li> <li><i>Citizenship Washington Focus</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-County Public Presentation Program</li> </ul>
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-County Public Presentation Program</li> <li>-Closing Date - Fairfield County Benefit Ad Campaign</li> <li>-Closing Date - Fairfield County Benefit Horrs Show Prize List Cover Contest.</li> <li><i>-IFYE (International 4-H Youth Exchange) Visits</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-County 4-H Fashion Revue</li> <li>-County 4-H Night At the Grange</li> <li>-County 4-H Talent Show</li> <li><i>-State 4-H Horse Symposium</i></li> <li><i>-State 4-H Dairy Project Clinic, UConn</i></li> <li><i>-State 4-H Poultry Show, UConn</i></li> <li><i>-4-H National Conference, Wash. D.C.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-County Volunteer Recognition Dinner</li> <li>-County Nutrition Fair</li> <li><i>-State 4-H Citizenship Day</i></li> <li><i>-State 4-H Goat Day</i></li> <li><i>-State Fashion Revue</i></li> <li><i>-State Public Speaking Contest</i></li> <li><i>-State Talent Show</i></li> <li><i>-State Home Arts Contest</i></li> <li><i>-State Photography Show</i></li> <li><i>-State Art Show</i></li> <li><i>-State 4-H Horse Contests</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-County Award, camperships and scholarships applications are due</li> <li>-Fairfield County 4H Benefit Horse Show week-end</li> <li>-4H After School programs end</li> <li><i>-4-H Recognition forms due for: National 4-H Diary Conf., WI</i></li> <li><i>National 4-H Congress - GA</i></li> <li><i>-State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest</i></li> </ul>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-County Recognition Program</li> <li><i>-Eastern States 4H Horse Program</i></li> <li><i>Delegate Selection</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-4-H Summer Youth Employment Program</li> <li><i>-4-H Camp</i></li> <li><i>-Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Chevy Chase, MD</i></li> <li><i>-Statewide Teen Connection Conference</i></li> <li><i>-Windham County Fair</i></li> <li><i>-New London County 4-H Exposition</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-4-H Summer Youth Employment Program</li> <li>-Annual Report and Re-enrollment Requests for County Clubs</li> <li><i>-4-H Camp</i></li> <li><i>-4-H Marine Science Day, UConn Avery Point Campus in Groton</i></li> <li><i>-New Haven/Middlesex Counties 4-H Fair</i></li> <li><i>-Litchfield County Fair</i></li> <li><i>-Tolland County Fair</i></li> <li><i>-Hartford County Fair</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-County 4H Benefit Nutmeg Horse Show Week-end</li> <li>-County Record Books Due</li> <li>-County Record Book Evaluation</li> <li><i>-Eastern States Exposition (Big E,)</i></li> <li><i>Springfield, MA</i></li> <li><i>-4-H Day at Eastern States Exposition, ( Big E), Springfield, MA</i></li> </ul>

## Fairfield County 4-H

## 4-H Yearly Activity Calendar

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### OCTOBER

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
After School programs	4-H After School programs start in elementary and middle schools
New 4-H Year Begins	Enrollment Materials must be completed and sent to the 4-H Office each year. Return no later than November 15 to remain on the mailing list and maintain volunteer liability
National 4-H week- (1st full wk)	Groups should participate in 4-H week through county or area wide exhibits in businesses and stores, presentations at civic groups and articles in newspapers
Fairfield County 4-H Fair	All members should participate! The Fair book listing regulations, awards and classes is distributed to members in Aug. This is an opportunity to exhibit anything members have made, grown or worked on during the year. All exhibits are judged on the Danish system and ribbons are awarded. Special awards are given in each division.
Fall Festival at the 4-H Farm	Held at the 4-H Farm in Bloomfield. Exhibits, demonstrations, product sales, hayrides and refreshments
Eastern Regional Horse Event, KY	A state team is selected to represent our state in this comprehensive test of horse science knowledge (such as identifying horse items, judging, facts and equipment, identifying breeds, etc.)
UConn Cornucopia Fest	University of Connecticut College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Open House - Storrs campus. Workshops, exhibits, fun. Public Welcome.
National Dairy Conference	CT delegates are selected on the basis of CT 4-H Recognition Forms, county recommendation and state interviews. National Award trip

## NOVEMBER

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Volunteer training	An opportunity for all adult volunteers and teen in leadership positions to learn about the 4H club program, 4-H club organization, new policies procedures, program planning, teaching techniques, community service, craft ideas, parliamentary procedure, etc.
National 4-H Congress	Congress happens in Atlanta and is a state award trip. Approximately 1,200 outstanding 4-Hers from across the nation participant in this 4 day recognition, cultural and education event. CT delegates are selected on the basis of CT 4-H Recognition Forms, county recommendation and state interviews.
State Teen Leadership Weekend	Open to all teens statewide. Workshops and leadership activities-important for fair officers, teen committee members, anyone interested in improving leadership skills

## DECEMBER

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
CT Recognition Forms Due	For all teens interested in being selected to attend National 4-H Conference at the 4-H Center in late March or to attend Citizenship Washington Focus in July.
Fairfield 4-H Spring Benefit Horse Show Ad Campaign Begins	4-H'ers sell sponsorships and ads for Benefit Horse Show to be held in May. Funds raised from this support all County 4-H programs.
Fairfield 4-H Spring Benefit Horse Show Prize List Cover Contest	4-H Spring Benefit Prize List Cover contest begins.

## JANUARY

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
County Presentation Program	4-H'ers present a speech or visual presentation (illustrated talk, power point or demonstration). Two seniors are selected to participate in the State Public Speaking Contest.

## FEBRUARY

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Closing Date	Fairfield County Benefit Ad Campaign.
Closing Date	Fairfield County Benefit Horse Show Prize List Cover Contest.
IFYE (International 4-H Youth Exchange) Visits	Connecticut's IFYE delegate is available on request to share his/her experience living in a host country for a six-month period.

## MARCH

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Award applications	Award applications be sent to leaders and independent members – due May 1
4-H Night At the Grange	4-H'ers "strut their stuff" before Grange members doing demonstrations, fashion revue, public presentations, etc.
County 4-H Fashion Revue	All clothing members are eligible to participate. Senior members are selected to take part in the state clothing revue held later in the spring. 4-Hers may sew a piece of clothing or be a "Smart Shopper"
County 4-H Talent Show	Held in conjunction with the Fashion Revue to provide a showcase for any 4-H member's or 4-H group's talent. Registration materials are usually out the first of January. Start working in projects in December.
State 4-H Poultry Show	Held at UConn- open to all poultry youth
State 4-H Horse Symposium	Held at UConn. This week-end event features speakers, demonstrations and exhibits related to all aspects in the Horse industry.
State 4-H Dairy Project Clinic, UConn	Members with dairy animals are eligible to participate in this clinic, held at UConn, Storrs.
National 4-H Conference	Outstanding 4-H members from across the state are chosen in the spring for recognition to participate in national events such as the National 4-H Leadership Conference, or 4-H Youth Congress. Members are selected on the basis of the CT Recognition Form submitted in January.

**APRIL**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Fairfield County Volunteer Recognition Dinner	Recognition dinner for all Fairfield County volunteers and teens who successfully participate in county committees and leadership projects.
County 4-H Nutrition Fair	The day will include exhibiting food made in foods and nutrition projects, special workshops for adults and 4-H members and a tasting party. Judges will evaluate work. Information sent to leaders and independent members.
State 4-H Day -State Fashion Revue, State Public Speaking Contest, State Talent Show, State Home Arts Contest and State Photography Show State Art Show	State event which includes the state public speaking contest, clothing revue, talent show, Home Arts Contest, Art Show and Photography Show. Held at West Hartford Campus. Some contests are a competitive process with selection at the county level. Other contests are open to anyone who fits the criteria.
State Hippology Contest, Quiz Bowl & Horse Judging Contest	Teams and/or individuals may represent their county in this comprehensive test of horse science knowledge (such as identifying horse items, judging, facts and equipment, identifying breeds, etc.) A state team is selected.
State 4-H Citizenship Day	4-H members 12-19 spend a day in Hartford learning about State government. Includes tours, workshops, visits with legislators.
State 4-H Goat Day	Members with goats are eligible to participate in this clinic, held at UConn, Storrs.

**MAY**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Award Applications – May 1	Award, camperships and scholarships applications are due for Fairfield County are due in the 4-H Office by May 1. Forms will be sent to all enrolled members and volunteers in March/April.
Clean-up Day for the 4-H Benefit Horse Show	Held prior to benefit horse show at the Bethel Office. Members spruce up the grounds and prepare food.

4-H Benefit Horse Show	Open benefit horse show sponsored by Fairfield County 4-H. Proceeds of this show support 4H programs. English, western, outside hunt course and trail.
4-H Benefit Horse Show jump put away and Pizza Party	Grounds clean-up and pizza party the day after the horse show. Held the day after the horse show
4-H After School programs	End of the year recognition program for 4-H after school programs in elementary/middle schools
4-H Recognition forms due	4-H Recognition forms due for teens wishing to attend National 4-H Dairy Conf., WI or National 4-H Congress, GA. CT delegates are selected on the basis of CT 4-H Recognition Forms, county recommendation and state interviews.
State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest	

## JUNE

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
County Recognition Night	Fairfield County Recognition awarded to youth and volunteers.
Eastern States 4H Horse Program Delegate Selection	Selection involves application, leader recommendation, record books, interview and test. Successful delegates become part of the CT delegation at Eastern States Exposition (Big E). Riders and “handy-helpers” are encouraged to apply.

## JULY

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
4-H Summer Youth Employment Program	Youth employment program sponsored by Cooperative Extension System and Regional Workforce Development Board in the cities of New Haven, Waterbury, Danbury and Bridgeport. Employs and trains teens to teach younger youth.
4-H Camp	For youth from rural, suburban and urban communities. Campers 8-15 attend a one or two week camping program at one of four 4-H camps located in the eastern area of Connecticut. Activities usually offered include crafts, outdoor cookery, nature, swimming, etc. Special clover camps for 6 and 7 year olds available at some sites. Some camperships available.
Teen Connection Conference	3 day statewide event held at UCONN at Storrs for youth 14 and above, includes workshops, dances - experience college life. (Offered alternate even years)

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Chevy Chase, MD	A week-long conference held at the 4-H Center for teens. Learn about our national government by visiting historic spots, meeting with legislators and attending social activities and workshops with members from around the country. (Offered alternate odd years)
Windham County Fair	4-H members exhibit anything made, grown or worked on during the year. All exhibits are judged on the Danish system and ribbons are awarded. Special awards are given in each division.
New London County 4-H Exposition	4-H members exhibit anything made, grown or worked on during the year. All exhibits are judged on the Danish system and ribbons are awarded. Special awards are given in each division.

## AUGUST

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Annual Report and Re-enrollment Requests	Leaders receive and fill out re-enrollment request for 4-H year starting in October.
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4-H Marine Science Day at the UConn Avery Point Campus in Groton	Day open to 4HMembers (11 and up), parents and leaders to learn more about the marine environment The program includes beach walks, trips on the ocean laboratory boat and hands-on activities.
New Haven and Middlesex 4-H Fair at Fairgrounds in Durham	4-H members exhibit anything made, grown or worked on during the year. All exhibits are judged on the Danish system and ribbons are awarded. Special awards are given in each division.
Litchfield County Fair	4-H members exhibit anything made, grown or worked on during the year. All exhibits are judged on the Danish system and ribbons are awarded. Special awards are given in each division.

Tolland County Fair	4-H members exhibit anything made, grown or worked on during the year. All exhibits are judged on the Danish system and ribbons are awarded. Special awards are given in each division.
Hartford County Fair	4-H members exhibit anything made, grown or worked on during the year. All exhibits are judged on the Danish system and ribbons are awarded. Special awards are given in each division.

## SEPTEMBER

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Record Books Due	Members send record books to the 4-H office to be evaluated. Ribbons awarded on Danish System. Youth completing record books will be recognized at the Fairfield County 4H Fair in October.
Record Book Evaluation	All leaders invited to evaluate record books submitted by members. Ribbons awarded on Danish System. Record books plus ribbon and participation pins returned to members at Fall Back.
4-H Benefit Nutmeg Horse Show	Open benefit horse show sponsored by Fairfield County 4-H. Proceeds of this show support 4H programs. English, western, outside hunt course and trail.
4-H Benefit Horse Show jump put away and Pizza Party	Grounds clean-up and pizza party the day after the horse show. Held the day after the horse show
4-H Day at Eastern States Exposition, or the Big E, Springfield, MA	Organizational leaders may request free passes from the 4-H office for 4-H members and leaders.
Eastern States Exposition or the Big E, Springfield, MA	Selected 4-H'ers will be exhibiting, demonstrating and competing for awards.