

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

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MAY 2009

- 16 Set up for 4-H Benefit Horse Show
- 17 Spring Benefit Horse Show
- 18 After Show Pizza Party and Jump Pick Up

JUNE 2009

- 1 CT 4-H Recognition Forms due to the State 4-H Office for youth wishing to attend National 4-H Congress (May 1 to county office)
- 1 Animal verification forms due to county 4-H office for animal projects
- 5 Fairfield County 4-H Recognition Night
- 12 Fair Board meeting, 6:30 Casino Building, CT's Beardsley Zoo
- 17 4-H Benefit Horse Show (Rain Date)

JULY 2009

- 5-11 Washington Citizenship Focus

AUGUST 2009

- 15 Fairfield County Garden Fair - Bethel

SAVE THE DATE

- 17 October - Fairfield County Fair
- 7 November - All State 4-H Volunteer Conference

Congratulations to

- 4-Hers who attended the State 4-H Dog Clinic- Ashley Malia, Bridget Kennedy, Emily Rogers, Jonathan Malia, Mark Malia and Rebecca Gant
- Fairfield County 4-Hers who participated in CT Expressive Arts Day
 - Textile Arts*- Holly LoCascio, Emily Rogers, Amanda LoCascio, and Elizabeth LoCascio
 - Fashion Revue* - Holly LoCascio, and Kristi Allen
 - Photography Contest* - Bridget Kennedy, Sarah Liska, Amanda LoCascio, Elizabeth LoCascio, and Holly LoCascio, and Gunner Williams
 - Public Speaking* - Katelynn Lee, Bridget Kennedy, and Ashley Malia
- At Expressive Arts Day, Fairfield County 4-Her, Katelynn Lee won the State Public Speaking Contest in the Speech Division
- 4-Hers who participated in *4-H at Ashlar*- Mark Malia, Gunner Williams, Jonathan Malia and Ashley Malia

News from the Fairfield County 4-H Development Committee

- **Save the dates - Fairfield County 4-H Spring Flowering Bulb Fundraiser - August15-September18 - Information and order forms will be sent to members in August. Bulbs will be available for pick up around October 1**
- **Save the date- DUE DATE Record Books this year will be due September 25.**

COUNTY EVENTS

RECOGNITION NIGHT

Our Annual 4-H Recognition Night will be held at the Stony Hill Fire Department, Friday, June 5, 7pm. Awards and Recognition will be given to volunteers, 4-H members and clubs along with the College Scholarship Awards. So mark your calendars and attend this special fun night.

2009 FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H SPRING BENEFIT HORSE SHOW

AD CAMPAIGN SUMMARY

Total Raised \$3,565

<i>Highest Overall Seller</i>	Nathan Allen	\$605
<i>Honorable mention</i>	Virginia Early	\$370
	Sarah Liska	\$355
<i>Extra Effort</i>	Gunner Williams	\$255
	Shannon Spies	\$230
	Emily Rogers	\$175
	Rachel Peterson	\$135
<i>Highest 7 & 8 year old</i>	Gunner Williams	\$255

100% Clubs

- *Pineview Horseman, Oxford-* Sarah Liska, Erin O'Brien, Gunnar Williams, Courtney

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- *Dogs Rule, Bethel* - Sarah Liska, Ashley Malia, Jonathan Malia, Mark Malia, Emily Rogers, Rebecca Gant, Bridget Kennedy
- *Helping Hands, Norwalk*- Kristi Allen, Nathan Allen
- *Force 4 the Future, Bethel* – Laura Early, Virginia Early, Andrew Early
- *Wildwinds, Trumbull*- Gwen Hawkes, Alyssa Marini
- *Newtown Naturalists* –Elizabeth LoCascio, Amanda LoCascio, Holly LoCascio

Participating Clubs

- *Zoo Club, Bridgeport*-Brian Criscione, Erica Criscione, Gianna Gerrity, Brendan Williams, Caitlin Neary
- *Happy Hoofers, Bethel* –Shannon Spies, Abby Branchflower, Rachel Peterson, Matilda Brady

COVER CONTEST WINNER – Sarah Liska

Honorable Mention – Alyssa Marini

Participants- Elizabeth LoCascio, Amanda LoCascio, Holly LoCascio Bridget Kennedy, Shannon Spies

MINUTES of FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIRBOARD MEETING - APRIL 24, 2009

Next meeting- June 12, 6:30pm

1. Review member requirements- keep the same

- Must attend three of 5 meetings scheduled
- Must complete all sub-committee work
- If you miss a meeting-members must contact vice president- Brendan Williams

- Must attend Fairfield County 4-H Fair

The Fair Board will not collect dues

2. Review last fair

Opening/closing ceremony ideas kept the same

Give record book pins to leaders to hand out at club meetings

During closing ceremonies- presenters should say the name of the project that won Best in Show

Talk about limiting number of entries per category- next meeting

Limiting number of people in exhibit hall or have a monitor- next meeting

Good goofy fun- keep

Keep tug of war -keep

Add jump-rope (non rope burn rope)

Add a 4-H info booth

No skill-a-thon

Exhibits- What is criteria for selecting a Best in Division? Last year's book reads " At the discretion of the judges, a Best of Division ribbon may be awarded in each division."

Community service- sending supplies for troops (Alyssa will talk to her uncle, Linda will talk to her brother-in-law about what they would like and how to get it to them). We will assemble supplies during registration time

Keep build scarecrows as a group activity

Executive committee still runs opening/closing ceremony

Talk about premiums- next meeting- they weren't handed out last fair

T shirts - Sell again, pre sell and have Fair Board have different colors

3. Develop sub committees next meeting

Remove registration as a subcommittee

Add community service subcommittee

4. Job descriptions

Vice president will now be in charge of community service project

Treasurer will have checkbook- actually manage money (adult help)

Next meeting elect officers

Nominated at this point- may also have nominations at next meeting

Brendon- president (nominated by Cheyenne)

Cheyenne-president (Gwen nominated)

Sarah-secretary (nominated by people)

Gwen-chair of good goofy fun

Alyssa-treasurer (nominated by everyone)

Cheyenne –good goofy fun

Alyssa- good goofy fun

Mark- workshops

Cheyenne -community service group

Sarah- photographer

5. Future meetings

June 12, August 7, September 4, October 9

Fair –October17

November 20th (evaluation at 6:30)

October 24th is the date of the Fair- PLEASE NOTE CHANGE- THE FAIR IS OCTOBER 17

AGENDA for FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIRBOARD MEETING - June 12, 2009

Icebreaker

Call to Order

Pledge to the Flags

Roll Call

Reading of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Unfinished (Old) Business

- Election of officers and committees
- Should Fair premiums be given to exhibitors?

Instead of paying premiums, should Fair Board give \$1 gift certificates (McDonalds, Wendy's Burger King, Dairy Queen Etc) to anyone who exhibits.

- Update membership and committee lists
- Should the Board limit the number of entries per category per exhibitor?
- Should the Board limit the number of people in exhibit hall? Have a monitor?
- Exhibits - What is the criteria for selecting a Best in Division?

New Business

- Take group picture

Will be posted on web page

- Review Timeline
- Hand out Notebooks
- Break into committee to complete tasks and Report to group

STATE HAPPENINGS

Seeking participants for the *Inspiration Gallery* to be held at the November 7, 2009 *CT 4-H Volunteer Leadership Conference in Berlin!*

We want to know what your club is doing! Create a scrapbook, backboard, or simple display showing other 4-H leaders what your club has been doing! As leaders, we are always looking for new ideas. Let everyone know what has worked for your club. How about a community service project or science activity? The conference will be held in November, so you have plenty of time to be "inspired"! For more information, please contact planning committee members Sam or Amy Smith at cdrsoblebnon@aol.com

**SAVE THE DATE
IT WILL COME QUICKLY!!!!
START PLANNING NOW!!!!**

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR
October 18, 2008
Beardsley Zoo!!!!**