

4-H Scholarships

Donald Bixby Awards

These scholarships are given in memory of Donald Bixby, a longtime director and enthusiastic benefactor of the Champlain Valley Fair, who was especially devoted to its young participants. The Directors of the Champlain Valley Exposition are awarding four scholarships this year to outstanding 4-H members within the five counties of the Champlain Valley Exposition. Each scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member only one time.

Scholarships will be awarded, as follows:

1. Three \$300 scholarships awarded to a 4-Her accepted in any approved institution of higher learning.
2. One \$100 scholarship awarded to a 4-Her in grades 9-12 and beyond to help them further explore their career aspirations, by purchasing equipment (camera, sewing machine, etc.) or to attend a training that could lead to a career.

Applications may be obtained at your local Extension Office.

Completed applications must be returned by May 15th, annually, to the South Burlington Extension Office.

140 Kennedy Drive, Suite 201
South Burlington, VT 05403

K. Stewart Gibson Awards

"Stew" Gibson was a Director of the Exposition for 25 years and is currently Director Emeritus. He was a University of Vermont Professor and Extension Dairyman as well as long time Superintendent of Cattle for the Exposition. Stew was a strong influence in teaching dairy cattle management and dairy cattle judging to Vermont and New England youth.

The eight awards, of \$150 each, are presented to winners of the Vermont 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Dairy Judging competitions for the respective state teams that compete at regional and national meets. The awards are used to partially pay expenses to participate in the National Dairy Quiz Bowl in Louisville, Kentucky and the National Dairy Judging Competition in Madison, Wisconsin.

4-H Pledge

*I pledge my head to clearer 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.*



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2026 4-H EXHIBITOR INFORMATION FOR THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY FAIR



4-H exhibit registration forms* due August 14th, 2026

It's time to carefully read the 4-H exhibitor information, plan for the Champlain Valley Fair and send in your registration! We hope you will participate with a 4-H exhibit, in a 4-H livestock show, or in the milkshake contest. To obtain information or entry forms for open exhibits, shows or contests visit <https://champlainvalleyfair.org/exhibitor-handbook>. Please contact Julie Matranga with any questions: call 802-656-7616 or email julie.matranga@uvm.edu

4-H registrations are due by August 14th – please be mindful that mail is sometimes delayed – mail your entries early!! Registered entries must be brought/set up in the EXPO NORTH on MONDAY Aug. 24th between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. and will not be accepted after this time.

4-Hers are encouraged to take part in the **2:00 p.m. Costume Class** on **Aug. 30th** and then the **4-H Day Parade** (registration not required). Meet at the SE end of the 4-H Dairy Barn for the parade at 2:45.

Judging Jamboree (registration required) will be at 4:00 pm in the show tent. **All dairy show participants will automatically be registered to participate in the Judging Jamboree; it is highly encouraged that all other 4-H youth register to participate in the judging jamboree!!**

4-H member and leader cards will be accepted for admission to the fair, but parking is not included. If you are from Addison, Chittenden, Franklin or Grand Isle Counties you can request a new member card on the registration form. As always, we look forward to seeing the results of your 4-H work.

See you at the Fair!

Sincerely,

Julie Matranga & Martha Seifert

4-H Educators, Chittenden, Franklin/Grand Isle & Addison Counties

Mail all registration forms well before August 14th

to: Julie Matranga, UVM Extension 4-H

140 Kennedy Dr., Suite 202

South Burlington, VT 05403

For questions, call 656-7616 or 1-800-571-0668 or e-mail julie.matranga@uvm.edu or martha.seifert@uvm.edu

To request language interpretation/translation assistance and/or a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Julie Matranga at 802-656-7616 or 1-800-571-0668 or email julie.matranga@uvm.edu by July 31st, 2026 so we may assist you.

*See the last two pages for the registration form.

2026 CHAMPLAIN VALLEY FAIR 4-H EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, August 14

- ↗ All registration forms due **by** this date in the Burlington Extension Office, 140 Kennedy Dr., Suite 202, South Burlington, VT 05403.

Monday, August 24

- ↗ 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Set up exhibits/posters in the EXPO NORTH Building
- ↗ Club Banners should be brought at this time

Tuesday, August 25

- ↗ Evaluation of 4-H Hall Exhibits

Friday, August 28

- ↗ Noon to 6:00 p.m. - Dairy animals arrive-paperwork and vet check upon arrival
- ↗ 6:30 p.m. – Dairy Meeting & Ice Breaker in the show tent

Saturday, August 29

- ↗ **10:00 a.m. – 4-H Dairy Show**
- ↗ **5:30 p.m. 4-H Extreme Milkshake Contest - Expo North - please see information page included**

Sunday, August 30

- ↗ 4-H Day at the Fair - Stage Presentations – two or three performances required. Participants will be contacted and given the check-in and performance times.
- ↗ **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Poultry check in for animals not already on the grounds.** Gate B /west gate by poultry/dairy bldgs.
- ↗ **11:00 a.m. - Poultry Show: Fitting and Showmanship, Conformation, and Agility in the show tent.**
- ↗ **2:00 p.m.** - Costume Class for all animals and their handlers
- ↗ 3:00 p.m. – Parade (meet at the end of the dairy barn)
- ↗ 4:00 p.m. -Judging Jamboree in the Show tent
- ↗ 6:00 p.m. – Dairy Meeting in Show Tent
- ↗ 7:00 p.m. - 4-H Dairy animals released

Saturday, September 5

- ↗ **8:30 a.m.- Barn Meeting for all entered in 4-H Horse Show**
- ↗ **9:00 a.m.- 4-H Horse Show in Horse Show Ring**
- ↗ **1:00 p.m. - 4-H Horse Judging Classes in Horse Show Ring**

Monday, September 7

- ↗ **8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - Exhibits in 4-H Exhibit Hall must be picked up.** *Failure to arrange for pick-up may result in forfeiture of premiums.*

4-H PARTICIPATION AT CHAMPLAIN VALLEY FAIR

Youth from Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle and Lamoille counties are welcome to exhibit. 4-H dairy, horse and poultry project members from any 4-H club in Vermont or New York may enter the dairy or horse or poultry show (but no other sections). Champlain Valley Fair provides 4-H with facilities, admission for members and leaders and premiums.

4-Hers may also exhibit in the following open departments (according to each department's rules and guidelines): Art, Culinary, Fruits/Flowers/Vegetables, Home Crafts, Maple, Poultry, Sheep, Fiber Loft, Draft Horse, Open Horse Show and Cattle. For registration information and rules for these departments visit <https://champlainvalleyfair.org/exhibitor-handbook/> Return appropriate forms to each department by the due date listed for each department.

4-H EXHIBIT SECTIONS

Section I Educational Table-Top Exhibits	Section VI Club Scrapbook	Section XI Horse Show
Section II Action Exhibit/Demos/Talks	Section VII Stage Presentations	Section XII Dairy Show
Section III Posters	Section VIII Expressive Arts	Section XIII Poultry Show
Section IV Photography	Section IX Upcycle: Clothing & Non-clothing	Section XIV Livestock Costume Class
Section V Banners/Flags	Section X Judging Jamboree	Section XV Extreme Milkshake

GENERAL RULES

1. Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle and Lamoille County 4-H members are eligible for participation in sections I through X.
2. 4-Hers from all of Vermont or New York counties are eligible for participation in the horse, dairy, poultry shows and the Extreme Milkshake contest provided they meet Vermont 4-H requirements for showing.
3. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded on the Danish system to all participants (Blue – Excellent work, Red – Very good work, White – Good work).
4. **Cloverbud members** (those 5 to 7 years old on Jan. 1st of the current year) **may ONLY register and participate in Section II Action Exhibits/Demos/Talks, Section III posters, or Section VII Stage** but for the latter two sections only with other Cloverbuds **Section XII Dairy** – may only show in the Cloverbud class and will not receive premiums but will receive prizes. They will not be evaluated or receive premiums but receive participation ribbons. **Section XV Milkshake contest** – if entering as a team – team must consist of other cloverbuds – will not be scored but will receive prizes.
5. *Failure to follow guidelines listed in this publication may result in a forfeiture of premiums.*
6. All hall exhibits *must* be removed on Monday, September 7th between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. If you know you will be unable to remove your exhibit, please make arrangements to have it picked up for you. Vouchers for premiums will be available that day from 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 am **only**.
7. We will have personnel supervising the 4-H exhibits whenever possible, but all exhibits are brought to the Champlain Valley Fair at the members' or club's own risk.
8. All exhibits shall have been produced, made or cared for by exhibitors within the past year and not previously entered at this fair (exception: livestock). Items may have been entered at other fairs or Regional Days within the past year.
9. Foods, vegetables and flowers used in an exhibit should be replaced by the exhibitor, when they become unattractive; if not, they will be removed.
10. Live animals may not be part of any tabletop exhibit.
11. An outstanding exhibit from section I, III, IV, VI, VIII, and IX will be awarded a "Best of Show" ribbon and an extra premium. (1 Best of Show per Section listed above).
12. 4-Hers are limited to a maximum of two posters, two photos, two upcycle clothing/ non-clothing, two expressive arts, and/or two tabletops but may also participate in group table tops, livestock divisions, action exhibits/demonstrations/talks, stage presentations, extreme milkshake and the judging jamboree. Space limitations may result in only one item being exhibited.
13. Exhibits created or involving more than one person should be registered only one time on a separate form (not on a registration for individual's entries) and list all participants' names. The 4-Her or club whose name appears on the group registration will receive any premiums awarded (and should divide premiums as agreed upon by group members).
14. **Entry forms are due by August 14th.**
15. Registered exhibits for the 4-H Exhibit Hall must be set up between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., **MONDAY Aug. 24th**.

SECTION I – TABLE-TOP EXHIBITS

An excellent tabletop captures people's attention and conveys information using both a background display AND displayed items. The exhibits may be presented by the group or by an individual. A combination of words, pictures and objects are used to convey information and teach the viewer about a subject. Both a background display and labelled 3-D objects displayed on the table must be used. Handouts or photos on the table do not count as 3-D objects. Objects should help the viewer learn and not just attract attention. A lack of 3-D objects as described above will disqualify the tabletop and no premium will be awarded. Use of a tablecloth is suggested. Covering up brand names is suggested. *Your exhibit should measure no longer than 40" wide.* 4-Hers may enter a maximum of two tabletop exhibits. Space limitations may result in only one item being exhibited.

Anticipated premiums: Blue - \$15 Red - \$10 White - \$5

SECTION II – ACTION EXHIBITS/DEMONSTRATIONS/TALKS

An excellent action exhibit, demonstration, or talk captures people's attention and engages an audience in an educational presentation. For action exhibits the audience moves along the exhibit and each participant explains a step (or two) of a process using visual aids/props, then the next speaker explains the next step(s) and so on until the entire process has been explained. Demonstrations and talks are geared for a nonmoving audience. *A 6 or 8 foot table is all that is provided for exhibitors. All other materials must be brought by the participants.* Action Exhibits/Demos/Talks should be repeatedly presented for 1 hour. Presentation dates and times are to be arranged with the 4-H office.

Anticipated premium: 1 to 3 participants - Blue - \$15, Red - \$10, White - \$5 4 or more participants - \$20, 15, 10.

SECTION III – POSTERS

Posters should be educational. To be evaluated, displayed, and receive premiums posters are to be 14" x 22" and not exceed ¼" in thickness. Please do not use foam core. Oversize posters will be disqualified and no premium will be awarded. 4-Hers may enter two posters. If space is lacking the top scoring one will be displayed.

Anticipated premiums: Blue - \$8 Red - \$6 White - \$4

SECTION IV – PHOTOGRAPHY

4-Hers may enter two photos that they have taken within a year of the **2026** fair. If space is lacking the top scoring one will be displayed. Photos must be matted or mounted but not framed or covered by glass. Photos must be 5" x 7" or 8" x 10". Photo based design work may also be entered in this section. Mattes will not be provided.

Anticipated premiums: Blue - \$8 Red - \$6 White - \$4

SECTION V – CLUB BANNERS OR FLAGS

These should be brought the same day/time as exhibits: Monday, **August 24th** between 5 and 7:00 p.m. and picked up on **September 7th** between 8 and 9:30 am.

Anticipated premium: \$5

SECTION VI – CLUB SCRAPBOOK

4-H clubs may enter a club scrapbook which reflects activities from the current 4-H year which should include photos of club members and of club activities (with captions), news articles, club awards, etc.

Anticipated premium: Blue - \$20 Red - \$15 White - \$10

SECTION VII - STAGE PRESENTATIONS

4-H groups are encouraged to present a wide variety of entertainment for the stage presentations at the fair. These acts should catch and hold everyone's attention and can be dancing, singing, skits, physical fitness or any other suitable entertainment in accordance with Vermont 4-H's dress code, content and lyric expectations (Find details at this link: <https://www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/4-h-state-day-and-big-e-eastern-states-exposition-ese#table>). Preferred time and day for stage performances should be noted on the registration form. Vouchers for stage presentations will be given after the performance for groups or individuals without additional exhibits.

Anticipated premiums: Group - (4 or more) \$30, \$25, \$20. Up to 3 individuals - \$20, \$15, \$10

SECTION VIII - EXPRESSIVE ARTS

4-Hers may enter up to two expressive art pieces that they have made within a year of the **2026** fair. If space is lacking the top scoring one will be displayed. Categories for Expressive Arts include Painting, Pencil drawing, Pastels, Mixed Media (use two or more of listed media), Digital (such as but not limited to hand drawing on a tablet, iPad, computer) Abstract or other art. If entering a painting, drawing, etc. the item must be matted and may be framed. No glass in the frames is allowed.

Anticipated premiums: Blue - \$8 Red - \$6 White - \$4

SECTION IX - UPCYCLE CLOTHING and UPCYCLE NON-CLOTHING

4-Hers may enter up to two Upcycle Clothing pieces. If space is lacking the top scoring one will be displayed. Submissions should be items of clothing or non-clothing made from upcycled materials and repurposed for a new use (for example, from materials you would find in your recycling bin, at a thrift store, or in a giveaway pile).

Anticipated premiums: Blue - \$8 Red - \$6 White - \$4

SECTION X- Judging Jamboree

4-H members will learn about judging various types of livestock/agricultural products and then actually judge some classes. This will take **place in the show tent on Sunday, Aug. 30th at 4:00 p.m. All youth will participate.**

Anticipated premiums: \$5

SECTION XI- 4-H HORSE SHOW

This event is scheduled for Saturday, **September 5th** with a barn meeting for all exhibitors at **8:30 a.m.** All exhibitors must be ready to show their horses at **9:00 a.m.** in the Horse Show Ring.

1. The 4-H horse show is open to **all** Vermont 4-H members. Horses will be checked on arrival with the **current rabies vaccination** as well as a **negative Coggins Test** within the past 12 months. These documents must be brought to the show with the horse and presented to show staff/volunteers before unloading.
2. 4-H PROJECT CLASS, JUDGING, FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP AND EQUITATION/DISCIPLINE RAIL *must* be entered to receive any premium. You are automatically entered in these classes. Classes 18-23 are optional. If you do not have a horse, you may enter Horse General Knowledge and Judging and receive premiums for them *if* you also enter a poster or table top exhibit about horses in the 4-H Hall.
3. Classes may be combined or divided depending on the number of entries.
4. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitors to report for classes on time.
5. Danish ribbons will be awarded for all premium classes and rosettes for all other classes.
6. All rules not covered here will be covered by the most recent "New England 4-H Rulebook" available on the 4-H website.
7. Ages: Beginner – 18 years and under; Advanced Beginner – 18 years and under; Junior – 13 years and under; Senior – 14 through 18 years. All ages are as of Jan. 1, of the current year.

8. Beginners and Advanced Beginners may not enter Road Hack.
9. Each member may bring only one horse. Stalls are available and *must* be used. All stalls must be thoroughly cleaned before vouchers are issued.
10. Exhibitors may only show one seat for all required classes (including fitting and showmanship).
11. Each horse is to be prepared and exhibited by the 4-H member. Adults may only help where safety is an issue.
12. If you have any questions about the show, please contact the show manager Mary Fay at 878-1215.
13. If you plan to stay for the open horse show, go to <https://champlainvalleyfair.org/exhibitor-handbook/> for information.

CLASSES FOR 4-H HORSE SHOW

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Judging (to begin at 1 p.m.) 2. General Knowledge for horseless participants (between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.) 3. Senior 4-H Fitting and Showmanship (Beginning at 9:30 a.m.) 4. Junior 4-H Fitting and Showmanship 5. Advanced Beginner 4-H Fitting and Showmanship 6. Beginner 4-H Fitting and Showmanship 7. Senior English Equitation 8. Junior English Equitation 9. Western Equitation (for Juniors and Seniors) 10. Advanced Beginner Equitation (Western and English) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Beginner Equitation (Western and English) 12. Small Equine Discipline Rail (your equitation class) 13. Senior 4-H Project Class 14. Junior 4-H Project Class 15. Advanced Beginner 4-H Project Class 16. Beginner 4-H Project Class 17. Small Equine 4-H Project Suitability 18. Road Hack (English and Western, Juniors and Seniors only) 19. Beginner Pleasure 20. Advanced Beginner Pleasure 21. Junior Pleasure 22. Senior Pleasure |
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The order of classes may be changed but will be announced. Championships and Reserve Championships will be awarded in each division.

Anticipated premiums: Blue - \$15 Red - \$10 White - \$5

Vouchers will be given at the conclusion of the show for those attending only the horse show. If you have something entered in the hall, your horse show premium will be added to that voucher which may be picked up on Monday, **Sept. 7th** between 8 am and 9:30 am.

SECTION XII- 4-H DAIRY EXHIBITS/SHOW

1. The 4-H dairy show is open to **all** Vermont or New York 4-H members who meet VT 4-H Dairy project/show requirements. The animals they exhibit must have been cared for by them since May 1st of the current year, be listed on a VT **2026** Dairy Approval Form or New York approval forms.
2. Cloverbud age members may only show in the Cloverbud classes and will not receive premiums but will receive appropriate prizes.
3. All animals in the 4-H show will be housed in the cattle barn.
4. All animals must arrive between **Noon and 6:00 p.m.** on Friday, **Aug. 28, 2026**. Paperwork (Approval Forms and Health Forms- CVI) will be checked and animals will be checked by a vet before they are admitted. Animals should stay loaded until these checks are complete.
5. All members and leaders are expected to attend the dairy meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, **Aug. 28th** in the Show Tent and a closing meeting at 6 p.m. on Sunday **August 30th**.
6. Check out time is Sunday, **Aug. 30th** at 7 p.m. Members are encouraged to take part in the parade with their animal at 3 p.m. on that day. After 7 p.m., the animals may only stay on the grounds by becoming part of the Open Dairy Show (see Cattle Department in the CVE Exhibitor Handbook).
7. Members are expected to care for/watch the animals they are exhibiting between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. while the animals are on the fairgrounds. If for periods of time the member cannot be on the grounds, it is the

responsibility of the 4-H member to find a reliable person to care for/watch the animals from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. while the animals are on the fairgrounds.

8. Closed-toe footwear is required while working around the animals.
9. 4-H members will milk their own animals or have another responsible person assigned to do so. If you plan to milk in the parlor, please leave your name with the Milking Parlor Superintendent shortly after your arrival on Friday.
10. Hay but **NOT GRAIN or STRAW** will be furnished by the Exposition. Arrangements for feed must be made through the dairy superintendent. If additional feed is desired, beyond what is furnished, it is at the exhibitor's expense.
11. Health regulations and vaccinations: 4-H animals must comply with requirements set for open animals and 4-H health requirements. **Animals must have either a NUES or AIN ("840 tag") ear tag.** A CVI for 4-H Livestock must be presented and show that vaccinations for shipping fever have been given at least two weeks prior to the show and rabies have been given at least 30 days prior to the show. Cattle showing signs or indications of scabies, ringworm or other contagious disease will not be admitted. The 4-H and Fair officials have the right to remove or not admit any animal not meeting health requirements. Vet check is between **Noon and 6:00 p.m.** on Friday. Animals not checked and approved by the vet will not be admitted.
12. Safety regulations: No bulls may be exhibited. Animals with horns may not be exhibited.
13. 4-H members may not sleep overnight in the barns.
14. 4-H exhibitors will maintain the 4-H dairy area keeping it neat and clean at all times.
15. Each exhibiting 4-Her's family will be given 4 fair passes at the Friday meeting for your chaperon to bring you on Saturday and Sunday.
16. **The dairy project is a 4-H member activity. Parents, herdsman and other adults are may not assist in the care or preparation of the animal in the dairy area or in the show ring.**
17. 4-Hers may enter the animals on their approval forms only, with each being in a different conformation class (4-Hers may only exhibit their own project animals in class 1 and any class 2 sections). They may also enter a Daughter/Dam class; Member Herd and Club class with three animals.
18. All 4-H participants must enter the Fitting and Show Class and a Conformation class to receive any premiums.
19. Exhibitors must be neatly dressed while showing. White clothing is desired. Sturdy footwear is required (no sneakers). Each exhibitor will be assigned a number, which will be worn during the show.
20. Every animal exhibited must be shown in a show halter.
21. Judging will begin Saturday, **Aug. 29th** at 10:00 a.m., beginning with Senior Fitting and Showing.
22. A time will be discussed for show day cow classes at the Friday barn meeting.
23. **Dairy health regulations are subject to change due to avian influenza- exhibitors will be notified of any changes. If you are bringing milkers please check with Martha Seifert 2 weeks prior to the show for any changes in health/testing requirements.**

4-H DAIRY SHOW CLASSES

10:00 a.m. Saturday 8/29

1. **Fitting & Showing** (required) By participant age group; **Senior** members first.
2. **Conformation** (by breeds in alphabetical order)

Spring Calf	March 1, 2026– April 30, 2026
Winter Calf	December 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026
Fall Calf	September 1, 2025– November 30, 2025
Summer Yearling Heifer	June 1, 2025– August 31, 2025
Spring Yearling Heifer	March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025
Winter Yearling Heifer	December 1, 2024– February 28, 2025
Fall Yearling Heifer	September 1, 2024– November 30, 2024
2 Year Old	September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024
3 Year Old	September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023
4 Year Old & Older	Before September 1, 2022

3. **Daughter/Dam** Top cow and female progeny owned/leased by one individual will receive a ribbon and a premium.
4. **Member Herd** 3 animals, any breed, all owned/leased by the exhibitor will receive a ribbon and a premium.
5. **Club Herd** 5 animals, any breed: The top 3 herds will receive a premium.

Anticipated premiums for classes 1-2: Blue - \$15 Red - \$10 White - \$5

HERDSMANSHIP

Club members who create an attractive club exhibit for the area where their animals are housed while at CVE which includes information to educate fair goers about **equine or avian or bovine** related topics (depending on which you are showing) and who care of their animals and the area where they are housed may receive a special premium of up to \$15 for their club. No official entry required. The club exhibit will be evaluated based on the following:

- ↗ Decorations
- ↗ Educational Component
- ↗ Maintenance and care of animals and area
- ↗ Personal attitude of members and their representation of 4-H and its ideals

Anticipated premiums for Herdsmanship: Blue - \$15 Red - \$10 White - \$5

All dairy show vouchers will be given before release on Sunday (those with hall exhibits will be issued a second voucher on Monday, **September 7th**). A Junior, Senior, and Grand Champion Animal will be selected in all breed divisions. A Junior Female and Senior Female Supreme Champion will be awarded.

VERMONT EXTREME MILKSHAKE CONTEST

5:30 p.m. Saturday August 29th

What is an extreme milkshake? It is a giant, drippy milkshake loaded with everything from whole slices of cake and brownies to cookies, chocolate, and other sweets. Or it can be with berries, fruit, or maple syrup.

RULES:

1. **You can enter as an individual or as part of a two-person team. Open to any Vermont 4-H youth.**
2. The milkshake Team will be comprised of two 4-H youth ages 8 – 18 years old as of January 1st of the current year. You can also enter as an individual age 8-18 as of January 1st of the current year. Cloverbuds may enter but will not be scored. If entering as a team they must partner with another cloverbud. They will receive prizes for participation.
3. The milkshake must be made from cow's milk. No non-dairy milk is allowed.
4. Time allotted – 10 minutes prep and 3 minutes for presentation. Order of presentation will be determined by drawing numbers.
5. 16-ounce Mason Jar Mug is to be used to display the milkshakes. Only one creation per team/individual. An 8-ounce paper cup is to be used for judges to sample after they have judged the appearance in the mason jar.
6. Team will supply their recipe with all the ingredients listed.
7. Team will supply their own blender, ingredients, mug, and other supplies to produce the milkshake.
7. Design, taste, and presentation will be the main criteria for judging.
8. You can create a milkshake with embellishments such as cookies, candies, whipped cream, sprinkles, maple syrup, etc. Let your creative juices flow!
9. Each team or individual will present their creation to the panel of judges, telling their names, name for their creation, ingredients used and then answer questions from the judges.
10. Prizes will be awarded to the winning milkshakes:
 - a. Judging criteria
 - Appearance / presentation
 - Taste
 - Creativity
 - Presentation to judges

SECTION XIII- 4-H POULTRY

4-Hers who show a bird are required to participate in classes 1, 2 and 3 in order to receive premiums. A 4-H member may bring a total of 5 birds to the poultry show. The 4-H member will select one bird to enter in fitting/showmanship (class 1) and may enter up to 5 birds in class 2.

Entering the open poultry show in accordance with the rules, regulations, due dates, and schedule spelled out in the Champlain Valley Fair Competition Handbook is encouraged but 4-Hers may also bring their project animals just for the day of the show.

Members who bring their animals just for the day of the show must abide by the protocols and the health regulations described below.

They must arrive for check-in at 9 a.m. at the gate by the dairy and poultry buildings (Gate B).

Birds must be transported in cages or crates. After check-in birds must be housed in the cages in the poultry barn.

Bird dismissal (of birds not entered in the open poultry show) may take place any time after the show, costume class and parade. (Approximately 4:30 PM.) Members must check out with poultry barn staff and then proceed with their caged bird(s) directly to waiting transportation at Gate B.

Health regulations:

- ✓ Health checks will be performed at check in for birds (except waterfowl) **entered in the open poultry division** (not at the day of the 4-H show). Poultry from out of state is not permitted. If you are **NOT** entered in the open show you may contact the Poultry Superintendent and arrange your bird's health check done with the open show birds (this means an extra trip to CVE on the date open show birds are checked) **OR** get the health check done independently.
- ✓ Birds older than 20 weeks/hatched before **APRIL 12, 2026** (except waterfowl) must have a certificate from a state livestock official which shall document that the fowl have been tested and found negative for pullorum-typhoid disease. They must also have a band to match them up with paperwork.
- ✓ Birds younger than 20 weeks do not need to be tested or banded (and no certificate is needed for them).
- ✓ NO water fowl.

POULTRY CLASSES 11:00 a.m.

1. Fitting and Showmanship

2. Conformation (all breeds, all species, all ages)

3. Chicken agility – no ribbons, no premiums, just as a fun activity.

Anticipated premiums	Blue - \$12	Red - \$10	White - \$8
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SECTION XIV- 4-H LIVESTOCK COSTUME CLASS

4-Hers and their sheep, poultry, cattle or any other livestock projects that are entered in the fair in 4-H or open classes (and thus already housed on the fairgrounds) may enter the costume class to be held at 2:00 p.m. on 4-H Day in the show tent (and may march in the 3 p.m. parade in costume if they like). 4-Hers should bring a short write up describing their costume to the class. Ribbons only will be awarded.

DONALD BIXBY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are given in memory of Donald Bixby, a long-time director and enthusiastic benefactor of the Champlain Valley Fair, who was especially devoted to its young participants. The directors of the Champlain Valley Exposition will award four scholarships this year to outstanding 4-H members within the counties of Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle and Lamoille. A 4-H member may only win once in each of the two categories. The Bixby scholarships are competitive.

Category 1: For high school seniors to pursue further education

Category 2: Career Exploration – open to any 4-H youth seeking support for career exploration – see application

Completed applications are due August 1 annually and should be sent to Bixby Scholarship c/o Julie Matranga, UVM Extension, 140 Kennedy Drive, Suite 202, South Burlington, VT 05403.

K. STEWART GIBSON AWARDS

“Stew” Gibson was a director of the Exposition for 25 years. As University of Vermont Professor and Extension Dairyman as well as long time Superintendent of Cattle for the Exposition, Stew was a strong influence in teaching dairy cattle management and dairy cattle judging to Vermont and New England youth. The eight awards of \$150 each are presented to winners of the Vermont 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Dairy Judging competitions for the respective 4-H state teams that compete at regional and national meets. The awards are used to partially pay expenses at the National Dairy Quiz Bowl at Louisville, KY and the National Dairy Judging Competition at Madison, WI.

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Champlain Valley Fair 4-H Exhibitor **Registration Form due AUGUST 14**

Mail to: Julie Matrange, 4-H Educator, 140 Kennedy Drive, Suite 202, South Burlington, VT 05403

You may also email to: julie.matrange@uvm.edu

DO NOT SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO ANY OTHER UVM EXTENSION OFFICE -only Kennedy Drive

Please use a separate entry form to register club/group efforts and list the participants on the back.

Name: _____ Age as of 1/1 /2026: _____

Club: _____ County: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I have read and will abide by the rules and requirements in the Champlain Valley Fair 4-H Exhibitor Information publication.

Exhibitor Signature _____ **Parent/Guardian Signature** _____

Check all that apply and provide additional information if requested:



Table-top Exhibit

Title: _____ Need electricity? _____

Title: _____ Need electricity? _____



Poster (14"x22")

Title: _____

Title: _____



Photo (8"x10" or
5"x7")

Title: _____

Title: _____



Action Exhibit/Demo/Talk (circle one) Title _____

Presentation day and time preferred: _____



Stage Presentation

Title: _____

Presentation day and time preferred: _____



Expressive Arts

Title: _____

Title: _____



Upcycle Challenge

Title: _____

Title: _____



Club Scrapbook



Club Banner



Judging Jamboree

ALL youth are highly encouraged to participate in the Judging Jamboree



Poultry Show

Bird Species	Bird Name	Hatch/Purchase Date	ID# if applicable

Number of years you have shown poultry: _____

Will your bird be brought just on show day? _____ Please remember that any bird over 20 weeks of age must be pullorum tested prior to the show. Testing available at the fair ground August 23 10-noon.



Horse Show

Name of Horse: _____

Circle one: **Seat:** English Western Driving

Division: Beginner Advanced Beginner Junior Senior



Judging and General Knowledge for Horse members not showing (must have a species-related hall exhibit)



Extreme Milkshake contest **Individual** (5:30 pm Saturday night)



Extreme Milkshake contest, **Team** (5:30 pm Saturday night)

Name of other team member: _____



Dairy Show (Maximum of 5 animals may be brought)

Animal Name	Breed	Animal Date of Birth	AIN or NUES ear tag(840 or 13 only)



Are you from Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, or Grand Isle counties and need a new 4-H member card? Check the box and we will mail you one. Requests for a new member card must be received prior to August 14th.



See you at the fair!