

# 14<sup>th</sup> Little World's Fair



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**August 16th - 18th**  
**Grahamsville Fairgrounds,**  
**Route 55, Grahamsville**

# Mark your calendars for the 144th Little World's Fair

BY VINCENT KURZROCK

The Little World's Fair in Grahamsville this year will be taking place from Friday, August 16 through Sunday, August 18.

It will take place at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, located at 8230 State Route 55 in Grahamsville.

This will be the 144th annual fair for the Neversink Agricultural Society, and they have had lots of work done to prepare for a successful event this year.

For this fair, admissions are \$8.00 for attendees ages 12 through 74, \$5 for those aged 5 through 11, and, if you're 5 or under or 75 and older, you can get in for free.

The hours for the fair on Friday are from Noon to 11 p.m.. On Saturday they are from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.. On Sunday they are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In terms of rides, tickets are individually sold at \$1.25. However, you can also get a sheet of 20 for \$25. If that doesn't tickle your fancy, you can also get a sheet of 40 tickets for \$40.

Additionally, bracelets for unlimited rides are also available for \$22. They will be available on Friday and Sunday.

Dogs will not be permitted on the fairgrounds. The sole exception to this are registered service dogs. Snakes are also strictly forbidden on the fairgrounds.

Get ready for an exciting week-



The Grahamsville Little World's Fair midway is full of fun for the entire family including great rides and games of chance.

end full of events to look forward to, including live music and performances.

Rides will open at Noon every day for the general public. In addition, sensory-friendly hours will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday to Noon that day.

A wide variety of delicious fair food will be available for your

taste buds and will be a palate-pleasing experience for all.

Additionally, you can stop by any of the local vendors for an assortment of uniquely crafted art and novelty items.

If you're into livestock, there will be a separate section of the fairgrounds dedicated to showing off precious livestock of the local

farmers and equestrians for public viewing.

This will take place at all hours of the day so stop by anytime during your stay!

A large portion of these events will be held on Friday. These will

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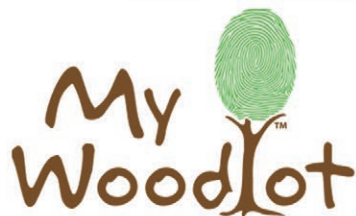
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include shows of horses, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and alpacas.

Keep an eye out for the Power Wheels Derby. This will be the second year in a row of hosting this very fun derby.

This will also be the second year of BubbleDad at the Main Stage, a cute kid's show which centers around bubbles.

The racing pig show makes its grand return after last year's absence, last being shown in the 142nd Annual Fair.

You can also participate in the exciting watermelon eating contest which is sure to be a hoot for the entire family.

You can also keep your eyes peeled for the lumberjack show in the Main Ring, the draft horse pull, the classic car show which dates back to the mid-to-20th century.

On the topic of traditions, stick around Saturday night for the fantastic firework's show at 9:30.

Live music will take place in

the beer garden managed by the Roadhouse Rolling Bar.

Make sure to have as much fun as possible that weekend, as the fair closes at 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and even earlier on Sunday, at 6 p.m.



A young equestrian shows off her riding ability at the 4H horse show.



4-H riders line up for their event during last year's Grahamsville Fair.

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# Pull out the Passport for the Little World's Fair

BY VINCENT KURZROCK

New York State has launched the "Never Far From Fun" marketing and advertising campaign.

Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature have expressed their understanding of the significant role that county fairs play in the lives of New Yorkers by reserving a substantial amount of \$1 million in state funds specifically for this purpose.

According to them, this allocation is a testament to their commitment to promoting and supporting these long-standing cultural traditions that have brought joy to our communities for centuries.

As part of this effort, a campaign has been launched to assist individuals in locating their nearest county fair, including the Little World's Fair.

A key component of this initiative is the New York State Fair Passport Program, designed to enhance your fair experience and make it easier for you to participate in all the festivities.

Therefore, the main purpose of this program is to motivate and inspire young individuals to attend a variety of fairs throughout the duration of the season. Along with attending these fairs, participants are encouraged to bring their designated "Fair Passports" which can be stamped at each fair they attend.

As an added incentive, participants will also have the opportunity to receive exclusive items such as lanyards and buttons as part of their "Ag Swag" collection.

The passports you can bring to the Grahamsville Little World's Fair can also be obtained at various other local fairs and events, but a limited number will be available directly at the Little

World's Fair itself.

This unique passport serves as a great way to remember your experience at the fair and can be used to collect stamps and buttons at the souvenir booth.

At the souvenir booth, fairgoers can bring their passports to receive special Grahamsville Little World's Fair stamps and buttons as keepsakes. Best of all, these souvenirs are provided free of charge to all participants. Whether you're a child, teenager, or adult, everyone is invited to join in on the fun and collect these unique tokens of the fair.

So, don't forget to grab your passport at the Little World's Fair and make sure to visit the souve-



Colleen and Ron Hiatt had fun at last year's Grahamsville Fair with their granddaughter as "mom and dad" were busy picking out the perfect pink Cowboy hat. What better way to spend a day at the fair than with family.

nir booth to collect your stamps and buttons. It's a great way to capture the memories of this annual event and show off your fair-going spirit with pride.

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There were many informational booths at the Grahamsville Little World's Fair, including the New York State Police. Here, two Sullivan County natives, Jordan Fedun, left, and Josh Gorr, manned the booth last year.



The Sullivan County Young Republicans had a booth at last year's Grahamsville Fair.



Barbara Lubeck of Neversink, a member of the Calico Geese, was on hand at the Grahamsville Little World's Fair last year, demonstrating spinning. "I'm spinning wool from sheep to make yarn," she said. "Then I will use the yarn to make socks." Lubeck is the proud owner of 100 wheels, dating back to the late 1700s.



At left: Linda Loughrey and Carl Lindsley share a story as they man the Sullivan County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs booth, selling chance tickets to happy supporters.



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# Put the pedal to the metal in the Power Wheels Derby

BY VINCENT KURZROCK

If you're looking for a taste of friendly competitiveness at the Little World's Fair this year, why not try out the Power Wheels Derby!

Situated in the Main Ring, this fun competition for kids ages 3 - 10 is guaranteed to be a nice fun break from the fair rides.

The event will be held on the first day of the fair: Friday, August 16 at 6 p.m.

Registration for this event will be at 5:30 that afternoon. However, you can also pre-register online.

The rules and regulations for this event will be as follows:

Parents are urged to let their kids enjoy themselves and have fun, as this is emphasized to be a fun event for the kids. This is supposed to be fun and fair for everyone, so there are a few ground rules that one must abide to:

Judges of the event can rule that children won't participate if there



The Power Wheels Derby is entertaining for the kids and fun to watch for the adults. Don't miss this year's competition on Friday, August 16 at 6 pm. Registration is at 5:30 p.m.

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are modifications to their car more than those allowed:

Each Power Wheels will have four (4) balloons attached to each side of the vehicle.

The goal is to pop the other participants' balloons on their Power Wheels until there is only one Power Wheels with inflated balloon(s). When all four of a participant's balloons are deflated, they are out but must remain in their car.

There will be first, second and third place winners.

The event will be strictly limited to 6 to 12 volt power wheels. Kids will not be allowed to connect multiple batteries together as this will make things unsafe.

The vehicles will also not be allowed to have added reinforcements for strength.

In addition to these safety measures, the doors and tailgates to the vehicles must be secured shut. There must also be no sharp edges.

If you need assistance in keeping things shut, you are permitted to use zip ties and other similar products like duct tape to keep things closed.

You must also use stock tires for the vehicle. These tires must not be raised or lowered and must be the same height they were when they came from the store.

A motorcycle or lawnmower battery of up to 12 volts may be installed in the car. The

battery needs to be protected and kept out of the child's reach. It cannot be installed in the passenger seat.

The Power Wheels may be ornamentally altered to resemble a derby vehicle, but strengthening is not permitted for the Power Wheels.

Only ornamental additions and modifications are permitted, such as header pipes protruding, painting the vehicle, etc. Four balloons, which will be given by and fastened by the Fair representative, will be connected to each Power Wheel.

Helmets are required; however, a cycling helmet will also suffice.

The child must wear sneakers or shoes. Not sandals. In addition, the child using the Power Wheels must wear a seat belt.

The child must be on the vehicle without any passengers.

It is also important to remember that your child will be playing with Power Wheels vehicles that collide with one another, such as bumper cars or derby cars.

The child must be securely restrained by a seat belt and ride in the Power Wheels vehicle, not on top of the vehicle.

Everyone must also pay gate admission to the fair.

Abiding by these rules will ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved, including your family.



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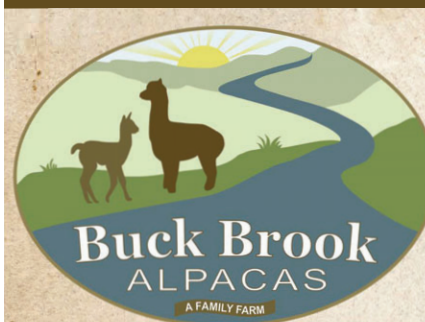
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**Livestock and Horse Barn Hours:**  
 Friday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. • Saturday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. • Sunday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*See Full Schedule of Events on Pages 12 - 13*

**Youth Building Hours:**  
 Friday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. • Saturday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. • Sunday: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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### ADMISSION (CASH ONLY)

Under 5 and 75 & Older .....FREE  
 Ages 5 - 11 .....\$5.00  
 Ages 12 - 74 .....\$8.00

*\*All shows are included in the price of admission\**

### FAIR HOURS

Friday .....Noon - 11:00PM  
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 Sunday .....9:00AM - 6:00PM

Rides open to the general public at noon each day

Sensory Friendly Ride Hour will be held on Saturday from 10:00AM - Noon for Sensory-Sensitive Riders Only  
**Program times and events are subject to change without notice**



### Thursday, August 15th, 2024

2:00 PM: 4-H Fun Horse Show - Main Ring  
 2:00 PM: Youth Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship & Judging - Livestock Building  
 4:00 PM: Youth Poultry Show - Livestock Building

### Friday, August 16th, 2024

9:00 AM: Open Horse Show - Main Ring  
 9:30 AM: Youth Swine Show - Upper Ring  
 11:00 AM: Youth and Open Sheep Show - Upper Ring  
 12:00 PM: Rides Open (General Admission)  
 1:00 PM: Youth Alpaca Show - Upper Ring  
 3:00 PM- 6:00 PM: Live Music with

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 3:30 PM: Wee-Wee-Wee Racing Pigs - Pig Race Ring  
 4:00 PM: Youth and Open Goat Show - Upper Ring  
 4:00 PM: BubbleDad! - Main Stage  
 5:00 PM: Wee-Wee-Wee Racing Pigs - Pig Race Ring  
 5:30 PM: BubbleDad! - Main Stage  
 6:00 PM: Power Wheels Derby - Main Ring  
 7:00 PM: Opening Ceremony for the 144th Grahamsville Little World's Fair - Secretary's Booth  
 7:00 PM: Wee-Wee-Wee Racing Pigs - Pig Race Ring  
 7:30 PM: BubbleDad! Wandering Bubbles  
 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Live Music With Far Beyond Gone - Main Stage



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## Saturday, August 17th, 2024

10:00 AM: Youth and Open Dairy Show - Upper Ring  
 10:00 AM - Noon: Rides Open for Sensory Friendly Hours  
 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM : Children's Scavenger Hunt hosted by the Neversink Parks & Rec - Backside of Fire Department Building  
 11:00 AM: Watermelon Eating Contest - Main Stage  
 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Live Music with Old King Code - Beer Garden  
 12:00 PM: Rides Open (General Admission)  
 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Lumberjack Show - Main Ring  
 12:00 PM: BubbleDad! - Main

Stage  
 1:00 PM: Wee-Wee-Wee Racing Pigs - Pig Race Ring  
 2:00 PM: BubbleDad! Wandering Bubbles  
 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Live Music With Shades - Main Stage  
 3:00 PM: 4-H Chicken Races - Upper Ring  
 4:00 PM: Wee-Wee-Wee Racing Pigs - Pig Race Ring  
 5:00 PM- 8:00 PM: Live Music with Jesse Noren - Beer Garden  
 5:30 PM: BubbleDad! - Main Stage  
 6:00 PM: Bessie Bingo - Upper Ring  
 7:00 PM: Wee-Wee-Wee Racing Pigs - Pig Race Ring  
 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Live Music With The Other Band - Main

Stage  
 9:30 PM: Spectacular Fireworks Display

## Sunday, August 18th, 2024

9:30 AM: Youth and Open Beef Show & Animal Costume Class - Upper Ring  
 10:00 AM - 5:00PM: Youth Horse Exhibition "A Day With Horses" - Horse Barn  
 10:00 AM: Horseshoe Tournament (all day) - Horseshoe Pits  
 11:30 AM: BubbleDad! - Main Stage  
 12:00 PM- 4:00 PM: Draft Horse Pull - Main Ring  
 12:00 PM: Rides Open (General Admission)  
 12:00 PM - 4:00PM: Cruizin' the

Grahamsville Fair Classic Car Show - Lower Parking Lot  
 12:00 PM: Wee-Wee-Wee Racing Pigs - Pig Race Ring  
 12:00 PM- 3:00 PM: Live Music with Shane Rennison - Beer Garden  
 12:30 PM: BubbleDad! - Main Stage  
 1:00 PM: 4-H Ag Auction - Upper Ring  
 1:30 PM: Wee-Wee-Wee Racing Pigs - Pig Race Ring  
 2:30 PM: BubbleDad! Wandering Bubbles  
 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Live Music With The Deadbeats - Main Stage  
 3:30 PM: Wee-Wee-Wee Racing Pigs - Pig Race Ring



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# The stage is set for more 4-H fun at the fair

BY ANTHONY MORGANO

Returning to the Grahamsville Little World's Fair this year is the Sullivan County Youth Fair. Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County's 4-H Youth Development program provides a great way for local youth to learn and grow as they develop a multitude of skills.

Young people, from ages 5-18, work on a project throughout the year that they look forward to displaying at the Youth Fair. Some of the projects include raising rabbits and livestock, to other skills like art, sewing, baking, science, woodworking and engineering.

The 4-H year runs from October through September, meaning that the fair in August is a culmination of nearly a full year of work for many of these kids.



Eddie Koskey listens as Judge Dwight goes over the specifics of what makes a good turkey during last year's Youth Poultry, Showmanship and Egg Judging in the Livestock building.

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Jake Blumenthal, of the Diehl Me In 4-H Club, above, shows off his home grown vegetables, which were for sale during the 4-H Auction. The auction helps support 4-H programs throughout the year. At left: A horse enjoys some feed before having to perform in the ring.

The Youth Fair includes a lot of public speaking as well as fun events and showings.

On Sunday, there will be a 4-H auction, in which 15% of the funds raised go towards the 4-H scholarship fund, while the remaining 85% goes to the youth.

Local businesses and people flock from all over to participate in the auction, and there's even the option for a proxy bid if you're unable to attend.

The three days of 4-H, from Friday to Sunday offer a ton of opportunities to see all the hard work that the youth have put in this year.

Local businesses play a large role in the Youth Fair, with students reaching out for sponsors for the various shows and exhibits. There is an array of sponsor levels to help your business get recognized at the fair as well.



Enjoy the 144th  
Grahamsville Little World's Fair

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# 4-H Testimonials



**Riley Eggleton**

"One of my favorite times of year for 4H is the fair. This year I am showing a horse, sheep, alpaca, goat and chicken. One of the biggest things I've learned this year in getting ready for the fair is time management. Taking on so many animals really made me manage my time to be able to have enough time to work with my animals and get prepared for the fair. 4-H has also really helped with my public speaking skills. I enjoy talking to the people at the fair and teaching them about my animals and 4H projects. I love all that 4H has taught me and can't wait to make memories at the fair this year."



**Jake Blumenthal with his Angora rabbit, Bucky Buck Blumenthal.**

"I like learning about all the different animals and selling my products in 4-H. I have learned a lot about speaking skills when I have to talk to possible bidders about my animals and products."



**Max Blumenthal with his market Steer.**

"Through 4-H I have learned many lessons and skills. One of the most important skills I learned is record keeping, entrepreneurship skills and marketing skills."



**Ryann McElroy**

"4-H has been very important in my life for the last 10 years. It has taught me many lessons on being independent and that hard work does pay off. 4-H does not only mean agriculture and livestock but it is about supporting the community. Every year we participate in several activities to better the community we live in. Although, I do have to say my favorite time is fair. All summer we work hard and diligently with our animals and projects to be able to show our best at fair. We not only get to see that our hard work paid off but we get to have fun with everyone in 4-H. 4-H has to be one of the biggest influences on who I am today. I will forever be able to carry the lessons I learned through 4-H with me."

**Right: Haley Hahn and Paul Hahn III**  
 "4-H teaches us the value of hard work, family, and dedication! We work all year long preparing for the Grahamsville Little World Fair and get to spend the last day of Fair auctioning off our products," Haley said. "We spend countless hours throughout out the year, working with livestock and growing our products! We learn to plan for good and bad days and that in the end hard work and community support pays off!!"



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Mia Powell

"Working with my peers in public presentations and community events has improved my teamwork and social skills," she said. "I am so thankful for the opportunity that 4-H provides to us to showcase our hard work to the community. The money we raise can be reinvested into our projects for the following year." Overall, the skills and experiences I've gained through 4-H are invaluable, setting a strong foundation for my future," she said.



Lilyana O'Dell

"4-H has taught me how to be more responsible and organized. I look forward to the meetings because we always do something fun and interesting. 4-H has helped me a lot."

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