



**WEST-CENTRAL JUNIOR SHOW**  
**GRAND RIVER RACEWAY**  
**August 20-21, 2026**



This show is open to all dairy calf club members 9-13 years of age, as of January 1, 2026, who are registered as 4-H members in the counties of West-Central Ontario Holstein District. This show is designed as an educational and fun event. This year we will be awarding the **Sally Medwell Memorial Award** to the participant that demonstrates teamwork, cooperation, leadership and overall good sportsmanship.

1. Calves, 4-H'ers and chaperones to arrive at the Elora Fairgrounds and Raceway between noon and 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20th. **No calves in the barn before vet inspection. Participants can come in to make the pack.**
2. Calves must be the 2026 calf project of the 4-H member.
3. **CALVES MUST BE CLIPPED EXCEPT FOR THE TOPLINE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE FAIRGROUNDS.** The organizing committee will have fitters available to assist the contestants to complete the topline of the calf.
4. Stall cards will be provided to identify the calf and 4-H member.
5. All calves must be dual tagged (button and panel) with approved dairy tags.
6. County tie ups will be assigned to encourage group environment. **Participants are required to bring their own straw. No shavings will be allowed.**
7. Health, Medical and Participant agreements are now part of your online registration.
8. Calves will be inspected for ringworm and warts. Please be proactive and leave calves with health concerns at home. Participant may use another calf from home for showmanship and conformation (but will not be eligible for Championship Calf) **or** a calf from the show **only** for showmanship.
9. Harness cards will be used - Bring your own show harnesses to the show.
10. All leaders, chaperones, parents, and volunteers must abide by Ontario 4-H Council Board Policies, which can be viewed at <https://4-hontario.ca/about-4-h/policies/>

**Tentative Program**

**Thursday, August 20th**

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| Noon – 3:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 4-H'ers and calves arrive at fairgrounds</li><li>◆ Prepare bedding pack <b>*NO shavings allowed</b></li><li>◆ Wash calves</li><li>◆ Registration</li></ul> |
| 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Assistance to clip topline</li><li>◆ Educational stations</li><li>◆ Scavenger Hunt</li></ul>   |
| 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Dinner (provided to participants and chaperones)</li></ul>   |
| 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Showmanship Clinic and Fun Activities</li></ul>  |

*Overnight: Very limited hotel accommodation is available in Elora. 4-H'ers and chaperones should be prepared to stay overnight at raceway. There is space for trailers and tents.*

**\* As this is an overnight event, chaperones are required with each group – 9:30 P.M. curfew\***

**Friday, August 21st**

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| 6:00 – 7:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Wash calves / bed, feed, etc.</li></ul>   |
| 7:30 a.m.        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Breakfast (provided to participants and chaperones)</li></ul>   |
| 10:00 a.m.       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Junior Showmanship Class (ages 9-11)</li><li>◆ Senior Showmanship Class (ages 12-13)</li><li>◆ Grand and Reserve Champion Showmanship</li><li>◆ Pee Wee Showmanship (8 and under- must be able to show calf independently)</li></ul>  |
| 12 noon          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Lunch (provided to participants and available to all)</li></ul>   |
| 1:00 p.m.        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Spring Heifer Class (born after March 1, 2026)</li><li>◆ Winter Heifer Class (born Dec. 1, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026)</li><li>◆ Fall Heifer Class (born Sept. 1, 2025 – Nov. 30, 2025)</li><li>◆ Yearling Class (born Mar. 1, 2025 – Aug. 31, 2025)</li><li>◆ Champion and Reserve Champion Calf</li></ul> |
| 3:00 p.m.        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Clean Up and Leave for Home</li></ul>   |

Register online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/juniorshow-ontario-westcentral> **Deadline: August 1st.** If you have any questions, please contact Holstein Ontario [branch@ontario.holstein.ca](mailto:branch@ontario.holstein.ca)