

New York's Dairy Royalty Trains For Promotion

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Thirty-three county dairy princesses from across New York came together for the annual New York Dairy Princess Training Seminar at White Eagle Conference Center, Hamilton, N.Y.

While at the training seminar, the girls were taught the basic techniques they will need, while promoting the dairy industry throughout their reigns. They were trained on such topics as media relations and public speaking, school programs, product knowledge, and were even enter-

tained by the state dairy princesses on the appropriate attire of a dairy princess with a fashion show.

Throughout their reigns, the girls are expected to fulfill certain requirements including school programs, farm meetings, and newspaper articles, which will be put toward and end of the year incentive. The girls must also fulfill a base in order to participate in the much anticipated state pageant in February.



New York's Dairy Royalty at Training Seminar, back row from left, Sarah Hinz; Wyoming, Jenni Rowe; Schoharie, Teddi Wilcox; Herkimer, Jessica Hula; Seneca, Lisa Austin; Livingston, DeLisa Parnell; Genesee, Jessica Sharp; Cayuga, Meghan McGarr; Washington, Amber Mercure; Wayne, Jessica Boise. Second row from back, Montgomery, Nicole Swartz; Broome, Kelly Campbell. Third row from back, Saratoga, Andrea Smith; Delaware, Chelsea Hanselman. Fourth row, Lewis, Jessica Jackson; Ontario, Melissa Westfall; Chautauqua, Heather Cardot; Tompkins, Erin Canfield; Rensselaer, Janet Buonanno; St. Lawrence, Kristen Chambers; Sullivan, Michelle Houghtaling; Franklin, Lori Cornell; Madison, Martina Durfee; Orange, Sarah DeBlock; Chenango, Maggie Newbold; Tioga, Rachael Connors; Jefferson, Jessica Lane; Cortland, Susan Knapp.

Far left front, Otsego, Amanda Licata; Onondaga, Brynn Gillen-Dennis; Oneida, Tonya Chapman.

Far right front, Chemung, Jennifer Hughson; Niagara-Orleans, Alyssa Ranney.

Front center, NYS First Second Alternate Karen Inman; New York State Dairy Princess Jordanna Dodge; and NYS First Alternate Kate Adams.

Find Healthy Food, Clean Hands In Ag Progress' Family Room

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — From building character to building a bank account, from reading skills to sanitary skills, parents and children who visit the Family Learning Hub at Penn State's Ag Progress Days, Aug. 20-22, will find a wealth of fun and information.

Located on Main Street between West 8th and 9th Streets at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center at Rock Springs, the area includes the Family Room building, the ImAGination Station, the Family Animal Learning Center and Shaver's Creek Environmental Center.

The theme in the Family Room is "Healthy Foods, Healthy Families," according to Marilyn Furry, Penn State associate professor of agricultural and extension education.

"We present the latest research and high-priority extension programs," she says, "but they're in contexts that are fun and engaging for children. We're addressing important issues for Pennsylvania today. But they're wrapped up in fun activities like a treasure hunt, guessing the totals in a piggy bank and 'fishing' for saving tips."

"Connecting the Generations" will present several ways that young people and older adults can come together. "Pennsylvania

Save — Financial Security for Life" will offer tips for establishing saving and banking habits in young children, including guessing the total amount of money in a piggy bank, and a "fishing for saving tips" contest for kids.


Nearby, Penn State's Shaver's Creek Environmental Center, will stage regular demonstrations featuring raptors, snakes and turtles. Goats, sheep and other domesticated animals will be on display at the Farm Animal Learning Center, hosted by Pennsylvanians for Responsible Use of Animals. And hands-on activities abound at the ImAGination Station: take a drop of water for a walk, guess where chocolate comes from, view a pictorial history of Pennsylvania 4-H, learn what you know about Pennsylvania agriculture and win a prize by completing a series of activities. The adventurous can navigate the corn maze, next to the Crops and Soils tent in E. 5th St.

Elsewhere, master storyteller Jan Kinney will entertain with traditional tales.

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