



CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF OTSEGO COUNTY

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## It's 4-H Public Presentations Time!



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# 4-H GROWS HERE

4-H helps youth grow into competent, caring,  
contributing members of society.

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**4-H Youth Development Mission Statement**

The mission of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development is to build youth adult partnerships to enable youth to become fully engaged in their learning process. New York State 4-H is a leader in enabling youth to develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and abilities to become productive citizens and is a catalyst for positive change to meet the needs of a diverse and changing society.

**Through 4-H Youth Development, youth will:**

- Practice effective problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Possess positive work attitudes and skills
- Value diversity
- Accept community and social responsibility
- Contribute to positive relationships with families, peers and community
- Demonstrate communication and leadership skills
- Value lifelong learning

**Cornell Cooperative Extension values**

- 4-H Youth development as the focus of all youth development activities
- Partnerships for supporting, conducting and extending the program
- Volunteerism as a cornerstone of the program
- Diversity and the strengths it brings to Cornell Cooperative Extension programs

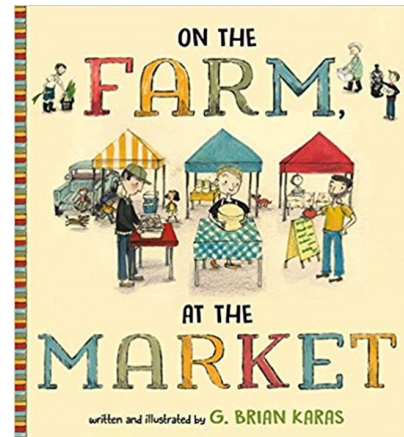
**Ag Literacy - *On the Farm, At the Market***

On the farm, workers pick vegetables, collect eggs, and make cheese. At the market the next day, the workers set up their stands and prepare for shoppers to arrive.

This year *On the Farm, At the Market* by G. Brian Kara will emphasize direct marketing and selling of agricultural products. Ag Literacy week is March 18-22, 2019. Each year volunteers read a selected book to second grade classrooms during Agricultural Literacy Week.

Would you like to publicly support agriculture, and provide a high-quality educational learning experience for children to learn about nutrition and the food system? To be a Volunteer in Otsego County, contact Steve Sinniger at [stevensin@hancock.net](mailto:stevensin@hancock.net), 607.988.7071 or Register on line [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Ag-Literacy-Week\\_243](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Ag-Literacy-Week_243)

Volunteers are needed for Cherry Valley-Springfield, Worcester, Schenevus, Greater Plains, and Riverside.



<https://www.facebook.com/otsegocounty4H>



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# *4-H Calendar Events 2018 - 2019*



## **JANUARY**

**2019**

- 1 New Year's Day
- 1 4-H Earn-an-Animal applications due
- 19 4-H Member Public Presentation Training, Cooperstown, 9 a.m. - Noon Snow date: Jan 21
- 21 Earn-an-Animal interviews begin at 1 p.m., Cooperstown
- 21 Martin Luther King's Birthday observed, CCE Offices closed
- 26 4-H Leader Lunch, Brooks' BBQ, 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
- 27 Workshop for Sportsman Educators, Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, NY

## **FEBRUARY**

- 1 Registration (online) for 4-H Dairy Discovery Workshop
- 1 4-H International Night, 6 p.m., Greater Plains School, Oneonta
- 9 Drone Discovery Day, 8:30 a.m., Schenevus Central School
- 13 Leader Training, Cake Decorating, 6:30 p.m. Cooperstown
- 23 Public Presentations, 9 a.m. - Noon - Milford Central School
- 18 Presidents' Day observed, CCE Offices closed
- 23 - 25 4-H Shooting Sports Winter Instructor Workshop, Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, NY

## **MARCH**

- Photo Clinic, TBA
- 2 Public Presentations, 9 a.m. - Noon, Morris Central School
- 6 4-H Fair Superintendents, 6 p.m. Milford Central School
- 6 Issue Committee Meetings, 7 p.m., Milford Central School
- 9 District 4-H Dairy/Horse Quiz Bowl, Binghamton
- 15 Capital Days Nominations
- 17 St. Patrick's Day! Watch out for the Leprechauns
- 18 - 22 Ag Literacy Week, "On the Farm, At the Market" by G. Brian Karas
- 23 District Public Presentations, Broome County
- 27 - 31 4-H Paper Clovers, Tractor Supply, Oneonta
- 29 - 30 Dairy Discovery, Cornell University

## **APRIL**

- TBA Dairy Challenge
- 1 - 7 4-H Paper Clovers, Tractor Supply, Oneonta
- 5 & 6 4-H Theater Guild, Peter Pan, Hartwick Community Center
- 5 - 7 State Teen Action Rep. Retreat (STARR) NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse
- 13 4-H Auction Clinic
- Veterinary College Open House, Cornell, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 21 Easter Sunday
- 26 4-H Camp Shankitunk Scholarship applications available



# 4-H Club News

**America's Funniest 4-H'ers** making supply bags for the local homeless shelter! Bags contain: wet wipes, deodorant, lotion, socks, tissues, vitamin C drops, and band aids.

**Helping Hands** reports that the club met on Dec 9 with a regular business meeting followed by working on our first service project. The members made "Shoeboxes for Seniors" and included a handwritten note for each recipient. The boxes will be delivered to local senior citizens to help brighten their holiday. In addition, the club held a "Paint & Sip" in which the members painted a Christmas mouse with ornament picture and dipped on sparkling cider and shared some wonderful treats brought by the members to share. Some of the adults even joined in painting their own pictures. We all had a great time and are looking forward to sharing our creations at the fair.

*Making supply bags*



*Wood sign for Christmas*



*Shoeboxes for Seniors*

**Sunset Riders** reports we held our annual December Holiday Cookie Swap. We also had a good time making metal embossed Christmas ornaments as well as a painting and finishing a wood sign to count down the days until Christmas. We welcomed a new member to our Club this month – "Welcome Dakota!" Next month, depending on the weather, we hope to learn to cross country ski and we will be making healthy snacks.

**Whatever Floats Your Goat 4-H club** helped the Cooperstown Fire Department unload over 3,000 pounds of food that was donated to the Cooperstown Food Bank at Price Chopper on Saturday December 15.

*4-H Food Bank Helpers*



**Country Clovers** were busy making Gingerbread Houses this month.

# **4-H Club News**

## **Club Spotlight**

**Club Name:** Helping Hands

**4-H Leader:** Lori Peck

**Club Members:** Emma Peck, Bailey McCoy, Paige McCoy, Alyssa Sorochinsky, Leah Cotton, Megann Andrew

**Adult volunteers:** Cindy Gilbert, Kim Boldt, Ruth Modinger, Hydrie Cotten, Christine McCoy, & Colleen Andrew

### **4-H Activities 2017-18**

- International Night representing Mexico
- Public Presentations
- Camp Shankitunk -STEM Camp
- Camp Shankitunk Summer Camp
- Community Service - Blankets made and delivered to Chase Nursing Home residents
- Sewing Clinic
- 4-H Club Display
- Gardening Clinic at Mt. Vision Garden Center
- Participated in 4H clover sales at Tractor Supply in Sidney
- Painted and sold miniature flower pots for Mother's Day

### **4-H Projects '17 - '18**

- Cake decorating
- No sew blankets
- Beach wraps
- Thanksgiving Table favors
- Christmas cards to shut-ins
- Goat Yoga

### **County Fair '18**

- Fair Beautification Project outside Martin Hall
- 4-H Club display
- Smoothie Competition
- 4-H Parade Float
- Over 35 exhibits entered by club members in Martin Hall



## **NEW & RETURNING 4-H Clubs**

Friends and Neighbors looking for a 4-H Club? Check out these NEW and RETURNING 4-H Clubs!

### **Springfield High Meadows 4-H Club - RETURNS!**

Information meeting – Sunday, January 27, 1 p.m.

215 Geywits Road, Richfield Springs, NY

For more information, call Mike, 315.717.8478

### **Sunset Riders 4-H Club**

Meets at 191 Peaceful Lane

Maryland, NY

For more information, call Katie: 607.437.5756

### **Whatever Floats Your Goat 4-H Club**

Meets at 123 Lake Street

Cooperstown, NY (CCE Office)

For more information, call Jen: 607.547.8484



# **4-H Otsego County**

## **2019 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition**

Please [visit here](#) for call for entries and complete competition details.

### **Essay Topic: Honey Varietals, State to State**

Each jar of honey reflects an unrepeatable combination of climate, soil, weather and flowers. Each state has unique honey varietals that beekeepers can market to their customers. Please identify one unique varietal to your state and discuss the flower's uniqueness and how beekeepers can effectively market that varietal.

In your essay, please include a photo of the varietal's flower, an interview with a local beekeeper who collects this varietal and a recipe that highlights the varietal. **County deadline is February 15.**

4-H Club Leaders and Issue Committee Members - MARK your calendars...

Saturday, January 26

Annual 4-H Leader Lunch at Brooks House of BBQ

Invitations will be sent to Leaders and Committee Members.

Special Guest: Chuck D'Imperio

Door Prizes & Surprises!!!

[Reserve Your Seat](#) here 

REGISTRATION Deadline: January 18

Cost \$7 per person



### **4-H Shooting Sports Instructors February 22-24 – Winter Instructor Workshop Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, NY**

Disciplines include: Archery, Air Pistol, Coordinator, Hunting/Wildlife,  
Living History, Muzzleloading, Rifle, and Shotgun.

[Shooting Sports Flyer & Registration Form](#) 



## **Reminder! Joann's 4-H Rewards Program**

# JOANN



JOANN is helping 4-H bring more hands-on programs to local communities across the nation to inspire kids to lead lives with their hearts, hands and minds. Current & lifetime members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to support 4-H programming. [MORE](#)



# **4-H Otsego County**

## **4-H Public Presentations**

### **NEW to 4-H Public Presentations? Join us at the Member Workshop**

What: Hands on Workshop for Public Presentations  
When: Saturday, January 19, 9 a.m.  
Where: Cooperstown Office, 123 Lake Street  
Who: ALL 4-H members are invited!  
Special Guest Instructor: Shirley Keene  
Registration Deadline: **January 11**



[Register here.](#)

This is a hands-on workshop for youth to learn the basics of public presentations. Participants will be introduced to the five Public Presentation categories: demonstrations, illustrated talks, speech, recitation and dramatic interpretation. The focus will be for beginners, but information on the categories will be helpful for all. Parents and leaders are welcome to “listen in”.  
Snow Date: Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 a.m.



## **HELP WANTED...**

### **Volunteer Coordinator for the Morris 4-H Public Presentations**

One of the most important skills 4-H members learn is public speaking. We need a person to coordinate the Morris event on March 2, 2019.

This is a short-term, highly rewarding opportunity. It requires someone that likes to plan and experience success. It's an exciting day to see 4-H members in action! For more information or to apply contact Patti, 607.547.2536 ext 225 or [ps22@cornell.edu](mailto:ps22@cornell.edu).

## **4-H Public Presentations 2019 Calendar**

Friday, Dec 14

- ◆ Information Packet was mailed

Saturday, January 19, 9 a.m. - Noon

- ◆ Member Workshop

Saturday, February 23, 9 a.m. - Noon

- ◆ County Presentations, **MILFORD**

Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m. - Noon

- ◆ County Presentations, **MORRIS**

Saturday, March 23

- ◆ District Public Presentations, Binghamton

TBD

- ◆ State Communication Institute

4-H Leaders and Parents ENCOURAGE your 4-H members to participate in 4-H Public Presentations!!

### **Format for the day of Presentations:**

1. All 4-H presenters register at the beginning of the day
2. The registration table opens at 8:15 a.m.
3. Rooms will be assigned at the registration table
4. Presentations will begin promptly at 9 a.m.
5. Presenters remain in their assigned room until everyone has presented
6. At the end of the presentations each room will recognize their participants and present certificates to each presenter

## **WANTED...Youth Assistants**

We need room hosts, hostesses and Jr. Evaluators. Pre-register interested youth on the registration form. Orientation for room hosts/hostesses and Jr. Evaluators will be at 8 a.m.

Room hosts/hostesses must be willing and able to facilitate the presentations in each room. Jr. Evaluators must be at least 16-years old and have completed five Public Presentations.

## **4-H Otsego County**

The Scholarship Programs below are accepting applications from students between **December 19, 2018** and **January 31, 2019**. Please read the application instructions on the website carefully before applying.

1. [Knight Essay Scholarship - December 31, 2018 \(3 Awards - \\$5,000\)](https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_knight_essay_scholarship_9389.php?)

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2. [Illustrators of the Future Scholarship - December 31, 2018 \(4 Awards - \\$5,000\)](https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_illustrators_of_the_future_scholarship_9390.php?)

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3. [Design Thinking Scholarship - December 31, 2018 \(2 Awards - \\$1,000\)](https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_design_thinking_scholarship_9391.php?)

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4. [Rove Pest Control Scholarship - January 31, 2019 \(1 Award - \\$500\)](https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_rove_pest_control_scholarship_9392.php?)

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### **FEATURED SCHOLARSHIPS**

5. [SP Scholarship - December 31, 2018 \(10 Awards - \\$10,000\)](http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_sp_scholarships_8953.php?)

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6. [VIP Scholarship - December 31, 2018 \(1 Award - \\$5,000\)](http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_vip_scholarship_9000.php?)

[http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship\\_vip\\_scholarship\\_9000.php?](http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_vip_scholarship_9000.php?)

7. [YDI Scholarship - December 29, 2018 \(1 Award - \\$1,000\)](http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_ydi_scholarship_9015.php?)

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### **4-H International Opportunities Check this out for next year!**

New York State 4-H is encouraging 4-H'ers to consider the opportunities for summer international experiences available through the States' 4-H International Exchange Program. New York successfully hosted 18 Japanese youth this summer and the next step is for some of our youth to take advantage of the Outbound opportunities. There are one-month outbound exchange opportunities for NYS 4-Her's ages 12-18 in Japan, South Korea, Finland and Costa Rica available in 2019. Scholarship opportunities of up to \$500 may be available to support travel expenses. More information is available [here](#).

### **4-H International Night Returns!!! 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 4-H International Night**



2018 4-H International Night

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, each 4-H Club will have a table to show and tell what they learned about their country.

**WHEN:** Friday, February 1 – SAVE the Date!

**WHERE:** Greater Plains Elementary School, Oneonta

**WHAT:** 4-H participants choose a country then explore their foods, customs, and culture.

**WHO:** All 4-H Clubs and Independent 4-H Members are invited to participate.

**DEADLINE:** January 25<sup>th</sup>



[Choose a country and register your club, family or individually now!](#)



# **4-H Otsego County**

## **Science Discovery Center**



### **Come Science with Us!**

The Science Discovery Center of Oneonta is a hands-on science museum that is a part of SUNY Oneonta. The museum features more than eighty simple science experiments, focusing mainly on physics, for children as well as for adults.

The A.J. Read Science Discovery Center is a free, hands-on museum for people of all ages and abilities. Experience authentic, interactive exhibits, as a hands on resource for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) for the SUNY Oneonta and the community.

Doug Reilly, director of the Science Discovery Center WELCOMES 4-H members and 4-H Clubs to visit the Science Discovery Center! To schedule a visit, call 607.436.2011 or e-mail [Douglas.Reilly@oneonta.edu](mailto:Douglas.Reilly@oneonta.edu) Visit their Facebook page for info on special events like planetarium shows, workshops, lectures, and live demonstrations!

Located in: SUNY Oneonta, Physical Science Building,  
Oneonta, NY - Phone 607.436.2011  
Public Hours: Wednesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Doug Reilly and the Science Discovery Center are partners in the 4-H Drone Discovery Day!!*

## **Leader Training Class**

### **4-H Cake Decorating**

**Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 p. m.,  
Cooperstown Office**

Looking for a fun and practical 4-H project to do over the winter with your club? Cake Decorating makes a useful and inexpensive 4-H club project. 4-Hers really enjoy learning a skill that can translate into a job or a career. Leaders don't need any prior cake decorating experience for this project. Danta Bolin, leader for the Lord of the Reins 4-H club, will show interested leaders how to facilitate a cake decorating project with their clubs based on her experience doing the project with her club for multiple years. This will be a hands on class. Lots of information, ideas, and fun for leaders. Pre-registration required. Deadline: February 8.

[Leader Training Registration](#)



Members of Lord of the Reins 4-H club decorating cakes.



## **4-H Earn-an-Animal Program 2019**

Applications were due **January 1.**

Interviews will be held on **Monday, January 21** starting at 1 p.m. at the Cooperstown Office, 123 Lake Street. Specific times will be assigned.

For more information contact the 4-H office 607.547.2536.

# STEM & Animal Science

## 4-H Drone Discovery Day!

Saturday, February 9, 8:30 a.m. - Noon  
Schenevus Central School



Are you ready to fly? Discover Drones and drone technology. This Discovery Day is for youth ages 12-16. Sessions topics will include: the science of flying, aeronautical navigation, being a pilot, and career opportunities. Presenters include Don Zaengle, HS Science, Drone Teacher, FAA Drone Pilot; John Gustafson, Commercial & Drone Pilot; Doug Reilly, Director of the A.J. Read Science Discovery Center at SUNY Oneonta, FAA Drone Pilot; and students of the Schenevus Science/Drone Program.

The event is FREE; but, you must register to receive your "ticket". Registration is limited to allow for the optimum hands-on experience. First come, first served.

NOTE: you must have a "ticket" to enter the event.

To register click here: [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4-H-Drone-Discovery-Day\\_243](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4-H-Drone-Discovery-Day_243)

4-H Drone Discovery Day is sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension, Otsego County 4-H in partnership with the Schenevus Central School, A.J. Read Science Discovery Center, and John Gustafson.

## 2018 NYS 4-H Dairy Judging Teams

Otsego 4-H Members Garrett Proskine, Aidan Ainslie, and Cassie Menendez advanced to National Judging competitions!



New York sends out three different teams of dairy judges each Fall. The first team represents NYS Dairy youth at the Invitational contest held in conjunction with the All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg, PA. The team members Lydia Chittenden (Columbia), Garrett Proskine (Otsego), Erin Curtis Szalach (Madison) and Aidan Ainslie (Otsego) all placed in the top 25 and the team won 6<sup>th</sup> place honors overall. Team was coached by Dr. Douglas Waterman.

In November NYS 4-H Dairy Judging was represented by Bryce Warriner (Steuben), Adam King (Saratoga), Libby Swatling (Saratoga) and Cassie Menendez (Otsego) at the North American International Livestock Exposition Dairy Judging Contest held in Louisville, KY. The team won 6<sup>th</sup> overall honors with taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in oral reasons. The team was coached by Casey Arlig Hinz and Kevin Ziemba. For more information go to: <http://www.livestockexpo.org/educationContests.html>



# FREE Membership

New York Farm Bureau is offering FREE Student\* Memberships for



## 4-H and FFA members

in their Junior or Senior Years of High School!



### Student Member Opportunities

- Develop Leadership Skills
- Network With Other Agriculturalists
- Community Service Through NYFB's Partnership With Feeding America's "Harvest For All" Program
- Promote Agriculture in Your Community
- Compete in State & National competitive events through our Young Farmer program\*\*
- Membership & leadership look great on your resume!!

### Joining Is Easy!

Visit [NYFB.org/membership](http://NYFB.org/membership) and fill out the form - in the "Join As" section, select "Student Membership". Become part of the State's top organization protecting the rights of farmers, landowners and ag professionals across New York.

Give us a call or check us out on-line for more information!

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\*Student members are 16-21 years old.  
\*\*Young Farmer competitions are available to members between 18-35 years old.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Animal Crackers 2019

### May 4

This year will feature Horses and Poultry





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**Please send me information on the following or register me for:**

## *January Registrations/Information*

### January

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\_\_\_\_ 11  
\_\_\_\_ 18  
\_\_\_\_ 25

[Earn-an-Animal deadline](#)  
[Public Presentation Member Workshop deadline](#)  
[Leader Lunch deadline](#)  
[4-H International Night deadline](#)

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### February

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[4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training deadline](#)  
[Leader Training deadline](#)  
[Public Presentations Registration deadline](#)  
[Honey Bee Essay deadline](#)

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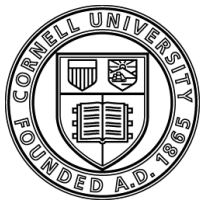
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We will be happy to mail your request, but to help save postage on larger materials, please indicate where you would like to pick up. We will contact you when the materials are ready. Should you have any questions, contact the 4-H office at 607.547.2536.

I will pick up at the: \_\_\_\_\_ Cooperstown office \_\_\_\_\_ Oneonta office

4-H connects youth to hands-on learning opportunities that  
help them grow into competent, caring, contributing members of society.





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