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February 2019



4-H International Night



4-H International Night 2019—Rainbow Warriors demonstrate the Samba from Brazil.

See story in March POY

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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

STARR Save the Date! STARR 2019: April 5-7

The State Teen Action Representative Retreat (STARR) is a three-day, fun-filled event

where 4-H members participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. The event is planned by teens and adults serving on the youth/adult STARR planning committee and is held at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY. STARR is open to all NYS 4-H Teens. Details and Registration COMING in the March POY.

Day-Old Pheasant Chicks

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will distribute day-old pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to qualified 4-H youth. This is a 4-H project with a great deal of responsibility and a substantial time commitment. Rearing pheasants is enjoyable, challenging and teaches responsible behavior.

The cost is \$3 per 25 chicks for 4-H members and \$4 per 25 chicks for non 4-H members.

Contact CCE to place your order. Chicks must be pre-ordered and PAID on or before March 15.

SAVE the Date!

Hartwick 4-H Theater Guild presents PETER PAN

Open Dress Rehearsal: April 2 at 7 p.m. Open Dress Rehearsal: April 4 at 7 p.m.

STARR

Performance: April 5 at 7 p.m. Performance: April 6 at 6 p.m.



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4-H Calendar Events 2019



FEBRUARY

1	Registration (online) for 4-H Dairy Discovery Workshop
1	4-H International Night, 6 p.m., Greater Plains School, Oneonta
23	Public Presentations, 9 a.mnoon - Milford
18	Presidents' Day observed, CCE Offices closed
22-24	4-H Shooting Sports Winter Instructor Workshop, Ballston Spa, Saratoga County
MARCH	
	Photo Clinic, TBA
2	Public Presentations, 9 a.m noon, Morris
6	4-H Fair Superintendents Meeting, 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
6	Veterinary College Open House, Cornell, 10 a.m 4 p.m.
13	4-H Auction Clinic
21	Easter Sunday
26	4-H Camp Shankitunk Scholarship applications available
27	State Dairy Bowl, Cornell
MAY	
1	4-H Fair Superintendents, 6 p.m., Milford Central School
1	4-H Issue Committees, 7 p.m., Milford Central School
4	Animal Crackers at Cornell - Species: Horse & Poultry
12	Mother's Day, Remember your MOM!
18	4-H Dairy Clinic, Morris Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.
19	4-H Calf Sale, Morris Fairgrounds
19-21	Capital Days, Albany
27	Memorial Day, CCE Offices closed
30	4-H Career Ex Application DEADLINE

31 **DEADLINE for NEW 4-H members to enroll for full benefits (County Fair & year completion)**

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

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

Shooting Sports Flyer & Registration Form

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4-H Club News

Otsego County Firecrackers

We enjoyed the holidays with our families. We visited The Studio for Arts and Crafts to make fused glass projects and are busy working on our public presentations.

4-H Club Visits

Schedule your 4-H Club for a visit from Patti!!





Otsego County Firecrackers - at The Studio for Arts & Crafts

4-H Homesteaders – January 19 4-H Members and Leaders at Public



Springfield High Meadows – January 27 4-H Members smile for the camera



Garrattsville Grey Wolves – January 6 4-H members and Leader, Cathy Galley pause for a photo

WANTED!!! 4-H Committee Members

The Otsego County 4-H Program is very fortunate to have adult volunteers that are willing to share their time and talents. To support the 4-H Program there are 4-H Issue Committees. These Committees plan and make possible many hands-on 4-H experiences. Examples of the Educational programs include: 4-H Calf Sale, 4-H Horse Camp, 4-H Sewing Clinic, 4-H Gardening Clinic, 4-H Archery program, 4-H Livestock Auction, 4-H Earn-an-Animal, and 4-H Dog Obedience, to name a few.

Do you know a community member or a 4-H Alum that would be interested in "Making the Best Better"? 4-H Committees meet about four times a year and new members are welcome. The next 4-H Issue meetings will be on Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m. Want to know more? Contact Patti in the 4-H Office psz2@cornell.edu.

Current 4-H Committees:

Auction Dairy

Dog Earn-an-Animal **Family Consumer Science** Horse

Livestock Shooting Sports

4-H GROWS competent, caring, contributing members of society



NY 4-H STEM Camp June 14 - 16, 2019 4-H Camp Shankitunk, Delaware County



The NYS 4-H STEM Camp at 4-H Camp Shankitunk in Delaware County is open for registrations for youth ages 10 and older. Parents/Chaperones are welcome to attend. Cost is \$75/person. First come, first served. Registration/Payment due May 31. To view the flyer click here and the online registration is available here https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event registration/main/events.cfm?dept=212 EARLY Registration: May 1 = FREE T-SHIRT!

Career Explorations June 25 - 27, 2019 - Cornell University

Join hundreds (+500) middle and high school students from across New York on Cornell's Ithaca campus June 25-27 to participate in life -changing workshops taught by Cornell faculty, staff and graduate students during the annual 4-H Career Explorations conference.

Participant Arrival: 10 am – 12 pm on Tuesday Departure: 2:30 pm on Thursday Cost: \$TBD per person (~\$260) Please note transportation MAY be arranged Registration: Opens TBD, closes June 1, 2019 University U: teens entering 8th – 9th grades Focus for Teens: teens entering 10th – 12th grades



Program Facts and more registration information will be shared in March so that all participants can start registering on April 1. Scholarship applications are due May 1 and event registration closes June 1, 2019. Focus for Teens topics are first come, first served. Popular topics fill up FAST. Want to be on the "FAST TRACK" to receive updated information? Send your email WITH Career Ex in the Subject line to Patti at the 4-H Office. Check out this Career Ex '18 video! https://www.facebook.com/Cornell/videos/4-h-career-explorations-2018/1932429906778696/ 5

4-H Otsego County

4-H Capital Days May 20-22

4-H Capital Days gives teens the opportunity to meet and interact with legislators to tell their 4-H story, create an awareness of career opportunities in New York State government, understand state government, and connect with 4-H delegates from New York State.

Each county is encouraged to send two teen delegates. In Otsego County a 4-H leader or an active adult submits an application to nominate a 4-H member. The nomination form and further information may be obtained from the 4-H office or go to <u>http://cceschoharie-otsego.org/events/2018/03/15/4-h-capital-days-</u><u>nominations-due</u>





(l-r) 2018 Capital Days participants, Carson Guzy, Garrett Proskine, and Senator Seward





Have you been looking for 4-H Fabric ??! Visit JOANN'S!

Add some clovers to your upcoming sewing and craft projects with new 4-H fabrics available at JOANN! Several 4-H fabrics are available in 500 JOANN stores for purchase or online. In our area: New Hartford Shopping Center, New Hartford, NY or 736 Vestal Pkwy E, Vestal, NY



2019 LEADERS LUNCH

4-H Otsego County

Certification Course - A three-day series



April 1, 5-9 p.m. April 8, 5-9 p.m. April 13, 9-4 p.m. **Curtis Mott Building, SUNY Cobleskill**

This safety course is available to you ages 14 and up. Any youth under the age of 16 must complete this program in order to receive a Certificate of Exemption for farm equipment and tractor operation. Must attend all three sessions. Classroom and driving skill instruction included. \$20 per person. Space limited to 15. Register by March 22. Contact Teresa Adell, 518.234.4303, tla47@cornell.edu

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

Great News! Bridgett Shepherdson is the NEW Volunteer Coordinator for the Morris 4-H Public Presentations

4-H Public Presentations 2019 Calendar

Friday, February 8, 4:30 p.m.

• Registration deadline

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!!

4-H Public Presentations

4-H Public Presentation Workshop was held on January 19. Participants learned the basics of Public Presentations and "learned by doing" with a practice demonstration. To assist with the training was Shirley and Beth Keene.



Cameron gets help from Beth

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

4-H Leaders Lunch

4-H GROWS... Confidence, responsibility, independence and compassion

On January 26, the Otsego County 4-H Program recognized 4-H Volunteers at the annual 4-H Leader's Lunch at Brooks' in Oneonta. The lunch is to recognize the dedication of many (150) 4-H Volunteers that make a difference in the lives of over 300 4-H members in Otsego County.

Radio personality and author, "Big Chuck" D'Imperio, guest speaker, entertained the group with his story of a big black bull at the Keeneland Farm, recalled his days as a Sidney "city boy" and applauded the efforts of the 4-H Volunteers and their contributions in *growing* success in Otsego County 4-H members.

Otsego County Dairy Queen, Hailey Seamon and Ambassador, Ashlyn Wolfe served a delicious maple punch, follow by the popular Brooks' BBQ lunch.

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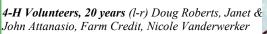
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Special THANKS to Farm Credit East the event sponsor, represented by Nicole Vanderwerker 4-H Leader Lunch Committee members: Naomi Graham and Celine Francisco. The following adults received Certificates for their "4-H Honor Roll" achievement.

Deb Dutcher, 35 years of service and Winner of the Grand Prize 4-H travel chair.

> **4-H Volunteers, 10 years** (l-r) Educator, Patti; Susan Menendez, Jessica Powers, Farm Credit, Nicole Vanderwerker





NEW 4-H Leaders (l-r)Katie Gale, Sunset Riders; Luke DenBleyker, Tammy VanBuren-Duke



4-H Volunteers, 5 years (l-r) Lori Peck, Mark Grocott, Nicole Vanderwerker, Meg Preston, Bridgette Shepardson

Guest Speaker, "Big Chuck" D'Imperio



4-H Animal Science

Dairy Discovery Workshop March 29-30 – Cornell

Registration is **OPEN**. Scroll down to REGISTER NOW for the link.

The annual Dairy Discovery program provides New York youth with fun, hands-on science-oriented learning experiences on dairy production and management topics which feature the unique facilities, industry professionals, and staff of Cornell University.

DAIRY DISCOVERY will be focusing this year's workshop on "Dairy Herd Health and Management". Youth will understand, observe and participate in technical skill training related to such topics as:

- 1. Biosecurity
- 2. Linear Type Evaluation
- 3. Managing Risk in Fresh cows
- 4. Reproduction
- 5. Do my cows wear "Good Sneakers"
- 6. Animal Welfare
- 7) DHI records

Due to the hands on approach of the sessions, participation is limited to the first 65 individuals to enroll or March 18 deadline, whichever comes first. Youth who are 14-19 years of age as of January 1, 2019 with an interest in dairy cattle are eligible to attend. This year's registration fee will include cost of the program activities, materials and dinner and lunch. Cost: Youth \$50/Adult Chaperones \$15. Spaces are limited and fill FAST! Registration is online. For Educator approval enter, psz2@cornell.edu

Click here for more details and to register online

REGISTER NOW

4-H Dog Obedience by Sonja Galley

February is National Dog Training Education Month. Did you know Otsego county 4-H has an active dog program? Our spring session is scheduled to start March 31 (weather permitting). If you're interested in signing up for the spring session, contact Sonja Galley at 607.267.2011 or galley94@vt.edu.

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-H'ers really enjoy learning a skill that can translate into a job or a career. No prior cake decorating experience for this project is needed. Learn how to facilitate a cake decorating project with your club. This will be a hands-on class. Lots of information, ideas, and fun for leaders. Preregistration required. Deadline: February 8.

Leader Training Registration





Congratulations to Ivy Stensland and her dog, Bingo, for winning the December Training Challenge, "Practicing the Long Sit."

This winter, in an effort to continue training our dogs at home, members of the dog program have been participating in monthly challenges. You can participate in our February Training Challenge, "Practicing the Long Down." One of the obedience exercises our dogs and 4-H members learn is the long down. At the beginning level, the long down lasts for three minutes. Three minutes may not seem like a long time, but when you're holding your breath hoping your dog won't move from the down it can seem like an eternity! However, if we build our dog's ability to stay in a down a few seconds at a time, they will eventually be able to confidently stay in a down for the entire three minutes.

For the month of February, work with getting your dog to stay in a "down" for as long as possible. Start with just a few seconds and slowly add duration as the dog successfully stays in the "down." To get some helpful tips on teaching a down, visit the AKC website at: <u>https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/teach-your-dog-to-lie-down/</u>

Send pictures of your dog practicing his/her down to Sonja at <u>galley94@vt.edu</u> to be entered in a prize drawing. All entries must be submitted by midnight, February 28, 2019. Contestants must be an Otsego County 4-H member to be eligible to win.

<u>Animal Science</u>

New York State Guernsey Calf Award

The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of encouraging those who do not presently own a Guernsey to become involved with the Guernsey Breed. A purebred Guernsey Calf will be awarded to the applicant who shows interest in the Guernsey breed and who has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential. Applicant must be age 9-15 as of January 1 of application year. You do not have to belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club to participate.

Award will be presented to the winner at the New York State Guernsey Breeders' Annual Meeting in March or April.

All applications are due March 1.

Applications are available at: <u>http://cceschoharie-</u> otsego.org/4-h-youth-development/otsego-county-4-h/ <u>new-york-state-guernsey-calf-scholarship-award-program</u> or at the 4-H Office.

For more information contact: New York State Youth Advisor - Christel Axtell -- 607.761.9443



Sheep Youth Conservationist Program (YCP)

The Youth Conservationist Program (YCP) is an adult/ youth mentoring program that enables young aspiring shepherds to experience the joys and responsibilities of raising and conserving heritage breeds of wool sheep that may not be common in their area of the United States. Breeders donate a yearling ewe and help the recipient establish their own flock. Donors award the ewes to their chosen recipients at the YCP Ceremony held annually at the Maryland Sheep and Wool festival held in May.

Youth applicants must:

* be between 9 and 18-years old.

* submit an application postmarked by April 1, 2019 that includes:

*complete an essay which introduces the youth and their experience with animals. The essay should explain the youth's interest in sheep and answer the question: "Why I would like to help preserve a heritage breed of sheep".

Heritage breeds pledged for 2019 are Scottish Blackface, Finn, Blueface Liecester, Gotland, Icelandic, and a white Lincoln. Other anticipated breeds are: Hog Island, Jacob, Karakul, Leicester Longwool, and Shetland. ALL ESSAYS MUST BE MAILED on or BEFORE **April 1.** EMAILED ESSAYS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The YCP Application is available at the 4-H Office or go to <u>http://cceschoharie-otsego.org/events/2018/02/01/</u> sheep-youth-conservationist-program

Monica Kennedy was a 2014 winner. The Kennedy's will be happy to share their first-hand experience with any interested youth/families. Contact them at 607.293.8299 OR <u>thekennedyfamily8@gmail.com</u>

For any YCP questions contact Elaine Ashcraft, 46118 CR 58, Coshocton, Ohio 43812. By phone at 740.622.1573 or <u>tankewe_cr58@yahoo.com</u> (please note the underscore between "tankewe" and "cr58")

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:

February Registrations/Information

February 8 8 8 15	<u>4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training deadline</u> <u>Leader Training deadline</u> (cake decorating) <u>Public Presentations registration deadline</u> <u>Honey Bee Essay deadline</u>	For office Use Date Received:
March		
1	NYS Guernsey Calf Award deadline	
15	Pheasant orders due	Make checks payable to:
15	Capital Day Nominations due	Cooperative Extension
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April	•	
1	Sheep Youth Conservationist Program deadline	

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.

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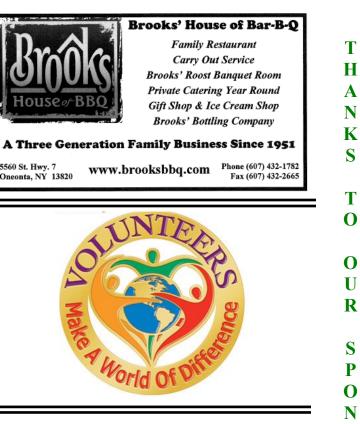
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4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.



Cooperstown Office Hours

Open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Presidents' Day, 2/18/2019

Oneonta 31 Maple St (Rowe House) Office Hours

Open Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Support local 4-H youth development by reducing our publication and mailing costs. Your ad is viewed by nearly 400 youth, parents, and volunteers.

Contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607.547.2536 for more information.

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