



CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF OTSEGO COUNTY

March 2019



4-H Public Presentations



4-H Public Presentations at Milford Central School were held on February 23 (l-r) Back: Gavin, Hannah, and Madisyn; Front: Lilly, Kylee, and Arianna

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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. Click here for details and registration: <https://nys4-h.org/nys-4h-events/2018/4/13/starr>



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**.



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4-H Club News

Sunset Riders 4-H Club reports that during January the club learned about how to do body conditioning scoring on their equine. The 4-Hers, using a 9-point system learned how to determine the body fat content of a horse. We compared one of our 4-Hers horse body fat content to the 9-point scale (emaciated to very fat) by observing particular body parts and by taking weight measurements. We can report our test subject was a bit on the 'plump' side and could benefit from being put on a small diet. We then went inside, where it was warm, and made a super delicious, healthy snack - fruit pizza!

February the weather finally co-operated so the Club could enjoy an afternoon of exercise by cross-country skiing at the Layman's house. The girls had a great time. There were a few spills and a lot of laughter; for some of the girls this was their first time on cross-country skis. They were ready for hot cocoa, s'mores and hot dogs when they returned from their 2-mile trek.

We are looking forward to Public Presentations in Milford on the 23rd.

If you hear of anyone interested in joining a 4-H Club, Sunset Riders is taking new members.



4-H Club Visits

Whatever Floats Your Goat 4-H Club

meets the first Sunday of the month at the Cooperstown Extension Office. The members are goat enthusiasts. At the February meeting 4-H members learning about the parts of the goat using the 4-H Learning lab to "match" the part to the goat. Member also designed a Club T-shirt they plan to wear at County Fair and Club events. The organizational leader of the 4-H Club is Jen Burkhardt. New members are welcome!

FEATURE your Club on the Club Visit page and invite Patti to your 4-H Club meeting!!



*(l-r) 4-H Gone Goat'in 4-H Club members learning the parts of a goat
Winnie, Hannah, Madisyn, Evelyn, Cameron, & Chase*



The Hartwick 4-H Theatre Guild will present, *Peter Pan*, on April 5 (7 p.m.) & April 6 (6 p.m.) at the Community Center in downtown Hartwick. Open Dress Rehearsals will be on held on Tuesday, April 2 & 4 at 7 p.m. if you are unable to attend a performance. The cast and crew include 35 members studying their lines for the performance. Come see the Crocodile, the wild beasts, the Amazons, the Pirates, the Lost Boys, Tiger Lily & Panther, Peter, Wendy, John, Michael and Nana; ah, and yes, Tinker Bell, Hook and Smee will be their lovable selves. The stage crew is busy designing, building and painting the sets while the costume and make-up artists are planning to dazzle us with their skills. It has been a wonderful time of learning how to make- "The Best Better." Snippets of our practice sessions can be viewed on Youtube! Come hear the sound of the Croc and sense the anguish Mr. and Mrs. Darling realize as their children fly away to Neverland. Donations of all types are appreciated.

l-r, Peter Pan, Ben Davidson and Tinkerbelle, Frances Corkery practice their lines

Otsego County

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	Dog	Family Consumer Science	Livestock
Dairy	Earn-an-Animal	Horse	Shooting Sports

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NYS 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](https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events.cfm?dept=212) 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!

NEW Topics for 2019!

Code Explorers: Do you like to code or want to learn how? Have fun exploring computer programming during this course. We will go on virtual reality field trips, learn coding basics, and do some cool maker activities. Learn how you can take these activities home to teach others. All levels of coding experience welcome!

Micro-Organisms: The good the bad, and the ugly . . . In this course you will about all the different types of microorganisms, perform numerous fun and exciting experiments, and grow your own culture!

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 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Tuesday

Departure: 2:30 p.m. 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/>



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 <http://cceschoharie-otsego.org/events/2018/03/15/4-h-capital-days-nominations-due> 

Nominations are due March 15.



*(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 SPRING PAPER CLOVERS March 27-31 & April 1-7

The Otsego County 4-H Program **THANKS** the Oneonta Tractor Supply for supporting our local 4-H Program with the semi-annual Paper Clover event. CCE Otsego earned a 4-H Scholarship credit of \$ \$1,678.50 from the 2018 Tractor Supply Paper Clover promotion.

During the semi-annual event, friends and family are invited to support 4-H by donating \$1 at checkout in stores to contribute to funds that will be used to scholarships for Otsego County 4-H members.

Recipients of the 2018 Tractor Supply funds were:

Capital Days: Garrett Proskine & Carson Guzy

Career Explorations: Abigail Miller, Daniel Johnson, Hazel Lippitt, Aidan DeLanoy,
Carly Erway, Marijke Kroon, Vanessa Erkson

STARR Retreat: Nina D'Amato

4-H Clubs are welcome to promote the event locally through social media or organizing a simple in-store event including fund raisers for the club. Contact Vicki or Joe at 607.431.9791.



4-H Otsego County

4-H Camp Shankitunk 2019

Ricky J. Parisian camperships are available for Otsego County 4-H members!



4-H CAMP
SHANKITUNK

To apply [click here](#) 

or go to <http://ccescholarie-otsego.org/events/2016/07/03/4-h-camp-shankitunk> or pickup one at the 4-H office.

4-H Camp Scholarship Otsego County 2019 Information & Application

To apply for the Ricky J. Parisian Camp Shankitunk Scholarship:

- ♦ Youth must be currently enrolled as an Otsego County 4-H member
- ♦ Submit a copy of your Camp Shankitunk registration
- ♦ Send a short answer to **“Why I want to go to 4-H Camp Shankitunk”**
- ♦ Open to all campers
- ♦ There are \$100 scholarships, first come, first serve WITH an application
- ♦ Deadline for Parisian Scholarship application to the **Otsego County 4-H Office** is **April 30**

4-H Public Presentations, Milford

4-H Public Presentations were held on February 23 at the Milford Central School. The **Presenters** for the day were:

Gilbertsville Dairy

Gavin Bonczkowski—The Story of the Atomic Bomb
Hannah Bonczkowski—Thomas Edison

Otsego Firecrackers

Ella Field – Life Cycle of a Butterfly
Evelyn Kersmanc – Odd Couple
Sean Kersmanc – Diseases in Dairy Cattle
Addilee Lutz—How to Saddle a Horse
Angel Mravlja—Yugoslavia
Elyza Schoeberl—Odd Couple

Sunset Riders

Rylee Bliss—Cake Decorating
Lilly Cleaveland—Rat Terrier Dogs
Aurienna Larson—Horse Tack

Whatever Floats your Goat

Madison Reyome—How to make shower melts

**Recommended for District: Madisyn Reyome,
Evelyn Kersmanc & Elyza Schoeberl**

THANK YOU to the Volunteers!

Event Coordinator: Beth Bartlett

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Jonathan Bartlett

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Jordan Bartlett

Carol Effner

Bill Gibson

Walter Peterson

Shirley Wright

Room Hosts: Madisyn Reyome and Teegan Gale



Firecrackers at Presentations in Milford

4-H Otsego County

4-H Drone Discovery Day

The WORLD of drones took flight February 9, at the Schenevus Central School. It was an exciting morning for 37 youth to discover drones and drone technology.

A “show & tell” exhibit of recreational and commercial drones was popular for adults and youth. Highlights were the Thew Associates Commercial Altus Intelligence helicopter and the “Dropcopter” which automates pollination of orchard crops (NY apple orchards!) via unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).

In the opening aeronautics and safety presentation participants watched (via video) a simple drone destroy the wing of a commercial plane. In four hands-on sessions, youth discovered: the science of flying, how to take a drone flight challenge, career opportunities, and how to fly a Tello drone.

Outstanding presenters included: Don Zaengle, Unmanned Ariel Systems Instructor and FAA Drone Pilot; John Gustafson, sUAS Program Manager, Thew Associates, Commercial and FAA Drone Pilot; Doug Reilly, Director of the A.J. Read Science Discovery Center at SUNY Oneonta and FAA Drone Pilot; Bob and Lisa Payne, Central New York Drones (CNY Drones), and students of the Schenevus Unmanned Ariel Systems program.

Elijah Reed was the winner of the door prize, a Syma, X5UW, 4 Channel, Quadcopter Drone!

When asked, What did you discover today...youth responses included:

- I like to fly the drones
- The shape of the wing is called an airfoil
- That drones can crash into a plane
- About the forces of lift
- What jobs you can get flying a drone
- Drones can pollinate



*Floating ball,
Mr. Zaengle & Michael*



*I-pad landing (l-r) youth, William
receives instruction from Hannah
Olds*

The number one response to; What did you like best about the day.... FLYING a drone!!!

SPECIAL thanks to the host, Schenevus School; Presenters and the 30+ volunteers that provided the opportunity for 37 youth to discover drones and drone technology.

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



*Show & Tell Group with John (l-r)
Back: Josh, Logan, John, Elijah, and
Dustin*



*Elijah wins the door prize! Planning team (l-r)
Rear: Lisa & Bob Payne, John Gustafson, Doug Reilly, Susan Hoskins
Front: Don Zaengle, Jay Deitchman, Elijah, Patti Zellmer, missing Bill Shue*

4-H Otsego County

4-H International Night – 3rd World Tour!

4-H International Night was held on February 1. This year participants and their families brought a dish to pass for a “sit down” dinner. Foods from Brazil, Madagascar, Germany and Costa Rica were enjoyed by all. Presentations, including a dance, informed the travelers about the five people groups. Special speaker was Sarah Patterson, Inbound Coordinator for Oneonta Rotary Club. 4-H families were also invited to be a 4-H Host family for the 2019 4-H International Exchange. See details below.



Brazil—Rainbow Warriors

Madagascar Diorama — 4-H Member Lane



American Indians – Attanasio Family



Madagascar—Firecrackers



Germany—Helping Hands

New York State 4-H International Exchange Programs Families Needed to Host in Summer 2019

HOSTING PERIOD: July 21-25(arrival) to August 18-22(departure)


- ◆ You can host a youth aged 12-18 (most are 12-14) or an adult chaperone
- ◆ Youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS


- You must have a child of the same gender who is within three years of the hosted youth (children aged 10+ are eligible to host)
- Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone
- No special activities need to be planned since these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family
- This is a voluntary program; no stipends will be provided
- You don't need to be involved with 4-H to host

For more information: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/>

Host a Japanese youth delegate in your home this summer July 23-August 17



“It’s like having a sister I always wanted and a best friend.”
-States’ 4-H Host Sibling



Animal Science

4-H Equine Extravaganza! **Sunday, April 28, 2019** **9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** **Equine Center at SUNY Cobleskill**

SUNY Cobleskill faculty and students in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extensions of Schoharie-Otsego and Fulton-Montgomery welcome 4-H youth from across New York State to join us for a fun filled educational day that is intended to broaden the 4-H youth's knowledge within the horse project and provide more insight into Hippology.

Youth will be participating in the following:

Cloverbuds - These youths will be in a separate group for the short sessions portion of the day. They will cover topics including: Grooming, breeds, parts of the horse, basic nutrition, safety, behavior, and more. A craft will also be included in this tract. Supplies will be provided.

Youth Ages 8-19 years old - These youths will be separated into groups based on the NYS 4-H Hippology contest rules. The complexity of the short sessions portion of the day will depend on the level. Topics to be covered are: Horse Judging, Show Etiquette, Equine Anatomy, Breed Identification and Genetics.

Large Session (All ages combined) - This half of the day will be spent in mixed groups of all ages. The focus in these sessions will be riding demonstrations and equine careers. There will be leadership opportunities for the older youth given the mixed ages of the groups.

****Exact schedule and topics subject to change.** A detailed schedule for each youth will be provided the day of the event. Lunch is not provided, please plan accordingly. There are places to eat on campus or nearby.

For additional information please email or call Teresa Adell, CCE Schoharie-Otsego, ta47@cornell.edu, 518.234.4303 Ext. 113. Kyle Yacobucci, CCE Fulton-Montgomery, ky292@cornell.edu, 518.853.2135

Registrations and payments are to be sent to CCE of Schoharie & Otsego Counties. See registration form for address and additional details. Limit is 60 youth registrations.

Registration forms are available at <http://cceschoharie-otsego.org/events/2019/04/28/4-h-equine-extravaganza> OR the 4-H Office in Cooperstown or by arrangement in Oneonta.

Registration is \$20 per youth and \$10 per adult (includes a T-shirt) This event is open to enrolled 4-H youth ages 5-19 and adult chaperones

Registration is limited, first come, first served!

Earn-an-Animal—Non-Market Projects



*l-r Rosa,
Tiffany,
Noah, Wendy
& Marta*

Five youth interviewed and were approved to be the recipients of the Earn an Animal, non-market Program. The Earn an Animal Committee is VERY excited to launch into two NEW areas in 2019. For the first time 4-H Youth applied to work with honey bees and fish! The more traditional areas of ducks and chickens were also approved as projects for 2019.

The 4-H Auction Committee will soon be announcing the winners of the Earn an Animal market animals. Interviews were held on February 21.

4-H Veterinary Science to RETURN!! **Details coming soon!**

Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program and area veterinary offices will be offering a five week Veterinary Science Series. Teens will explore the exciting world of veterinary science and medicine. The series is open to all Otsego County teens ages 14-19. The series will meet on five consecutive weeknights, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Space will be limited.

First Event:
Veterinary College
Open House, Cornell
Saturday, April 6



Interested? Sign up with the 4-H Office.

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:

March Registrations/Information

March

____ 15 Pheasant orders due
____ 15 [Capital Day Nominations due](#)
____ 22 Tractor Safety deadline

April

____ 1 [Sheep Youth Conservationist Program deadline](#)
____ 5 Equine Extravaganza
____ 30 4-H Camp Scholarship applications due

May

____ 1 NYS 4-H STEM Camp early registration deadline
____ 1 Career Exploration Scholarship applications due

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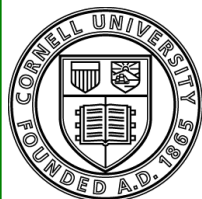
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We will be happy to mail your request, but to help save postage on larger materials, please indicate where you would like to pick up. We will contact you when the materials are ready. Should you have any questions, contact the 4-H office at 607.547.2536.

I will pick up at the: _____ Cooperstown office _____ Oneonta office

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