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CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF OTSEGO COUNTY

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Otsego National 4-H Week



Garrattsville Graywolves 4-H Club display during National 4-H Week.

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**4-H GROWS HERE**

4-H helps youth grow into competent, caring,  
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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



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# Coming 4-H Events 2020



## 4-H Calendar Events 2020-2021 Otsego County

### NOVEMBER 2020

- 1 4-H Dog Training Class, 2 p.m., Garrattsville
- 4 4-H Joint Issue Committee, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
- 4 4-H Dairy Committee, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom
- 5 CCE Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
- 5 4-H Secretary Reports due 4-H Office
- 7 4-H Auction Orientation, 9 - 11 a.m. Gilbertsville Baptist Church
- 8 4-H Dog Training Class, 2 p.m., Garrattsville
- 11 Veteran's Day, observed, CCE offices closed
- 14 4-H Officer Training, 10 a.m. via Zoom
- 15 4-H Dog Training, 2 p.m. Garrattsville,
- 16 4-H Horse Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cooperstown
- 17 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- 17 NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7 p.m. Virtual Sessions
- 21 4-H Discover Wildlife Workshop, 9 a.m., Cooperstown, 1 p.m. Oneonta & via Zoom
- 22 4-H Dog Training Class, 2 p.m., Garrattsville
- 24 4-H Consumer Science Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- 26 & 27 **Thanksgiving Day, CCE offices closed**
- 30 4-H Club Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via zoom

### DECEMBER

- 1 4-H Earn-an-Animal applications available
- 1 NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7 p.m., Session 2
- 5 4-H Secretary Reports due 4-H Office
- 6 4-H Holiday Lights Decorating at the Otsego County Fairgrounds, noon – 4 p.m.
- 8 NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7 p.m.
- 12 4-H Fine Arts Workshop, Basket Weaving, 9 a.m., Cooperstown, 1 p.m., Oneonta, & via Zoom
- 15 NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7 p.m.
- 24 & 25 Christmas Holiday, CCE Offices closed
- 31 **DEADLINE, re-enrollment to be eligible for County Fair and year end completion**

CCE prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of the communities we serve. If Otsego County 4-H Programs and Clubs choose to meet non-virtually, they must attend CCE Schoharie & Otsego Counties 4-H Club Meeting & Activity Safety Plan training. For more information contact 4-H Subject Educator, Teresa Adell at 607-547-2536 ext. 225, 607-433-2521 or [tla47@cornell.edu](mailto:tla47@cornell.edu).

UPDATES will be communicated as soon as possible.  
Be Safe, Be Well!



# 4-H Otsego County

## 4-H FINE ARTS BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP

**Saturday, December 12, 9-11 a.m.**  
**CCE Education Center, Cooperstown**  
**and**  
**1-3 p.m. 4-H Office**  
**31 Maple Street, Oneonta**  
**Zoom is available for both workshops**

Learn how to make this beaded plain-weave basket with round reed over an odd number of spokes, using round wood bases with drilled holes, simple round reed border. This makes a great gift or to put your favorite items in.



**Materials available for pick up**  
\$5 class fee - Class size is limited  
Sign Up Early!

**Deadline is December 4, 2020**  
Registration is required by contacting  
Teresa Adell, [ta47@cornell.edu](mailto:ta47@cornell.edu)  
607-547-2536 ext 225 or 607-433-2521

## 4-H Fabric Bins Directions

### SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- ◇ 1 yard each of 2 coordinating fabrics, for outside of bag & lining
- ◇ 1 yard each of fusible light interfacing & fusible stiff interfacing
- ◇ Basic sewing supplies

### DIRECTIONS: (1/2" seam allowance)

1. Cut 2 each of 10"x 14" from the two coordinating fabrics. (small bin)
2. Cut 2 each of 10"x 14" from both of the lightweight and heavyweight interfacing.
3. Cut 2 each of 12"x 18" from the two coordinating fabrics. (large bin)
4. Cut 2 each of 12"x 18" from both of the lightweight and heavyweight interfacing.
5. Fuse the lightweight interfacing to the outside fabric.
6. Fuse the heavyweight interfacing to the lining of the bin.
7. With RST, stitch the front to back on sides and bottom of outside fabric.
8. Box the corners: have the bottom seam fold up to meet the side seam.
9. For the large bin measure down 4" from the point and stitch across. Cut off excess fabric.
10. For the small bin measure down 3" from the point and stitch across. Cut off excess fabric.
11. Repeat the stitching for lining, being sure to leave an opening for turning.
12. With RST, stitch lining to bin around top.
13. Turn through the lining opening.
14. Stitch opening closed.
15. Press and top stitch around the top of bin.
16. Fold top of bin over 1 to 1 1/2" towards front.

## Grapevine Wreaths Activity

In this activity, youth will collect grapevines in the fall and create homemade wreaths from them which can be then decorated according to any themes which you may choose depending on what your program is focused in. (Fall, Thanksgiving, Holidays)

**Ages:** 7 and up  
(Activity can be adapted to fit all age groups)

**Activity Time:** Making of Wreath: 2-5 hrs.  
Wreath Drying Time: 1 week  
Decorating: 1-2 hours

**Materials:**  
Wild Grapevines\*  
Pruning shears  
5-10 gallon buckets  
Strong Twine or String  
Trim for Wreaths  
(ribbon, silk flowers, fake grapes, etc.)  
Scissors

**Cost of Materials:**  
\$0-\$10 per wreath, depending on the type of materials used to decorate. The vines should be free.

**Requirements:**  
Grapevines must be collected after the first frost. In this activity, youth will collect grapevines.

**For further instructions, go to**  
<https://cpb-us-e1.wpmucdn.com/blogs.cornell.edu/dist/f/575/files/2016/07/newlogograpevine-wreaths-r2gx46-phel69.pdf>



# 4-H Otsego County

## JoAnn Fabrics 4-H Rewards Card

Through our partnership with JOANN Fabric and Crafts, 4-H'ers can expand their hearts, hands, and minds through new crafting projects on Creativebug.com. When you sign up for a JOANN 4-H Rewards Card, <https://www.joann.com/4-h/> not only will you save 15% off every purchase and have a portion of the sale go back to support 4-H, but you also will get free access to Creativebug.com. Creativebug.com has thousands of award-winning arts and crafts video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Already have a rewards card? Go to <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/4-h> and use your rewards card number to sign up for free Creativebug access today.



Drive Thru  
Holiday of Lights  
Otsego Co. Fair  
December 11-13 & 18-19  
At Dusk \$10 a Carload



Otsego County 4-H will be decorating  
Martin Hall for  
the Otsego County Fair Holiday of Lights.  
Please join us on **Sunday, December 6th**  
**from 12-4** to decorate Martin Hall.



Bring lights and your creativity!  
Looking for woodworkers to make wooden 4-H signs  
To light up with green lights.  
To help out, please contact Teresa Adell  
[tl47@cornell.edu](mailto:tl47@cornell.edu), 607-547-2536 ext. 225 or 607-433-2521



## Thanksgiving Centerpiece Fundraiser for the Otsego Firecrackers 4-H Club

Support our 4-H projects throughout the year with the purchase of one of these beautiful pumpkin centerpieces to adorn your Thanksgiving table!

Pre-order now, and our club will arrange one for you fresh the week of Thanksgiving, just \$20.

Pick up will be available in Oneonta, Milford, and Worcester Thanksgiving week.

To pre-order, email [keeverdn@gmail.com](mailto:keeverdn@gmail.com) or Text 607.437.3178

# 4-H Otsego County

## TSC Paper Clover Campaign a Success!

A BIG THANKS to everyone who promoted, shared and donated to the Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Campaign! Overall 4-H raised **\$825,654** and New York State raised **\$56,033** (3rd overall) !!!



## Mission to Mars STEM Challenge

On Saturday, October 24, Otsego and Schoharie 4-H members took on the National 4-H STEM Challenge Mission to Mars.

Through hands on learning 4-H members built a rover and explored the surface and environment of Mars.

If you would like to participate in this Mission to Mars STEM Challenge, kits are available to sign out through the 4-H office.

4-H STEM Challenge: Crop Curiosity Activity Overview

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noQbr9R1uGI&feature=youtu.be&cldee=dGxhNDdAY29ybmVsbC5lZHU%3D&recipientid=contact-9eccb5a908ebe911910a001dd8b71c7f->



*Alex & Emily exploring the surface of Mars.*

## Otsego County 4-H Virtual Showcase

Throughout the year Otsego County 4-H members have completed hands-on projects that have helped them grow in knowledge and develop lifelong skills. With the absence of the Otsego County Fair, CCE collaborated to create this Virtual Showcase for 4-H youth. Although this showcase cannot replace the fair, we have created a memorable record to celebrate youth accomplishments this year. We are proud to have been able to provide a platform for 4-H'ers to showcase their hard work and perseverance.

<http://cceschoharie-otsego.org/4-h-youth-development/otsego-county-4-h/otsego-county-4-h-virtual-showcase>

**Congratulations to the following 4-H members that submitted photos:**

### Independent

Robert Kennedy  
Ava Lesko

### Garrattsville Graywolves

Richard Pegg

### CV-Springfield Apple Blossoms

Vanessa Erckson

### Whatever Floats Your Boat

Joy Attanasio



Gilbertsville Dairy  
Hannah Bonczkowski  
Gavin Bonczkowski  
Ivy Stensland

Fields & Flats  
Abbie Ainslie

### Otsdawa Bobcats and Kittens

Connor Kane  
Karley Miller





# 4-H Otsego County



## 4-H Officer Training

Saturday, November 14  
10 a.m. - via Zoom

Send your new or aspiring 4-H Officers!



Training offered for  
President/Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer,  
Reporter, Health/Recreation and Song

Registration required  
by November 6

Teresa Adell, [fla47@cornell.edu](mailto:fla47@cornell.edu), 607-547-2536 ext. 225 or 607-433-2521

I pledge...

my *head* to clearer thinking,  
my *heart* to greater loyalty,  
my *hands* to larger service, and  
my *health* to better living for  
my *club*, my *community*,  
my *country*, and my *world*.



## CLUB NEWS

The Springfield High Meadows 4-H Club met in September and worked on re-enrollment 4-H forms and discussed all the COVID guidelines and then made bird houses with old wagon floor boards. The kids enjoyed it! Now have shelter for birds this winter. In October we met and carved and decorated pumpkins.



# Animal Science



## FREE Student Memberships

The New York Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) program has been working to develop future agricultural leaders by becoming more involved with youth in FFA, 4-H and at agricultural colleges. There are Collegiate Chapters of New York Farm Bureau at Cornell University and SUNY Cobleskill. By involving these agricultural youth, the Young Farmers and Ranchers Program can foster new leaders for not only their program and New York Farm Bureau, but for the agricultural industry as a whole.

Student memberships are available for members who are between the ages of 16-21.

4-H and FFA members who are high school juniors and seniors and collegiate students with an agricultural major are eligible for a complimentary NYFB student membership. Joining is Easy visit [nyfb.org/membership](https://www.nyfb.org/membership) or click on this link <https://www.nyfb.org/programs/young-farmers-and-ranchers/student-membership>

### Student Member Opportunities

- Develop Leadership Skills
- Network with Other Agriculturalists
- Community Service Through New York Farm Bureau's Partnership With Feeding America's "Harvest For All" Program
- Promote Agriculture in Your Community
- Scholarship opportunities for high school seniors
- Compete in State & National competitive events through our Young Farmers & Ranchers program (18-35 years old)
- Membership and leadership look great on your resume!



**Otsego County 4-H  
Livestock Auction Orientation  
Saturday, November 7, 2020 - 9 a.m.  
Gilbertsville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall,  
Commercial Street, Gilbertsville**



An orientation meeting for the 2021 4-H Livestock Auction will be held for 4-H members interested in selling an animal in the 2021 4-H Livestock Auction, at the Otsego County Fair, must attend this meeting.

Auction species include: beef, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Requirements of the program will be explained. You will not be allowed to sell at the auction if you have not attended this orientation program. The beef incentive program will also be explained. Youth MUST be accompanied by at least one parent/guardian during the orientation.

Note: INTERESTED youth are welcome to attend with no obligation to participate in the Auction.

## **Masks and social distancing guidelines will be followed!**

**Pre-registration is required.** To sign up or for more information, contact Teresa Adell at [tla47@cornell.edu](mailto:tla47@cornell.edu), 607-547-2536 ext. 225 OR 607-433-2521





# Animal Science



## CONGRATULATIONS to the 2020 Earn-An-Animal Award Recipients

Joy Attanasio - Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Goat  
Robert Kennedy - Jersey Dairy Calf  
Richard Pegg - White Park Beef Calf  
Elyza Schoeberl - Brown Swiss Dairy Calf

## Otsego County 4-H Earn-An-Animal



The 4-H Earn-An-Animal Program allows for Otsego County youth ages 8 - 18 (as of January 1, 2021) to earn funding towards a project animal to raise and show as their own. This program requires dedication from the youth member and support from their guardians. Youth accepted to the program will not only learn how to care for their animal, they will experience the process of researching, selecting and purchasing an animal. Through the 4-H Earn-An-Animal Project, 4-H youth will further develop their planning, time management, organization, and record keeping skills.

For more information contact  
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## DISCOVER WILDLIFE

Saturday, November 21, 2020 - 9 a.m.  
CCE Education Center, Cooperstown  
and  
1 p.m., 4-H Office, 31 Maple Street, Oneonta  
ZOOM is available for both workshops



Learn about the natural world around you through hands on learning and interactive games. Scavenger Hunt, Bird Beaks, Animal Tracks, Wildlife Bingo

*Materials available for pick up*  
\$5 class fee - Class size is limited  
Registration is required by November 13<sup>th</sup>  
Contacting Teresa Adell at [tla47@cornell.edu](mailto:tla47@cornell.edu)  
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## Earn-an-Animal Timeline

Applications Available - December, 2020  
Application Deadline - February 1, 2021  
Applicant Interview - February 15, 2021  
Recipient Orientation - February 15, 2021  
Show Project Animal - July/August, 2021  
Project Records Due - October 1, 2021  
Reimbursement - November, 2021

# Animal Science

## New York State 4-H Livestock Summit

This event will consist of six virtual speaker sessions all based on livestock topics. A follow up session will be held after each speaker session the following Friday at 6:30 p.m. where participants can engage in a fun recap of that week's topic! Each session will have a giveaway and all participants in attendance will be automatically entered into it for the chance to win a prize from one of our awesome sponsors! Cost of participation is \$10 which will give youth access to all the speaker and follow-up sessions.

Session 1 Topic: Amp Up Your Stock Talk - What role do you play in agriculture?

Session 2 Topic: If You Give a Pig a Haircut - Tips and tricks on clipping your show hog for the ring

Session 3 Topic: Topic will be based on Marking a Livestock Project

Session 4 Topic: Precon, Winning Fill, and Haired Up, say what? - How these hot name brands affect your cattle's nutrition

Session 5 Topic: Flat Hearted, Cleaner Patterned & Coarse Made - Understanding the Lamb Judge's Lingo

Session 6 Topic: Topic will be based on Market Goat Project



The poster features a dark background with silhouettes of a cow, pig, and sheep. A green four-leaf clover with the number '4' on each leaf is positioned to the right of the animals. The text is in various colors: green for the main title and session topics, yellow for the subtitle, and white for the details and schedule.

**NYS 4-H LIVESTOCK SUMMIT**  
**AMP UP YOUR STOCK TALK**

**6 SPEAKERS. 6 SESSIONS.**

**SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- MARKETING
- NUTRITION
- JUDGING & SELECTION
- CLIPPING

**\$10 REGISTRATION**

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**INCLUDES LINK TO ALL VIRTUAL SESSIONS & GIVEAWAY ENTRY**

This event is open to all New York State 4-H members between the ages of 8-18. Registration will remain open for the entirety of the session dates.

Session 1	Nov. 17, 2020	7:00-8:00 PM
Session 2	Dec. 01, 2020	7:00-8:00 PM
Session 3	Dec. 08, 2020	7:00-8:00 PM
Session 4	Dec. 15, 2020	7:00-8:00 PM
Session 5	Jan. 05, 2020	7:00-8:00 PM
Session 6	Jan. 12, 2020	7:00-8:00 PM

To register contact Teresa Adell [ta47@cornell.edu](mailto:ta47@cornell.edu)  
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**Please send me information on the following or register me for:**

## *November/December Registrations/Information*

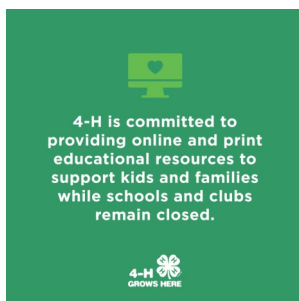
### November

\_\_\_ 6 Officer Training registration deadline  
\_\_\_ 13 Discover Wildlife registration deadline

### December

\_\_\_ 4 Basket Weaving Workshop

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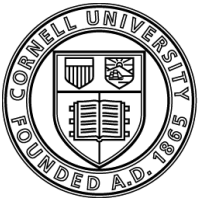
Send this form to: CCE Schoharie and Otsego Counties, 123 Lake St., Cooperstown, NY 13326.

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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 Closed Thanksgiving Day & Friday,  
 November 26 & 27

**Oneonta  
31 Maple St (Rowe House)  
Office Hours**

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

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