



Schoharie County 4-H Newsletter



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Ransom Echtner offers up the Monte Cristo sandwich he made at the 4-H Cooking Clinic.

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

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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

The Cobleskill office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Cornell Cooperative Extension, in collaboration with Cobleskill-Richmondville, Schoharie and Middleburgh Central Schools, provides afterschool programs that serve over 110 students in grades K-6. The program serves students at Schoharie Central (K-6), Middleburgh Central (K-6), and Ryder and Radez Elementaries (K-6).

The after school program offers 4-H projects, indoor/outdoor recreation, arts, crafts, games, homework helper, and a nutritious snack. In addition, cultural exposure, computer literacy, conflict resolution, and service learning enrich and instill life-long skills. 4-H Youth Development Programs use experiential, research-based educational opportunities to develop youth independence, a sense of belonging, generosity, and mastery. For additional information, please contact After School Program Coordinator Susan Salisbury at sms248@cornell.edu, or 518-234-4304.

Follow here for updates and activities on 4-H youth in the 4-H Afterschool Program

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4-H Calendar Events 2019-2020



FEBRUARY	
1	4-H Livestock Auction Beef animal enrollment form due
8	4-H Sewing Clinic, CCE Extension Center, 9a.m.-11 a.m.
17	President's Day observed, CCE offices closed
26	4-H Legislative Interns, Schoharie County Office Building, 9a.m.-2p.m.
27	4-H Livestock Workshop—Beef & Swine, CCE Extension Center, 6:30p.m.
29	4-H Public Presentations, CANR Building., SUNY Cobleskill, 9:00a.m.
MARCH	
5	4-H Livestock Workshop-Beef & Swine, CCE Extension Center, 6:30p.m.
7	4-H District Dairy Bowl, Tamarac High School, Registration 8:30 a.m.
11	4-H Legislative Interns, Schoharie County Office Building, 9a.m.-2p.m.
12	Hoard's Dairyman Cow Judging Contest 2020 Entries due to 4-H office
14	4-H District Horse Bowl and Hippology, Voorheesville High School,
15	4-H Shooting Sports, Air Rifle, Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club, 1-3 p.m.
19	4-H Earn-An-Animal and Livestock Auction Orientation, CCE Extension Center, 6:00 p.m.
20	4-H Capital Days Nominations Due to CCE Extension Center
22	March Dog Madness, Orange County, 10a.m.-4p.m.
23	4-H Tractor Safety Class, Curtis Mott Hall, SUNY Cobleskill, 5-9 p.m.
25	4-H Pheasant Program orders due at 4-H office
26	4-H Livestock Workshop-Beef & Swine, CCE Extension Center, 6:30p.m.
27	4-H International Night, Middleburgh Reformed Church, 6:00 p.m.
27-28	4-H Dairy Discovery, Cornell University
30	4-H Tractor Safety Class, Curtis Mott Hall, SUNY Cobleskill, 5-9 p.m.
31	4-H Leaders Meeting, CCE Extension Center, 6:30 p.m.
APRIL	
4	4-H Tractor Safety Class, Curtis Mott Hall, SUNY Cobleskill, 9a.m.-4p.m.
8	4-H Legislative Interns, State Capital and Legislative visit, 9a.m.-2p.m.
9	4-H Livestock Workshop-Beef & Swine, SUNY Cobleskill, 6:30p.m.
25	NYS 4-H Dairy Bowl, State Fair Grounds, Syracuse
25	Livestock Judging Clinic, SUNY Cobleskill
MAY	
2	Animal Crackers, Cornell University- Species: Dairy & Livestock (Beef, Sheep, Swine), 9a.m.-3p.m.
2	4-H District Public Presentations, Tamarac High School, 9:00a.m.
8-10	4-H Forestry Weekend, Camp Shankitunk, Delaware County
17-19	4-H Capital Days, Albany
25	Memorial Day, CCE Offices closed
31	DEADLINE for NEW 4-H members to enroll for full benefits (County Fair & year completion)

4-H Club News



Everything Under the Sun met in January to learn how to knit. They finger knitted, knitted with needles, and knit on a loom. 4-Her Olivia VanEvera (Die Hard Dairy) and friend Averie (After School Knitting Club) joined us to assist the younger members.



Happy Hoofsters' January meeting consisted of appointing club leaders from their older members and exploring the meaning of the 4 "H's" in 4-H for the younger members.



Animal Aggies met on January 19th. Members in attendance discussed the upcoming 4-H events including public presentations and International Night, then enjoyed making 4-H Project Pin/Memory Boards. We also welcomed another new member at this meeting.



Schoharie County 4-H Events



4-H Members attending the 4-H Cooking Clinic learned kitchen and food safety, basic food preparation, and nutrition while making Tropical Fruit Salad, Pumpkin Peanut Butter Dip with Veggies, Creamy Rice Pudding and Easy Monte Cristo Grilled Sandwiches.



4-H INTERNATIONAL NIGHT



Take a Trip around the World with out leaving Schoharie County

4-H clubs will pick a country that they are interested in and learn about the food (bring samples to share), customs, clothing and share with the audience.

May include:

Games, flags, musical instruments, posters, art, pictures, sing a song, demonstrate a dance, wear country's national costume or share some learned language, also history and geography.

Participants are invited to "travel" to the different countries by visiting the local 4-H club tables, earning punches to a passport, for a prize!



Friday, March 27, 2020 @ 6:00pm

Middleburgh Reformed Church

178 River St, Middleburgh

Pre-registration is required

Contact Teresa Adell, tla47@cornell.edu

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4-H Upcoming Events



Air Rifle Workshop

This workshop will train youth firearm safety and use of equipment while creating an appreciation and understanding of natural resources.

Developing self-confidence, personal discipline, responsibility and sportsmanship

Ages 8-12

Cost is \$5 per youth

Must pre-register to the 4-H office by March 1, 2019

March 15, 1-3 p.m.

Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club

Earn-An-Animal

AND

Livestock Auction Orientation



This is a mandatory meeting for 4-H members who have already been accepted into the Earn-An-Animal program or are planning to participate in the 4-H Livestock Auction. Youth will hear all the guidelines and requirements of each program and will receive all necessary paperwork associated with successful completion of both opportunities.

Thursday

March 19,
2020

CCE Extension

Center,

6:00p.m.

18 USC 707

To sign up or for more information, contact Teresa Adell
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2020 4-H Day Old Pheasant Chicks Program

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is once again distributing day-old pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to qualified 4-H youths.

The rearing and release of pheasants requires a great deal of responsibility by 4-H youth and a leader and must be familiar with *Pheasant Rearing Guide*, available at the 4-H office.

Cost: \$3.00 per 25 chicks for 4-H members

\$4.00 per 25 for non 4-H members

Contact Teresa Adell tla47@cornell.edu

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Chicks must be pre-ordered and PAID on or before **March 25**

DAIRY DISCOVERY WORKSHOP

Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28

@ Cornell University



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

This year's topic:

Calf and Heifer Management

This state-wide event is for youth ages 14-19.

Registration opens in late January

Contact the 4-H Office

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Livestock Workshops

Beef & Swine



FOUR INFORMATIVE AND INTERACTIVE SESSIONS WILL BE PACKED WITH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES AND IN-DEPTH INFORMATION FOR YOUTH LOOKING TO BEGIN A PROJECT OR INCREASE THEIR SKILL SET.

Thursday, Feb 27: Nutrition

Feed your animal properly to keep it healthy, promote rapid growth and provide the consumer with a quality product. **Location:** CCE Extension Center.

Thursday, March 5: Breeds & Parts

Strengths and weaknesses of each breed and identifying body parts in order to select quality animals. **Location:** CCE Extension Center

Thursday, March 26: Disease & Medications

Sickness and disease can be very costly to your herd. Understanding diseases, learning to take preventative measures and knowing how to treat diseases will keep your herd healthy and profitable. **Location:** CCE Extension Center

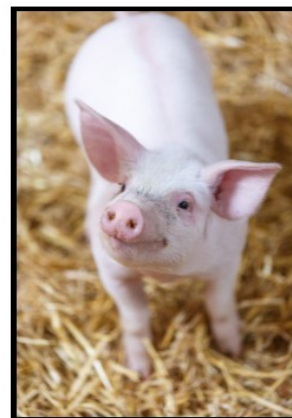
Thursday, April 9: Livestock Hands-On Showmanship Clinic

Learn best techniques of fitting and showing your animal during this HANDS-ON session. **Location:** SUNY Cobleskill Campus

ALL SESSIONS BEGIN AT 6:30 P.M.



Space is Limited!
Register with Teresa Adell
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Upcoming Events

4-H Public Presentations



Public Presentation Day

February 29, 2020

9 a.m. -Noon,

Please arrive by 8:45 a.m.

SUNY Cobleskill,

CANR Building

Look for the 4-H signs

Pre-Registration is required by Friday, February 21.

Must Register with your 4-H Club Leader

Independent 4-H members, register with

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4-H Schoharie County



4-H Tractor Safety Certification Course

A Three Day Series

Monday, March 23, 5-9 p.m.

Monday, March 30, 5-9 p.m.

Saturday, April 4, 9- 4 p.m.

Curtis Mott Building, SUNY Cobleskill

Must attend all classes

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie and Otsego Counties will be offering the Safe Tractor and Machinery Operator's Certification Course in cooperation with SUNY Cobleskill's Agriculture Engineering Department.

This safety course is available to youth 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.

Classroom and driving skill instruction included.

**Fee is \$20. Class is limited to 15 students.
Registration Deadline March 13
Contact Teresa Adell, ta47@cornell.edu
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4-H Schoharie County



4-H LEGISLATIVE INTERN PROGRAM

The Legislative Intern Program is sponsored by the 4-H program of Cornell Cooperative Extension, in Schoharie County. Students meet monthly to participate in seminars, discuss timely government and citizenship related issues, tour county offices, visit the New York State Capitol, meet with elected officials and department heads, and learn first hand about how government works.



In January, the **4-H Legislative Interns** had the opportunity to shadow various jobs within county government.



In January, the children at the Afterschool program in Schoharie Elementary School learned about healthy snacks and were able to make their own Rice Cake Buddies by spreading lowfat cream cheese on a rice cake and using M&Ms to decorate.

Upcoming Events



4-H NYS Capital Days May 17-19, 2020



- To achieve a better understanding of the New York State policy process.
- To gain a better understanding of state and local government connections.
- To provide delegates the ability to meet with legislators and tell their 4-H stories.
- To create an awareness of career opportunities within the New York State Government.
- To meet and exchange experiences with delegates from other counties.

Meet your legislator, Capital Tours, visit State Departments, guest speakers, NYS Court of Appeals, observe Senate in session, Assembly Chamber

14 years or older
Cost per participant is
\$225.00
Scholarships available
Please contact 4-H Office
for an application



Nominations due by
March 20, 2020
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1 DAY ~ HANDS-ON JUDGING EXPERIENCE ~ ONE-ON-ONE REASONS COACHING

SUNY Cobleskill Block and Bridle Club's

SPRING CLINIC

2020

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday

April 25th, 2020



Registration available in February, please visit;
[SUNY Cobleskill Block and Bridle's Facebook](#)

or contact

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NEW YORK STATE 4-H
State Teen Action
Representative Retreat

★ STARR 2020

Save the Date!

It's your time to shine...
join us at STARR

April 24-26, 2020

Due to increasing expenses, the event will be \$110 per person and only need-based scholarships will be extended.





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