



Otsego County 4-H Newsletter



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Otsego County 4-H Dairy Bowl youth learning about a male reproductive tract and artificial insemination tools and studying heat detection devices.

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



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4-H Calendar Events 2023-2024



FEBRUARY	
1	4-H Earn-an-Animal applications due
1	4-H Livestock Auction Beef forms due to the 4-H office
4	4-H Dairy Bowl Practice, 1:00p.m., TBD
7	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00p.m., Zoom
8	NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices, 7:00p.m., Zoom
10	4-H Public Presentation Workshop, 9:00a.m., Rowe House, Oneonta
11	4-H Dairy Bowl Practice, 1:00p.m., Springfield Center
15	4-H Information Night, 5:30p.m., CCE Education Center, Cooperstown
18	4-H Dairy Bowl Practice, 1:00p.m., CoBar Dairy LLC
19	President's Day, CCE Offices closed
21	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00p.m., Zoom
22	NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices, 7:00p.m.
24	4-H Public Presentation, 9:00a.m., Morris Central School
25	4-H Dairy Bowl Practice, 1:00p.m., TBD
28	NYS 4-H Insects & Critters of NYS, 6:30p.m., Zoom
28	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00p.m., Zoom
29	NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices, 7:00p.m., Zoom
MARCH	
3	4-H Dairy Bowl Practice, 1:00p.m., TBD
5-22	4-H Spring Fundraiser, Art In Nature
8	NYS 4-H Insects & Critters of NYS, 6:30p.m., Zoom
9	4-H Regional Hippology & Horse Bowl, 9:00a.m., Greene
9	4-H March Dog Madness, 9:00a.m., Cornell University
10	4-H Dairy Bowl Practices, 1:00p.m., TBD
13	NYS 4-H Insects & Critters of NYS, 6:30p.m., Zoom
16	4-H Regional Dairy Bowl, 9:00a.m., Oxford
20	NYS 4-H Insects & Critters of NYS, 6:30p.m., Zoom
18-22	Ag in the Classroom, "I Love Strawberries!"
23	4-H Livestock Auction Orientation, 9:00a.m., TBD
25	DEC 4-H Day Old Pheasants Chick order due
29-30	NYS 4-H Dairy Discovery, Cornell University
APRIL	
5	4-H Regional Livestock Skill A Thon, 6:00p.m., Broome County
13	NYS 4-H Horse Bowl
20	4-H District Public Presentations & Horse Communications, Dewitt School, Ithaca
27	4-H NYS Dairy Bowl, Beginner, Junior & Senior, Morrison Hall, Cornell University

4-H Club News



At the January club meeting, with the help of Brian Manchester, the **Otsego Firecracker** kids built wooden toolboxes. Through this they utilized measuring and construction skills. 4-H is a big promoter of hands on learning. This was a great way for the them to get experience with power tools and building.



They left the meeting looking forward to taking their tool boxes home to paint, personalize, and then put to work. Maybe even enter in Martin Hall at the 2024 Otsego County Fair! Submitted by Maddie Schultz.



4-H Club News



The **Ewes and Friends 4-H club** met in January and made butter from heavy cream using multiple tools: a jar, a hand crank butter churn, a mixer, a blender, and an immersion blender. The immersion blender was by far the winning method!



The **Kids and Critters Club** learned about the parts of a chicken, while 4-H club **No Goats No Glory** learned about taking care of goats, the Goat Bowl (Score card, record keeping) and made friendship bracelets by Cole Baker.

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Otsego County 4-H Fall Fundraiser

Thank you to all of our members who participated in the Heritage Candle Sale for the 4-H Fall fundraiser.

Our top sellers were as follows:

Top Selling Club: Fields and Flats

Top Selling 4-H Member: Lacey Short

2nd Top Selling 4-H Members: Aniya Kogut and Colin Erkson

Congratulations to everyone on a successful fundraiser.



Youth practice their skills to get ready for the Dairy Quiz Bowl which will be taking place in March. Hands on experiences, as well as practicing questions from previous years, assists them in gaining knowledge needed for the bowl.



4-H Upcoming Events

What's Bugging You? Insects & Critters of NYS 4-part virtual series.

Brought to you by The Youth Nature and Outdoor Environment Program Work Team.

Virtual Zoom Sessions will be held at 6:30pm on:
Wed. Feb 28, Wed. March 6,
Wed. March 13, & Wed. March 20

What makes an insect an insect? And are they different than bugs? This group of animals is the most diverse on the planet with an estimated 5.5 million species, of which only 1 million are known and identified. They outnumber humans in every way and affect our daily lives in many ways for good and for bad. Join us for 1 session or for all 4!

Each session will be 45-minutes and jam-packed with educational fun. This series will unravel the mysteries of insects, with experts from Cornell University, Albany Pine Bush Preserve & 4-H educators presenting this program.

Register with QR Code:



WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?

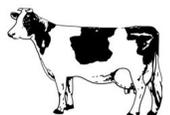
Interested in this series?
For more information
or to register, please use this link

[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/
YNOEinsects_208](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/YNOEinsects_208)

DAIRY DISCOVERY WORKSHOP

Friday, March 29-Saturday, March 30, 2024

@ Cornell University



DAIRY DISCOVERY WORKSHOP:

For more information on this
event visit the following link:

[https://cals.cornell.edu/pro-
dairy/our-expertise/youth/dairy-
discovery-workshop](https://cals.cornell.edu/pro-dairy/our-expertise/youth/dairy-discovery-workshop)

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:

- Dairy Herd Health and Management
- Calf and Heifer Production Management
- Quality Milk and Milk Production
- Whole Farm Management Planning
- Maximizing the Feed Management Program.

Youth who are 14 to 19 years of age on January 1 of the program year and have an interest in dairy cattle and production management are eligible and strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperones).

Contact Teresa Adell at the 4-H Office, 607-547-2536 ext 225, or tla47@cornell.edu

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OTSEGO COUNTY 4-H SPRING FUNDRAISER



March 5-22, 2024

ART IN NATURE 4-H MEMBERS



Thank you for your participation in the Otsego County 4-H Spring Fundraiser. Please do not sell door to door, it is recommended to sell to family, friends, relatives, and at supervised social events.

Please collect money when orders are taken and make all checks out to CCE Schoharie & Otsego Counties.

ALL ORDERS DUE TO YOUR 4-H LEADER BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22
PLEASE RETURN ALL ORDERS TO YOUR CLUB LEADER

**TOP SELLING
CLUB WILL WIN
THIS CLUB PACKET**



**TOP SELLING
4-H MEMBER
WILL WIN THIS
4-H DUFFLE BAG**



**2ND TOP SELLING
4-H MEMBER
WILL WIN THIS
4-H TOOL TOTE**



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4-H Public Presentations



Public Presentation Day

Saturday, February 24, 9 a.m.

Morris Central School

Registration is required by Friday, February 16

Must Register with your 4-H Club Leader

Independent 4-H members, register with

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4-H Members attended the Public Presentations Workshop to learn new speaking skills and practice their presentations.

Why 4-H Public Presentations?

Public speaking is one of the most important life skills 4-H members learn in 4-H. To most people, the thought of preparing a speech and delivering it to an audience is terrifying. However, 4-H Youth Members throughout NYS, as well as the country, have an advantage in public speaking. 4-H members develop and practice their speaking and communication skills through a 4-H program called 4-H Public Presentations.

4-H Public Presentations teaches youth how to effectively communicate their thoughts and ideas.

Youth that learn how to express their thoughts clearly to the people they interact with on the job, in school, or at home will be a more valued employee, a better student, and a more understood family member. 4-H alumni credit 4-H Public Presentations as the edge that places them above their peers in both college and professional careers.

 **4-H GROWS HERE**



4-H Upcoming Events

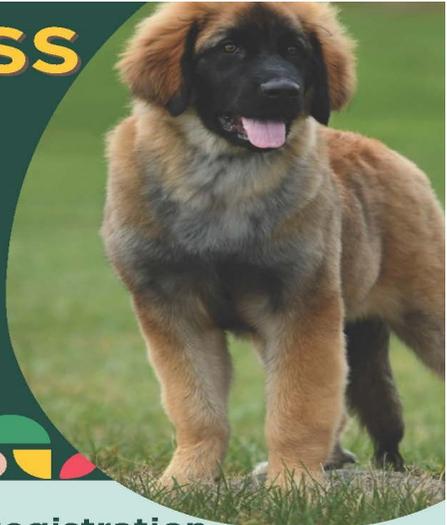
 SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL 
LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON
COMPETITION
April 5th, 2024
Registration begins at 5:30pm
Contest starts at 6:00 pm
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To Pre-register contact your local 4-H Office,
Pizza will be provided to participants



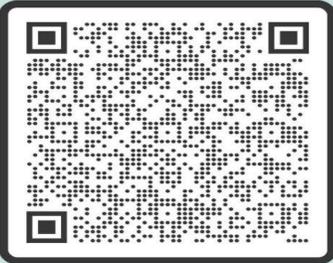
MARCH DOG MADNESS

MARCH 9TH, 2024
9AM-3PM
FRANK B. MORRISON HALL, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

\$25/person
Lunch provided
Registration required



Tentative Schedule

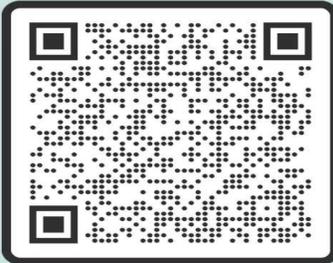


<http://tinyurl.com/bdf2s69u>



New York State
4-H Dog Program

Registration



<http://tinyurl.com/3cezhs7s>

CONTACT BRIAN AUKEMA, BJA14@CORNELL.EDU WITH QUESTIONS

For more information please visit <http://tinyurl.com/bdf2s69u>

4-H Upcoming Events



2024 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.

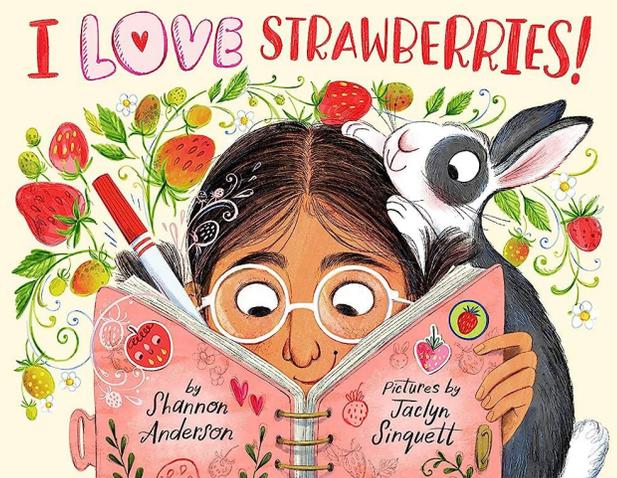
Applications must be submitted by March 25

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Any interested 4H'rs or club leaders should apply online at <http://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/small-game/pheasant>

4-H Pledge
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.



Agricultural Literacy Week **March 18-22, 2019**

In celebration of New York agriculture, volunteers throughout the state will read a book with an agricultural theme to second graders.

I Love Strawberries

Written By Shannon Anderson and
Illustrated By Jaclyn Siquett

Growing strawberries is a lot of work and responsibility, but Jolie is ready with the help of her faithful rabbit Munchy! Together they find out just how delicious, rewarding, and sometimes complicated it can be to grow your own food.

Creating a garden calendar and notebook, how strawberries grow, what pests to look out for in a garden, why ladybugs are helpful, and how a good gardener takes care of strawberry plants are all explained in this fun and educational story. Informational backmatter includes tips on growing strawberries, an explanation of integrated pest management for greener, safer gardening - and even tips for how to find a pick your own strawberry patch near you.

This story makes a great read before a family trip to a strawberry patch, a garden store, or in a classroom talking about healthy eating and growing your own food.



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Office Hours
Open Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Oneonta
Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday & Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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