



# Otsego County 4-H Newsletter



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**National 4-H Week  
Display by the  
Ewes & Friends 4-H Club**

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

**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.



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# 4-H Calendar Events 2024-2025



<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>2025</b>
1	<b>New Year's Day, CCE offices closed</b>
5	4-H Secretary Report due to 4-H Office
6	NYS 4-H Horse Educational Session, Intro to Horse Communications, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom
9	4-H Livestock Auction Committee Meeting, Rowe House, Oneonta, 6:30 p.m.
9	NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices, 7-8:00 p.m., via Zoom
11	4-H Public Presentation Workshop, Rowe House, Oneonta 10:00 a.m.
13	NYS 4-H Horse Educational Sessions, Horse Judging, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom
20	NYS 4-H Horse Educational Sessions, Horse Communication Presentations, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom
<b>20</b>	<b>Martin Luther King's Birthday observed, CCE offices closed</b>
21	4-H Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
22	4-H Volunteer Connections, Preparing for Youth Engagement, 6:30-8 p.m., via Zoom
23	NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices, 7-8:00 p.m., via Zoom
25	4-H Cooking Clinic, Rowe House, Oneonta 10:00 a.m.
27	NYS 4-H Horse Educational Series, Intro to Hippology, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom
28	CCE Annual Kick Off Meeting,
29	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
30	4-H Fair Superintendent Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
	Otsego County Dairy Bowl Practices begin, watch for more details
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
1	4-H Earn-an-Animal applications due
1	4-H Livestock Auction Beef forms due to the 4-H office
1	NYS 4-H Horse Judging Clinic, Broomley-Daggett Equestrian Center, Alfred University, 10:00 a.m.
2	4-H International Day, Southside Mall, Oneonta 1:00 p.m.
3	NYS 4-H Horse Educational Series, Intro to Horse Bowl, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom
5	4-H Secretary Report due to 4-H Office
5	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
6	NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices, 7-8:00 p.m., via Zoom
8	4-H Earn An Animal Interviews and Orientation, Rowe House, Oneonta, 10:00 a.m.
10	NYS 4-H Horse Educational Series, Giving Horse Judging Reasons, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom
12	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00 p.m., Via Zoom
17	NYS 4-H Horse Educational Series, Hippology, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom
<b>17</b>	<b>Presidents' Day observed, CCE Offices closed</b>
18	4-H Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
19	4-H Volunteer Connections, Building Connections for Success, 6:30-8 p.m., via Zoom
19	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
20	NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices, 7-8:00 p.m., via Zoom
22	4-H Sewing Clinic, Rowe House, Oneonta 10: a.m.
24	NYS 4-H Horse Educational Series, Horse Bowl Studying, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom
26	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
26	4-H Virtual Series: Hop, Swim, and Crawl, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
26	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
27	NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices, 7-8:00 p.m., via Zoom

## 4-H Club News



The **Garrattsville Graywolves 4-H Club** celebrated National 4-H Week with a display in their Community

The **Lord of the Reins 4-H Club** held a very successful drill exhibition in October. The members sewed the sparkly vests to match the “Fireworks” theme. The club performed a “pas de deux” driving drill followed by a gaited quadrille. It was a beautiful day with many guests in attendance.



The **Ewes and Friends 4-H Club** carved and decorated pumpkins in October!

In November the **Springfield High Meadows 4-H Club** made wreaths.



# Otsego County 4-H News



Helping Hands  
4-H Member  
using his  
painting skills  
at the 4-H  
Holiday  
Painting  
Workshop



4-H Members from across Otsego County attended the 4-H Officer Training workshop, learning hands on skills to run a meeting and learn how a democratic system works in a group.



Two Otsego County 4-H members, Julia Vunk and Tyler March (pictured above) have joined the NYS 4-H Animal and Agricultural Leadership Program. This program is designed to bridge the gap between high school education and careers in the dairy, livestock, and equine industries.

# 4-H Upcoming Events



## 4-H Public Presentation Workshop for Youth



Saturday, January 11, 2025 10 a.m.

The Rowe House, 31 Maple St, Oneonta

This is an interactive workshop for youth to learn the basics of public presentations. Participants will be introduced to the five Public Presentation categories: demonstrations, illustrated talks, speech, recitation and dramatic interpretation. The focus will be for beginners, but information on the categories will be helpful for all.

A key for succeeding in this world is being able to have your voice heard.

4-H provides an opportunity for youth to learn this valuable skill through public presentations. A 4-H public presentation is showing and telling somebody else how to do something that you **ALREADY KNOW HOW TO DO!** This can be from a 4-H project or activity that you have taken or are taking this 4-H year, or it can be a special interest that you have. Giving a public presentation can help you to grow as an individual, think and talk before a group of people, and gain poise and self-confidence.

Sign up on or before Friday, January 3

Contact Teresa Adell, [ta47@cornell.edu](mailto:ta47@cornell.edu) 607-547-2536 x225



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## 4-H Public Presentations

**Save the Date**  
**Saturday, March 1, 2025**  
**Morris Central School**  
**9:00 a.m.**



4-H  
Public  
Speaking



**MORE INFO TO COME**

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# 4-H Upcoming Events



## 4-H Cooking Clinic



This clinic covers kitchen and food safety, basic food preparation and nutrition. This workshop will be hands on.

Our Menu for the day:

### DECORATING CAKES & CUPCAKES

Introduction to the types of supplies needed for cake decorating and develop skills to make icing.

Workshop Fee \$5 10am, Saturday, January 25

The Rowe House, 31 Maple Street, Oneonta

Pre-registration is required by January 17

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## 4-H It's SEW much FUN!



### 4-H Sewing Clinic

Saturday, February 22, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

The Rowe House, Oneonta

4-H Youth will learn parts of the machine, basic sewing skills and tools, and how to use a pattern

Make a Project to Take Home



Beginner sewers will make a hot dish holder

Intermediate sewers will make a drawstring bag



\$8 Material fee

Pre-register by February 14

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## 4-H INTERNATIONAL DAY



Take a Trip around the World with out leaving Otsego 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!



Sunday, February 2, 2025 1:00pm

Southside Mall Community Room, Oneonta

Pre-registration is required

Contact Teresa Adell, [tla47@cornell.edu](mailto:tla47@cornell.edu) or 607-547-2536 x225



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# 4-H Upcoming Events

## 4-H Earn-An-Animal Timeline

Applications Available- December, 2024  
 Application Deadline- February 1, 2025  
 Applicant Interviews- February 8, 2025  
 Recipient Orientation- February 8, 2025  
 Show Project Animal- July/August 2025  
 Project Records Due- August 3, 2025  
 Reimbursement- November 2025

## The program

The 4-H Earn-An-Animal program allows for Otsego County youth ages 8-18 (as of January 1) 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.

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



### Animals available and scholarship amounts

- Meat Poultry
- Laying Hen
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine
- Goat
- Dairy Calf
- Beef Calf

4-H Earn-An-Animal participants are required to complete objectives before receiving reimbursement for their project animal. Objectives include: showing their animal at The Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show and the Otsego County Fair, displaying a presentation board of their project at the fair, and completing 4-H project records.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 1, 2025

### For More 4-H Earn-An-Animal Information Contact:

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Otsego County 4-H Dairy



QUIZ Bowl

KICK-OFF EVENT



## 2025 DAIRY QUIZ BOWL PRACTICES DETAILS COMING SOON

Open to all Otsego County 4-H members - *not just dairy project participants!*

Come learn about topics that relate to multiple animal species and general agriculture. Sessions will take place from the end of January through early March and will include interactive presentations such as hands-on activities, dissections and farm visits. Each session will then include a separate time to practice questions in preparation for the district dairy quiz bowl event, which is scheduled for March 22, 2025 in Oxford.

QUESTIONS?  
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## March Dog Madness

**March Dog Madness** is an annual conference for adult and teenage 4-H volunteer leaders. Workshops engaged participants in science-based information training. Current animal health, animal behavior, industry trends and youth development issues are addressed. Past guest presenters included stakeholders, extension professionals, community, and youth experts. This program is designed to help community leaders understand and practice principles that they could take back and share with 4-H members at the local level. Adult and teen leaders gained networking skills, exchanged ideas and had an opportunity to work together in a university setting. This event is open to all interested staff, adult and teen 4-H leaders were invited to attend this one day information packed program. Dog project leaders engaged in local community training programs were strongly encouraged to attend. Presentations from a variety of experienced professionals may have included: Cooperative Extension Staff, County Volunteers, Cornell University Veterinarians, community collaborators, etc. This Saturday workshop is held every March at the CALS Department of Animal Science on the Cornell Campus (507 Tower Rd., Frank B. Morrison Hall, Ithaca, NY, 14853).

## SAVE THE DATE

2025 MARCH DOG MADNESS  
 MARCH 8TH, 2025

WILL BE HELD ON CORNELL CAMPUS

MORE INFORMATION COMING IN THE NEW YEAR





# NYS 4-H Upcoming Events



## NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices!

Join youth from across the state on Thursdays in January & February from 7 - 8pm and participate in virtual dairy bowl practices, hosted by the NYS 4-H Dairy Committee.

- January 9
- January 23
- February 6
- February 20
- February 27



Register here:  
<https://bit.ly/4fi7sQP>



NYS 4-H LIVESTOCK

## 2025 NYS 4-H LIVESTOCK SUMMIT JANUARY 29TH TO FEBRUARY 26TH @ 7 P.M. VIA ZOOM

- January 29th - Selection of your 4-H Project Animal.  
Seth Ebert- Ohio State ATI Judging Coach and Animal Science Professor
- February 5th - Getting there Safely, Trailering 101!  
Jonathon Lippert, Lippert Trucking
- February 12th - Sheep and Goat Management Strategies!  
Jessica Waltemyer, NYS Small Ruminant Extension Specialist
- February 19th - Tic(S) Tock: Increasing Risk of Ticks on Livestock  
Joellen Lampman-IPM Extension Support Specialist
- February 26th - Beef 101- Keys to Raising your Beef Project  
Adam Murray- NYS Extension Beef Specialist



To Register scan or visit link below:  
<https://cornell.zoom.us/join/joinMeetingUrl>

For more information contact Brian Aukema at  
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## NYS 4-H EDUCATIONAL ZOOM SESSIONS:

Join us for our yearly NYS 4-H Horse Educational Event zoom series! Come learn directly from our coaches about our contests and how to study/prepare!

Registration closes January 3rd, 2025.

We will be meeting:  
January 6, 13, 20, 27  
February 3, 10, 17, 24

**REGISTRATION LINK:**  
[HTTPS://REG.CCE.CORNELL.EDU/EDUCATIONALZOOMSESSION\\_127](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/educationalzoomsession_127)



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## SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for our **SECOND** Annual NYS 4-H Horse Judging Clinic! **Registration information will be sent out ASAP.** Registration deadline will be January 15th, 2025.

This year it will be hosted at Alfred University at their Broomley-Daggett Equestrian Center!

**Date: February 1st, 2025**

**Start Time: 10:00am**

Local Hotels:  
Hampton Inn Hornell and Saxon Inn

**Lunch is provided for youth and the cost is FREE with a big THANK YOU to Alfred University for hosting and sponsoring this event!**

**If you have any questions please email Jessica Tyson at [jms943@Cornell.edu](mailto:jms943@Cornell.edu).**



## 4-H Otsego County



# **4-H Tractor Safety Certification Course**

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**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie and Otsego Counties will be offering the Safe Tractor and Machinery Operator's Certification Course.**

**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.**

### **CLASS DATES: MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES**

**Monday-March 17, 4-H Office, 31 Maple St., Oneonta-6-8pm**

**Monday-March 24, 4-H Office, 31 Maple St., Oneonta-6-8pm**

**Monday-March 31, 4-H Office, 31 Maple St., Oneonta-6-8pm**

**Monday-April 7, 4-H Office, 31 Maple St., Oneonta-6-8pm**

**Monday-April 14, 4-H Office, 31 Maple St., Oneonta-6-9pm**

**Saturday-April 19, -Driving Test-River Valley New Holland,  
3910 State Route 7, Oneonta 1pm**

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**Class Fee is \$40.**

**Make checks payable to CCE Schoharie & Otsego Counties**

**Class is limited, sign up soon!**

**Registration Deadline March 7, 2025**

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# 4-H Volunteer Upcoming Events

NEW FOR 2025 FROM THE NE REGIONAL VOLUNTEERISM TEAM



## 2025 4-H VOLUNTEER CONNECTIONS

These programs are structured to offer connection, engagement, and networking for 4-H volunteers from all 11 states the Northeast Region. Zoom sessions start with "connection before content" with fun icebreaker games and conversation. The main session topic is led by experts, 4-H staff, or volunteer panelists. Volunteers work in breakout sessions to share ideas and learn from one another.

### **PREPARING FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: January 22nd -6:30-8 pm**

4-H is hands on learning! Have you ever spent hours preparing a hands-on learning experience for youth to then have it fall flat? You might be missing one key ingredient - youth engagement! Join us as we explore the key elements of youth engagement and practical strategies to move from working for youth to working with them!

### **BUILDING CONNECTIONS FOR SUCCESS: February 19th -6:30-8 pm**

While it may seem challenging to navigate the organization and feel connected to the broader 4-H community, you have the power to make a difference. Join us to learn how dedicated 4-H volunteers have faced these challenges head-on through uplifting social gatherings, informal mentoring, and strong community connections. Enhance your leadership skills by building meaningful connections that inspire and empower.

### **GROWING BEYOND THE RIBBON: March 19th -6:30-8 pm**

Join us to explore how the Danish System can be used as a strategy to cultivate youth who continue to grow and thrive. Take a closer look at what those colored ribbons mean and learn strategies to cultivate youth thriving by meeting youth where they are and guiding them to their next level of growth.

**REGISTER NOW**

[www.tinyurl.com/4HNERV2025](http://www.tinyurl.com/4HNERV2025)



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**Monday, Tuesday & Friday**  
**8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**



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