



# Otsego County 4-H Newsletter



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**March & April 2026**



**Otsego County 4-H  
member Robert Kennedy  
at 4-H Public  
Presentations**

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





# 4-H Calendar Events



<b>MARCH</b>	
1	4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices, 1 p.m., Springfield Center Community Room
3	4-H Fair Superintendents Meeting, 6:30pm via Zoom
4	4-H Science of Nature, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
4	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
5	4-H Secretary Report due to 4-H Office
6	4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Practices, 6:00 p.m., Rowe House, Oneonta
7	4-H March Dog Madness, Cornell
7	4-H Livestock Skillathon Event Kick Off, 1 p.m., Rowe House, 31 Maple Street, Oneonta
8	4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices. 1 p.m., Springfield Center Community Room
11	4-H Science of Nature, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
13	4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Practices, 6:00 p.m., Rowe House, Oneonta
16-20	NYS Ag in the Classroom Literacy Week
17	4-H Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
18	4-H Science of Nature, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
18	4-H Volunteer Connections, Moving Into a New Era of Leadership With Teens, 6:30-8 p.m., via Zoom
21	4-H District Dairy Bowl, 8:30 a.m., Greene Intermediate School, 105 Elementary Lane, Greene
21	4-H District Horse Bowl, 1 p.m., Greene Intermediate School, 105, Elementary Lane, Greene
24	4-H Fair Superintendent Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
25	4-H Science of Nature, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
27-28	Dairy Discovery Workshop, Cornell University
<b>APRIL</b>	
1	Otsego County 4-H Fundraiser begins, Snackin in the USA
5	4-H Secretary Report due to 4-H Office
7	4-H Teen Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
11	4-H Dairy Calf Sale, 10:30 a.m., Hoskings Spring Premier All Breed Sale, 6096 NYS Rte 8, New Berlin
11	District 4-H Public Presentations, Ithaca
12	4-H Dog Handler & Skills Class, Orientation, 4276 St Hwy 51, Garrattsville, 2 p.m.
14	4-H Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
17	Tractor Supply 4-H Clover Sales Begin
17	4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest, 5:30 p.m., CCE Broome, 840 Front St #2, Binghamton, NY 13905
18	4-H Livestock Auction Orientation, 10:00 a.m., Location TBD
19	4-H Dog Handler & Skills Class, 2 p.m., 4276 St Hwy 51, Garrattsville
21	4-H Fair Superintendents Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
25	4-H Gardening Clinic, 1 p.m., CCE Cooperstown Educational Center, 123 Lake St, Cooperstown
26	4-H Dog Handler & Skills Class, 2 p.m., 4276 St Hwy 51, Garrattsville

# 4-H Club News



**Ewes & Friends 4-H Club** met in January and learned how to make homemade ravioli stuffed with a lemon ricotta filling and learned about Italy in preparation for International Day at the Southside Mall.

At our January meeting the **Fields and Flats 4-H Club** toured the Lindsey's woodworking shop and built birdhouses and in February we practiced out 4-H Public Presentations



**The Crafty Chipmunks 4-H Club** met in February to work on basic sewing skills by making pillows.



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.

# 4-H Events

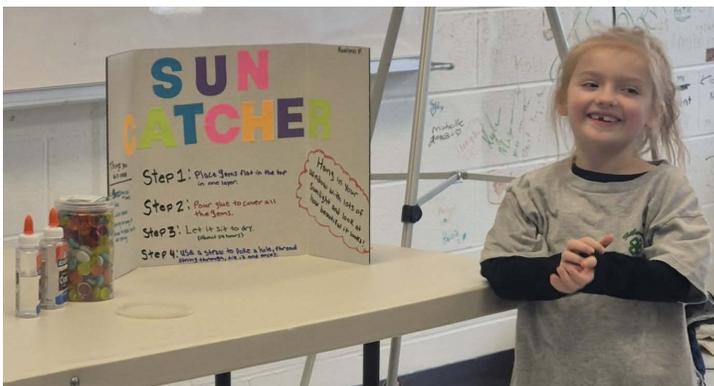


**Otsego County 4-H members learning how to do a 4-H Public Presentation**

In February the Otsego County 4-H Clubs participated in the Otsego County 4-H International Day at the Southside Mall in Oneonta.  
Ewes N' Friends-Italy  
Helping Hands-Australia  
Gilbertsville Dairy-Egypt  
Crafty Chipmunks-Argentina



**Otsego County 4-H members learning new skills at Dairy & Horse Bowl practices**



# 2026 4-H Public Presentations

## 4-H Upcoming Events

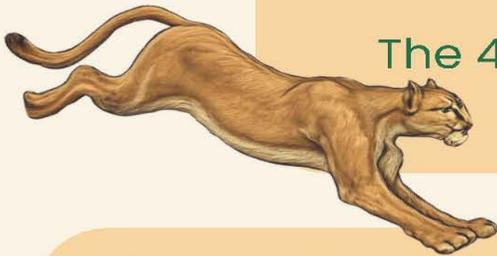


# SCIENCE OF NATURE WITH YNOE PWT



Join us for a fun and educational virtual series on the science of nature: wildlife forensics, designed for youth across New York State.

The 4 part series runs every Wednesday in March, 2026 from 6:30-7:30PM



- Dates: March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25
- No cost to participate
- Who can participate: 4-H members and families, any interested youth



Registration required

**[Click here to register!](#)**

This virtual series for youth showcases examples where science has been used to identify, conserve, and manage wildlife. With expert speakers, we will unravel DNA analysis in mammals, cloning in conservation, wildlife crime in reptiles, and more!



## 4-H Upcoming Events

### **DAIRY DISCOVERY 2026**

**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:**

### **Milk and Milk Quality**

This state-wide event is for youth ages 14-18

Registration closes on March 23

Location: Frank Morrison Hall, 507 Tower Rd, Ithaca, NY 14853

For more information contact the 4-H Office

607-547-2536 ext 225, 607-433-2521

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<https://cals.cornell.edu/pro-dairy/our-expertise/youth/dairy-discovery-workshop>

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## Otsego County 4-H **DAIRY CALF SALE**

Saturday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m. in conjunction  
with

**HOSKING'S SPRING PREMIER ALL BREED SALE**

6096 NYS Route 8, New  
Berlin, NY 13411 —  
[www.hoskingsales.com](http://www.hoskingsales.com)

For more information  
Contact:  
Dan Menendez  
315-985-0613

Silent Auction  
  
Fundraiser &  
**PIE SALE**



Did you know?

Proceeds from this  
sale support the  
Otsego County 4-H  
Dairy Youth Program.

For More Information  
Contact Teresa Adell  
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Otsego County 4-H Calf Sale

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## 4-H Upcoming Events



# OTSEGO COUNTY 4-H Dog & Handler Skills Class



Otsego County 4-H is offering dog handler foundational skill classes that build communication techniques that are clear and kind and uses positive reinforcement through fun activities.

**Dog Orientation class is to review required paperwork to participate in the program and discuss the workshops offered for the year.**

**Orientation is Sunday. April 12, 2026 2 p.m.  
4276 St Hwy 51, Garrattsville**

**This class is focused on beginner dog sports for rally, obedience, agility, and showmanship.**

**Classes will be held on Sundays  
4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31  
2 p.m. at  
4276 St Hwy 51, Garrattsville**



**COST \$40 PER YOUTH**  
Payable to  
CCE Schoharie & Otsego Counties

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
For More Information or to Register  
Contact Teresa Adell  
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# 4-H GROW & SHOW WORKSHOP

## 4-H Horticulture Fair Exhibit Ideas



Participants will see examples of possible Horticulture Fair Exhibits and create a sample project to take away. At the workshop, participants will select a project to work on while at home and we will provide ongoing support and guidance during that time.

### Sample Exhibits

- Quick and easy plant collections
- Horticulture scrapbooks
- Vegetable art
- Cut flowers and arrangements
- Indoor gardening and terrariums
- Garden experiments
- Photo and or garden record book
- Landscape designs

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

**1 p.m.**

**CCE Education Center, 123 Lake  
St., Cooperstown**

**Pre-registration required**

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# 4-H Upcoming Events



## Animal Crackers

**Saturday, May 2, 2026**

All Creatures Great and Small featuring Horse, Sheep, Swine, and Dog!

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2026

Time: 8:30 am - 9:00 am - Check-in will be in the main lobby of Frank B. Morrison Hall. Program starts promptly at 9 am and end at approximately 4 pm.

Location: [CALS Animal Science, 507 Tower Rd., Frank B. Morrison Hall, Ithaca, NY, 14853](#)

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 22nd  
\$30 per participant (including chaperones)

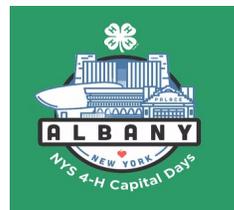
Lunch will be provided for both youth and chaperones. Please indicate on the registration any dietary needs. We will also be providing Animal Cracker t-shirts to all registered participants as well.

The annual Animal Crackers program provides New York youth with fun, hands-on, science-oriented learning experiences on Animal Science topics. This workshop is for 4-H members interested in learning more about their favorite livestock, companion or pet animal species; emphasis on different species groupings and activities varies annually. Participants will learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with faculty, staff, students, professional producers, industry experts, and more, utilizing the unique facilities of Cornell University. Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group.

**For more information and to register**

**Please contact Teresa Adell, [ta47@cornell.edu](mailto:ta47@cornell.edu)**

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4-H Capital Days is an **NYSACCE4-HE**-sponsored event that gives youth an opportunity to meet and interact with legislators and tell their 4-H story. 4-H Capital Days creates awareness of career opportunities in the New York State government, a better understanding of state government, and networking with delegates from other counties. Delegates are chosen by their county 4-H program.

## Capital Days 2026

4-H'ers (ages 14-18 as of January 1, 2026) you are invited to attend the 2026 NY 4-H Capital Days, May 17-19, 2026!

Cost: TBA

Join us in person in our state capital, Albany, as we get acquainted with our state government and connect with other teens from across the state! Visit the Assembly and Senate Chambers, tour the Capitol building and learn all about its history, visit the NYS Court of Appeals. Choose an agency you can interact with that you would like to know more about: Department of Ag & Markets, Department of Corrections, Department of Health, Department of Education, and Department of Environmental Conservation. Then schedule a visit with your Assemblyperson and Senator and tell your 4-H story. Add in live games and the chance to win prizes!

## 4-H Child Care Clinic



**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

CCE Education Center  
123 Lake Street, Cooperstown

9 a.m.-2 p.m. \$20.00 class fee

Bring your lunch

Must preregister- 4-H Office, by May 29

Teresa Adell [ta47@cornell.edu](mailto:ta47@cornell.edu)

607-547-2536 ext 225

4-H youth ages 11 and up will learn safety, child development, nutrition, activities and business skills to help them in their child care business. Participants will put together a

**Babysitter's Bag of Tricks**



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## 4-H Photography Clinic

**Saturday, June 13, 2026 10 a.m.**

CCE Education Center, 123 Lake Street, Cooperstown  
4-H youth will learn equipment, lighting, composition, and skill building.

May bring camera or digital phones and photo taking equipment, bring cords to download pictures to computer to print if needed.

Equipment will be provided to take pictures.

We will be taking pictures of the CCE gardens and surrounding nature. Will print your pictures and mount them ready to showcase at the fair.

Registration is required contact Teresa Adell, [ta47@cornell.edu](mailto:ta47@cornell.edu)  
607-547-2536 Deadline for sign up is June 5

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**4-H GROWS HERE**

**Cooperstown  
 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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