



Schoharie County 4-H Newsletter



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4-H Members
mixing up some fun
at the 4-H Cooking
Clinic held in
January.

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 Central School and Schoharie Central School, provides afterschool programs that serve over 110 students in grades K-6. The program serves students at Schoharie Central (grades 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 2018-2019



FEBRUARY	
2	4-H Art Workshop, CCE Extension Center, 9-11 a.m.
2	4-H Birds In Your Backyard, CCE Extension Center, 1-3 p.m.
9	4-H Public Presentations, Golding Middle School, 9:00 a.m.
13	4-H Legislative Intern Program, Schoharie County Office Building, 9-2 p.m.
15-17	Great Backyard Bird Count
16	4-H Sewing Clinic, CCE Extension Center, 9-11 a.m.
18	President's Day observed, CCE offices closed
18	4-H Dog Education Class, CCE Extension Center, 6:30 p.m.
26	4-H Leader's Meeting, CCE Extension Center, 6:30 p.m.
MARCH	
2	4-H District Dairy Bowl, Ichabod Crane Middle School, Valatie, Registration 8:30 a.m.
3	4-H Dog Training Orientation and Education Class, CCE Extension Center, 2:00 p.m.
9	4-H District Horse Bowl and Hippology, Canajoharie, 9:00 a.m.
10	4-H Dog Training, Hessian Hill Farm, 2:00 p.m.
10	4-H Shooting Sports, Air Rifle, Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club, 1-4 p.m.
13	4-H Legislative Intern Program, Schoharie County Office Building, 9-2 p.m.
15	4-H International Night, CCE Extension Center, 7:00 p.m.
17	4-H Dog Training, Hessian Hill Farm, 2:00 p.m.
17	March Dog Madness, Cornell University
23	4-H Earn an Animal Orientation, CCE Extension Center, 9:00 a.m.
26	4-H Program Committee, Dairy & Livestock, CCE Extension Center, 6:30 pm
29- 30	4-H Dairy Discovery, Cornell University
30	Jr. Iron Chef Competition, SUNY Cobleskill
31	4-H Dog Training, Hessian Hill Farm, 2:00 p.m.
APRIL	
1	Tractor Safety Class, Curtis Mott Hall, SUNY Cobleskill, 5-9 pm
7	4-H Dog Training, Hessian Hill Farm, 2:00 pm
5-7	State Teen Action Rep. Retreat (STARR) NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse
8	Tractor Safety Class, Curtis Mott Hall, SUNY Cobleskill, 5-9 pm
10	4-H Legislative Program, Trip to Albany
13	Tractor Safety Class, Curtis Mott Hall, SUNY Cobleskill, 9am-4pm
14	4-H Dog Training, Hessian Hill Farm, 2:00 pm
27	4-H District Presentations, Horse Communications, Tamarac High School, 9-3 p.m.
MAY	
4	Animal Crackers at Cornell University- Species: Horse & Poultry
3-5	4-H Forestry Weekend, Camp Shankitunk, Delaware County
19-21	4-H Capital Days, Albany
27	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 at the Schoharie Free Library to participate in the “Backyard Sugaring” program. The Montione family shared how they make maple syrup at their home. We were able to try maple butter on bread and maple syrup over ice cream. We also met at Maple Hill Farms where Victor Putnam showed us a maple sap evaporator and finishing pan. We also saw the kitchen and store. He showed us how to make maple candy, which we sampled. We also tapped some trees.



Mountain Maniacs club had fun at Archery Day at the Middleburgh Rod and Gun Club. Eight members earned certificates for completing the safety and proficiency class. We held a baking class and two of our moms, Beth Tuttle and Tammy Tansey, taught us to bake and frost cupcakes from scratch.

We welcomed five new members in January.

Die Hard Dairy celebrated the end of the year by having a bowling and pizza party. Even a bunch of our parents bowled with us. I won't say who won.

Several members of our group are practicing each Sunday for the Dairy Bowl competition. We have been studying our questions and using the buzzers. The competition is going to happen in March. Wish us good luck. We are almost done with our first fundraiser of the year, selling Little Caesar's Pizza. Hopefully that will help us to do lots of fun things this year to help us to keep learning.

Club reporter,
Case Yacobucci

Thank you to the following new 4-H Club leaders that attended the new leader training to learn what responsibilities and skills are needed to run a 4-H club; **Jessi Leveille, Margo Kyes, Rebecca Whiteman, Cheryl Holt, Kerry Moreland, Liz Goblet-Schubert, Chuck Harris, Michele Strobeck, Cori Bissonette**



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 homemade cocoa mix, easy to fix green beans, sloppy joes, cornbread and magical fruit salad.



At the Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club 4-H members learned basic rules of safety, proper equipment selection and care and beginning shooting techniques at the 4-H Archery Clinic



Rebecca Whiteman attended the Massachusetts 4-H Rabbit Clinic and learned a lot from the clinic about nutrition, that she can use to increase the quality of her rabbits body and fur. I hope to put this to use to compare the difference in my rabbits overall health.



4-H members at the Cobleskill-Richmondville 4-H Afterschool program practice their snowshoeing techniques

4-H Upcoming Events

4-H Public Presentations



Public Presentation Day

February 9, 2019

9 a.m. - Noon,

Please arrive by 8:45 a.m.

Golding Middle School,

Look for the 4-H signs

Pre-Registration is required by Friday, February 2.

Must Register with your 4-H Club Leader

Independent 4-H members, register with

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4-H It's SEW much FUN!

4-H Sewing Clinic

Saturday, February 16th

9:00am CCE Extension Center

4-H Youth will learn parts of the machine, basic sewing skills and tools, and

how to use a pattern

Make a

Drawstring Bag

to take home



\$5 Material fee

Pre-register by February 8

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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 15, 2019

6:30pm

CCE Extension Center, Cobleskill

Pre-registration is required

Contact Teresa Adell, tka47@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 10, 1-4 p.m.

Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club



4-H Tractor Safety Certification Course

A Three Day Series

Mondays: April 1, 5-9 p.m.

April 8, 5-9 p.m.

April 13, 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.



4-H STARR

State Teen Action
Reps Retreat

April 5-7, 2019

STARR is an annual weekend for 4-H teens from across the New York State to gather and build leadership skills as well as network with peers and adults from across the state.

STARR compasses the best of team building activities, youth community action & youth adult partnerships in one fun-filled, fast paced weekend. Participants gain new skills and knowledge by attending workshops of their choice, learning how to "make the best better" and participating in awesome community services activities!

- STARR is open to 4-H teens 13 to 19 years of age, and their adult chaperone
- Cost is \$85.00 per person (covers lodging, meals, workshop supplies and more, scholarships are available through the Schoharie County 4-H office)
- Contact Teresa Adell, tla47@cornell.edu, 518-234-4303, 296-8310, for more information and registration.



Fee is \$20. Class is limited to 15 students.
Registration Deadline March 22
Contact Teresa Adell, tla47@cornell.edu
Or 518-234-4303



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Animal Science



4-H HEALTHY DOG WORKSHOP



Monday, February 18

Want to learn how to keep a dog healthy?



This hands-on workshop will cover:

Healthy Dog Foods & Treats

Vet Care for your Dog

We will be making Homemade Dog Treats!

Cost: \$5

6:30 p.m. at the CCE Extension Center, Cobleskill

Registration is required:

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4-H Dog Training



Mandatory Orientation Meeting and Education Class

Youth only, No dogs
Sunday, March 3, 2-3 p.m. at
CCE Extension Center

Topic: Grooming and Caring for your Dog

Bring current rabies vaccination record.

Open to Schoharie County 4-H youth ages 5-18 years with dogs 6 months or older.

Classes will be held on Sundays
March 10,17,24,31 and April 7,14, 2019
2-3 pm at Hessian Hill Farm, Berne

This is a basic obedience program that will teach dogs and
handlers basic obedience and canine knowledge

COST \$20.00 PER YOUTH

For More Information or to Register
Contact the Schoharie County 4-H Office
At 518-234-4303 or 518-296-8310
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4-H Horse Quiz Bowl-District Event-March 9-Canajoharie.

"Educational Competition Event", Individuals or teams of 4 compete in a quiz bowl format against other counties on general horse knowledge.

Topics include colors breeds, care and feeding, parts of the horse and tack, show rules, diseases, conformation, unsoundness, shoeing, breeding, etc. Coaches run weekly practice from December through March. Open to 4-H members ages 9 to19.

Teams: consist of no less than 4 and not more than 6 members.

Seniors-at least 14 years of age but not yet 19 years by January 1 of the current year

Juniors-must not have achieved their 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year

Novice-Not received their 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year and never participated in any previous Horse Quiz Bowl contest.

If you would like to start a Horse Quiz Bowl Team,
be a Coach and for more information

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4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

Hippology is an activity that can enhance learning for 4-H members by letting them exhibit their knowledge and understanding of equine science and husbandry. Participants will be able to demonstrate their experience in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. It is hoped that this project contest will generate a rewarding experience for the contestants.

- Seniors - Senior contestants must be 14 years of age but not yet 19 years of age before January 1 of the current calendar year .
- Juniors - Junior contestants must not have achieved their 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current calendar year.

Hippology practices are beginning at the CCE

Extension Center,

The Regional Hippology Contest is Saturday, March 9, 2019

For sign up and more information contact the 4-H office at
518-234-4303 or email Teresa Adell, tla47@cornell.edu

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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

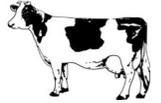
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Chicks must be pre-ordered and PAID on or before **March 18**

DAIRY DISCOVERY WORKSHOP

Friday, March 29-Saturday, March 30

@ 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:

Dairy Herd Health and Management

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

Registration deadline is March 1, 2019.

Cost: \$50 per Youth plus lodging. Scholarships Available.

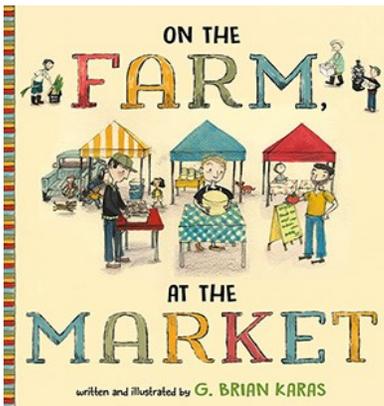
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Agricultural Literacy Week March 18-22, 2019

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

On The Farm, At The Market

Written and Illustrated By G. Brian Karas

We are proud to feature a book this year that displays the unique markets and diversity that encompasses many aspects of New York's agriculture focusing on food production and direct marketing. Students will be taken on a journey to local rural, suburban and urban farmers' markets, seeing a strong interconnected community by following the food production and sales processes of three different farms. The book also explores the interconnected community of farmers and eaters, and how the food sold at the market comes together to create the foods we share.

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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** job shadowed the different departments at the Schoharie County Office Building. Shane Nickle, Senior Planner of the Schoharie County Office of Community Development Services shared a planning activity with the interns.



During the month of January the **4-H Afterschool Program** in Cobleskill-Richmondville and Schoharie Schools learned hands on about Healthy Lifestyles, preparing healthy snacks, like bread-in-a-bag, apple crunchy treats, rabbit snacks and crunchy fruit sundaes.



SCHOHARIE COUNTY 4-H HORSE EVENTS 2019



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4-H Horse Hippology-District Event-March 9-Canajoharie. “Educational Competition Event”, Hippology is the study of horses. In Hippology 4-H Horse project, you will learn all about horse anatomy, care, nutrition, and equipment. Then you will have the opportunity to compete against other 4-H members in your age group on questions about these horse facts in the 4-H Hippology contest. It has four sections, including a lab practicum, horse judging, a written test, and a team problem. It is a fun way to learn about horses with other horse-crazy kids just like you!

Teams: consist of 3-4 members, one or two individuals may compete as individuals

Seniors-at least 14 years of age but not yet 19 years by January 1 of the current year

Juniors-must not have achieved their 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year

Novice-Not received their 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year and never participated in any previous Horse Hippology contest.

4-H Horse Communications-District Event-April 9, Tamarac High School. “Communication and Public Speaking Competition Event” This event is centered on the horse world and must pertain to the horse industry encompassing a wide variety of topics to compete and show off communication and speaking skills. The divisions are Individual, Team, and Public Speaking (speeches).

Seniors-at least 14 years of age but not yet 19 years by January 1 of the current year

Juniors-must not have achieved their 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year

Novice-Not received their 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year and never participated in any previous Horse Communications contest

Team-consists of two members

4-H Horse Judging-“Educational Competition Event” Horse judging is evaluating conformation and the performance of a horse and giving oral reasons.

Teams: consist of not more 4 members.

Seniors-at least 14 years of age but not yet 19 years by January 1 of the current year

Juniors-must not have achieved their 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year

Novice-Not received their 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year and never participated in any previous Horse Judging contest.

4-H Equine Extravaganza– April, SUNY Cobleskill-”Educational Event”- Educational topics include: Nutrition, Tack & Saddle Fitting, Horse Judging , Horse Management, Farrier Care, and more! This event also includes a tract for Cloverbuds

4-H Showmanship Clinic-June-“Educational Workshop” Participants will learn how to show your horse in the ring based on leading, posing, showing animal to best advantage and attitude, alertness and poise. Will also learn about the appearance of the animal and exhibitor.



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