

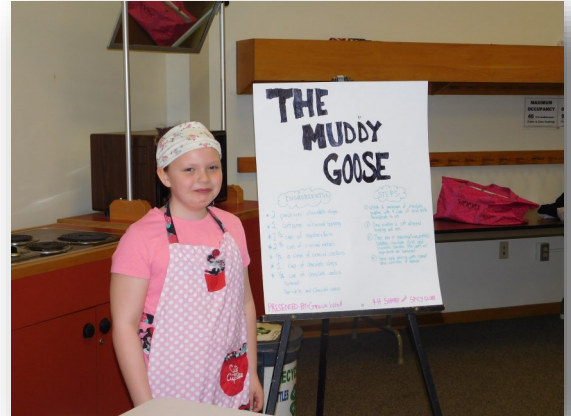


# 4-H Highlights

February 2022 

## Public Presentation Day Saturday, March 12th

9am - 12pm  
Cornell Cooperative Extension Office  
50 W. High St., Ballston Spa, NY



Public Presentation Day is a nationally recognized element of the 4-H Youth Development Program. This public speaking event is one of 4-H's most beneficial and rewarding experiences. It is the program most often credited by 4-H alumni as having given them an edge above their peers in high school, college, and into their adult careers.

*Make ups will be done via zoom on 15th and 17th (5-7pm). Forms will be available soon. Both in office and online.*

### Upcoming Events & Deadlines

#### February

- 12th - Teen Council Meeting (Zoom)
- 19th - Teen Council Movie Night
- 23rd - 4-H Project Day
- 26-27th Shooting Sports Instructor Training
- 22nd - Vet Science Begins

#### March

- 5th - District Horse Bowl
- 12th - Public Presentations In-Person
- 15th & 17th - Public Presentations Zoom
- 7th - District 4-H Dairy Bowl
- 14th - 4-H Leaders Association
- 14th - District Horse Bowl, Horse Communications
- 21st - 25th - Ag Literacy week

## Calling All 4-H'ers



**4-H  
Walkathon**  
Saturday, May 14th, 2022  
at the  
Saratoga Spring YMCA

**Pre-Registration Required  
Register Here!**

[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4HWalkathon2022\\_241](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4HWalkathon2022_241)

Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Saratoga County

We are excited to announce the 2022 Saratoga County 4-H Walkathon! This year's 4-H Walkathon will allow us to get back to normal as we gather together as a 4-H Family and support the 4-H Training Center! This year's event will be held at the Saratoga Springs YMCA at 290 W. Ave. Registration is at 9:30, with the Walk kicking off at 10:00.

We are asking for pre-registration this year. The registration form can be found at [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4HWalkathon2022\\_241](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4HWalkathon2022_241)

There are in-person and remote participation options. Full registration is \$25 per person. We have retained the \$75 family cap as established last year, meaning that if you have more than 3 in your immediate family, you will pay no more than \$75 to register everyone.

Please keep in mind that most of the money that is raised to support the 4-H Training Center at the Walkathon comes from families asking for sponsorships. In 2021 we did not encourage this due to the pandemic. This year however, we are asking that you show your support by speaking with businesses and individuals to seek sponsorships. We will again be giving awards for the top fundraisers, and we hope to make the 2022 4-H Walkathon a banner year. We will need your help in this, and we know that as a 4-H family, we can make it happen!



### 4-H GOLF CLASSIC

## Annual Scholarship Golf Classic Celebrating 21 Year!

Save the date!! The 21st Annual Golf Classic has been set for June 4, 2022. This year the classic is at Fairways of Halfmoon. The shotgun start is scheduled for 9:00 am, with registration at 7:30am, and will conclude with a delicious buffet lunch and an awards ceremony. Last year we came very close to meeting our goal of 100 golfers. Our goal for 2022 is to have over 100 golfers, and raise over \$10,000. Based on last year's success and with your help, we are confident we can reach this goal this year. All proceeds from the golf classic go directly back into the 4-H Program via the 4-H Leaders Association. The Association then provides scholarships, funding for educational programs, and hands on learning opportunities for the 4-H Volunteer Leaders. Want to get involved? We are always looking for new sponsors, donors, raffle items and things to be placed in our participant goodie bags. Or, just come out to play and enjoy a day of golf in support of Saratoga County 4-H. Be on the lookout for upcoming articles in highlights on how you can support the 4-H Scholarship Golf Classic and 4-H, or contact Greg at the 4-H office.



# The Ballston Spa Lions Club



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## Mid-Winter Party for a Cause

To Support the Saratoga County  
4-H Capital Campaign

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A GREAT CAUSE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

THE HIDEAWAY AT  
THE SARATOGA LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

7:00-10:00PM (DOORS OPEN 6:00)

Call 518.885.8995  
or visit

[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/PRTY4ACAUSE\\_241](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/PRTY4ACAUSE_241)



# Public Presentation Day

## Saturday, March 12th

9am-12pm (Other options available for Zoom)

Cornell Cooperative Extension Office

50 W. High St. Ballston Spa, NY

### *Resources:*

The Saratoga County guidelines for public presentation demonstrations are in the office. They include step by step instructions for preparing a demonstration, making a poster, cooking tips, sample evaluation forms, and more. The documents are also found online at [www.ccesaratoga.org/4-H](http://www.ccesaratoga.org/4-H).

### *Registration*

*Registrations are due  
in the office on  
Monday, February  
28th*

*A 4-H'er must do two  
demonstrations before  
moving onto a different  
type of presentation.*

### *Teen Assistants:*

4-H members 13 years of age and older who are *presenting* or *interviewing* are invited to be teen assistants for the day. Serve as an evaluator, room host, or help with other aspects of the program.

### *Make-up Days ZOOM*

**Make-up day** for Public Presentation will be March 15 and 17 from 5 to 7:00 pm via Zoom. It is available to those who cannot make it on the 12th or feel more comfortable doing remotely.

**You MUST call (518-885-8995) and schedule a time for a zoom presentation on either of those 2 days.**

## Horse Presentations

**JUNIOR:** Under 14 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

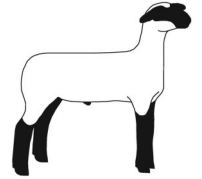
**SENIOR:** 14 years of age or older as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

- ◆ Saturday, March 5th at the 4-H Training Center. Reserve a time on your registration form.
- ◆ 4-H Horse Project members must select whether or not to be considered for the Regional Communications before their presentation. Please indicate on the registration form in the Code column -- **H-RC** for regional consideration **OR** **H-NRC** for non-regional.
- ◆ Horse Communications are timed! Presentations are 9-12 minutes long. Three (3) points/minute (or fraction of a minute) will be deducted from your score if you go over or under the allotted time. Practice, Practice, Practice!!

## Market Auction

The next market auction meeting will be March 7th, at 6pm at the 4-H Training Center. We have a guest speaker joining us over zoom to talk about selecting and feeding market lambs. All 4-H members should have turned in their letter of intent to the office. Spring time is quickly approaching, which means it is time to start selecting or purchasing your animals. We are looking forward to our first Saratoga County 4-H Market Auction and we hope you are too!

This is a great way for 4-H members who raise livestock animals to raise money for other livestock projects or to put it towards their future in the agricultural industry. For more information on our Market Auction visit our website: <http://ccesaratoga.org/4-h/saratoga-county-4-h-market-auction>



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## Horse Bowl Practices

The 2022 Saratoga County 4-H Horse Bowl Teams began practicing in December and will continue every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. in the 4-H office. This is a great opportunity to learn about horses, and it is not too late to take advantage and join in!

We have quality coaches who work with the teams and prepare them for the competition. Come have fun, meet new friends, and talk 'horse'! To sign up call the office at 518-885-8995

A huge thank you to Lisa for coaching our Junior, Novice, and Senior teams .

We could not do it without you!

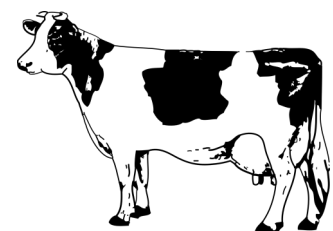


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## Dairy Bowl Practice

The 2022 Saratoga County 4-H Dairy Bowl Teams began practice in January and will continue every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office until the regional contest on March 26, 2022. We have Novice, Junior, and Senior teams, so all levels of knowledge and experience are welcome to participate. This is a great opportunity to learn and test your dairy knowledge! It is not too late to take advantage and join in, contact the office at 518-885-8995. We have quality coaches and assistant coaches who will work with the teams and prepare them for the competition on March 26th at the 4-H Training Center.

**Thank you to all of our coaches and volunteers that help make Dairy Bowl happen!!!**



## 4-H Shooting Sports Winter Instructor Workshop February 25th-27th



The 2022 4-H Shooting Sports Winter Instructor Workshop will be held February 25th-27th. This workshop is open to 4-H volunteers. If you are not currently a 4-H volunteer, but would like to become one in order to participate in this training, we can arrange for that as well.

The course will consist of Virtual Positive Youth Development (offered remotely on February 25th) and in-person instruction on February 26-27 at the 4-H Training Center in Ballston Spa. We are limited to 2 participants per discipline this year, so we will have to be selective regarding who is registered, and this does not necessarily mean that it will be "first come first served". Discipline will be given to instructors looking to start a new club in Saratoga county, those who are looking to aid in expanding 4-H Shooting Sports programming in Saratoga County, and those who are currently members of clubs who are looking to expand programming within their club. We hope you understand our need to be selective in registrations. In total, we are only able to send 12 participants from Saratoga County. We are looking at offering a local training for Instructors in the spring for those unable to participate in February.

Disciplines being offered are: Air Pistol, Archery, Hunting, Muzzleloading, Rifle and Shotgun. The cost of the course is \$90 for those not needing lodging, and \$125 for those requiring a hotel room.

Youth are not being registered at this time, but there may be openings for Junior Instructors as we draw closer. If you would like to participate, please contact Leland at [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu) or call the 4-H Office at 518.885.8995.

## **DEC Summer Camps** **Limited Scholarships Available**

Registration for the 2022 DEC Summer Camps open on March 6th. Thanks to the generosity of the Saratoga County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and the Saratoga County Council of Fish and Game Clubs, we have a limited number of scholarships to send youth to the 2022 camps.

For more information on DEC Summer Camps, please visit:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html>

For more information on the scholarship process, please email Leland at [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu)



April 1st & 2nd  
Friday 2-6pm & Saturday 10-4pm

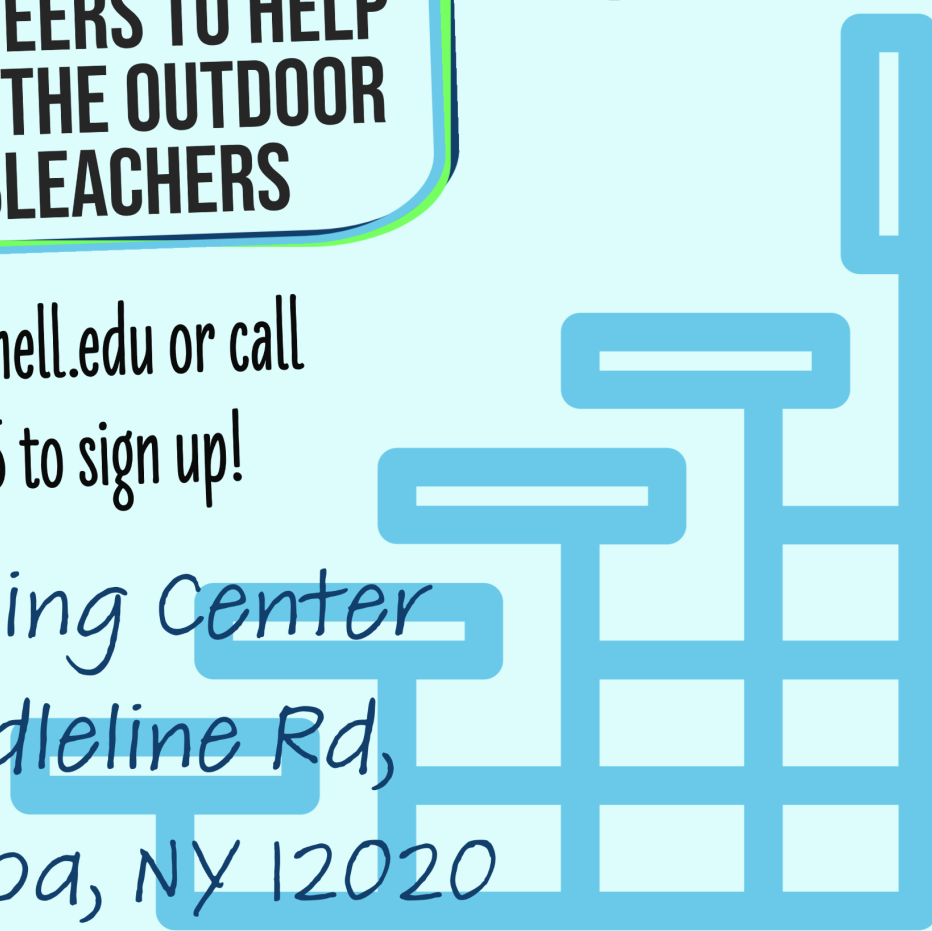
# Spring Bleacher Renovation

**LOOKING FOR 4-H CLUBS  
AND VOLUNTEERS TO HELP  
US REBUILD THE OUTDOOR  
ARENA BLEACHERS**

**Rain Date  
April 8th & 9th**

Email [rjl287@cornell.edu](mailto:rjl287@cornell.edu) or call  
(518)885-8995 to sign up!

4-H Training Center  
556 Middleline Rd,  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020



# Saratoga County 4-H Training Center



## *Lead the Legacy Capital Campaign*

**The Saratoga County 4-H Training Center  
is planning an expansion!**

Through the generous donations of local organizations and people like you, the Training Center project will provide new, innovative, and encompassing facilities for use by 4-H and the public! Your sponsorship will directly contribute to the installation of a multifunctional facility. This facility will house multimedia classrooms and fully ADA accessible restrooms with showers.



Your contribution to the 4-H is tax deductible donation under current IRS regulations.

**Scan me for direct access to**

**<http://ccesaratoga.org/4-h/lead-the-legacy>**

518-885-8995



## Congratulations Saratoga County 4-H Animal Ambassadors

This year 12 dedicated 4-H members were accepted to join our Animal Ambassador program. Saratoga County 4-H staff are very excited to be continuing this program and look forward to what is in store for these youth.

The Animal Ambassador program was developed to fill the need for more advanced animal science curriculum and leadership development opportunities. Animal Ambassadors are expected to participate in a variety of community engagement opportunities throughout the year, fulfill a leadership role at the Saratoga County Fair, and attend 10 educational opportunities offered throughout the year. Last year participants were able to present animal science topics at library's, tour the Saratoga Race track, participate in real-life necropsy's, and attend a weekend trip in Lake Placid.

Please welcome the 2022 Saratoga County 4-H Animal Ambassadors: Tara Berlin, Julia Bodien, Madison Evans, Amelia Fleischmann, Kohlby Himelrick, Julian Mangine, Aidan Milkins, Sophia Quattrocchi, Camilla Short, Kaitlyn Staalesen, Christina Caferarelli, and Anna Venditti!

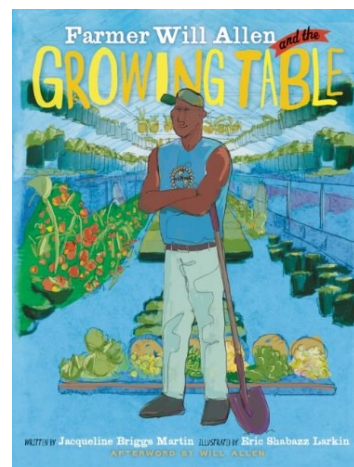


## Ag Literacy Week: Volunteers Needed

In March, volunteers from the community will read to elementary classrooms across Saratoga County in an effort to increase Agricultural Awareness. Agricultural Literacy Week is a celebration of our county's heritage and our number one industry that works to produce healthy, local food 365 days a year!

We need YOUR help as volunteer readers to visit local classrooms and read to the students. All materials and directions will be provided to you. Please contact the 4-H office to sign up at 518-885-8995. We could not run this program without the help of our volunteers. No experience is necessary!

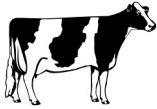
Ag Literacy Week Runs March 21-25, 2022.



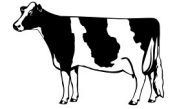
## Another Way To Support The Capital Campaign!

In collaboration with Curtis Lumber, we are selling limited edition hats carrying both of our logos. For just \$20.00 you can get 1 of just 500 produced hats in support of the Lead The Legacy Campaign. Thanks to the generous support of Curtis Lumber all \$20.00 from each purchase goes directly towards making this new facility a reality. They will be available at Curtis Lumber soon, however, you may call the 4-H office today and get it now! Don't wait these will sell out. Be one of 500 people who have this hat, and support the 4-H program!





## **The Fred Sanders Award for 4-H Youth**



Fred Sanders grew up showing cattle at the Saratoga County Fair. His individual successes propelled him to show at several fairs and included trips to the NYS Fair where he had his share of memorable times. In a tribute to his 60 years of showing cattle and his passion to see youngsters involved in showing at the fair, a continuing "Fred Sanders Award" was established to begin with the 2012 Saratoga County Fair.

Fred had a passion for showing cattle and enjoyed watching the local 4-H'ers showing their cattle at the fair. Each year, in his honor, the winner's name will appear on a wall plaque in the Saratoga County Fair Office as well as a \$250 cash award and an individual plaque presented in the show ring to the Saratoga County 4-H'er who garners the highest points total from the following:

**10 Points:** Awarded to any Saratoga County 4-H'er who participates on Public Presentation Day/Make-Up Day in March.

**5 Points:** Awarded to 4-H'ers who participates in a minimum of 5 county dairy bowl practices as either a participant or teen coach.

**5 Points:** Awarded to the 4-H'ers who participates in at least 1 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging event. The Saratoga County Fair judging class does not count.

**2 Points:** Awarded to 4-H'ers who participates in judging class at the Saratoga County Fair

**1 Point:** Will be awarded each time a 4-H'er participates in a 4-H Dairy Club meeting or activity.

**5 Points:** Awarded to 4-H'ers who create an educational poster or display that falls under Dept. 12-General Animal Science, Section A, Class 6- Posters illustrating an animal science topic in the Saratoga County 4-H Fair Book.

Points Awarded for participation in **Fitting and Showmanship** at the Saratoga County Fair:

**10 Points: Blue Danish Score**

**7 Points: Red Danish Score**

**4 Points: White Danish Score**

Additionally, points will be awarded for each of the following classes in Dept. 1, Section H of the 4-H Fair Book. Class

**1: Best Bred and Owned by exhibitor** (all breeds competing together)

**3 Points: 1st Place**

**2 Points: 2nd Place**

**1 Point: 3rd Place**

**\*In the event of a tie, a Dairy Challenge exam will be given to break the tie\***

**For the 2022 year, the point system will be in effect as of January 1, 2022**

## Teen Update

### Attention All 4-H Teens!

4-H Teen Council is a great way for our older 4-H members to connect with other teens from across the county, develop leadership skills, and make meaningful contributions to their community. Teen Council is a place for teens to have their voice heard, make important decisions, and overall have a great time with friends.

Each month we hold a “Zoom” business meeting as well as an in-person activity. For February, we are looking forward to a relaxed Teen Council Movie Night at the CCE Office on February 19th. We hope you can join us!

**What:** Teen Council Business Meeting

**When:** Saturday, February 12th at 6:30

**Where:** “Zoom”:

<https://cornell.zoom.us/j/96597902356?pwd=K3lyRUlpanp2ZHQxUWFPUTBoSGxUZz09>

**What:** Teen Council Movie Night

**When:** Saturday, February 19th at 6pm

**Where:** CCE Saratoga Office, 50 W. High St, Ballston Spa.

Please email [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu) if you plan to attend



### 4-H Teens: Mark your calendars for 2022 STARR on May 6th-8th

This statewide 3-day event brings together 4-H teens from all across New York so that they can develop leadership skills, learn new projects and most importantly make new 4-H friends.

This year's event will take place at 4-H Camp Shankitunk in Delaware County. The new location promises many fun new opportunities for this year's program.

Registration and workshop materials are not available just yet, but past years have seen projects related to: Animal Care, STEM, Outdoor Education, Performance Art and Shooting Sports, just to name a few.

We will release more information when it is available, but if you know that you would like to sign-up, or if you have any questions, please contact the 4-H office.



## 2022 4-H Tractor Safety

Saratoga County 4-H would like to welcome all area youth who are 14 years and older, to participate in the 2022 Capital District 4-H/HOSTA Tractor Safety Program.

This program is a great opportunity for youth who currently work on farms or around machinery, those who will be seeking employment on a farm, or anyone who would just like to learn more about farm and machinery safety. Participants will gain hands-on experience with a variety of equipment including tractors and implements, skid steers, ATVs and chainsaws. They will also visit a variety of agribusinesses, and receive HOSTA certification upon successful completion of the program.

The orientation for this years event will be via Zoom on April 7th at 6:30.

Cost is \$20 per participant. For more information please call the CCE Office at 518.885.8995 or email Leland at [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu).

To sign-up, please visit:

[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/20224HTractorSafety-2\\_241](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/20224HTractorSafety-2_241)

The 2022 4-H Project Day, "Wild Winter", is designed to help youth explore the outdoors during the cold winter months. This project focuses heavily on teaching youth to observe and learn about the world around them. Winter in Upstate NY is a wonderland when it comes to experiencing nature in all its beauty.

This project will include hands-on activities outdoor activities and opportunities to share discoveries among fellow 4-H explorers.

This event will take place at Into the Woods Farm from 10am-Noon on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, with an inclement weather day scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> (same times).

We hope you're ready to get "Wild"!

Online registration is at:

[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4H\\_WildWinter\\_241](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4H_WildWinter_241)



## Saratoga County 4-H Robotics Program Brings Home the Championship

Saratoga County 4-H Robovines FTC 6955 showcased their Robotics knowledge and skills at the FTC Qualifier held last weekend at Corning-Painted Post High School. For their efforts, the team made up of youth from across Saratoga County won the Championship, while setting the mark with the top score in NYS this year. The FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) is broken down in so many ways and the team won the overall game. They were also acknowledged with the top award or the “Inspire Award”. They received the 2nd place Motivate, 3rd place Control, and 2nd place Innovate. With this win it qualifies the Robovines for the FTC Regionals at Mohawk Community College on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Inspire Award is a judged award given to the team that best embodies the ‘challenge’ of the FIRST Tech Challenge program. The team that receives this award is a strong ambassador for FIRST programs and a role model FIRST team. This team is a top contender for many other judged awards and is a gracious competitor. The Inspire Award winner is an inspiration to other Teams, acting with Gracious Professionalism both on and off the Playing Field. This team shares their experiences, enthusiasm and knowledge with other teams, sponsors, their community, and the judges. Working as a unit, this team will have shown success in performing the task of designing and building a Robot.

The final part of the day involved two teams making up an alliance to compete together against a second alliance. The grouping paired the Robovines with Mechanical Meltdown, a team of youths from Central NY. The alliance won both the semifinals and finals to win the overall Robot Game. The alliance currently has five out of the top ten scores in New York State.

“What an amazing day for an amazing group of kids. Its was very exciting to see all of their hard work pay off at this competition. I look forward to where the youth will take this moving forward. We thank Saratoga County 4-H for this opportunity” –Lisa Russell *Robovines FTC 6955 Coach*

For more information about our Robotics Program and 4-H Youth Development of Saratoga County, contact: Saratoga County 4-H Office, 518-885-8995, or visit [www.ccesaratoga.org](http://www.ccesaratoga.org).



## *4-H For Leaders*

4-H For Leaders and the *4-H Leaders Association* is a cornerstone of Saratoga County 4-H, and we want to make sure that all 4-H volunteers know that they have a seat at the table. The 4-H Leaders Association

provides hands-on professional development for 4-H Leaders, supports 4-H programming both financially and programmatically and give 4-H leaders the opportunity to ask questions and share their experience with fellow 4-H volunteers. **All leaders are always welcome!**

Our next meeting is on March 7th at 6:30pm at the 4-H Training Center We hope to see you there!

### **Saratoga County 4-H Dairy Calf Scholarship**

Open to all 4-H'ers in Saratoga County who are interested in owning a registered calf? A calf award will be given this year. Applicants for the calf must meet the following criteria:

- Member of the Saratoga 4-H Dairy Club or willing to join
- Have suitable housing facilities for the animal
- Welcome periodic farm visits
- Show the animal at the Saratoga County Fair 4-H Dairy show
- Have parent/guardian permission
- Agree to breed the calf to a registered sire
- Agree to return to the 4-H calf program the first heifer calf born from this award calf or a heifer calf of "like quality"

This is a great opportunity to own a fine pedigree calf! Many Saratoga County 4-H'ers have been involved and benefited from this great opportunity. To apply, you need to write a one or two page essay. The essay should include:

- Why are you interested in the calf?
- What are your responsibilities on you farm or farm where you work?
- Why do you feel you are worthy of this animal?
- How would you develop this calf to her fullest potential?
- What other activities and interests do you have?

Essays must be received in the 4-H Office by Friday April 15th. If you have any questions, please contact the CCE Office or email [rjl287@cornell.edu](mailto:rjl287@cornell.edu)



# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Mid-Winter Party for a Cause
6	7	8 4-H Golf Classic Committee Meeting	9	10	11	12 Teen Council Zoom Meeting 6:00
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Teen Council Movie Night 6:00
20	21	22 <i>Vet Science Project</i> 6pm	23 4-H Project Day Wild Winter	24	25	26 4-H Shooting Sports Winter Instructor Workshop
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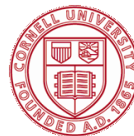
#### **Teens**

Kohlby Himelrick	Gansevoort
Adrianna Drindak	Middle Grove

**Check us out on  
Facebook!!!**



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