



# 4-H Highlights

March 2022

## Still Time to Sign-Up! 4-H Public Presentations March 12th

4-H Public Presentations are a great opportunity for 4-H youth to develop important public speaking skills in a fun and supportive environment. Each year, many of our 4-H members gather to present to experienced evaluators on a variety of topics through demonstrations, illustrated talks and even job interviews.



This year's in-person event is March 12th at the CCE office from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. There is also an opportunity for "Zoom Presentations" on March 15th and 17th from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. To sign-up, call the 4-H office at 518.885.8995 or email Leland at glb76@cornell.edu. We are reserving time slots, which are first-come, first-served.

The 4-H Public Presentations event is always a fun time for our members, families, volunteers and staff. We hope that all of our members will consider presenting this year!

### Upcoming Events & Deadlines

#### March

- 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Horse Bowl
- 12<sup>th</sup> Public Presentation Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> Teen Council Business Meeting (Zoom)
- 14<sup>th</sup> 4-H Leaders Association Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Zoom Presentations
- 26<sup>th</sup> Teen Council Meeting (in-person)
- 26<sup>th</sup> District Dairy Bowl

#### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Bleacher Renovation
- 7<sup>th</sup> 4-H Tractor Safety Zoom Orientation
- 9<sup>th</sup> Teen Council Meeting (Zoom)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Teen Council Meeting (in-person)

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## 4-H Teen Council

We have a lot of exciting things coming up for our 4-H Teens. We want to see more of you taking your 4-H experience to the next level! Here are just a few of the things our 4-H Teens can look forward to:

**What:** 4-H Teen Council Business Meeting

**When:** Saturday, March 12th at 6:00pm

**Who:** All 4-H Teens

**Where:** Zoom

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**What:** 4-H Teen Council In-Person Fly-Tying

**When:** Saturday, March 26th at 6:00pm

**Who:** All 4-H Teens

**Where:** 4-H Training Center

For March, we are going to do something we've never done before. Volunteers and members of the 4-H Fly Fishing Club will be teaching us to tie flies!

## Attention 4-H Teens! 2022 4-H STARR

### 4-H STATE TEEN ACTION REPRESENTATIVE RETREAT

**When:** May 6th-8th

**Where:** 4-H Camp Shankitunk-Delaware County

**Who:** All 4-H Teens

**Cost:** TBD

The annual 4-H STARR Trip is a great opportunity for our 4-H Teens to take their leadership and project skills to the next level. At STARR you will be able to learn, grow and have fun with other 4-H Teens from all across the state!

For more information or to sign-up, call the 4-H Office at 518-885-8995 or email Leland at [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu)

## 2022 4-H Capital Days

Are you interested in learning more about Government and Public Service? Would you like to be an advocate for 4-H with our New York State Government? The 2022 Capital Days event will be held from May 22-24 in Albany. Teens who participate will have the opportunity to meet other teens from across the state, participate in educational activities centered around Government and Public Service, and share their voices as a 4-H'er with our elected officials.



If you would like to participate as a 4-H Teen Delegate in this year's 4-H Capital Days event, please contact the 4-H office by calling 518-885-8995, or email Greg at [grs9@cornell.edu](mailto:grs9@cornell.edu). We will be happy to provide you with more information and get you registered for this year's event.

# 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)

County 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 West Ave.

Registration is at 9:30 AM,  
with the Walk kicking off at 10:00 AM.

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!

## 2022 4-H Golf Classic...How Can You Help?!

As plans continue for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H Golf Classic on June 1st at the Fairways of Halfmoon, questions arise on how 4-H leaders and families can support this annual event. Once again, leaders will be sent a brochure and an extra letter asking you to seek out support for our tournament. There are many alternatives that are available. Sponsorships, donations, and items for our raffle and participant goodie bags are all appreciated. For those 4-H families who do not receive a letter in the mail, we have copies of the letters and brochures available at the 4-H office. All proceeds for the 4-H Golf Classic go directly back into the program by way of the Leaders Association through scholarships, and other opportunities for our 4-H youth and leaders.

If you have any questions, please call Greg at the 4-H office at 518-885-8995 or email at [grs9@cornell.edu](mailto:grs9@cornell.edu).



## 4-H GOLF CLASSIC



# 2022 CAREER EXPLORATIONS CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Are you interested in experiencing college life at Cornell University? Career Explorations is a chance to visit the Cornell campus, meet the students and staff, and get a taste of the college experience. Participants stay in a dorm, eat in the dining facility, and spend the day learning about science, technology, consumer science, and themselves.

## UNIVERSITY U

- For 4-H'ers entering grades 8 and 9 in the fall
- Tour the Cornell campus
- Interact with faculty and students while engaging in fun workshops and experiments
- 4-H'ers attend this program one time



## FOCUS for TEENS

- For 4-H'ers entering grades 10-12 in the fall
- Teens select one department or topic for an in-depth experience
- Work with Cornell faculty and staff, hands-on learning, field

**Tuesday, June 28—Thursday, June 30**

**Cost Estimate: \$100 - \$150, thanks to the generous donations from the**

**Leaders Association and Teen Council**

Registration application available soon. Call the Office at 518-8895 or email [grs9@cornell.edu](mailto:grs9@cornell.edu).

## Riding/Driving Evaluations

It is time to be thinking again about the NYS 4-H Riding and Driving Level Evaluations. These are evaluations to ascertain if the rider/driver/horse are safe to participate in county sponsored events. These events include the Beginner Show, Saratoga County Fair, 4-H Horse Show, and any county sponsored clinics. If you do not plan to participate in any of these events then you do not need to be evaluated.

The evaluation involves a two person committee seeing the member handle and ride or drive their horse safely, and a check of tack, riding helmet, and footwear. If the member rides both English and Western, the committee will need to see the member mounted with both types of tack. If the member uses different horses for Western, English, Gymkhana, and Driving they must be evaluated with each horse. The horses should be the project animal(s) the member will be listing on their annual Horse Registration Form (due by June 1st). An unsatisfactory evaluation may lead to the member not being allowed to ride or drive in a county sponsored event or not being allowed to move up a level for this year. Individuals or club leaders may call the 4-H Office to request a copy of the evaluation forms.

Who must be evaluated?

- 1) All Walk/Trot riders who have not previously passed a Riding Level Evaluation.
- 2) All members who will be moving up W/T to W/T/C.
- 3) All riders who are new to the program must be evaluated (riding for the first time or having moved into the County).
- 4) All riders, regardless of previous participation or riding level, planning on entering jumping classes for the first time with a particular horse.
- 5) All riders, regardless of previous participation or riding level, planning on entering gymkhana classes for the first time with a particular horse.
- 6) All riders with a horse new to the program or horse not previously ridden by that rider in the program.
- 7) Any member with a driving horse not previously evaluated.

In order to facilitate this program, we have set up these dates when members can bring their horses to the 4-H Training Center for evaluation:

**April 27th @ 4:30 pm**

**May 1st @ 9:00am**

**You MUST register ahead of time to be evaluated.**

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## 4-H Horse Registration

If you are planning on showing your project horse(s) at the Saratoga County Fair, you must do **TWO** important things:

1. You must be enrolled in the Horse Project. If you are a member of a horse club, you would be enrolled in the horse project. If you are not a member of a horse club but are an individual member or a member of a general club, your enrollment form needs to have the horse project listed as one of your projects. Call the 4-H Office if you are not sure.
2. Your 2022 4-H Horse Registration Form must be filled out and **returned to the 4-H Office no later than, June 1st.** Guidelines for horse ownership and eligibility requirements will accompany the forms. These forms will be mailed out to members enrolled in the horse project by mid March.



## Market Auction Meeting

The next market auction meeting will be held March 8th, at 6pm via Zoom. Liz Kron will be joining us to talk about selecting and feeding market lambs and poultry. All 4-H members should turn in their signed Market Auction Youth Contract form to the office by March 8th. I look forward to "seeing" you all. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please email Rylie Lear at [rjl287@cornell.edu](mailto:rjl287@cornell.edu).

Happy kidding, calving, and lambing season!

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## Dog Obedience Classes Offered

Beginning **Monday evenings on May 2nd** Dog Obedience training classes will be held at the 4-H Training Center on Middleline Road in Ballston Spa. The 4-H Dog Obedience classes encourage proper training of the family dog for the enhancement of the dog and its owner's happiness.

The program is open to all Saratoga County 4-H Youth and Adults. Beginner, Graduate Beginner, Novice, Agility, and Rally classes will be offered. Mixed breeds & purebreds are welcome. Dogs must be at least four months old by the start of the class and have updated vaccinations for distemper, hepatitis, rabies and parvo virus. Leptospirosis is recommended but not required.

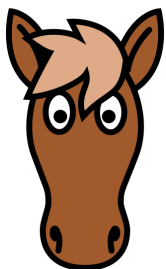
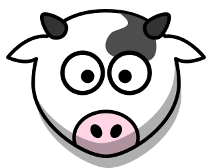
Dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior will be dismissed from classes. **Handlers must be able to control their dog.**

The cost is \$15- \$20 (depending on the class taken) for youth, ages 8-18, and \$0 for adults. This covers all eight sessions. For a registration form, call 518-885-8995 or visit the 4-H Office. Class size is limited, so register early.



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## Animal Crackers 2022



The Cornell University Department of Animal Science will present Animal Crackers on May 7th at Cornell University. This year they will be highlighting FOUR species! They will include bovine, goat, equine, and dog! If you have never been to Animal Crackers before, this is geared to 4-H members involved in animal science projects. The suggested age range is 8-12, but anyone over 8 is welcome! Participants will get to meet Cornell faculty and students, learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with professional producers, industry experts, and more.

Cost of the program is \$20 per youth, adult chaperones are free. All groups must have at least one chaperone per species with youth attending. Attendees must bring their own lunch and provide self-transportation. For more information or to register please call the 4-H Office by Friday April 13th .

## 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 in Public Presentation Day or Make-Up Day in March
- 5 Points:** Awarded to 4-H'ers who participate 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 participate in at least one 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging event. The Saratoga County Fair Judging Class does **NOT** count
- 2 Points:** Award to 4-H'ers who participate 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—Poster illustrating an animal science topic in the Saratoga County 4-H 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**

## 4-H Million Trees Project

Capital District 4-H is hosting this regional event in conjunction with Earth Day (April 22) & Arbor Day (April 30). Youth participants will take an active role in learning about trees, climate change as well as giving back to their community by planting & maintaining these trees in an approved public location of their choosing.

### **Why join this project?**

- Be a part of the 6 million 4-H youth from around the world who are personally committed to addressing the climate crisis
  - Reduce the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> by planting trees in shared spaces
  - Engage in service-learning projects that impact your community
  - Learn & experience planting tree seedlings & how to care for them
    - Have fun while getting your hands a little dirty!

Educational materials will be shared as we near the planting dates.

To sign-up and order your seedlings, please call the 4-H office at 518.885.8995 or email Leland at [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu).

To learn more about the National 4-H Million Trees project visit [www.4hmilliontrees.org](http://www.4hmilliontrees.org) or checkout their Facebook page at 4-H Million Trees Project!



## **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)

**4-H  
Tractor Safety**

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APRIL 7TH**

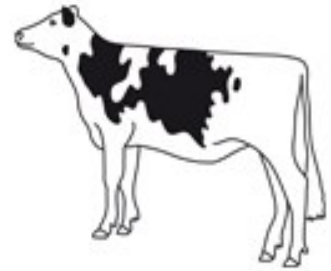
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**OPEN TO YOUTH  
14 AND OLDER**



# 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 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 registered calf! Many Saratoga County 4-H'ers benefited from this great opportunity. To apply, you will need to submit a 1-2 page essay. The essay should include:

- Why are you interested in the calf?
- What are your responsibilities on your 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please call the 4-H office at 518-885-8995 or email Rylie Lear at [rjl287@cornell.edu](mailto:rjl287@cornell.edu)



## Spring 2022 4-H Shooting Sports Course

Do you have an interest in learning more about Shooting Sports? Join 4-H as you learn about firearms, archery, and range safety, rifle, pistol and archery marksmanship, shotgun shooting, and muzzleloading. Youth will explore skills in all shooting sports disciplines, develop techniques for success and build lasting friendships with other 4-H members. This course is open to current and new 4-H members ages 12 years old and up.

Plans and dates are in the works right now, and we hope to have set dates in the weeks to come. If you would like to be the first to know once plans are made and registration begins, please email Leland at [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu) and get added to the contact list.

## *4-H For Leaders*

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**4-H Leaders Association Meeting**  
**March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the 4-H Office**

**All 4-H volunteers** are encouraged to be a part of the Saratoga County 4-H Leaders Association. The Saratoga County 4-H Leaders Association is a group of 4-H Leaders from across the county who come together to provide support for our county 4-H program in a variety of ways, while working collaboratively to develop and learn new skills that can benefit their own clubs and programs.

This month's meeting will be a hybrid meeting with both an in-person and Zoom option. If you would like to join via Zoom, please use the link below:

<https://cornell.zoom.us/j/98594715375?pwd=MmpkQmFEUTc4MnAwa1JOWFiTVNIUT09>

For more information about the 4-H Leaders Association, please contact the 4-H office.

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



# March 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Vet Science	2	3	4	5 District Horse Bowl
6	7 Vet Science	8 Market Auction Meeting	9	10	11	12 Public Presentations Teen Council Zoom
13	14 4-H Leaders Association	15 Vet Science Zoom Public Presentations	16	17 Zoom Public Presentations	18	19
20	21	22 Vet Science	23	24	25	26 District Dairy Bowl Teen Council In-Person
27	28	29 Vet Science	30			

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