



4-H Highlights

Public Presentation Day(s) March 12th and more!

Public Presentations continue to be an invaluable learning experience for our youth. Therefore for 2022 we have reimagined the process again. There are multiple ways listed below. You must register for one of these opportunities by April 1. This will also include Horse Demonstrations.

1. **March 12th – In Person**– 9am-12pm– This will be set up just like our normal presentations . You will be calling the 4-H office to register your youth. The message must get to a member of the 4-H staff only, and preferably speaking directly to one of us. There will be 3 timeslots every 20 minutes per hour. We will only have 4 rooms set up. Proper PPE protocol will be followed. You will be allowed to unmask while doing your presentation. We will have a staff member there to clean the room in between presentations. Limited space will be available for spectators. Please do not come early. We need to minimize people in the building at any one time. **CALL THE 4-H OFFICE TO SIGN UP.**
2. **Zoom Presentations– TBD**—Registration will be required. Judges with help from staff will be willing to judge your presentation virtually. You need to know how to be able to use zoom, have a camera on your laptop and be able to speak loudly and clearly for the judges. From there, nothing changes. You'll be judged on the same criteria, given feedback and receive your certificate just like any other year. A staff member will email you the link to sign on. Most people feel comfortable with zoom these days, so we think this may be a good option.
3. **Uploaded Presentations: (Only if option 1 or 2 do not work)** You may pre-record your presentation and upload it to our “Box” folder. In addition to uploading your presentation, you will need to email Greg at grs9@cornell.edu to let him know your presentation title and category. Upload your presentation at: <https://cornell.app.box.com/f/b77907b4446c4ecc9d3ef1a519ce9f66>

There may be some exceptions, however you must get preapproval from the office and all presentations must be completed no later than April 30th.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

January

8th— Teen Council Business (Zoom)

22nd—Teen Council In-Person Activity

24th - 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

February

22nd– Vet Science Program Bigins

24th-27th– SS Winter Workshop

4-H in 2021....Important Dates to Remember

Public Presentation Training	TBD
Shooting Sports Instructor Training	Feb 25-27
4-H Project Day (Pick-Up and Demos)	Feb 21
NYS Farm Show	Feb 24-26
Veterinary Science Project (Tue)	Feb 22- Mar 29
Public Presentation Day (In-Person)	March 12
Market Auction Meeting	March 7
Regional Dairy Bowl	March 26
Region 5B Horse Bowl	March 5
STARR	May 6-8
4-H Tractor Safety	TBD
Regional Hippology & Horse Comm.	April 23
District Public Presentations	April 30
Animal Crackers at Cornell University	May
Walkathon	May 14
Fashion Revue	TBD
Saratoga Horse Symposium	May
Capital Days	May 22-24
4-H Golf Classic	June 4
County Fair Books Available	June 1
Sundae on the Farm	TBD
Career Explorations	TBD
Pullorum Testing	TBD
County Fair Judging Day	July 16
Saratoga County Fair	July 19-24
New York State Fair	Aug 24- Sept 5
Leader's Banquet	Sept 15 or 22
ABC Trip SUNY Cobleskill	Oct 15-16
Achievement Night	October 22

Natural Resources

Get Outside this Winter: Snow Shoes Available

Thanks to donations from the 4-H Leaders Association and Teen Council, we now have 17 pairs of Snow Shoes available to clubs and members. They can be used at the 4-H Training Center or checked out for use at other locations.

We have a wide variety of sizes as well, so there should be something for everyone.



Call the 4-H office to reserve them for your next meeting!



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 or call the 4-H Office at 518.885.8995.

February 21-25

Click Here to
Register

IT'S GONNA
BE A
WILD WINTER...



4-H Project
Day 2022

4-H Project Day: "Wild Winter"

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 it's beauty.

This project will include hands-on activities, access to Video Learning Opportunities, and opportunities to share discoveries among fellow 4-H explorers.

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)

GET TO STEPPING!

The 2022 4-H Walkathon is Right Around the Corner!

What: Saratoga County 4-H Walkathon
When: Saturday, May 14th
Where: Saratoga YMCA, Saratoga Spring Branch

We are looking forward to a full-on 4-H Walkathon for 2022, and we hope you can be part of the fun! Each year, the 4-h Walkathon raises money to support operations and improvements of the 4-H Training Center. Many of our clubs and members utilize the Training Center throughout the 4-H year, and this is your opportunity to show your support for this amazing resource. We are excited that this year's 4-H Walkathon is being held at the Saratoga Springs YMCA!

Upgrades and improvements are on the way for the 4-H Training Center. **The goal for 2022 is to raise \$10,000!** That can only happen if **you participate!**

Not to mention, the top 10 youth walkers with the highest amounts of money pledged and collected (over \$100) are eligible for various prizes and awards.

Agriculture

Winter care for 4-H animal projects

As the winter temperatures settle in, make sure you are keeping your 4-H projects healthy. Most animals are well adapted to living outside. However, cold temperatures do require additional animal monitoring. Follow these 4 steps to keep your animals healthy.

1. Fresh air—If your animals are housed in a barn make sure there is proper ventilation to prevent the spread of bacteria and viruses.
2. Water— whether you provide water from a bucket, tank or automated system, in the cold weather it will freeze. Check the water daily to make sure it is available to your animal in adequate amounts.
3. Feed- Knowing the contents and the quality of the feed you are offering to animals is essential in making sure they have adequate nutrition to meet their energy requirements.

VETERINARY SCIENCE PROJECT



- Tuesday nights starting February 22nd, 2022
- Class times are 6-7:30pm
- 4-H youth will learn from professionals in the Veterinary industry
- A schedule will be sent before classes begin of locations and guest presenters
- The recommended age is 12 and up, however there is a waiting list for 11 year old's.
- The cost is \$10 per person which covers all 6 weeks.
- Registration is open, email rjl287@cornell.edu or call CCE Saratoga (518)885-8995.



UPSTATE EQUINE MEDICAL CENTER

JANUARY 22ND 2-4PM

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARIAN?
LECTURE AND CLINIC EXPERIENCE

JOIN US FOR A TOUR
OF THE FACILITY, AN
ACTIVITY, AND WORDS
FROM THE VET

Open to all youth!

4-H members email rjl287@cornell.edu to sign up



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Community Service



Gingerbread Project

Gingerbread Houses in 2021 were outstanding! In addition to a record number of houses, there were four locations displaying the houses. The houses were on display in Saratoga Springs at the **Festival of Trees**, the Saratoga Springs Visitor Center and in the CCE Building in Ballston Spa. Hundreds of people viewed them during the Victorian Streetwalk, and daily visits to all locations.



DAIRY BOWL

Would you like to sharpen your
dairy skills?

Join us once a week on Thursdays,
starting January 6th in the
Saratoga County Cornell
Cooperative Extension Office (50
West High St Ballston Spa, NY
12020) from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

**Any level of Dairy knowledge is
welcome to join. We have a novice,
junior, and senior team. This
contest provides an educational
program for all dairy project
members, including those who
may not own a dairy project animal,
and provides a way to develop
alertness and self-confidence.**

**If you are interested in signing
up or you would like more
information, please email
rjl87@cornell.edu**



4-H For 1



**Quaker
Springs
Country Kids
Cookies and
more!**



**Art With Heart
Beautiful
Wreaths**

The Holidays

Bucks and Does Swag and Gingerbreads



Teen Council Community Service Unloading trees for the Greenfield Lions



HAY YOU!

Are you interested in joining Horse Bowl?

What is Horse Bowl?

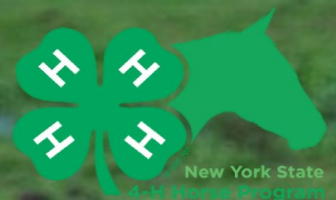
- ~Horse Quiz Bowl is an opportunity offered as part of the NYS 4-H Equine Program.
- ~ Youth showcase their horse knowledge in a competitive, jeopardy- like contest.
- ~Bowl teams are made up of four members.
- ~Participants use a buzzer system to 'buzz' in first and answer questions.
- ~ Questions are asked to the team or a specific individual.
- ~There are a variety of subject areas covered: general equine terms, the horse industry, feeding and care, and anatomy.
- ~ You do NOT need a horse to participate.
- ~ Anyone ages 8-18 can participate and compete using their knowledge of all-things horse.

How to participate?

- 1- Become a Saratoga County 4-H member by calling our Office today: 518-885-8995
- 2- Sign up for practices held every Tuesday at 6:30 pm
- 3- Attend practices regularly to prepare for the regional competition this spring!

Questions?

Contact Brianna Hughes, NYS Youth Equine Specialist,
at bh548@cornell.edu or call 518-885-8995



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 January, we are excited to be hitting the ice for a Teen Ice Skating Party on Saturday, January 15th at the Capital Ice Arena in Clifton Park. We hope you can join in the fun!

What: Teen Council Business Meeting

When: Saturday, January 8th at 6:00pm

Where: “Zoom”:

<https://cornell.zoom.us/j/98452207826?pwd=V0VNWmI3UG9NcU04aStsNUt3Mmp2QT09>

What: Teen Council January Tubing or Skating (TBD)

When: Saturday, January 22nd (Time TBD)

Where: TBD

Register at:

https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/TCJan22_241



State Teen Action Representative Retreat

The NYS 4-H State Teen Action Representative Retreat is an annual event for all 4-H Teens in New York State. It is a great opportunity for teens to meet other members from across the state, develop their leadership and teamwork skills, and learn new project skills that they can bring back to Saratoga County.

This year’s event features several changes, but will prove to be a great time for all! Please save the dates of May 6-8, and we will provide more details as they are available.



Milk Lover's Ball Scholarship

The Milk Lover's Ball will be held on February 26th, 2022 at Christ the King.

The Milk Lover's Ball Scholarship is open to students who are pursuing a two-year or four-year degree in an agricultural major.

Both current college students and high school seniors are eligible! We encourage the 4-H youth to apply! Deadline for scholarship entry is January 17, 2022. Scholarship winners will be notified before February 4, 2022. \$2,000 dollar scholarships and \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Email Greg, grs9@cornell.edu, to apply for the Scholarship.



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:

Preferred:

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.

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

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 create an educational poster or display that falls under Dept. 12-General Animal Science, Section A, Class 6- Posters illustrating and animal science topic in the Saratoga County 4-H Fair Book.

Required:

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)

Class 2: Daughter Dam

Class 3: Exhibitors Herd (all breeds competing together and herd may be split by breeds)

3 Points: 1st Place

2 Points: 2nd Place

1 Point: 3rd Place

***In the event of a tie, there will be a question asked for the tie breaker.**

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

Animal Ambassadors

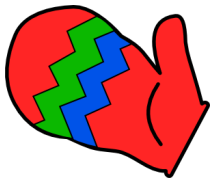
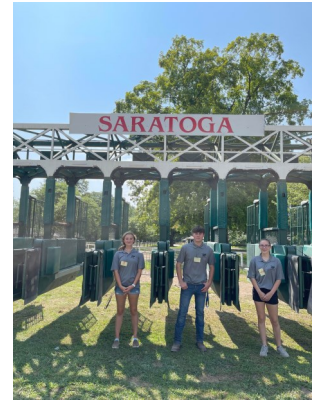
Apply Today!

Enrollment is open for the Animal Ambassadors program with Saratoga County 4-H members! We are seeking dedicated teens looking to advance in the animal science field. This program will provide youth with skills in sciences, leadership, and creative thinking all aligning with different aspects of animal industries. Meetings will be held once a month with opportunities to learn from professionals in the field and work on projects.

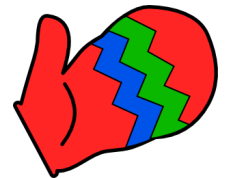
Participant Expectations for 2022

- Must be at least 14 years old (4-H age: Age as of January 1st)
- Must have a desire to learn about animal science and animal industries
- Complete and submit application to 4-H office by January 10th 2022
- Must attend 9 of 12 learning experience throughout the year
- Participate in one community engagement activity
- Act as an Animal Ambassador at the Saratoga County Fair for at least 10 hrs. throughout the week

Please call the office for applications or visit our website. Please submit this application to the Saratoga County 4-H office email to Brianna at Bh548@cornell.edu by **January 10th 2022**. Only 12 applicants will be selected to participate in this program for the 2022 year.



4-H Holiday Mitten Tree



We are excited that 4-H is again partnering with the Saratoga Springs Public Library and Ballston Spa Public Library this Holiday Season to fill our Holiday Mitten Tree.

We are seeking donations of new socks, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves, as well as lightly used coats. Our trees are up at the Saratoga Springs Public Library and the Ballston Spa Public Library. The goal of this project is to provide cold weather gear to children and families in our community who need them.

As we all know, winter in Upstate New York can be pretty brutal. We would like to do just a small part to ensure that those in our community have warm clothing to get them through the harsh winter months.

Anyone who is in need of these items will be able to stop by the libraries during the holidays to take what they need from the tree. At the end of January leftover items will be distributed to local schools and organizations who can get them to those who need them.

Donations can be dropped off at the CCE Office or Ballston Spa and Saratoga Springs Public Libraries.

This would be a great Club Community Service Project. If you have any questions, please call the CCE Office or email Leland at glb76@cornell.edu.

4-H For Leaders

SAVE THE DATE

NORTH EAST REGION
4-H VOLUNTEER
CONNECTIONS
IN THE NEW YEAR!

Topics offered on:

- Re-engaging & motivating youth
- Designing captivating & fun activities
- Expanding possibilities for youth to broaden their world



JANUARY 19
FEBRUARY 16
MARCH 16

6:30-8:00PM

STAY TUNED FOR
MORE DETAILS &
REGISTRATION

Attention 4-H Volunteers!

We are very excited to be joining in on some of the great programming being offered by the North East 4-H organization, and are happy to see the announcement of upcoming 4-H Volunteer Trainings. We will keep you up to date when registration details are available. We hope you can find the time to build your skills as a 4-H leader!

2022 Leaders Association

As a leader (organizational, project, or activity) you are an essential element in the successful 4-H experience of every member. Also, it is important that you the leader have a successful experience. All of our 4-H Adult and Junior Leaders are invited to join the 4-H Leaders Association to help them grow.

The 4-H Leaders Association is a unique combination of a new and an established forum for **all** leaders. The first portion of the meeting will focus on a specific topic or process, followed by a leaders forum, ending with the business meeting of the Leaders' Association. There will be information sharing, discussion, how to's, and hands on activities for all leaders. Don't be left out or miss out on making things happen in your club. Be an active participant in the 4-H Leaders Association. (Unfortunately due to Covid, we will be meeting via zoom and there will be no program in January)

Leaders and Junior Leaders please join us on zoom on January 24th

21ST ANNUAL



4-H GOLF CLASSIC

SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 4, 2022
FAIRWAYS OF HALFMOON
REGISTRATION 7:30 A.M.
SHOTGUN START AT
9:00A.M.

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Teen Council Bus. Meeting 6:00 Zoom
9	10 <i>Program Committee</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Upstate Equine Vet Clinic Tour 2-4pm Teen Council In- Person</i>
23	24 <i>Leaders Ass.</i>	25	26	27	28 Market Auction intro paperwork due	29
30	31					

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