



4-H Highlights

July-August 2021



4-H Project Exhibition

We are excited to announce the Saratoga County 4-H Project Exhibition, which will take place at the 4-H training Center on August 14th and 15th. This event gives our members the opportunity to have their entries evaluated and exhibited as they would in a normal year.

The Non-Animal Exhibitor Handbook, entry forms and other resources can be found on website at: <http://ccesaratoga.org/4-h/4-h-forms/fair-forms>

Hard copies are also available for pick up at the 4-H office. We are requesting that entry forms be submitted in advance by August 6th to help us with coordinating evaluators. Please see page 2 of the Exhibitor Handbook for more information.

Youth must have been enrolled in Saratoga County 4-H by June 1st, 2021 to enter projects. If you have any questions regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact us at the 4-H Office.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

July

- 1– Animal Entries DUE to CCE
- 1– Enrollments Due for Fair
- 22– Leaders’ Association
Chicken BBQ at the Fair
- 23-25– Saratoga County Fair
- 28– Shooting Sports Committee

August

- 11&12–Project Evaluations 3-7
- 14-15– 4-H Project Exhibition 10-3
- 25–Shooting Sports Committee

September

- 1– Robotics Open House
- 22– Shooting Sports Committee
- 25– Shooting Sports Course

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Teen Update

4-H Snack Bar Looking for 4-H Members and Volunteers!

We are excited to announce the 4-H Snack Bar will be open for business at the 2021 Saratoga County Fair!

The 4-H Snack Bar is a staple each year on the fairgrounds. In addition to providing some of the best food on the grounds, proceeds from the Snack Bar support Saratoga County 4-H scholarships, programming and trips. It also provides a great opportunity for our youth to develop valuable work skills in a fun, low-pressure environment.

With this year's fair being a little different from years past, it means that we have had to adjust the Snack Bar with a limited menu, lower staffing and reduced hours. However, we still need youth (and adults) to help pull off this year's endeavor. All youth 11 years old and older are welcome to sign up for a shift or two in the Snack Bar, and we always welcome any adults who would like to help as well.

If you would like to volunteer in the 4-H Snack Bar this year, please fill out the sign-up sheet at:
https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e8NDHpl3VxXpcua

Shifts are about 3 hours long (give or take) and we will be open until 6:30pm on each day of the fair, July 23-25. Although partial shifts are an option, we do prefer that volunteers consider working a full shift to assist in scheduling.

We will be scheduling a Snack Bar Orientation for volunteers prior to fair so that youth and adults can learn more about their position responsibilities.

If you have any questions about volunteering in the 4-H Snack Bar, please do not hesitate to contact Leland at glb76@cornell.edu.

Saratoga County 4-H Teen Council **Open to All 4-H Teens!**

Are you a 4-H Teen who is looking for ways to grow your 4-H experience? Do you want to meet other 4-H teens and create lasting friendships? Do you want to try your hand at new project areas and go on awesome trips?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, then 4-H Teen Council is for you! 4-H Teen Council consists of a great group of Teen 4-H members who meet monthly to do fun projects ranging from "Paint and Snacks" to High Ropes Courses. We grow our leadership and work skills by planning and operating the 4-H Snack Bar. In addition, we are very active when it comes to Community Service, participating in multiple projects each year and donating to the 4-H program, scholarships, and various community organizations.

If you are 13 years old or older, please contact Leland to learn more about how to get involved in 4-H Teen Council. We would love to welcome you to the group!

2021 4-H Scholarship Materials Available

We want to congratulate our graduating 4-H Seniors on their many accomplishments! We know that for many of you, your life now turns from reflecting on your High School careers and towards your future at college.

The 2021 4-H Scholarship materials are now available on the 4-H website. Applications are due by August 9th, so don't delay. These scholarships are a great way to be recognized for the many successes you have had during your time as a 4-H'er. We wish you all the best of luck!

<http://ccesaratoga.org/4-h/4-h-forms/2021-4-h-scholarship-forms>

2021 Animal Show **Animal Health Considerations**

Showing animals at the County Fair presents a risk for disease transmission. Proper precautions taken before, during and after the fair can help to decrease an animal's exposure to infectious disease, and help to protect your animals at home as well.

Before the fair, make sure that animals have all required vaccinations, complete any tests required for your particular species, and be sure that you have all of the necessary documentation. Try to minimize stress on the animals and offer the same feeds that you will be taking to the fair. Transport your animals to the fair in clean trailers and avoid the use of commercial trailers.

During the fair, be sure that your animals always have fresh water available and continue the same feeds that were being used at home. Provide plenty of clean bedding as required for each species. As much as possible, do not allow nose to nose contact with animals from other farms, do not share equipment, and use only buckets and tubs from your own farm.

After the fair isolate show animals from the main herd for 3-4 weeks upon return. Use separate tools and feed equipment while caring for returning animals, and modify the work routine so that they are taken care of last, potentially stopping the spread of contaminants to other animals. Monitor the animals for signs of disease such as fever, diarrhea, skin abnormalities, heel warts, mastitis, or abortions, while minimizing stress as much as possible. If the home herd or flock is up to date on all vaccinations, it will lessen the chance of a disease outbreak due to infection carried home by show animals.

Do not make the mistake of exposing your entire herd or flock to the threat of disease brought home from the Animal Show. Although there is less risk this year with shorter shows there is still a risk of infection.

20th Annual 4-H Golf Classic, A Huge Success

On June 5, 2021 we had a beautiful day at the Scholarship Golf Classic! 114 golfers participated in this year's event! The event exceeded our expectations after a year with the pandemic. We had the most golfers and raised the most money ever for the tourney! The 4-H office would like to send a special thanks to our golf committee: Joanne Peck Donnan, Mary Fairley, Jody Pitman, Joan Rowland, Cathy White, Carol Bayer, Lisa Russell, Laura and Mackenzie Macey. Your commitment to 4-H in Saratoga County is second to none! We'd also like to thank the many sponsors, donors, players, and 4-H volunteers who assisted with the event. Without your help, this event would not have succeeded. Plans are already underway for next year's tournament. We have tentatively booked the Fairways of Halfmoon for June 4, 2022 for our **21st Annual Golf Classic**. We are always looking for new volunteers to join our committee. Please look for upcoming planning meetings in future editions of Highlights.



Melvin D. Wrisley Memorial Scholarship

Applications will be received from now until **September 17th** for the Melvin D. Wrisley Scholarship award. Selection will be made by a committee appointed by the
President of Cornell Cooperative
Extension of Saratoga County.

Criteria will include a demonstrated interest in agriculture, satisfactory completion of at least one year of an accredited New York State College, character, leadership, and service. Preference may be given to applicants from Saratoga County and those with special interest in farming and pursuing an agricultural degree.

To receive an application, call Wendy McConkey at 518-885-8995.

**4-H
CHICKEN
BBQ**
To Support the
Saratoga County Fair

**Thursday, July 22nd
4:00 7:00pm**

\$14
1/2 Chicken
Baked Potato
Coleslaw
Dinner Roll
Smith Apple Pie
Bottle of Water

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or visit: www.ccesaratoga.org/events

Saratoga County 4-H Fall Shooting Sports Course Starting September 25th

The Saratoga County 4-H Shooting Sports Course will start on September 25th and run each Saturday afternoon through October 23rd. Classes will take place at the 4-H Training Center from 5:00-7:00pm, except for the first class which will run from 4:00-7:00pm. A parent is expected to attend the first night of the course.

Topics and disciplines include Home Firearm Safety, Smallbore Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader and Air Pistol. All materials, safety equipment, firearms and ammunition are furnished for the participants. Cost is \$30 per participant.

This course is open to all Saratoga County 4-H members 12 years old and older. Any Saratoga County youth who would like to participate but are not enrolled in 4-H will be required to do so before registering for the course. 4-H enrollment fees are an additional \$5 per youth.

Space is limited.

You can register by calling the Saratoga County 4-H Office at 518.885.8995 or by visiting:
https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/SC4HShootingSportsCourse_241

The Saratoga County 4-H Shooting Sports Course is offered by the Saratoga County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee, and all classes are taught by Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors.



Saratoga County 4-H Members Participate in 4-H Tractor Safety Course

7 Members of Saratoga County 4-H participated in the Capital District Tractor Safety Course that wrapped up in June. Participants were required to complete coursework set forth in the Hazardous Occupations Safety Training for Agriculture (HOSTA) program. This years course was a hybrid program consisting of Zoom meetings with presentations by the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) and local farmers and equipment experts. Youth also got hands-on experience operating Tractors, Implements and Skid Steers. We are so happy to say that all of our participants, including members from Saratoga, Rensselaer, and Washington counties all successfully completed the course.

For information about the 2022 Spring course, please contact the
4-H Office at 518.885.8995 or email
Leland at glb76@cornell.edu



4-H Staff Updates



I am Rylie Lear. I am the Small Animal Livestock Educator at CCE of Saratoga. I recently Graduated from The State University of Cobleskill with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Business and an Associate's Degree in Animal Industry. I have been involved in 4H for the last 14 years at the CCE of Orleans County. I grew up on a livestock farm in Albion, New York where I dedicated many hours to raising hogs, goats, sheep, and cows and preparing them for livestock shows at the local, state, and national levels. I am very excited to be a part of the team and bring my knowledge and love for livestock animals to Saratoga CCE. I am looking forward to creating engaging programs for the youth while advocating for the agricultural industry.



Adrianna Drindak has joined the Saratoga County CCE team this summer as an intern. Adrianna is 17 and will be entering her senior year at the Academy of the Holy Names this fall. She has been a member of Saratoga County 4-H for 12 years, and a member of Warren County 4-H for 4 years.

Adrianna began having increased involvement in 4-H upon winning the National 4-H Photo Essay Contest "Why Science Matters" in her freshmen year of high school, which sent her on a trip to Washington D.C. to attend the

National Youth Summit on Agri-Science. She is a member of Saratoga County's Teen Council and the 4-H/FCS Program Committee, as well as a member of the Artful Archers club. In Warren County 4-H, Adrianna participates as a member of the Green Team, Adirondack Guides, Shooting Sports, and the Rifle Team. Adrianna also has experience on the state and national levels. In 2019 and 2020, she was the New York State Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) Champion. Adrianna currently acts as a mentor to youth participating the NYS Conservation Ambassador program. She also presently serves as a National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador. In the fall of 2020, Adrianna was selected as one of eight delegates to represent New York State at the National 4-H Conference, which was held on a virtual platform this year. Adrianna is looking forward to gaining new skills this summer as a CCE Saratoga intern. In this position, she will be assisting with fair preparations, helping run animal science-based programs, and working on projects to the benefit of CCE Saratoga.

Attention Eligible 4-H'ers 4-H Scholarships

Are you entering college as a freshman or returning as a sophomore? 4-H offers scholarships to graduating Seniors or returning sophomores who were active in the 4-H program. The scholarships have been released for 2020. Please visit <http://ccesaratoga.org/4-h/4-h-forms/2021-4-h-scholarship-forms> to see all of the details. You may also call the 4-H office and talk with Greg or email him at grs9@cornell.edu for an application. Congratulations to all of our graduates!



Save the Date

AUGUST 22, NOON-4PM

SARATOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Horse Farm TOUR



Presented by: CCE EQUINE Cornell Cooperative Extension Saratoga County



The Saratoga County Horse Farm Tour is a **FREE** self-driven tour that is open to the public. This tour is designed to provide community access to selected horse farms within Saratoga County.

For more info please contact Brianna at bh548@cornell.edu 518-885-8995



4-H Horse Show Rulebooks

The N.Y. State 4-H Horse Show Rule book is on line at: www.ansci.cornell.edu. If you have a question or need to know a specific rule, check it out at your convenience. The web site is <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/horses/equine-show-rule-book/>

JULY 22-25, 2021

JOIN US AT THE
SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR!

4-H Countywide Robotics to Hold Open House **Wednesday, September 1st at 6:30pm**

Families of 4-H members ages 6-12 are invited to check out the awesome opportunities available in the Saratoga County 4-H Countywide Robotics program. With the use of Ozobots for our younger members and EV3 Lego Robots for the older ones, youth will get to try their hand at programming and building while learning about how they can continue their exploration of Robotics in the Countywide Program.

Leaders of the Countywide program will be on hand to answer any questions that you might have about participating, and members of our FTC teams will help teach participants about the awesome things they can do with 4-H Robotics.

The Countywide 4-H Robotics program meets every other Wednesday from October-June. The program not only teaches building and programming concepts, but promotes critical thinking, teamwork and encourages self confidence and determination.

The Open House will take place at the 4-H Training Center on Wednesday, September 1st at 6:30pm. If you have any questions about participation, please contact the 4-H office at 518.885.8995 or email Greg at grs9@cornell.edu

Robovines FTC Team Wraps Up Season

The season has come to an end for Robovines FTC robotics team. What a season it was!

The youth was required to compete remotely for the whole year. The team consists of Caitlyn VanDuesen, Wyatt Swatling, Katie LaBarge, Ethan Stone, Ryan Robichaud, Kiernan Stone and Brandon Stedry. For the second half of the year, the team was cut in half because of sports.

The Robovines ended their season with the 3rd highest robot score in all of NYS. They also ranked 3rd in both Design and Motivate out of 54 teams that competed this year. The Motivate Award is given to the team who shares their knowledge and looks to help out teams in whatever way possible. As we look forward to next season, we are hoping to be able to bring back the county- wide program to the youth of Saratoga County.



From the NYS 4-H Office

New York State 4-H Planning Virtual Activities,
Will Not Be In-Person for 2021
UPDATE 6.18.21

We are aware of the Governor's recent announcement concerning the NYS Fair. At this time the NYS 4-H Office has no plan to modify our decision regarding our plans for the 2021 session. At this time we plan to continue forward with our efforts to offer a virtual event that will be available to all NYS youth.

We appreciate the continued challenges and uncertainty surrounding the planning of 4-H programs this summer, and the need for clarity regarding our participation in the still-emerging effort to have a scaled-back NYS Fair. As we have learned more about the plans from our partners at the State Fair, including the lack of access to public buildings and the youth dormitory, **it is clear that the massive staff, volunteer, and youth effort required to make our 4-H presence work will not be a possibility again this year. Therefore, for 2021, we have already begun to turn our attention to creating some great virtual State level 4-H opportunities.**

More information will be available about these opportunities soon!

In response to inquiries, at this point in time, there is no information or known plans about OPEN livestock activities. Any updates in that area would be communicated directly from The NY State Fair office.

Cornell Cooperative Extension is committed to building on our strong and decades-long 4-H presence at the Great New York State Fair, thus we will be hoping and planning for a robust 4-H presence in Syracuse in 2022. Thank you for your patience as we explored this situation carefully over the past few months and please reach out with any questions that arise.

Andy Turner
NYS 4-H Program Leader

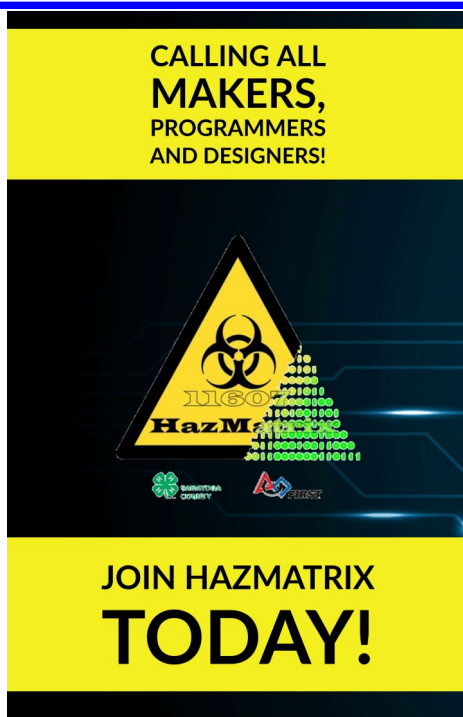
HazMatrix Robotics Team Looking For New Members

The Hazmatrix Robotics Team is looking for builders, programmers and designers to join for the 2021-22 season.

Members of this competitive team should be in 7th-12th grade. The team meets twice a week at the 4-H Training Center in Ballston Spa.

Hazmatrix is a Saratoga County 4-H team and is associated with FIRST Robotics.

If you are interested, please email Suzanne at snoozebar71@aol.com



CALLING ALL
MAKERS,
PROGRAMMERS
AND DESIGNERS!

HazMatrix

JOIN HAZMATRIX
TODAY!

The poster features a central graphic of a biohazard symbol inside a yellow triangle, with the text 'HazMatrix' and '2021-22' overlaid. Below the triangle are logos for Saratoga County and FIRST Robotics. The background is dark blue with a grid pattern.

August 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Animal Ambassadors	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Project Evaluations 3-7	12 Project Evaluation 3-7	13	14 4-H Project Exhib. Teen Council Zoom Meeting
15 4-H Project Exhib. 10-3	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Shooting Sports Comm. Meeting 7:00	26	27	28 Teen Council In- Person TBD
29	30	31				

July 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Animal Entries Due	2	3
4	4	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Animal Ambassadors	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Chicken BBQ at Fair 4-7PM	23	24
25 Fair	26	27	28 Shooting Sports Comm. Meeting 7:00	29	30	31 Saratoga County Fair 23-5

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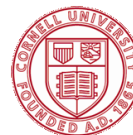
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