



# 4-H Highlights

NOV.-DEC. 2022

## *Happy Holidays!*

*What are we thankful for this Holiday Season?*

*This past weekend we celebrated our youths' successes at the 2022 Achievement Night. Many great things were accomplished this past year, yet as we look to the future and the beginning of the 2023 4-H year, we cannot help but be excited about the places we'll go and the things we'll do. Enrollment is coming in faster than it can be entered in, and the clubs who hadn't met since the pandemic are reforming. Our staff is working feverishly to plan out the new year with many things returning and new opportunities arising. We are truly inspired. We still maintain that we in Saratoga County have the greatest 4-H Program in all the land. As goofy as that may sound, we believe it, and it's all because of you. What are we thankful for this year? We are thankful for YOU. YOU the Youth who love and participate in the 4-H Program. YOU, the Leaders who make this program so strong, and YOU the Parents who see the importance of our positive youth development programs and get your youth to and from the great programs we offer, along with club meetings, trips and so much more. The 4-H staff wishes you all a safe and happy holiday season!*

*-Greg Stevens, 4-H Issue Leader*

### *November*

- 1st - 4-H Enrollment Due
- 14th - 4-H Leaders Association
- 19th - Teen Council Meeting and Fair Thank You Dinner
- 28th - Gingerbread houses due to office
- 28th - Shooting Sports Committee

### *December*

- 1st - Victorian Street Walk
- 10th - Teen Council Meeting & Holiday Party
- 19th - Shooting Sports Committee

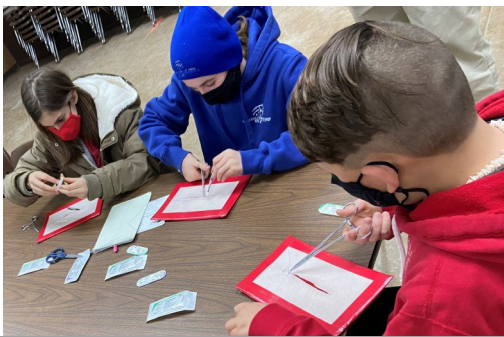
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*always, always,*  
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**something**  
*to be thankful for*

# 4-H Vet Sciences

## The Veterinary Science Project

Saratoga County 4-H will be hosting the Vet Science Project Tuesday nights starting February 21st, 2022. Class times are 6-7:30pm. Classes are held at the Training Center and other locations will be sent in a schedule. 4-H youth will learn from Veterinary medical professionals. The recommended age is 12 and up, however there is a waiting list for 11 year old's, first come-first served as space permits.

The cost is \$15 per person which covers all 6 weeks. Registration will open December 1st, 2022. To register, email our 4-H Livestock Educator, Rylie Lear, [rjl287@cornell.edu](mailto:rjl287@cornell.edu) or call the CCE Saratoga office at (518) 885-8995.



### 4-H Horticulture Training

Have you ever thought you might like to know the names of all the flowers spotted in the garden, or perhaps wonder what vegetables are best to grow? This can be an interesting way to learn about these and more while having some fun at the same time.

We will begin our 2022-2023 training program for youth between the ages of 9 and 19 who enjoy gardening with all kinds of plants. You will begin to learn how to identify plants from cuttings, twigs, seeds and more, along with learning a little about their growing conditions and what problems they may encounter along the way. You will also spend some time learning how to judge plant material, and much, much more!

#### Upcoming Dates:

**December 5 - CCE Office**

So mark your calendar today and plan to join us at the Cornell Cooperative Extension office from 6:30pm to 8pm on the above date to learn and have fun. Hope to see you there!!

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Beebe at 518-885-8995.



# Achievement Night 2022

On Saturday, October 29th we held our annual Achievement Night. It was an intimate gathering this year. We appreciate all of the youth who came out to celebrate one another and all of their accomplishments. We are very proud of our Saratoga County 4-H members. Congratulations to our Scholarship winners Kohlby Himelrick, Adrianna Drindak, Amber Cook and Zane Swatling







# 4-H Horse News

## STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSES MOUTH

### IMPORTANT DATES



#### NOVEMBER

**Wednesday, 30th- County Wide  
4-H Horse -Gingerbread Barn**

#### DECEMBER

**Tuesday, 6th- Horse Bowl  
Tuesday, 13th- Horse Bowl  
Wednesday, 14th- County Wide  
Horse - Horse Shoe Ornaments**

### HORSE FRIEND HIGHLIGHT

Each edition of the 4-H Horse News will include a Horse Friend Highlight! A Horse Friend can be ANY 4-H Horse Member, Volunteer, or friend of the 4-H Horse Program.

Meet Kendall Whitt! Last year was Kendall's FIRST year as a 4-H Horse member!!

She was active in Horse Bowl, and was the only Saratoga County 4-H member to compete at the Regional Horse Communications Contest. Kendall was the MOST active 4-H Horse member in 2022, volunteering at shows, and fundraisers, in addition to horse bowl meetings and horse communication practices. Great job Kendall! You truly inspire others to 'Make the Best Better'



### ITS TIME YOU JOIN A HORSE CLUB

Saratoga County 4-H has new horse clubs popping up across the county. There is sure to be one you or your horse enthusiastic youth member will find a great fit. Please call Leland for more information about finding the right horse club for you!

### NEW: COUNTY WIDE 4-H HORSE

The Saratoga CO. 4-H Horse Program is excited to announce monthly programming called COUNTY WIDE HORSE.

Each month there will be an all ages activity fun for all ages, and an educational component. November 30th we will be making gingerbread barns, and learning about different types of barns around the world. On December 14th members can join us to decorate horse shoes and learn about horse hoof care.

All County Wide 4-H Horse programs will be free for the 2022-2023 year due to an anonymous donation to our program. To participate you must be a Saratoga County 4-H Member in a horse club, participates in horse contests, or have a horse project. Please sign up by calling the 4-H Office at 518-885-8995.



### HORSE BOWL BEGINS!

Horse Bowl is a jeopardy-like horse trivia contest that members practice and compete as teams. Horse Bowl practices will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday nights starting December 6th. Practices will continue on a weekly basis and all sessions will be held at the Cooperative Extension Office.

Each participant will be placed in a team with members with similar ages and abilities.

#### Team Levels:

Novice - 13 y/o and under in their first or second year of competition

Junior - 13 y/o and under moving up from Novice

Senior - 14 y/and over.

All ages are calculated as of January 1, 2023

Regional Competitions and State Competitions will be held in the spring. All seniors have the opportunity to compete for a spot at the National Event in Kentucky in November! Come have fun, meet new friends, and learn about horses. Call Brianna to sign up!

**SIGN UP TODAY**



#### CONTACT:

Brianna Hughes  
P: 518-885-8995

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## NEW: Participation Contest

# Saratoga County 4-H Horse



All Saratoga County 4-H Horse members, ages 8-18, are eligible to earn points for participating in horse-related 4-H activities.

Different activities earn different points.

Contest Starts December 1st 2022 and ends October 1st 2023



## PARTICIPATION POINTS

**Attendance 1PT:** Each time a 4-H Horse member attends Horse bowl practice, a horse club meeting, hippology, or a County Wide Horse Program they will receive one point. Event leaders will be asked to submit an attendance sheet after meetings and activities. **IMPORTANT:** Those arriving late or leaving early will not receive an attendance point.

**Regional Contest 3PT:** For each regional event a 4-H horse member participates in they will receive 3 points. Participation includes competing or volunteering at the event. 4-H Educator Brianna Hughes will take attendance or assign an adult volunteer to do so. You must participate for the entire event, or at least 4 hours at longer events.

**State Contest 40 PT:** Each individual who participates in any state contest will receive 40 points. Participation includes competing and volunteering at the event. You must participate for the entire event, or at least 4 hours at longer events.

**General Participation 2PT:** When a 4-H Horse member participates in a general activity including Horse shows, 4-H Tack sales, fundraisers (for any Saratoga County 4-H Fundraiser), or any CCE Equine event they will receive two points. Participation includes competing or volunteering. You must participate for the entire event, or at least 4 hours at longer events.

**Horse Communications PT VARIES:** Different than the other categories, you must participate in the horse communication category to be eligible for the final prize. Volunteering at the event will not count towards points. At the County level participants will receive 5 points, at the regional level participants receive 15 points, and at the state level 4-H Horse members will receive 50 points!

## RULES?

- Participants must be members of Saratoga County 4-H
- Participants **MUST** be involved in the 4-H Horse program. Including one of the following: be in a horse club, participate in a horse contest, or have a project horse
- Participants must get a point in each of the categories (Attendance, Regional Contest, General participation, 4-H Horse Communications) to qualify for the grand prize.

## PRIZES

Top two scoring youths in the following categories:

Ages 8-13:

2 riding lessons donated by a local trainer.\*

Ages 14-18:

2 riding lesson donated by a local trainer.\*

OR

participate in a FREE day Trip to Equine Affair with 4-H Educators including tickets, transportation, meals, and more.

\*We will have a list of trainers for youth/parents to choose from.



# Holiday Craft Day

Open to all 4-H members



3 HOLIDAY CRAFTS!  
\$5 PER PERSON



December 3rd 10am-12pm  
Call (518) 885-8995 or email  
[rjl287@cornell.edu](mailto:rjl287@cornell.edu) to register.



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## *Teen Council News*

Let's have some Holiday fun!!!

**Help Unload Christmas Trees– Greenfield Center- November 19<sup>th</sup> Time -TBD**

**WHAT:** November Teen Council In-Person Activity

**WHO:** All 4-H Teens and Invited Guests

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 19th at 5:30pm  
**(Thank You Dinner)**

**Where:** 4-H Training Center

**Sign-Up:** Call the 4-H office to sign up for this dinner and meeting

Saratoga County 4-H Teen Council is excited to begin the 2022-23 4-H year, and want all of our 4-H Teens to take the opportunity to join us! 4-H Teen Council is a great place to meet new friends, gain valuable leadership skills and make contributions to our community. We are very active in Community Service, Service Learning, Skill Building, and just over all, having a great time.

**SHOP For Adopt a Family : December 5<sup>th</sup>- 4pm- 6pm**

**WHAT:** Teen Council Holiday Party/ Adopt a Family

**WHO:** All 4-H Teens

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 10th at 6:30pm

**Where:** 4-H Training Center

(Please bring a gift to exchange (\$10 max)

Also bring a dish to pass, food or desert.)

We'll also be wrapping gifts for Adopt a Family.





# 4-H Halloween Extravaganza

What an Incredible experience we had at the 2022 Halloween Extravaganza. We can't thank the volunteers and clubs enough for making this event a success! We had nearly 3,000 children and families flood the 4-H Training Center.









## *4-H For Leaders-All Leaders Welcome*

**When: November 14, 2022 at 6:30pm**

**Where: 4-H Training Center**

Calling all leaders and junior leaders! Our next 4-H Leader's Association Meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th at 6:30pm at the 4-H Training Center.

Our first meeting of the new year will have us discussing ideas for upcoming meeting and professional development.

The Saratoga County 4-H Leaders Association is open to all enrolled 4-H volunteer leaders and junior leaders. This group provides financial assistance to the 4-H program and members while giving volunteers a place to learn and connect.

## 4-H Agribusiness Careers Conference

We had six Saratoga County 4-H members represent at the ABC Trip! We enjoyed a tour of campus along with a panel discussion from the SUNY Cobleskill staff and students. We visited local farms & businesses specific to the 4-H'ers interest. We also learned a thing or two about line dancing. The youth split off into study groups including livestock, dairy, canine, equine, fish & wildlife, ag engineering, and agricultural business. We had a great group of youth this year!

This is an annual event, and we look forward to providing the opportunities to our 4-H'ers again next year. If you would like more information about the 4-H ABC Conference or any other 4-H trips, please contact the 4-H office.





## Dairy Bowl

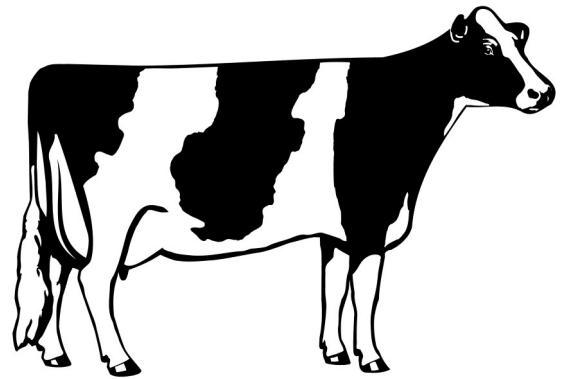
Dairy Bowl will be putting teams together and practicing for competitions in the upcoming year. If you are interested in bovine or have dairy knowledge you should sign up!

There are three teams:

**Novice:** For members 13 years and under, their first or second year of competition and not having participated at a Regional event

**Junior:** members 13 years and under competing for the 3rd year or more or having previously participated at a Regional Event

**Senior:** For members 14 and over



Call Rylie at the 4-H office if you are interested in participating- 518-885-8995 or email [rjl287@cornell.edu](mailto:rjl287@cornell.edu).

## Robovines 4-H Club Fundraiser

Please help ROBOVINES raise some money and enjoy a good meal. There will be a pick-up dinner at Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake High School on Wednesday, November 30th by the rear gym entrance. Menu to be determined but meals will be \$18 and dessert & Apps will be \$3-5. Orders are due on 11/28 and payment will be taken at the door: Cash, Check, Venmo and Paypal (credit card). Please go to [robovines.org/dinner](http://robovines.org/dinner) for more details. Thank you for your support!!



# November 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 4-H Re-Enrollments Due Vet Science 6pm	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Vet Science 6pm	9	10	11	12
13	14 Leaders Assoc. 6:30pm	15 Vet Science 6pm	16	17	18	19 Teen Council In- Person 5:30pm
20	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving!	25	26
27	28 Shooting Sports Committee Meeting 6:00pm	29 Vet Science 6pm	30			





## Gingerbread House Community Service

November is the month many of you will be making gingerbread houses for the Festival of Trees, during the Victorian Street Walk, and for display at the Saratoga Library. The structures have been a great combination of some very unique gingerbread schools, churches, stables, castles, and yes, houses.

A gingerbread house display is a great community service opportunity for 4-H. It enables us to be an active member of a community event as well as being able to share the houses with local groups like the senior center, soup kitchen and nursing homes. The houses are first displayed at various locations at the Victorian Streetwalk, and then donated to local community centers and nursing homes for further display.

Information to help you participate in the gingerbread project:

- All houses need to be brought to the 4-H Office by Monday, November 28th.
- There are two gingerbread kits available to borrow. The kits contain instructions, equipment and supplies. Not quite everything you will need, but the hard to find items are there. Clubs can borrow the kits for one week. Call the 4-H Office at 518-885-8995 to reserve the kit.
- **IF** your club is making a scene with multiple houses or other structures the board you place it on cannot be larger than 2' by 2'.
- **IF** your club is making individual houses or structures please place them on a sturdy base such as wood, foam board, or **heavy** cardboard. Please do not use a single piece of cardboard.
- Houses will be at multiple locations. We are still solidifying those locations. If your club is interested in staffing one of the locations please call the 4-H Office.

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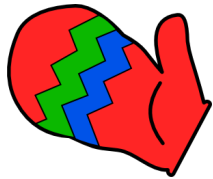
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				1 Victorian Street Walk Vet Science Registration Opens	2	3 Holiday Craft Day
4	5 6:30 PM 4-H Horticulture CCE Office	6	7	8	9	10 Teen Council Holiday Party 6:30
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Shooting Sports Committee Meeting 6pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



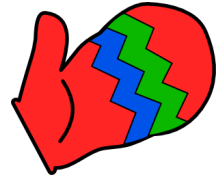
# 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WINTER INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP

## **SAVE THE DATE**

FEBRUARY 25-26, 2023  
4-H TRAINING CENTER, BALLSTON SPA



## **4-H Holiday Mitten Tree**



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

We will be seeking donations later this fall of new socks, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves, as well as lightly used coats. Our trees will be 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 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 starting in mid-late November.

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](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu).

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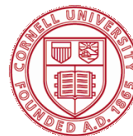
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