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THE NEWSLETTER OF ORANGE COUNTY 4-H

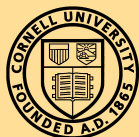
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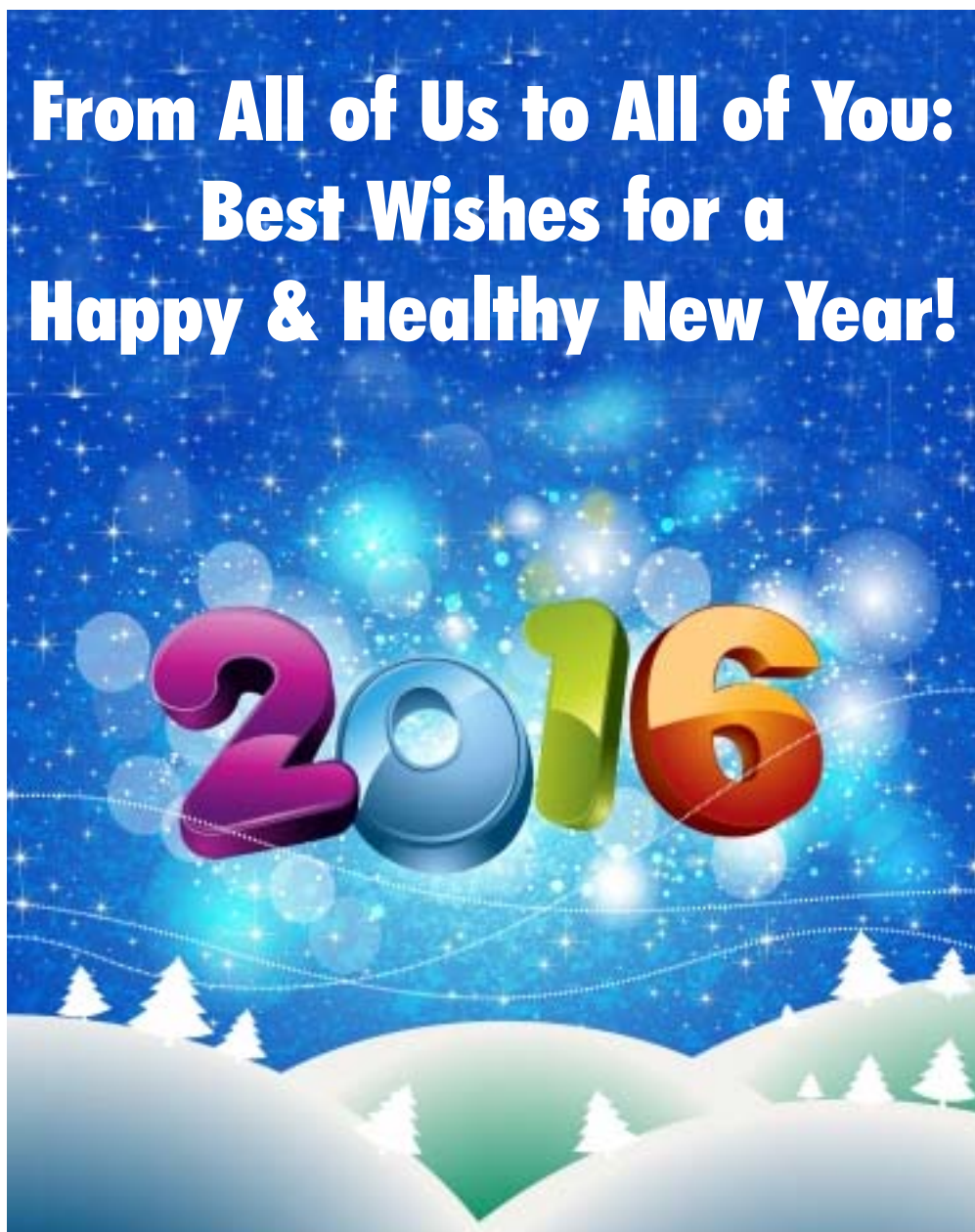
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**4-H Youth Development ◆ Agriculture
Family & Consumer Sciences**

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**From All of Us to All of You:
Best Wishes for a
Happy & Healthy New Year!**



**Volunteer Agreements Coming in
January! See page 18 for details!**

CLOVERBUD CORNER



New Ideas for the New Year

Are you a Cloverbud Leader who is looking for new ideas that you can do with your club? In addition to the great Orange County Cloverbud Curriculum CD mentioned below I would encourage club leaders and parents to take a quick look at these other two great resources:

One is a *Cloverbud Connections* newsletter that has been put together by Ohio State Extension. The lessons are fun, simple and easy to integrate. They can all be easily downloaded and found here:

www.ohio4h.org/ohio-4-h-cloverbud-connections

The second resource is out of Utah and is part of the 4-H Discovery series. There is a great food and nutrition resource that can be found here:

<http://utah4h.org/htm/discover4hclubs/discover-4-h-cloverbud-fcs-clubs/>

and one on citizenship that can be found here:

<http://utah4h.org/htm/discover4hclubs/discover-4-h-cloverbud-citizenship-clubs/>

If you have 4-H'ers in your club as well you may find it worthwhile to browse the whole curriculum offering as there are some great topics for many different interest levels.

As always, help is only a phone call away. Please feel comfortable contacting me in the office if your club is in need of anything be it a simple question or greater guidance. I am here to help at any time!

Good luck as you continue on through the year!

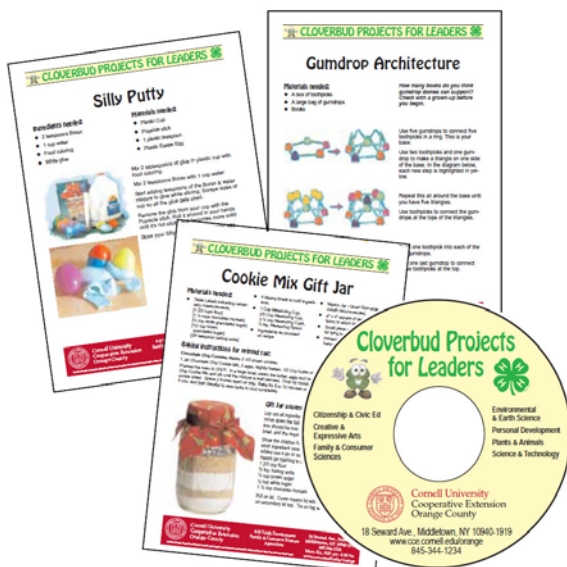
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Program Dates - Application and Awards Schedule

APPLICATION FOR AWARDS

Session dates	Submission dates	Awards Ceremony
Session 1: September 1 - November 15	November 15	Local, at your site 1st week of December (Individual Awards)
Session 2: December 1 - February 15	February 15	Local, at your site 1st week of March (Individual Awards)
Session 3: March 1 - May 15	May 15	County wide - last week in June (Individual & Club Awards)

CLOVERBUD PROJECTS FOR LEADERS ON CD



This convenient resource has been made available for Cloverbud Leaders to assist you with your club program. The CD provides you with 40 age appropriate learning activities in 7 of the 8 major subject areas 4-H promotes for well rounded learning. They are:

- ✓ **Citizenship & Civic Education**
- ✓ **Creative & Expressive Arts**
- ✓ **Family & Consumer Sciences**
- ✓ **Environmental & Earth Science**
- ✓ **Personal Development**
- ✓ **Plants & Animals**
- ✓ **Science & Technology**

Each project/learning activity comes with a list of materials, easy to follow instructions, and a photo or graphic of the completed activity. We have priced this item affordably at \$5.00 so that each leader can have it as a convenient, ready resource at their fingertips.

TEEN SECTION



Teen Leadership & Career Development

Next Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 pm -

Guest Speaker: *Health to Better Living* "How Diet Affects Your Attention, Studying and Grades"

TLCD hosted the workshop "How to Send Your Kid to College and Retire" (photo at left). The workshop was open to the public and over 40 families attended! College Planning Relief provided information on the initial process of navigating the FAFSA form, configuring your contribution, and the ins and outs to not necessarily ruling-out those "sticker shock" schools. Participation in the workshop allowed for those interested to schedule a one-on one hour long session with the presenter for free. Many families took advantage of that opportunity, and are on their way to finding that "perfect" school fit.

Leader's Banquet - Bloomingburg

There was a fantastic turn out by Teen Leaders at this year's Leader's Banquet! What a wonderful testament to our program to have so many teens actively participate in Junior Leadership! The Teen Leadership & Career Development Program, STEM Teen Leaders, Horse and Animal Science Programs and General Interest Clubs all had teen representation!

Save the Date! STARR Conference

When: April 29 - May 1, 2016

Where: Youth Building, New York State Fairgrounds

Who: Any 4-H Teen interested in

gaining leadership skills, networking, and having fun!!!

What: The state teen leadership event of the year: STARR!

Join us for an awesome weekend of workshops, networking, and fun! There will be a keynote speaker, dinner, and dance on Saturday night! Contact Marika for additional information and/or to be added to the list. Please send a \$50 deposit to hold your space for transportation. Checks made out to: CCEOC Memo: STARR.

Career Explorations!

June 28 - 30, 2016

Information due out by the State Office in/around February! If interested register early as MANY popular programs fill quickly...check back often with the 4-H office as time nears!



Above: Way to go Ethan and Kevin who represented New York State and Orange County at the 2015 Poultry Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky! Congratulations to you both!

STEM IDEA OF THE MONTH

Each month we will provide a project or challenge related to the S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) principals. The ideas are simple with the intention that the leaders or volunteers will use these as a starting point to create a really great activity for the club. This section will also be a sharing center. We want to hear what your club did with the idea and if you have any ideas you would like to share.

Please submit what you would like to share to Vanessa at vam29@cornell.edu.

Make a Kazoo

Supplies Needed

Heavy Paper (cardstock)
Tape
Markers/ Stampers
Rubber Bands
Wax Paper
Scissors

What to Do:

1. Take a piece of cardstock (heavy) white paper and color/design anything you desire on the paper using markers and stampers.
2. Then tape the piece of paper into a tube (you can experiment with the size/width of the tube).
3. Next cut a square of waxed paper to cover the end of the tube.
4. Secure the waxed paper to the end of the tube with a rubber band.
5. Now practice humming into your kazoo.
6. It may take some practice and experimentation with the length, width, etc. of your plastic tube, but don't give up



Can you turn this into an experiment?

Check out the website below to find more instruments you can make at home and learn more about the science behind sound: www.learnvest.com/2013/08/6-d-i-y-musical-instruments-kids-can-make/?gallery=689&pid=#pid-8037_aint-0

Fun Facts

- ◆ The kazoo is based on the physics of how vibration makes sound.
- ◆ Humming causes a membrane (the wax paper) to vibrate.
- ◆ Kazoos were first produced in the USA around 1852.
- ◆ Kazoos can be made of plastic, metal, wood or other materials.
- ◆ Kazoos are musical instruments in the mirliton family.
- ◆ The 1920's was the "Golden Age" of kazoo play.

BLUE RIBBON EXPRESS

Winter can mean endless days stuck inside when it is too cold and dreary to venture outside. Why not try your hand at a Food and Nutrition project? There are several categories you can enter at Showcase. Cookies, Cakes, Muffins, Pies, Biscuits and Breads and Jellies and Jams may be the go to favorites...but have you thought outside the box? Food Technology Exhibit... can you prepare something over an open fire made out of a soup can? Enter your favorite campfire recipe in this category. Looking through old family favorite recipes during a snow day? Keepsake those family secrets in a Heritage Recipe Collection... you may even hear some interesting family stories.

Many of you brown bag your lunch for school... why not start writing down your favorite combinations, look into the nutritional make-up and enter it in the Packed Lunch class. What would you serve for a day if YOU had the choice.... Plan a Menu for a Day and enter that class too! Don't forget Rover and Fluffy... there is a Pet Treat Class for our favorite four-legged family members!



4-H S.T.E.M. (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH)

STEM Teen Leaders and Junior Leaders Program

Are you a 4-H'er who is interested in STEM? Are you looking for a club that has other youth interested in STEM? Would you like to do projects that have a STEM focus? If you answered yes to these questions then come and check out the STEM Teen and Junior Leaders Program!

The two groups focus on learning more about STEM, gaining and developing skills, making friends and completing projects that have a STEM focus. How do the groups accomplish ALL of this? Through monthly meetings, field trips, hosting guest speakers, working with volunteers from various industry businesses, and linking up with other groups within 4-H.

What are these 2 new programs?

- **STEM Teen Leaders** - open to any youth enrolled in 4-H between the ages of 13 - 18. This group meets on the first Monday of each month from 6:30 pm - 8 pm.

- **STEM Jr. Leaders** - open to any youth enrolled in 4-H between the ages of 8 - 12. This group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month from 6:30 pm - 8 pm.

There will be a materials fee charge for the Junior Leaders. You will have a choice of either paying \$2/child/meeting or paying \$20/child at the start of the program.

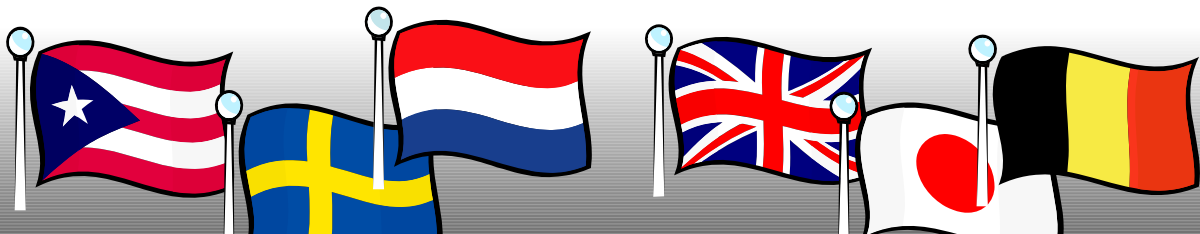
If you are interested in learning more about these groups or joining, contact Vanessa in the 4-H office.

Specialty Volunteers Wanted!

**Are you a plumber, carpenter, mechanic, or electrician?
Do you know one?**

If your answer is yes, we are looking for people with these trade skills to work with 4-H'ers on developing interactive STEM exhibits for the Education Center and 4-H Park site.

Call Vanessa Merrill at the 845-344-1234 if interested.



4-H INTERNATIONAL DAY

NEW DAY & TIME!

**Sunday, January 24, 2016
12 ~ 4 PM**

(Snow date: January 31, 2016)
**Chester Academy, Chester, NY
12:00 - 2:00 PM; 2:15 PM for Skits**

To guarantee inclusion in the Program & Passport call the 4-H office with your club's choice by **JANUARY 8.**

Then explore that country's culture by reading, interviewing and/or learning about it.

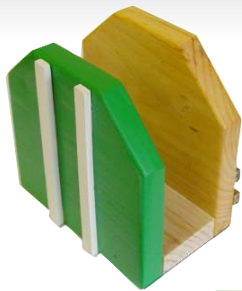
AT THE 4-H INTERNATIONAL DAY PLEASE:

- 1 Bring a dessert/finger food to share that reflects the culture of your country. Find out the history of that dessert - is it traditional to a religion or cultural group? Is it eaten for a special occasion? Is it a recent favorite food that found its way to new taste buds through cultural exchange?
- 2 Set up a display about your country. You can use posters, flags, souvenir/items, etc. from the country. Another idea is to wear or bring traditional, historical, or popular style of clothing from your country. If you cannot find appropriate clothing, bring photos or types of fabric, accessories, etc...be creative!
- 3 Be ready to share up on stage what you've learned about your nation's heritage with the other 4-H guests for 3 minutes. Do this with pictures, songs, skits...however you want to entertain and educate us! *Please only 3 minutes.*

We hope your club will join us for an exciting trip around the world!

GREAT 4-H PROJECTS FOR YOUR CLUB

Must call 2 weeks in advance of needing the project, and pay in full when you pick up order.



Napkin Holder:
\$3.50



Tool Box:
\$6.50

Mason Jar
Lamp:
\$7.25



Wall Clock: \$3.00
*Choose from Clover, Heart,
Bear, Circle or Square.*

Footstool: \$5.75



Planter Box: \$5.50



Wind Chimes: \$6.00



Wall Pin-Up Lamp:
\$5.50
*Choose from Clover, Heart,
Bear, Circle or Square.
Limited Quantities!*

OTHER PROJECT KITS

	PRICE
Leather Wallet	\$5.75
Leather Starter Set (<i>bookmark, key ring, wristband</i>)	4.00
4-H Magnets	2.50
Cork Message Board	3.50
Ribbon Rack	3.00
Member Signboards	3.25
Keyholders (<i>Choose from Clover, Heart, Bear, Circle or Square</i>)	2.25
Tin Punch	2.50
Sanding Block	1.50
Record Book Cover (3" rings)	2.75
K.I.D.S. Kits	4.00
Wind Chimes	6.00
Planter Boxes <i>Limited Quantities!</i>	5.50
Memo Holders	2.50
Mosaic Frames	3.50
Bird Feeder	7.00

ITEMS AVAILABLE ON LOAN: Electric Wood Burning Tools, Electric Sanders, Leather Stamping Kit.

ROCKETRY IS A BLAST!!



Rocketry 1 Space Loft	4.50
Rocketry 2 Wizard	5.00
Rocketry 3 Alpha	7.00
Rocket Engines: 1/2 A3 - 4T	2.75
Rocket Engines: A8 - 3	2.75
Rocket Igniter Pack	3.00
Rocket Wadding Pack	5.00

Rocket Launch Pads available on loan.

If this is your first time building a rocket, call Vanessa at 344-1234 for details about all materials needed!

Family Overnight at the Challenger Space Center!

SUFFERN, NY (ROCKLAND COUNTY)

FRIDAY, FEB. 5 (5 PM) - SATURDAY, FEB. 6 (10 AM) 2016

Geared for 4th grade and older (thru adult!). Younger youth may require help with some of the reading, but are welcome to attend. Space Is Limited. \$45/person.



As a parent/special guest (21+) attending this event you **MUST** be registered in our system and have a current background check. If in doubt **PLEASE** contact the 4-H office as soon as possible, last minute background checks are not able to be processed in time, we require 3 weeks.



Program is geared for 4th grade and up - however Commander John said that younger youth with the help of a parent or older team member can navigate through the missions just fine.

Only 32 participants are allowed to physically take part in the Mission Control and Space Craft experiences ... however the Challenger Center will allow for additional people to be **IN** the building for the overnight... Our preference is that we have 32 **YOUTH** be our fully

paid participants and parents can come for a greatly reduced fee of \$15. However we need 32 **PAID** participants to cover the expense of the program. When registering **PLEASE** indicate if you as the parent would want to partake in the simulated experiences for the \$45 fee and we will make a first come first served list if we do not meet the 32 paid youth participant number.

\$15/per person non-refundable deposit holds your space. Please make checks payable to: CCEOC in memo: 4-H Challenger Overnight

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- ✓ **Pizza Dinner**
- ✓ **Snack**
- ✓ **Movie - Family version of 'October Sky'**
- ✓ **Mission Control Experience**
- ✓ **Space Craft Experience**
- ✓ **Hands-On Activities**
- ✓ **Bagel Breakfast**

**Any questions...
please ask Marika**



ANIMAL SCIENCE: GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Animal Science Communications

Start preparing now to participate in animal science communications program on Saturday, March 5. Youth will present on a topic related to specific animal species (horse, dairy, sheep, goat, swine, beef or poultry). Youth will be evaluated not only on their presentation skills but their knowledge of their topic. For more information on this "new" program contact Vanessa.

ANIMAL SCIENCE: DAIRY NEWS

Remember to mark your calendars with the dates for the various events/programs that will be happening over the next couple of months.

- ▶ March 5 - Animal Science Communications
- ▶ March 12 - District Dairy Bowl
- ▶ March 19 - C.U.D.S. Sale & Clinic Trip
- ▶ March 25 - 26 - Dairy Discovery
- ▶ April 2 - District Dairy Bowl (snow date)
- ▶ April 23 - State Dairy Quiz Bowl
- ▶ May 7 - Calf Sale
- ▶ May 7 - Animal Crackers
- ▶ June 4 - Animal Fun Day

Please remember to check your emails for updates and changes as we get things planned and organized.

ANIMAL SCIENCE: LIVESTOCK NEWS

Remember to mark your calendars with the dates for the various events/programs that will be happening over the next couple of months.

- ▶ March 5 - Animal Science Communications
- ▶ April 16 - Regional Goat Bowl
- ▶ May 7 - Animal Crackers (Dairy & Goat)
- ▶ June 4 - Animal Fun Day

YOUR 4-H STAFF REPRESENTATIVES



KATHY LEO

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Covers Areas: Port Jervis, Cuddebackville / Deerpark, Minisink, Greenville, Mt. Hope, Waywayanda, New Hampton, Otisville, Circleville, Bullville, Bloomingburg, Pine Bush



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KIM LeBLANC

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Covers Areas: City of Middletown, City of Port Jervis, City of Newburgh

ANIMAL SCIENCE: HORSE NEWS

Leader & Jr. Leader Meetings:

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Middletown
Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 PM Snow date: January 19
Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 PM Snow date: February 16

Horse Bowl & Hippology

Practices are every Thursday from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Middletown

Are you interested in participating and preparing for the 2016 competition? If, so you are welcome to begin attending practice at any time. **For more information call Ginny at 845-344-7234.**

Dates to Remember:

- ▶ Friday, January 8 - Horse Science Levels

ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES

Important Honor Secretary Changes!

Moving forward ALL secretaries reports are to be sent to the attention of Carol McLaughlin 4-H Secretary, she will be compiling the reports for Honor Secretary. As always, be sure your report is faxed, scanned, or mailed and received by the 10th in the 4-H office.



JANUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3	4 STEM Teen Leaders 6:30 pm	5	6 TLCD	7 Fly Tying 7-8:30 pm Gander Mountain, Middletown	8	9 Dog Photo Lab 10-2
10	11 Leader Orientation 10-12 am OR 6-8 pm	12 Horse Leaders 7:30 pm	13 Leader Orientation 10-12 am OR 6-8 pm	14 Fly Tying 7-8:30 pm Gander Mountain, Middletown	15	16
17	18 Sewing Lab JoAnne's Fabrics 6:30 pm OFFICE CLOSED	19	20 TLCD	21 Fly Tying 7-8:30 pm Gander Mountain, Middletown	22	23 Sewing Lab 1st Year Hour of Code
24 International Day 12-4 pm International Day Snow Date 31	25	26	27	28 Fly Tying 7-8:30 pm Gander Mountain, Middletown	29	30 Sewing Lab 1st Year

FEBRUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 STEM Teen Leaders 6:30	2	3 TLCD 7pm	4 Dog Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Fly Tying 7pm Horse Bowl/Hippology 6 - 8 pm	5 Challenger Cntr Family Overnight	6 1st Year Sewing Lab snow date Challenger Ctr. Family Overnight
7	8 Dog Public Presentation training	9 Horse Leaders 7:30 pm	10	11 Fly Tying - snow date Horse Bowl/Hippology 6 - 8 pm	12	13
14	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16	17	18 Horse Bowl/Hippology 6 - 8 pm	19	20 National Engineering Week Challenge 6:30 pm
21 National Engineering Week Challenge 6:30 pm Snow date	22 Stem Jr. Leaders 6:30 pm	23	24	25 Horse Bowl/Hippology 6 - 8 pm	26	27 PiNY Contest
28 PiNY Snow Date	29					

NATURAL RESOURCES



Project FeederWatch is back!

This nationwide citizen science project is dedicated to collecting data information on birds during the winter months. The watch starts in December and continues through April.

This is a great project for any youth who is interested in citizen science or wanting to learn more about birds. Youth who participated in this program last year can do this program again. This is not limited to one year participation.

Once again there will be some special and fun meetings set up throughout the watch. Special activities include guest lecturers and a nature bird watching hike.

Contact Vanessa today to sign up for this citizen science project.



Orange County 4-H Fly Tying Program

For those of you wondering what fly tying is, it's the art of tying string, yarn, feathers and other materials to a fish hook so that it resembles a type of food that fish eat. It's also one of civilization's oldest art forms!

Thursday nights for five weeks starting January 7, 2016
7:00 - 8:30 PM, Gander Mountain, Middletown

Cost is \$20 per 4-H member,
\$40 per non-4-H member and per adult.

**Note: A collection of flies can be entered at the 2016 4-H Showcase.
Interested? Call Vanessa at 845-344-1234.**

PRESENTATION OPPORTUNITY



Produced in New York (PiNY) Contest

CONTEST DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Snow Date: February 28. Do you like to cook or bake?

Want to enhance your demonstration skills?

Why not try participating in the PiNY contest?!!

Must register by February 12, 2016. \$5.00 entrance fee.

'Produced in New York' (PiNY) program is designed to showcase the wide variety and use of agricultural products grown in New York State. PiNY is a great opportunity for youth to demonstrate their food preparation skills while promoting a tasty recipe featuring NYS food products. During PiNY program, 4-H members do a "silent demonstration" concurrently with several of their peers. Individual participants are evaluated on demonstration skills, finished product and completed menu planning sheet. *Cloverbuds may participate but will not be judged and do not have to complete a menu plan.*

For additional information and contest rules call Marika at 344-1234.

ENGINEERING WEEK CHALLENGE IS BACK!



Back by popular demand 4-H will once again be offering a National Engineering Week Challenge to coincide with the national week of celebration (Feb. 15 - Feb. 20).

This year we are offering a new challenge to try and complete – BRIDGES! Youth will be challenged to design and build a bridge that carry the most weight/ load.



BRIDGE KITS OFFERED THIS YEAR:

Balsa Wood - \$12
Straws & Pins - \$7
Pipe Cleaners - \$5
Popsicle Sticks - \$6

2016 CHALLENGE CONTEST DAY:

Saturday, February 20 at 6:30 PM
Cornell Cooperative Extension,
Middletown

If your club or 4-H'er is interested in participating in this event please contact Vanessa, vam29@cornell.edu or 344-1234, for more information.

Registration for this program is February 12, 2016. Don't miss out on this fun event!

ORDER FORMS ARE DUE DECEMBER 28, 2015.

PLEASE CONTACT VANESSA WITH ANY QUESTIONS AND TO REGISTER 845 - 344 - 1234



Are your club members participating in 4-H Record Keeping?

With the new year approaching quickly, it's a great idea to start some simple record keeping within your club. Devoting 45 minutes or so of one club meeting to having members update their green Activity Reports will give you a great jump start in preparation for this summer's fair.

Members can also start collecting some of the simple ingredients for a great Member Book. For those of you who have done officer elections, members could write a

list of officers. Awards or certificates that have been achieved thus far could be placed in a binder, as well as a simple cover page to personalize your 4-H memories. Lastly, why not work on a Project Completion Sheet or two and get those tucked into your albums now so you don't need to worry about them later. Small investments of time now can help to alleviate all of that pre-fair rushing that 4-H families all know so well!

ANIMAL SCIENCE: 2016 DOG PROGRAM BEGINS IN APRIL



New members must be 9 years of age by 9/30/15. Dogs do not have to be registered, but they must be vaccinated for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, and leptospirosis. Enrollment forms are available from the 4-H office. Please request them by calling the office at 344-1234 or on the enclosed return form. There is an annual \$15.00 membership fee for all youth involved in any/or all 4-H programs. There is also an annual Dog Program enrollment fee of \$10.00 which is good for any and all dog programs if paid by March 2, 2016 (Thereafter the fee is \$15.00)

Registration will be accepted only when enrollment form, fees and a copy of vaccination papers are turned into the 4-H office. Note: All classes will be held at the Cornell Coop. Extension.

Dog Obedience & Grooming Classes

Orientation: Tuesday, March 29, 6:00 pm
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Middletown

Monday Classes Start April 4
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Middletown

Registration for Dog Obedience is required before March 18, but classes fill up quickly – on a first come, first served basis.

Classes begin with a required orientation for all first year members at the Extension office in Middletown. Advanced Obedience classes will also be offered in Middletown.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *These classes are designed as a youth development experience for children, not as a place just to get your dog trained. Dogs need to be controlled by your child, ie: a 130 lb. aggressive dog and a 60 lb. kid will probably not work out. Remember – the child needs to do the work, not the parent, to make this the great experience it can be.*

Public Presentations Jump-Start Session

Monday, February 29, 2016 at 6:30 pm
Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County

The next installment of family friendly dog workshops is available for your enjoyment. Come one, come all to this great public presentations jump start session. Shawne Demberg, a seasoned public presentation judge is volunteering to work with any interested 4-H youth in identifying, enhancing, and digging into your topic for the 2016 public presentation season. This will allow you to choose an engaging theme and really organize yourself and your ideas, with direct feedback from a long term evaluator. Bring your questions and ideas or bring a board, a glue stick and a willingness to dive right in. Think ahead and get an early start so that you have adequate time for practice and refinement.

All interested youth are welcome! This is not limited to just dog families if there are others who are interested in meeting members from the 4-H Dog Program and learning how to get started on effective presentations.

Pre-registration is requested please. We require a minimum of five youth to run the session so please email Ingrid at imh23@cornell.edu to let us know you plan to attend.

Winter Inclement Weather Notice

If you have any concerns regarding the weather on the day of a 4-H event, please call 845-344-1234 during our business hours (8:30 am - 4:30 pm). For evening programs, please call after 2 PM and listen to the appropriate message.

4-H LEADER'S ASSOCIATION

Join Orange County 4-H Leader's Association

**Leadership - Scholarship - Connection -
Networking - Fundraising**

The 4-H Leader's Association is an organization of club and special program leaders that come from varying backgrounds and offer support to clubs and their coordinating leaders within Orange County's 4-H program. Being part of the Association allows leaders to gather, share information, and learn from each other in a friendly forum that encourages open discussion and dialogue on a wide range of topics.

Leader's Association Meetings

The Association business meeting is first, followed by a topic for leaders and junior leaders.

Monday, January 4, at 7:00 pm.

Re-Enrollment Fees - Don't be Late

October 1st is the re-enrollment deadline! Make sure you have your reenrollment paperwork and payment in to the 4-H office by OCTOBER 1st to avoid late fees. \$15 per youth/\$25 maximum per household for two or more youth. After October 1st there will be an additional \$10 late fee assessed to each membership, after November 1st the late fee is \$15 and after December 1st there is an additional \$20 late fee for all re-enrolling 4-H members. New members, no matter when they enroll will be charged the base fee of \$15/\$25 family maximum.

Important Volunteer and Club Leader Notice about Personal information

Please note that it is the policy of Cornell Cooperative Extension and the 4-H program that personal information about volunteers, leaders and members is not made available to persons or entities unless required by legal compulsion. Indeed, the volunteer or club leader should never provide personal information to anyone unknown to them that is not a member of the Extension or 4-H program staff.

SEWING LABS



Sewing Labs will be held for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year sewing projects. The Fall Lab is for 2nd and 3rd year and the Winter Lab will be for 1st year projects ONLY! Space is limited so register soon!

There is a \$10 fee per person and will include a pattern from the office. Please specify which location you prefer.

The JoAnn Fabric date is part of the sewing lab, volunteers will be on hand to help you choose the correct fabrics for the project you have chosen.

All 3rd year and beyond sewing project 4-H'ers should contact Marika at 344-1234 for additional information about being partnered with a sewing volunteer. Volunteers are limited in this capacity, so please inquire early.

**Winter: Monday, January 18 at 6:00 PM
At Joann's Fabrics, Middletown**

**Winter 2016 we will be holding a
1st Year Project Sewing Lab (ages 10 & up)**

Saturday, January 23 and 30 (Snow Date: February 6, 2016).

2015 LEADER'S BANQUET

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to those clubs and families that donated baskets for the auction at Leader's Banquet! Over \$1000 was raised for Leader's Association due to the generous bidding of those present. The top 3 BIG SPENDERS of the evening were Fern Parkin, Kelli O'Brien and Jim Dellinger! The Top dollar Basket of the evening was The Awesome Achiever's Thanksgiving Baking Basket, loaded with lots of goodies and a few hidden surprises! The Thanksgiving Basket donated by Rosey Budney & The Trailblazers was another hot item! The theme for top fetching holiday baskets remained true with the Christmas/Winter Basket donated by Gervic Decorating coming in third!

Donations of Baskets were provided by the following (in order they were auctioned off):

Alice Fellenzer

The Cesarz Family

Woodbury Bluebirds

Mindbreakers

Ginny Grebilinger

The Davis Family

Orange County Cavy Kids

The Miyoshi/Dellinger Family

Your Treasure Shop

Caprine Voyagers

Jovanna Branham

The Awesome Achievers

The Evans Family

Gervic Decorating

The Elementals

The Parkin Family

Foxlair Equestrians

Country Kickers

Extreme Equestrians

Farm Friends

TNT

Donna Turner

Rosey Budney & The Trail Blazers



CLUB CORNER



4-H Dog Program

By-Shannon M.

I would like to congratulate my fellow 4-H'ers Courtney T. and Shawn S. for passing our therapy dog tests. We were selected out of the dog program to continue our training to therapy and it was such an honor to work with Suzanne. We all worked extremely hard and now we have three therapy dogs to represent 4-H.

Origami Owl Party Fundraiser

Friday, April 8 at 6:00 pm
Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County
Middletown, NY

Do those new Origami Owl necklaces interest you but you don't know where to find one?? Well you're in luck! The 4-H Dog Program is sponsoring an Origami Owl necklace party to pay for a new storage shed at the CCE Education Center and 4-H Park. If you can't find someone to watch the kids while you attend, bring them along, we will be showing, "Inside Out" for them so you can have some adult time of your own. Thank you!



Call Ingrid with any questions - 344-1234

Origami Owl
CUSTOM JEWELRY



Orange County 4-H Build the Dream Fundraiser Magnets Are In!

Support our Park fundraising efforts and show your 4-H pride! The Magnets are available for purchase at the Extension office (please see Carol) and will be available at all major 4-H events over the next few months. \$5 each. What a bargain!

We are asking all club leaders to take orders and collect money and purchase on behalf of their clubs directly from the office. If each enrolled 4-H family purchases 4 magnets -- we will reach our fundraising goal of \$10,000, so -- put one on your car, slap one on your horse trailer, put one on your grandparent's car, get one for your locker and show your 4-H pride on your fridge!

It is a great opportunity to talk about the Education Center & Park building project and your experiences in 4-H. All proceeds go to support the next part of the building effort.

\$5 each! Call 344-1234

ORANGE COUNTY 4-H

STEM

BOUND

MOUNT SAINT MARY COLLEGE

COMING THIS WINTER!

Orange County 4-H & Mount Saint Mary College will be partnering to offer STEM Bound – a program geared towards youth in grades 8-11 (or equivalent age) who are interested in learning more about college opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Once a month we will meet with the various Mount Saint Mary College departments (science, technology, engineering and math) and learn about their program, meet with professors and students and tour their facilities. This will be great opportunity for you to see the programs and learn about the different career choices there are for you. There will also be an additional meeting that will be with the school admissions counselors to discuss applying for college.

Dates for STEM Bound meeting are in the process of being finalized

The specific schedule (time and department) is still being determined but this is going to be an evening program.

If you are interested in participating in this program please contact Vanessa at 845-344-1234 or vam29@cornell.edu to sign up or to learn more about it.



Mount Saint Mary College

**PRIORITIES OF ORANGE COUNTY 4-H PROGRAMS:**

1. Positive Youth Development



2. Volunteer Excellence



RETURN SHEET

RETURN TO: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County, 4-H, Community Campus, 18 Seward Ave., Suite 300, Middletown, NY 10940-1919. Be sure to sign up (a minimum of 5 leaders is needed to hold a training). If you are bringing a junior leader or someone not receiving Clover Leaves, please add their names and telephone numbers.

☐ Check here if you have internet or e-mail and would like to receive future copies of *Clover Leaves* electronically (it will be in PDF form, requiring Adobe Acrobat reader available free from www.adobe.com).

Activity/Training	Date	Names of Attendees	Address	Phone & Email	Fee

Clover Leaves is prepared by the 4-H Program area of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County. If you have information for *Clover Leaves*, it needs to be in the 4-H office by the 10th of each month. If you would like to receive a subscription to *Clover Leaves*, sign up as a 4-H member or volunteer. The information is supplied with the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement by Cornell Cooperative Extension is implied. Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities. Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County, a not-for-profit educational association, recognizes and is grateful for the financial support of the Orange County, New York State and Federal Governments, our grantors and private donors. This funding is essential to our goal of positively impacting the lives of our citizens.

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IMPORTANT NEWS! MANDATORY LEADER MEETING IN JANUARY

New Volunteer Agreements Take Effect in 2016!

To All 4-H Families,

As of January 1, 2016 our 4-H program is required to provide all volunteers with a Volunteer Agreement and Position Description for their service to youth in the 4-H program. The Agreement and Position Description are part of our youth protection protocols which were instituted earlier this past program year. These protocols were shared at the most recent volunteer orientations held on October 20 and November 9. If you are an enrolled 4-H volunteer and happened to miss these orientations you are required to attend one of the remaining dates in January which are:

**NOTE:
THESE ARE THE
CORRECT DATES!**

**Monday, January 11, 10 am - 12 pm or 6 - 8 pm - OR -
Wednesday, January 13, 10 am - 12 pm or 6 - 8 pm**

Please call the office if you absolutely cannot make it to one of these dates.
All 4-H volunteers must complete the Volunteer Agreement by January 31, 2016.

During this year you have opportunity to confer with 4-H staff at any time regarding how your volunteer experiences are progressing. At the end of the program year we will provide you with another opportunity for additional conferencing to evaluate that experience. These measures are being used to help grow the program in quality and fidelity while also ensuring ongoing dialogue that supports great learning experiences for youth and gratifying experiences for volunteers. Thank you as we move into this next phase of our transition. Feel free to contact me if you have questions at jgc9@cornell.edu

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