Hello Suffolk County 4-H! As most of you may already know, Kelly has moved on to greater things in Washington (good luck Kelly!) and I am your new 4-H Club Educator! I am also the new Weekend Family Program Educator at the Suffolk County Farm & Education Center. So, let me introduce myself...I am Kristin Brandt and grew up on Long Island, but have lived all over the U.S., most recently in Montana. I have a strong background in the sciences, having focused both my undergraduate and graduate work in hydrology and environmental science. I have a passion for agriculture and working with youth and am eager to grow both 4-H and family programming at the farm. When not working, I love to spend time with my new puppy Wylie and my nieces. I love the outdoors, goats, camping, kayaking/SUP, and reading. I am so excited to meet and get to know each of you! I look forward to working with you all!

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

- Anne Frank

In This Issue
Taste of 4-H!
The deadline for Taste of 4-H is fast approaching. Come join us for an awesome day of fun and friends! If you bring along a non 4-H member, you both can participate for $15 each!

Upcoming Farm Events
If you’re not attending Jr. Iron Chef, join the Farm on March 12th for the St. Patrick’s Day Scavenger Hunt!
The deadline to register is in less than 3 weeks.
Registration for Taste of 4-H must be completed by Wednesday, February 24th. There are two ways to register...online or snail mail. To register online go to reg.cce.cornell.edu/247 OR scan the QR code below. You can also complete a registration form and return it to Kristin at the Suffolk County Farm & Education Center. Please email Kristin at kb579@cornell.edu if you need another form. It is only $18 for current 4-H members to sign up. This includes workshop materials and lunch! As an extra incentive to get others interested in joining 4-H, if a 4-H’er brings a nonmember friend, the fee for each is only $15! This is your opportunity to get a unique taste of 4-H. Let’s make it a great day of learning and fun! There will be new 4-H projects to try out and new friends to meet!

Lots of cool workshops to attend.
Whether you want to polish up your public speaking skills, contribute to an awesome community service project supporting a great organization, or make a scarf to beat the winter blues (with your ARM!?!), there is something for everyone! This year’s themes include: Forensics, Ramen 101, Community Service Quilt Project, Theater Improv, Arm Knitting, Public Speaking, and Teen Etiquette.

The Sounder needs your help!
Attention 4-H Leaders! I do not have up to date information about your clubs and members for this February issue of The Sounder. So for the future newsletters, I would LOVE for you all to send me pictures, announcements, happenings, triumphs, news, etc. during the last week of each month that you would like to see in the following month’s issue. My email is kb579@cornell.edu. I really want to be able to showcase all of the great things the Suffolk County 4-H’ers are up to every month! Thank you so much!

~Kristin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Wishing a very Happy Birthday to all of our 4-H’ers with February birthdays!
Junior Iron Chef

11 days left to register!

It’s almost time for the 4th annual Jr. Iron Chef Competition! Middle and high school students are invited to compete in teams of 3 — 5 kids. Registration is due by February 12th, which is in less than 2 weeks! It costs $100 per team to register.

The competition will be held at Whole Foods Market in Lake Grove on March 12th. The start time is 10am.

For more information and entry forms visit our website at: ccesuffolk.org/4-h-youth/junior-iron-chef

Down on the Farm

Suffolk County Farm & Education Center is open every day from 9:00am — 3:00pm and admission is FREE! Check out ccesuffolk.org/farm for all future events and programs. All programs require preregistration; call (631) 852-4600 to register.

Upcoming Events & Programs

**Winter Camp**
The Farm is the perfect place to spend winter break! Each day there are unique options for a custom learning experience specifically designed for a mixed K-6 audience. **February 15—February 19**

**St. Patrick’s Day Scavenger Hunt**
Join us for the Farm’s Annual Pot o’ Gold Hunt! Includes scavenger hunt, wagon ride, light refreshments, and animal feeding. **March 12**

**Middle School Weekend Workshop Series**
An introductory course for grades 6, 7, & 8 that prepares youth for further animal experiences and opportunities here at the Suffolk County Farm. **February 27, March 5, March 12, April 2**
2015-2016 4-H Important Dates

February 27 ____________________ Taste of 4-H
March 12 ____________________ Junior Iron Chef
March 19 ____________________ County Public Presentations
April 29 — May 1 ___________ STARR (Syracuse)
April 9 ____________________ District Public Presentations
May 6 — May 8 ___________ Forestry Weekend (Delhi)
May 7 — May 8 ___________ Baby Animal Days
May 15 — May 17 ___________ Capital Days (Albany)
May TBD ____________________ State Public Presentations
June 17 — June 19 ___________ STEM Camp (Delhi)
June 28 — June 30 ___________ Career Explorations (Ithaca)
August 6 ___________ 4-H Fair
August 25 — September 5 ______ State Fair (Syracuse)
September 17 ___________ Rally Day

JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

4-H Grows Here

4-H Club Program
Suffolk County Farm & Education Center
350 Yaphank Ave.
Yaphank, NY 11940
Middle School Weekend Workshop Series

An introductory course for grades 6, 7 & 8 that prepares youth for further animal experiences and opportunities here at the Suffolk County Farm.

Saturday Afternoons, 1:00 pm - 5:00 PM,
February 27, March 5, 12, April 2, 2016  $220 per student (for 4 sessions)

High School Animal Experience

Come get hands-on experience with farm animals during Spring break!
Tuesday April 26 - Friday April 29, 2016, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  $300 per student

These 4-H animal science programs include:
- Hands-on work with farm animals - llamas, poultry, sheep, goats, equine, cattle & pigs
- Handling and feeding the livestock
- Classroom instruction to learn husbandry techniques

Pre-registration required. Call (631) 852-4600 to register with a Visa or MasterCard between 9 AM and 3 PM M - F
2016 Veterinary Medicine Career Exploration Program
for High School Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors

Program includes:

- Veterinarian Shadowing Experience
- Tour of Cornell Cooperative Extension Suffolk County Farm and Education Center: March 13 or 20
- Lecture Series on Thurs evenings 7:00-8:45pm March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at The Yaphank Building 360 Yaphank Ave, Yaphank

Pre-registration Required
To print a Registration form & for more info go to:
www.ccesuffolk.org

$100 Registration Fee
*Parent welcome to attend at no additional fee

Lecture Topic examples:
- Veterinary Colleges and Admissions Information
- Large animal & mixed animal practices
- Poultry & Production medicine
- Small & companion animal medicine
- Zoo medicine & exotics
- Specializations: Radiology Lab Animal Medicine Emergency Critical Care Animal Behavior

Student receives Certificate of Completion if requirements are fulfilled; Program graduates eligible for LIVMA Veterinary School Scholarship

Cornell Cooperative Extension in Suffolk County provides equal program & employment opportunities. Cornell Cooperative Extension is funded in part by Suffolk County through the Office of the County Executive and the County Legislature. Please contact (631) 852-4605 if you have any special needs.
2016 4-H County Presentation Registration
March 19, 2016
9am-Noon

March 23, 2016
6pm

Please return to:
Suffolk County Farm
350 Yaphank Avenue
Yaphank, NY 11980
Attn: Kristin
phone: 631-852-4608
e-mail: kb579@cornell.edu
fax: 631-852-4606

By: March 11th

Date of presentation: ________________________________

Name of Club ________________________________________________

Name of Leader Reporting ____________________________________________

Leader’s mailing address ____________________________________________

Phone _________________________________________________________

_____ Our club will visit, but not participate at the 4-H Presentation Event

_____ Number attending

_____ At least one leader from our club will serve as an evaluator

Name: _________________________________________________________

_____ Our club will participate at the 4-H County Presentation Event

_____ Number attending

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