



Clover Scene

Niagara County 4-H Newsletter
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Introducing the 2018 Program Issues Committee

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Closings/Cancellations

When the Lockport District schools are closed due to inclement weather, 4-H meetings on the grounds are also cancelled. When the county offices are closed in Niagara County, our office is automatically closed. Closing announcements will be made on the radio stations WBEN/930AM, WLVL/1340AM and television stations WGRZ/Channel 2, WIVB/Channel 4, and WKBW/Channel 7. Please listen to more than one of these, as problems can occur with a station not being available to make these announcements when called after 3:00pm. We will also post it on Facebook. Have a safe winter season!

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433-8839 (phone) 438-0275 (fax) Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm (M-TH), 8:00am-4:00pm (F)
www.ccenigaracounty.org

Send Clover Scene articles by the 1st of every month to niagara4h@cornell.edu.

4-H Member Trip Opportunities

- 4-H Forestry-May- 4-H Camp Shankitunk- April 1 deadline
- 4-H Dairy and Equine Camp- May- Morrisville - April 1 deadline
- Agribusiness Career Conference-October- SUNY Cobleskill-June 1 deadline

4-H applicants must fill out application prior to due date listed for each trip. Participating in any of these trips will take a youth's 4-H experience to the next level. They will build life-long skills, be exposed to diversity, build self-esteem, learn leadership skills, social skills, make new friends and develop new interests.

See www.ceniagaracounty.org for member requirements and important deadlines!

*** Funds are made possible for these trips through the Paper Clover Campaigns sponsored by TSC and JoAnn Fabrics.**

Planning for the 2018 Niagara County Fair is Underway!

We need you!

Do you have an idea for an event or activity for this year's Niagara County Fair? Would you be willing to work on your idea (or someone else's) to help make it a reality? Would your family or club be interested in decorating a float for the Fireman's Parade? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the CCE Fair Committee would like to hear from you! Feel free to contact the Fair Committee Chairman, Brian Waters (735-7113 or bjwcjw@yahoo.com) or Fair Director, Cathy Maloney (433-8839, ext 234 or clm84@cornell.edu). Thank you!

4-H Fair Theme

"4-H Grows True Leaders"

This year the 4-H program will use the theme, "**4-H Grows True Leaders**" during the Niagara County Fair. Each club, group, member or program can decide how they would like to use the theme to decorate and promote 4-H to the fairgoers. Look for more information about the Niagara County Fair in the summer Clover Scene.

Pheasant Raising Pheasants

Interested in rearing and releasing pheasants? Contact Heidi Feltz (hmk3@cornell.edu or 433-8839 ext. 241) by March 20.



Shoe Box Program

The Lockport Lightning Bolts 4-H Club is collecting wearable, gently used shoes for the World Wear Project so that they may be distributed to third world countries while diverting millions of pounds of refuse from our landfills each year. If you have any shoes (no boots, please) that are in wearable condition (soles in tacked and no holes) that you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Shoes may be dropped off at the 4-H Office during office hours or in the front entrance after hours.

Niagara County 4-H Age Policy (4-H year is October 1st - September 30th)

Please be aware that the Niagara County 4-H Youth Development Program will be following the New York State 4-H age policy starting with the 2016/2017 4-H Year (which begins October 1, 2016) and going forward. Under this state policy, youth who turn nineteen (19) years of age, on or before January 1 of the current 4-H year, **are not eligible** to enroll as a 4-H member. Only youth between the ages of five (5) and eighteen (18) years old, on or before January 1, **are eligible** to enroll as 4-H'ers in any given year. This means that if a 4-H'er turns 19 years old on January 2, or after, they would be eligible to re-enroll for the 4-H year, but that would be their final year of eligibility. Please note that persons with an intellectual disability may participate fully in 4-H programs as long as their developmental age is considered to fall between five (5) and nineteen (19) years of age.

Please contact the 4-H office (433-8839 ext. 241) if you have questions.

4-H Ambassadors

Date: Monday, March 12

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Memorial Room

We will be discussing trips and working on Because Char Smiled community service flowers. Bring your crafty skills!

Because Char Smiled is a community service that provides patients at Roswell paper flowers. This project was started by a student at Niagara Wheatfield.

CCE Office Schedule

Closed

Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas

Fri. March 30
Mon. May 28
Wed. July 4
Mon. September 3
Mon. October 8
Mon. November 12
Thur. & Fri. Nov. 22 & 23
Mon. & Tue. Dec. 24 & 25



Workshops

Cloverbud Activities

Kathy Bowers, krc8@cornell.edu or 433-8839

Cloverbud's are 4-H members who are ages 5-7 years old. 8 year olds can also participate if their birthday was after the 1st of the year.

Introduction to Yoga

Date: Monday, March 12

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Agricultural Education Building

RSVP: 3/8

Bread in a Bag

Date: Monday, April 23

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Small Meeting Room

RSVP: 4/19



Entomology

Toby Mansfield, 594-4438

Date: Wednesday, March 21

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Small Meeting Room

Junior Gardeners

Date: Monday, March 26

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Greenhouse

RSVP: 3/23

We will be starting seeds for our herb and pollinator garden. Bring gloves if you have them.



Workshops

It is very important to RSVP for the workshops so that the instructors can be prepared and in case the class is canceled due to lack of participation! A minimum of 5 people per class in order to hold it.

Open Sewing Classes

Dates: Sunday, March 11

Sundays, April 8, 15, 29

Time: 2:30-4:30pm

Place: Memorial Room, Administration Building

RSVP: Contact Pat Travers at 731-4705

Cost: FREE!



These classes are open to anyone needing help with a sewing project or just want to set time aside to sew. Please call to RSVP in case a class is canceled due to something unexpected.

Fashion Revue

Have you made a garment or sewing project you would like to show or model? If so, please contact Kathy Bowers at krc8@cornell.edu or 433-8839. If we have enough participants we could have our own fashion revue!!!

4-H Cultural Showcase & More

for Cloverbud, Individuals & 4-H Clubs

Date: Saturday, March 10

Time: 10:30am-12:00pm

Place: Auditorium

You and/or your club should first decide what you would like to showcase. A country, a culture or a talent and then call the 4-H office with you or your clubs choice by March 3. If you chose a country explore that country's culture by reading, interviewing and/or learning about it. For more information check out February's Clover Scene or contact Kathy Bowers at 433-8839 or krc8@cornell.edu.

Cupcake Decorators Challenge

All 4-H members that come to the 4-H Cultural Showcase are invited to participate in the Cupcake Decorators Challenge. One cupcake and decorations will be provided for each youth interested in participating. There will be 3 surprise themes that you can enter your one cupcake in...all you need to do is bring your creativity. Cupcakes will be judged in two age categories in each theme by the audience.

4-H Cooking 101 Series

We are excited to announce that next month we will start to advertise cooking classes to prepare 4-H members in cooking skills.



Because Char Smiled

Community Service Project

Date: Monday, March 12

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Memorial Room

RSVP: 3/9 by contacting Kathy at krc8@cornell.edu or 433-8839

This project is for **youth 12 years old and up** looking to do a community service. Because Char Smiled makes paper flowers to give to patients at Roswell who are unable to have real fresh flowers due to health risks, this is a solution of giving them the same sense of comfort that real flowers are meant to do. A student from Niagara Wheatfield started this project.

4-H Forestry

Date: Tuesday, April 17

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Agricultural Education Building

RSVP: 4/16 by calling Iesa at 523-4981

If you would like to learn more about forests and trees come check us out. Youth ages 10 and up are welcome. We will be continuing with bowl questions, pacing and learning to work with a compass. If you have a compass, bring it or if you have a smart phone with compass app, bring it. (Only if you have them)



Don't forget to **“Like”** us on Facebook!
“Niagara County 4-H Program”

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