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### ***Trout in the Classroom – Friday March 9***

Interested in learning about trout, hatcheries, raising fish, watersheds, conservation, or becoming an environmental steward? 4-H Shooting Sport's Environmental Science program, Trout in the Classroom has these project areas and more all wrapped up in one program! Youth participants will assist in raising trout fry until their release into a local water system in spring 2018. Youth meet every Friday at the CCESC building at 6pm for the program in addition to weekly rotations of caring for the fish. YOUTH DO NOT NEED TO BE A CURRENT PARTICIPANT IN SHOOTING SPORTS TO PARTICIPATE. If interested in finding out more information, contact Kaitlyn at [krs257@cornell.edu](mailto:krs257@cornell.edu). Remember to check the 4-H Sullivan County Shooting Sports facebook page for fishy updates and any schedule changes that may occur.

### ***Tomorrow! - County 4-H Public Presentations – March 10***

Evaluations of 4-H Public Presentations will take place 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 3 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County building. Contact [mlr34@cornell.edu](mailto:mlr34@cornell.edu) if you have any questions.

### ***Horse & Livestock Photo Contest & Workshop – POSTPONED***

This photography contest being held for the Sullivan County 4-H horse & livestock club programs has been postponed until further notice. It is divided into two sub-categories; one for standard

photographs and the other for digitally enhanced or altered photographs. Each category is judged separately and awards will be given in each category. Laverne Black will present a photography workshop **at a date TBD** in the Extension Education Center. To get involved, contact Barbara at [bjm292@cornell.edu](mailto:bjm292@cornell.edu).

### ***Intergenerational Textile Project – March 16***

The CCESC 4-H Intergenerational Textile Project welcomes 4-H members, CCESC enrollees, and community members to drop in as needed at their monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. Bring your current project work or connect to the latest community service project at our next meeting on **Friday, March 16 at 6:00 pm**. Learn new skills or information about the Sullivan/Ulster Project Linus initiative. Fleece fabric and worsted weight yarn have been donated to CCESC 4-H in support of this service-learning project. **Those wishing to participate in the project should bring a size “F” crochet hook to work around the edge of a fleece blanket, or if crocheting the entire blanket, bring size “K” and “J” hooks.** For more information please feel free to contact Marilyn at [mlr34@cornell.edu](mailto:mlr34@cornell.edu).

### ***Fair Entry Online Demonstration – March 22 – 6:30 pm***

On **March 22 at 6:30 pm** at the CCESC building, 4-H staff will host an introduction and demonstration to the new 4-H Online Fair Entry system. Get a quick preview of what to expect and how to prepare before entries are due. For more information contact Kaitlyn [krs257@cornell.edu](mailto:krs257@cornell.edu).

### ***Order Forms Available: 4-H Pheasant Chicks Program – Deadline March 22***

The DEC is once again distributing day-old pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to 4-H Youth. The rearing and release of pheasants requires a great deal of responsibility by 4-H youth and a substantial time commitment. Why raise pheasants? Rearing pheasants is enjoyable, challenging and teaches youth responsible behavior. Releasing of the pheasants offer a fall hunting opportunity. Plus people enjoy seeing and hearing pheasants. For more information contact Barbara at 845-292-6180 or [bjm292@cornell.edu](mailto:bjm292@cornell.edu). **The deadline for orders is March 22, 2018**

**Interested in participating in the pheasant chick program but don't have the facilities to do so?** 4-H Shooting Sports program is looking for interested youth to participate in pheasant rearing program run through the Shooting Sports program. The chicks will be housed at CCESC and families will rotate the responsibilities of taking care of the pheasant chicks. If you are interested in participating in this program please email Kaitlyn Smith [krs257@cornell.edu](mailto:krs257@cornell.edu) by **March 1**.

### ***STARR 2018 – April 13-15***

The State Teen Action Representative Retreat (STARR) is a three-day, fun-filled event where 4-H members participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. Keynote speaker is Josh Isenhardt. Planned by teens and adults serving on the youth/adult STARR planning committee, the event is held at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY. STARR is open to 4-H teens 13 to 19 years of age, and their adult chaperones. Cost is \$85 per person (covers lodging, meals, workshop supplies and more). New this year - partial scholarships! Registration is completed through your county 4-H office. For more information visit: <https://nys4-h.org/starr>

### **CCESC Invasive Species ID & Management Workshop – April 20**

4-H members or leaders interested in environmental projects may benefit from an upcoming adult program offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County. Citizen science opportunities such as <http://www.nyimainvasives.org/> and <http://blogs.cornell.edu/foresthealth/wasp-watchers/> are available for youth interested in tracking or monitoring invasive species. The April 20th program at the Extension Education Center will take place from 12:00-3:00 pm. Learn how invasive species cause economic and environmental damage and can harm human health. Learn how to identify hemlock woolly adelgid, emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, Southern pin beetle and oak wilt in your area. Cost is \$20 per person, \$15 per enrollee. Register by calling 845-292-6180, e-mailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu) or by visiting [sullivance.org](http://sullivance.org).

### **Fair Entry Online Training May 2 – 6:30 pm**

Animal entries for Fair must be made by youth participants (or their project leaders) in the new, online “FairEntry” system by **June 1**. **NO PAPER OR LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.** On **May 2 at 6:30 pm** at the CCESC building, 4-H staff will offer a training on how to complete animal fair entries using the new 4-H Online Fair Entry system. All animal entries must be completed using the new online system. No paper or late entries will be accepted. Can’t attend this event? There will be another training offered; participants only need to take one of the trainings. For more information, contact Kaitlyn [krs257@cornell.edu](mailto:krs257@cornell.edu) or Barb [bjm292@cornell.edu](mailto:bjm292@cornell.edu).

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### **4-H Online Fair Entry Office Assistance Hours**

4-H Staff will have office hours **BY APPOINTMENT** on the following dates to assist with questions concerning the 4-H Online Fair Entry system:

- Sunday, May 6 – 1:30- 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 16 – 5:30 -7:00 pm
- Thursday, May 17 – 4:30 -6:00 pm

Computers are available for use at the CCESC office with prior arrangement for anyone with limited access to a computer or internet.

### **NYS 4-H Forestry Weekend – May 11-13**

Join youth from across the state for a weekend of forestry activities, games, and competition. This three-day event is for youth aged 10 and up (as well as staff and volunteers) interested in learning more about forests, and to select the NYS team that will go to the 2018 National 4-H Forestry Invitational (must be 14-19 for the national event). The event will be held at Camp Shankitunk in Delaware County and the \$43 registration fee includes food, materials and cabin lodging. For additional information go to: <http://ccecolumbiagreene.org/nys4-hforestryweekend>.

### **CCESC Annual Plant Sale – May 20**

4-H members or leaders interested in gardening/horticulture projects should take advantage of the upcoming CCESC Plant Sale taking place on Sunday, May 20. From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, while supplies last, quality plants at great prices. Available are perennials, annuals, vegetable, herb and house plants, free gardening advice, soil testing kits, as well as compost demonstrations. Composter and rain barrel orders may be picked up that day. Call 845-292-6180, or check online [sullivanccesc.org](http://sullivanccesc.org) for plant selection chart.

### **NY 4-H STEM Camp – June 15-17**

The NYS 4-H STEM Camp at 4-H Camp Shankitunk in Delaware County is open for registrations for youth ages 10 and older. Cost is \$75/person. Each camper chooses one of seven available learning tracks for the weekend. Choose from Drones, Coding, Backyard Engineering, Archery Dynamics, Outdoor Survival, or Rocketry I (Beginning) or Rocketry II (Advanced). More information at <https://ccedelaware.org/4h/stem-camp/>.

### ***\*\*Additional Youth Opportunities\*\****

#### **Community Service Opportunity – Callico Geese Quilt Marathon – March 24**

The CCESC Callico Geese Quilters Community Group invites 4-H members 12 years and older to join them in their annual community service project making baby quilts for those in need. The “Baby Quilt Marathon” will take place on Saturday, March 24 at the CCESC education center beginning at 9:30 am. Under the guidance of Callico Geese members, youth will have the opportunity to learn how to press fabrics, sandwich quilt layers, machine sew, hand quilt and more. For information, contact Sally Abrams (845) 439-4359 or Susan Koenig (845) 583-4944.

#### **4-H Equine Extravaganza – April 7**

On Saturday, April 7 at SUNY Cobleskill, there will be a 4-H Equine Extravaganza. This educational opportunity will begin at 9:00 am and wrap up at 3:00 pm. Topics covered will include: Nutrition, Tack & Saddle Fitting, Horse Judging, Horse Management, Farrier Care, and More! This opportunity is \$15 per youth and \$10 per adult, which includes a t-shirt. To register and for more information please contact Kyle Yacobucci at [ky292@cornell.edu](mailto:ky292@cornell.edu) or Teresa Adell at [tl447@cornell.edu](mailto:tl447@cornell.edu) **REGISTRATION IS DUE BY FRIDAY MARCH 16!**

#### **ATTN 4-H Clubs – Fundraising Opportunity**

The Woodbourne First Aid Squad invites crafty 4-H clubs and 4-H entrepreneurs to participate in their Craft Fair/Yard Sale on **April 21** from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you want more information about this fundraising opportunity please contact James 845-423-3910 or Amanda 845-798-8648 or send e-mail to [woodbournefdas@gmail.com](mailto:woodbournefdas@gmail.com) and put **vendor information** in the subject line. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO RAISE FUNDS FORM** to CCESC 4-H each time you make plans to fundraise.

#### **Annual 4-H Animal Crackers – May 5**

The Annual Animal Crackers, held on **Saturday May 5** at Cornell University, program provides New York you with fun, hands-on, science-oriented learning experiences on Animal Science Topics. Participants will learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with faculty, staff, students, professional producers, industry experts and more, utilizing the unique facilities of Cornell University. Species of interest vary from year to year. This year the specie topics

will be around Dairy cattle and Rabbits. For a details please follow the link provide to the event page: <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/animal-crackers/>

### **4-H Camp Shankitunk – July – August 2018**

Sullivan County 4-H'ers are invited to explore the overnight camp experience at 4-H Camp Shankitunk in Delaware County. Overnight camp runs weekly, Sunday through Friday throughout July and into August. Camp brochures and applications are currently available at the CCE Sullivan County office or by calling 607-865-6531. Families may register online at [www.campshankitunk.org](http://www.campshankitunk.org).

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Over 110 scholarships totaling more than \$400,000 is available through the Community Foundation for graduating high school seniors in Orange and Sullivan counties this year. Funding is available for various educational aspirations including, but not limited to, athletics, business, music, the arts, farming and much more. If you are a student or parent looking for a scholarship to apply for, visit website <https://cfosny.org/our-funds/scholarships/> and search by your school district or contact your guidance department.

### **\*\*Member Bulletin Board\*\***

#### **CCESC Composter & Rain Barrel Sale – Order Deadline May 7**

Conserve water, start composting and harness the natural assets of the Catskills! Rain barrels and composters are available for \$75. Order in office or online at [sullivance.org/events](http://sullivance.org/events). Pick-up orders at the CCESC Annual Plant Sale on May 20, Extension Education Center. For information call 845-292-6180 or e-mail [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu).

#### **4-H Explorers Club Seeks Recycled Items**

The 4-H Explorers club is working on a project that uses the following recycled items: coffee cans with lids, soup/bean type cans, wine corks, plastic caps (soda, water, milk 1/2 gallons), soda/beer caps and soda can top tabs. Please contact [Drjamienoeth@hotmail.com](mailto:Drjamienoeth@hotmail.com) if you have questions or donations to offer.

#### **Rabbit Needs Good Home**

Local 4-H family has a black lionhead rabbit that needs a new home. (Free) For more information please contact Erin at 845-866-4450.

#### **Support 4-H– Save 15% with JOANN 4-H Rewards**

JOANN Fabrics and National 4-H Council are partnering to bring more hands-on 4-H programs to youth in local communities across the nation. Just in time for the holidays, you can now save 15% off your JOANN purchases with the free 4-H Reward Card. When you use this card, JOANN will donate 2.5% of all eligible purchases to National 4-H Council. Current & lifetime 4-H members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. See <https://4-h.org/get-involved/partners/4-h-and-joann/>.

# ***Calendar of Upcoming Events & Deadlines***

- March 9– Trout in the Classroom– CCEESC, 6:00 pm
- March 10 – 4-H County Public Presentations
- March 15 – Fair Superintendent Meeting – CCEESC, 6:30 pm
- March 16– Trout in the Classroom– CCEESC, 6:00 pm
- March 16– CCEESC Intergenerational Textile Project – CCEESC, 6:00-8:00 pm
- March 18 – NYS March Dog Madness
- March 22 – Fair Entry Online Demonstration/Teaser – CCEESC, 6:30 pm
- March 22 – Pheasant Orders due to CCE office by 4:00 pm
- March 23– Trout in the Classroom– CCEESC, 6:00 pm
- March 30– Trout in the Classroom– CCEESC, 6:00 pm
- April 6– Trout in the Classroom– CCEESC, 6:00 pm
- April 7 – Regional Horse Communication Dutchess – CCE Dutchess
- April 7 – 4-H Horse Extravaganza – SUNY Cobleskill, 9:00 am
- April 11 – 4-H Project Exhibit Prep Night – CCEESC, 6:30-8:00 pm
- April 12 – Veterinary Science Series #1 – CCEESC, 6:30 pm
- April 13– Trout in the Classroom– CCEESC, 6:00 pm
- April 13-15 – 4-H STARR Retreat – Syracuse
- April 19 – Veterinary Science Series #2 – CCEESC, 6:30 pm
- April 20- Animal Lease Paperwork Due- CCEESC
- April 20 – CCEESC Invasive Species Workshop – CCEESC 12:00-3:00 pm
- April 20– Trout in the Classroom– CCEESC, 6:00 pm
- April 20– CCEESC Intergenerational Textile Project – CCEESC, 6:00-8:00 pm
- April 22 – Horse Program Riding Evaluations
- April 26 – Veterinary Science Series #3 – CCEESC, 6:30 pm
- April 27– Trout in the Classroom– CCEESC, 6:00 pm
- April 28 – District Public Presentations
- May 2– Fair Entry Training– CCEESC, 6:30 pm
- May 3 – 4-H Livestock Auction Meeting #1 – 6:30 pm
- May 4– Trout in the Classroom– CCEESC, 6:00 pm
- May 5 – Animal Crackers, Cornell University
- May 6– Fair Entry Office Hours– CCEESC, 1:30 -3:00 pm (by appointment)
- May 11– Trout in the Classroom– CCEESC, 6:00 pm
- May 12– Fair Entry Training– CCEESC, Time TBD
- May 12-14 – NYS 4-H Forestry Weekend, Camp Shankitunk
- May 16– Fair Entry Office Hours– CCEESC, 5:30-7:00 pm (by appointment)
- May 17– Fair Entry Office Hours– CCEESC, 4:30-6:00 pm (by appointment)
- May 18– Trout in the Classroom– CCEESC, 6:00 pm
- May 18– CCEESC Intergenerational Textile Project – CCEESC, 6:00-8:00 pm
- May 20 – CCEESC Annual Plant Sale – CCEESC 10:00 am–2:00 pm
- May 20-23 – NYS Capital Days – Albany

**May 25– Trout in the Classroom– CCESC 6:00 pm**  
**June 1 – Youth Fair Animal Registration Deadline**  
**June 2 – NYS Communications Institute**  
**June 3 – Multi-Species Showmanship Clinic –Stone Wall Farms, 1:00 pm**  
**June 15-17 – 4-H STEM Camp, Camp Shankitunk**  
**June 26-28 – Career Explorations – Cornell University**  
**July 1-6 – Week One Camp Shankitunk**  
**July 8-13 – Week Two Camp Shankitunk**  
**July 15 – Animal Lease Hours Due- CCESC**  
**July 15-20 – Week Three Camp Shankitunk**  
**July 22 -27 – Week Four Camp Shankitunk**  
**July 29 –August 3 – Week Five, Final Week Camp Shankitunk**  
**July TBA – Fair Work Night**  
**August 14-19 – Sullivan County Youth Fair**  
**August 22-September 3 – Great New York State Fair, Syracuse**  
**September 15 – 4-H Records Due**  
**September 15 – Cornell Country BBQ – CCESC, Time TBD**