



Cornell Cooperative Extension | Sullivan County

4-H News & Alerts

CCESC 4-H Alert for March 16, 2018

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.

Trout in the Classroom – Friday March 16 Cancelled

The Trout in the Classroom for tonight will be cancelled. The next program is scheduled for Friday, March 23rd. As always, for updates keep checking the Sullivan County 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page. If you have any questions about the program, contact Kaitlyn at krs257@cornell.edu

Tonight - 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 3rd 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.

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. **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 by **March 1**.

Horse Judging Clinic – March 24

Judging programs are an instrumental part of the educational process of youth involved in the horse industry. This clinic gives youth a clear goal by identifying the ideal animal and performance. *Kelsey Keathly Presents Horse Judging Fundamentals her experiences such as 4-H alumni • 2011 Champion at 4-H Eastern National Horse Judging Contest • 3 x Horse Communications Reserve Champion • Cazenovia College grad in equine business management bring a vast amount of knowledge to our program.* The program will be held at Stone Wall Farms in Jeffersonville, NY. To get involved, contact Barbara at bjm292@cornell.edu.

4-H Equine Extravaganza – April 7th

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 or Teresa Adell at tla47@cornell.edu **REGISTRATION IS DUE BY FRIDAY MARCH 16!**

Vet Science Series – April 12, 19, 26

All youth with an interest in veterinary science, can engage in a hands-on Veterinary Science Series this spring on April 12, April 19, and April 26, 2018 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Participants will gain basic knowledge of veterinary medicine techniques. The workshops will take place at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Cost is \$15 per youth for the entire series or \$10 for 4-H members, for the series. Register online at <http://ccext.net/sullivancceCRM/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=344> or for more information contact Barbara Moran at 845-292-6180, extension 109.

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>

Simply Sewn Neck Warmers – April 14

Sullivan County 4-H is introducing a “Second Saturdays Maker Series” for adult and youth leaders. The goal of the series to provide ideas and instruction for leaders to share with their youth groups. The first topic in the series is “Simply Sewn Neck Warmers” at the Extension Education Center on April 14 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Registration is required in advance and a \$5 donation per class is welcome to help cover cost of materials. Register by calling 845-292-6180, e-mailing sullivan@cornell.edu or by visiting sullivancce.org. Questions may be directed to mlr34@cornell.edu.

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 wooly 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 or by visiting sullivance.org.

Annual 4-H Animal Crackers – May 5

The Annual Animal Crackers, held on **Saturday May 5** at Cornell University, program provides New York youth 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 species topics will be around Dairy cattle and Rabbits. For a details please follow the link provided to the event page: <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/animal-crackers/> **Youth must register through the CCE Office please contact Barbara at bjm292@cornell.edu**

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 or Barb bjm292@cornell.edu.

Fair Entry Online Training – LAST CHANCE – May 12

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 12** at the CCESC building, 4-H Staff will be run the final training on how to complete animal fair entries using the new 4-H Online Fair Entry system. This year all animal entries must be completed using the new online system. No paper or late entries will be accepted. For more information contact Kaitlyn krs257@cornell.edu or Barb bjm292@cornell.edu.

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>.

CEESC Annual Plant Sale – May 20

4-H members or leaders interested in gardening/horticulture projects should take advantage of the upcoming CEESC 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 sullivanccce.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*****

Opportunity for a 4-H Sheep Project!

Apple Pond Farm of Callicoon Center is reducing their flock and are offering sheep to youth for a 4-H Project. 4-H'ers who are keen on livestock care and who have space available for a pair of ewes are encouraged to inquire. Please contact Sonja Hedlund at sonja@applepondfarm.com.

Community Service Opportunity – Callico Geese Quilt Marathon – March 24

The CEESC 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 CEESC 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.

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 and put **vendor information** in the subject line. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO RAISE FUNDS FORM** to CEESC 4-H each time you make plans to fundraise.

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.

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 sullivancece.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.

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 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 16– Trout in the Classroom– CCESC, 6:00 pm- cancelled

March 16– CCESC Intergenerational Textile Project – CCESC, 6:00-8:00 pm

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 14 – Simply Sewn Neck Warmers – CCEESC, 1:00-3:00 pm
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– CCEESC 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