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Tonight - Trout in the Classroom – Friday, March 23

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. Remember to check the 4-H Sullivan County Shooting Sports facebook page for fishy updates and any schedule changes that may occur.

CANCELED: Horse Judging Clinic – March 24

The Regional 4-H Horse Judging Clinic this Saturday has been canceled until further notice. For more information, contact Barbara at bjm292@cornell.edu.

Working Together Rabbit Program – March 26

On **Monday, March 26** starting 7:00 pm at the CCEC building, the 4-H Working Together Rabbit Program will be having a class. For more information about the Rabbit Program or rabbit projects, contact Kaitlyn at krs257@cornell.edu

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 or Teresa Adell at tla47@cornell.edu. **REGISTRATION 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 4-H 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 techniques and first aid. The workshops will take place at the Extension Education Center. Register online at <http://sullivanccc.org/events> or for more information contact Barbara Moran at 845-292-6180, extension 109.

4-H Maker Series: Simply Sewn Neck Warmers – April 14

Sullivan County 4-H is introducing a “Second Saturdays Maker Series” for adult and youth leaders and volunteers. The goal of the series is to provide ideas and instruction for activity leaders to share with youth in project work. The first topic in the monthly series is “Simply Sewn Neck Warmers” at the Extension Education Center on **Saturday, 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 <http://sullivanccc.org/events>. Questions may be directed to Marylin at mlr34@cornell.edu.

CRISP 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 20** 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 long-horned beetle, Southern pin beetle, and oak wilt in your area or municipality. Cost is \$20 per person, \$15 per CCEC enrollee. Register by calling 845-292-6180, e-mailing sullivan@cornell.edu or by visiting <http://sullivanccc.org/events>.

Fair Entry Online Training – May 2, 6:30 pm

Animal entries for Youth Fair must be made by youth participants (or their project leaders) in the new, online “Fair Entry” system by **June 1**. **NO PAPER OR LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.** On **May 2 at 6:30 pm** at the CCEC 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. **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.

4-H Shooting Sports Safety Night – May 4

On **May 4** at the CCESC building starting 6:00 pm, the 4-H Shooting Sports program will have its annual Safety Night. All youth who plan to participate in the 4-H Shooting Sports program must attend the Safety Night which is held before the beginning of the season. If youth have not already re-enrolled in 4-H, enrollment paperwork will be available as well as 4-H Medical Release forms.

Youth must be a 4-H member to participate in the program and complete a medical release form. The program is FREE. To pre-register for the Shooting Sports Safety Night, or if you have questions about the program, contact Kaitlyn Smith at krs257@cornell.edu.

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 detailed event page, please follow the link: <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 – LAST CHANCE – May 12

Animal entries for Youth Fair must be made by youth participants (or their project leaders) in the new, online “Fair Entry” system by **June 1**. **NO PAPER OR LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.** On **May 12** at the CCESC building, 4-H staff will 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. 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.

4-H Project Exhibit Prep Night – May 9

Exhibit at the Sullivan County Youth Fair to showcase your youth development project work! Learn how to navigate 4-H fair books, identify the guidelines and requirements for each class, complete the entry process, and pick up information on finishing techniques that achieve successful exhibition. Members, leaders, and parents are encouraged to attend this free workshop at the Extension Education Center **on May 9**, 6:30-8:00 pm. Please register (845-292-6180) and share your project areas of interest.

4-H Maker Series: Garden Stepping Stones – May 12

Garden Stepping Stones will be the featured topic in the May program of the Second Saturdays Maker Series at the Extension Education Center on **May 12** from 1:00-3:00 pm. Goal of the monthly series is to provide ideas and instruction for adult or youth activity leaders to share with youth groups. 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 <http://sullivance.org/events>. Questions may be directed to Marylin at mlr34@cornell.edu.

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 is held at Camp Shankitunk in Delaware County and the \$43 registration fee includes food, materials, and cabin lodging. For additional info, 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, 2018 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, while supplies last. Quality plants at great prices! Selection includes perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, 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 <http://sullivance.org/events> for plant selection chart when available.

4-H Maker Series: Homemade Campfire Marshmallows – June 9

Learn how to make marshmallows June 9th in the “Second Saturdays Maker Series” for adult and youth leaders. Goal of the monthly series is to provide ideas and instruction for adult or youth activity leaders to share with youth groups. The monthly program meets 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 <http://sullivance.org/events>. Questions may be directed to Marylin at mlr34@cornell.edu.

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: Calico Geese Quilt Marathon – March 24

The CCESC Calico 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 Calico 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 CCESC 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, are 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 www.sullivanccce.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.

Calendar of Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- March 23– Trout in the Classroom– CCEC, 6:00 pm**
- March 26– Working Together Rabbit Program – CCEC, 7:00pm**
- March 30– Trout in the Classroom– CCEC, 6:00 pm**
- April 6– Trout in the Classroom– CCEC, 6:00 pm**
- April 7 – Regional Horse Communication Dutchess – CCE Dutchess**
- April 7 – 4-H Horse Extravaganza – SUNY Cobleskill, 9:00 am**
- April 12 – Veterinary Science Series #1 – CCEC, 6:30 pm**
- April 13– Trout in the Classroom– CCEC, 6:00 pm**
- April 13-15 – 4-H STARR Retreat – Syracuse**
- April 14 – Second Saturdays, Simply Sewn Neck Warmers – CCEC, 1:00-3:00 pm**
- April 19 – Veterinary Science Series #2 – CCEC, 6:30 pm**
- April 20– Animal Lease Paperwork Due– CCEC**
- April 20 – CCEC Invasive Species Workshop – CCEC, 12:00-3:00 pm**
- April 20– Trout in the Classroom– CCEC, 6:00 pm**
- April 20– CCEC Intergenerational Textile Project – CCEC, 6:00-8:00 pm**
- April 22 – Horse Program Riding Evaluations**
- April 26 – Veterinary Science Series #3 – CCEC, 6:30 pm**
- April 27– Trout in the Classroom– CCEC, 6:00 pm**
- April 28 – District Public Presentations**
- May 2– Fair Entry Training– CCEC, 6:30 pm**
- May 3 – 4-H Livestock Auction Meeting #1 – 6:30 pm**
- May 4– 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Night – CCEC, 6:00 pm**
- May 5 – Animal Crackers, Cornell University**
- May 6– Fair Entry Office Hours– CCEC, 1:30 -3:00 pm (by appointment)**
- May 9 – 4-H Project Exhibit Prep Night – CCEC, 6:30-8:00 pm**
- May 11– Trout in the Classroom– CCEC, 6:00 pm**
- May 12– Fair Entry Training– CCEC, Time TBD**
- May 12 – Second Saturdays, Garden Stepping Stones – CCEC, 1:00-3:00 pm**
- May 12-14 – NYS 4-H Forestry Weekend, Camp Shankitunk**
- May 16– Fair Entry Office Hours– CCEC, 5:30-7:00 pm (by appointment)**
- May 17– Fair Entry Office Hours– CCEC, 4:30-6:00 pm (by appointment)**
- May 18– Trout in the Classroom– CCEC, 6:00 pm**
- May 18– CCEC Intergenerational Textile Project – CCEC, 6:00-8:00 pm**
- May 20 – CCEC Annual Plant Sale – CCEC 10:00 am–2:00 pm**
- May 20-23 – NYS Capital Days – Albany**
- May 25– Trout in the Classroom– CCEC 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 9 – Second Saturdays, Homemade Mallows – CCESC, 1:00-3:00 pm
June 15-17 – 4-H STEM Camp, Camp Shankitunk
June 26-28 – Career Explorations – Cornell University
July 1-6 – Week One 4-H Camp Shankitunk
July 8-13 – Week Two 4-H Camp Shankitunk
July 14 - Second Saturdays, Felt Storyboards for Kids – CCESC, 1:00-3:00 pm
July 15 – Animal Lease Hours Due- CCESC
July 15-20 – Week Three 4-H Camp Shankitunk
July 22 -27 – Week Four 4-H Camp Shankitunk
July 29-August 3 – Week Five, Final Week 4-H Camp Shankitunk
July TBA – Fair Work Night
August 11– Second Saturdays, Wood Burning Artistry – CCESC, 1:00-3:00 pm
August 14-19 – Sullivan County Youth Fair
August 22-September 3 – Great New York State Fair, Syracuse
September 8– Second Saturdays, Silk Scarf Dyeing – CCESC, 1:00-3:00 pm
September 15 – 4-H Records Due
September 15 – Cornell Country BBQ – CCESC, Time TBD