Cornell Cooperative Extension Putnam County

4-H Communicator

THE NEWSLETTER OF PUTNAM COUNTY 4-H



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Patterson, NY

October 3 - 14, 2018

The Fall 2018 Tractor Supply Paper Clover 4-H Fundraiser will be held from Wednesday, Oct. 3 to Sunday, Oct. 14 and is a great way to build momentum for National 4-H Week on October 1 - 7 and raise money for the Putnam 4-H Program.

New for this Fall's Paper Clover:

- 4-H participation awards and incentives
- A chance for you to win a \$250 gift certificate to the 4-H Mall by registering your clubs participation in the store during the promotion
- Opportunity for your 4-Hers to be the face of the next national Paper Clover promotional materials
- A way to boost funds raised for your state just by having a 4-H presence in-store
- Daily tracking updates of the top states and TSC stores during the promotion on the TSC 4-H microsite at www.tractorsupply.com/4-H



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4-H is a community of young people from across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.



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Mission Statement:

Putnam County's 4-H Youth Development Programs empower youth to reach their fullest potential through experiential learning opportunities that develop critical life skills, foster civic responsibility, and strengthen the community.

Building Strong and Vibrant New York Communities

Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.

47th Annual Putnam County 4-H Fair



With every year there comes a fair, and now that August is here that means it's time to start planning the next one...
But before we do, let's take a look back at some of the highlights of the 2018
Putnam County 4-H Fair!
2018 Marked the 47th 4-H Fair here in

Putnam, and this year was particularly special. Not only was it one of our busiest fairs, with thousands of community members visiting every day. 2018's fair also marked the end of an era within our fair community. As some of you may have read, Marjorie Keith, the longtime Executive Director of Putnam's Cornell Cooperative Extension has announced her retirement. For 44 years, Mrs. Keith has worked on the 4-H Fair, bringing in community members from all over and inspiring hundreds to volunteer. While Marjorie had a hand in almost every aspect of the fair, her chief role was handling food services. In recognition of her over four decades of service to the community the 2018 fair was dedicated to her.

The 4-H Fair has had a long and rich history in Putnam County, with many different attractions having come and gone over the years, but one thing that has remained consistent are the animals. Animal Showmanship has become staple of the 4-H Fair, and the assortment of fun and sometimes eccentric breeds have attracted many people to our fairgrounds. Between our Livestock costume show (In which Dennis, a particularly adorable goat, was seen as Darth Vader) and our dog agility demos, there is something for any kind of animal lover. If you wanted a close up experience with one of these animals, the fair offered pony rides in our upper Horse ring. Or, if you were looking for something a little smaller our poultry barn had a wonderful assortment of chickens, geese, and turkeys. All of the animals on our fairgrounds are cared for by local community members and our 4-H clubs. These Clubs allow kids to gain hands-on skills and learn countless things about agriculture, while building a sense of community and team work.

If animals are not your thing, the fair was also filled with some magical people... literally! Tony's World of Magic has graced our fair for decades, combining magic, science, and most importantly humor to create a wonderful show for all ages. Tony

started as a club leader, and parent volunteer. Now, with his kids out in the real world, Tony continues to run 4-H clubs and donates his time to creating magic for all to see. Neighboring Tony's magical world is the Creative Corners tent. This space is a wonderful attraction where you create beautiful art while learning hands-on skills. Of course you could also get your Face Painted by members of our 4-H Face Painting Club.

No fair would be complete without live music! The Shady Grove Theater, our outdoor stage is located right near the Fair entrance, and can be heard throughout the fair. This weekend featured a wonderful assortment of performers, from renowned musicians like David Amram, Educational Programs like Kelly Oster's School of Irish Dance, and up-and-coming bands like RGK. The music filled the fair with a wonderful feeling, you could see fairgoers bopping along as they got their corn or cotton candy.

Speaking of Food; Food! What wasn't to love between the fresh grilled corn and the amazing chicken barbeque, there were options for all kinds of picky eaters, aficionados, and just people looking for a good bite. This year was particularly successful, we sold out of Ice Cream, Cotton Candy, Corn, and Lemonade! The Chicken Dinner sold every available ticket, and we restocked our hot dog cart on multiple occasions. Food in hand, one was free to walk around and enjoy some of our outdoor attractions including a collection of antique tractors and our "touch a truck" where kids could explore professional vehicles found throughout our community.

Of course, this fair would not be possible if it weren't for the countless number of volunteers that continue to support our program. 4-H builds families. Or more accurately, it builds a family. This fair has connected so many people and created wonderful opportunities for growth and development. 4-H volunteers gain the skills to take on internships and college, with many alumni returning to serve as Interns for CCE. This family of volunteers and fairgoers are brought together by a love of community and an interest in making the best better! So Thank you to all the fair goers, volunteers, and passerbyers for making this fair the best yet.

Written by Patrick Salerno 4-H Alum and CCE Summer Intern

2018 PUTNAM COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Youth Awards

Spirit Awards

4-H Spirit:



Fiona G. Saoirse M. Zoe F. Jodi G.

4-H Club Spirit

Philip C. Michael R.

Creative Corners:

Matthew V. Rizen M.

Dorian G.

Face Painting:

Bianca J.

Food Tent

Isabella F.

Games:

William L. Dominick D.

Livestock:

Jake K.

Poultry

Sandra G.

Caitlyn R.

Lemonade

Ryan J.

Youth Leaders:

Refreshment Sales:

Grace F. Moira M.

Outstanding 4-H'er Awards:



Ryan F.

Gabrielle L.

Maddie O.

Courtney S.

Animal Trophies & Awards

Livestock Showmanship

Cattle

Sr Showmanship:

Finn K.

Jr. Showmanship:

Hannah F.

Goats

Jr. Showmanship

Eowyn K.

Sr. Showmanship

Hannah F.

Sheep

Jr. Showmanship:

Avery K.

Sr. Showmanship:

Finn K.

Swine

Showmanship

Kolley E.

Herdsmanship

Finn K.

Mini Equine

Jr. Showmanship Sr: Showmanship

Rory C.

Courtney S.

Equine

Jr. Showmanship Sr: Showmanship

Jackson L.

Ashley H.

Poultry

Herdsmanship

Julian R.

Sr: Showmanship

Julian R.

Jr. Showmanship

Jordan L.



NY State Fair Exhibits

Clothing and Textiles Grand Champion

Ellen F.

Reserve Champion

Annabella V.

Creative Crafts Grand Champion

Emily R.

Reserve Champion

Courtney S.

Educational Exhibit Grand Champion

Martin M.

Photography Grand Champion

Michelle Q.

Reserve Champion

Patricia T.

Visual Arts Grand Champion

Eliza F.

Reserve Champion

Mark T.



Also selected for State Fair

Creative Crafts Michael R.

Educational Exhibit Stephen G.

Cloverbud Cheyenne P.

Max F. Jolene P.

Savannah P. Emme Q. Jack Q.

Ivy H.

Thank you to the Fisher Family

A Big SHOUT OUT to 4-H Club Leader and Parent Volunteer Melissa Fisher and her Family; who graciously volunteered to transport all of the qualifying Putnam County 4-H Fair Projects to the NYS Fair.

The projects will be on display for the 1st rotation, in the Westchester / Putnam 4-H Booth, located in the 4-H Youth Building on the NYS Fairgrounds, in Syracuse, NY. In addition to transporting the projects to and from Syracuse, Melissa and her family have also volunteered help set-up and take down the 4-H Booth and assist as needed in making sure all of our projects get judged.

Without the support from Melissa and her family, Putnam 4-H would have been unable to exhibit projects at the NYS Fair this year!

Thank you!

Re-Enrollment Fees due Sept. 29, 2018 <u>for 2018-2019 program year</u>

October 1st is the re-enrollment deadline! Make sure you have your reenrollment paperwork and payment in to the 4-H office.

Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth
Development Program will be sending out Annual 4-H
Enrollment Reminders electronically, (if we have an
email address for you) along with the Emergency/
Medical Permission Slip and the 4-H Enrollment Form.

The 4-H Enrollment Fee is \$35.00 – per child – per year; regardless of the number of clubs your child takes part in.

Please enroll online or download your enrollment form & mail in with enrollment fee: http://putnam.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/4-h-forms

& mail in to CCE of Putnam County, 1 Geneva Rd., Brewster, NY 10509.

Thank You 4-H Clubs!

A special thank you to all of our 4-H Clubs who participated in the 47th Annual Putnam County 4-H Fair to help make it a success!



4-H Face Painting Club: Provided joy in kids by painting their faces and hands. Volunteers drove from North Carolina to be here!



4-H Fair Grounds Crew: Provided service and support to address the needs of the Fair Chairs throughout the Fair.



4-H Media Productions: Ran a green screen booth for fun pictures, managed live & pre-recorded announcements, produced a 4-H Fair commercial & live video of the Fair.



4 Paws 4-H Dog Club: Provided us with dog shows and demonstrations.



4-H Alumni & Parent Volunteers:

squeezed all of the lemons by hand, & ran the Lemonade stand.

4-H Teen Action Group & Youth Leaders:
Took on specific leadership roles & ran
various areas of the fair. Assisted with
prep, fair, and clean up making our Fair
possible.



Adventure Kids 4-H Club: Assisted in the Games Tent and took part in the Opening Ceremonies.



Dusty Stables 4-H Horse Club: Provided us with horse & riding demonstrations.



Explorers 4-H Club: Helped run and man the Science & Magic Show tent.



Green Chimney's: Provided us with animals, exhibits, and participated in showmanship.



STEM0516 4-H Club: Provided us fun and exciting science experiment & demonstrations, assisted in games tent.



Tall Oaks 4-H Horse Club: Provided us with horse demonstrations and an interactive horseless horse show.



Trailblazers 4-H Shooting Sports Club: Assisted with pre-fair building & repairs and ran an Archery & Shooting Sports Booth.



Westchester 4-H Clubs: Participated with exhibits and animals.



4-H Tropical Fish & Aquatic Plants program: Set up a beautiful, hands-on Fish tank display in the Youth & Adult Showcase Building and provided a demonstration of how to set up your own fish tank.

For more information on the Putnam 4-H program please visit our website: putnam.cce.cornell.edu

4-H Clubs Accepting New Members

4-H Face Painting Club

The 4-H Face Painting Club consists of youth members and a 4-H Volunteer Club Leader who 'take their show on the road' literally; providing face painting as community service, at annual county and town events throughout the year.

The Club is currently looking for youth, ages 11 & up, who would like to be part of our Face Painting Team. Hands-on training will be provided and community service credit will be given.

We have several events already lined up and need a team of youth volunteers to join the club. Parent volunteers also needed.

Here are a few of the events that we will be providing 4-H Face Painting:

- Saturday, September 22nd 11:00am 3:00pm:
 The Annual Children's Expo and Safety Fair!
 This event is held in Carmel and the Putnam 4-H
 Youth Development Program provided face
 painting and children's games.
- Sunday, October 28th 12:00pm 4:00pm: The Carmel Civic Associations' Annual Halloween Party & Parade.
- Saturday, December 1st (Tentative): 2:00pm –
 5:30pm: The Annual Holiday on the Lake Event in Carmel.

4-H Horse Clubs



The Putnam County 4-H Youth
Development Program offers (2) 4-H
Horse in Putnam.

Members learn about basic horse care and equine science including proper groom techniques, stable management and general health. Known to improve confidence and self-esteem.

Tall Oaks 4-H Horse Club: This club is for ages 9 & up and typically meets meet Wednesday afternoons bimonthly from 4:30- 6:00 pm. Located in Brewster.

Dusty Stables Crew 4-H Horse Club: This club is for ages 5 & up and typically meets on Saturday mornings. Located in Putnam Valley!

For more information about these 4-H opportunities please email dla25@cornell.edu or visit our website

Trailblazers 4-H Shooting Sports Club

Members of this club take part in outdoor education as well as shooting sports including Archery and Air Rifle. Meets in Carmel/Kent area. *Limited* 4-H Shooting Sports open to ages 10 and up. **PARENT LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT NEEDED!**Save the Date: Sunday, September 16th at 4pm - NEW Member / Parent Meeting Orientation / Welcome Meeting.

4-H Media Productions Club

Members of this club learn how to use professional digital/video and computer editing equipment, including working with Comcast equipment. Members will also learn theater production and interpersonal skills while producing, directing and editing a variety of short educational or promotional videos. Project driven. Meets in Brewster & Carmel area. Meeting dates will vary. This club is open to youth ages 12-18. PARENT LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT NEEDED!

4-H Junior Vet Series

begins Wednesday, September 26, 2018



This popular program will be returning again for 12 lucky youth and their parents/guardians on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm – 7:45

pm this fall, Sept. 26 - Nov. 14

Held at Putnam County Animal Hospitals, this exciting workshop series will introduce children, ages 9-14, to a hands on learning experience about a career in Vet Science. Participants will have an opportunity to shadow local veterinarians.

Registration fee: \$110 for non 4-H members, \$80 for 4-H members.

Again, this program is limited to 12 youth on a first come, first serve basis (prior participants are not eligible). Registration is thru Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County 4-H Youth Development, please register online at putnam.cce.cornell.edu.

Celebrate 4-H!



4-H Family Fun BBQ

Welcome New Members

National Youth Science Family Challenge

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Veterans' Memorial (Lower) Park Kent, NY

12:00 to 3:00 pm

(Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will ONLY be served between 12:00 pm & 1:30 PM)



Join us for a fun-filled **FAMILY** day!! Mom, dad, grandma, grandpa & all the kids are invited. Friends are welcome too! If your last name begins with **A-L**, **please bring a Dessert to Share**. If your last name begins with **M-Z**, **please bring a Dish to Pass**. 4-H will provide the hotdogs, hamburgers & beverages. **Please RSVP by using the form below so we know how much food to buy!** For additional information, please call the 4-H Office at 278-6738 or email dla25@cornell.edu.



4-H Family Fun BBQ RSVP



PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE Using Link Below or Mail in This Registration Form

http://putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events

Please RSVP by September 26th

Per	Person (ages 5 & up): \$5.00 -or- Family (up to 5 in the same family): \$15.00 al amount enclosed:)	# of people attend	ling
Name :		Hon	ne Phone:	
Address:		_ Town	Zip	
Email:	Special Needs:			
(Last Name A-L) (Last Name M-Z)		roni salad, fruit	salad, beans)	
Mail completed form and	check to: (Please make checks payable to	4-H Special Ac	count)	
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Hike Putnam

Saturday, September 8 (Raindate: Sunday, Sept. 9) 10:00 am



Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam county's Master Gardener Volunteers on a free guided hike!

Here in Putnam County there are so many beautiful natural places to explore. Numerous studies link walking in nature with improved mental and physical health, as well as stress relief. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County's Master Gardener Volunteers have guided four hikes so far & will guide two more. Come learn more about natural heritage and discover the beauty of Putnam County.

These free, guided hikes will explore land-use, history, and invasive plants. On the second Saturday of each month (rain date the following Sunday) participants will embark together for a 1 ½ to 3 hour hike, depending on the location and the speed of the group. The tour guides will point out highlights along the way—describing the vegetation, invasive species, and wildlife, as well as historical significance of the area—in addition to answering questions from the audience.

The next hike, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8, will tour Michael Ciaiola conservation Area. Check the website for details.

Though the hike is free, reservations are necessary; space is limited. Please register here:

putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events

Youth under 18 are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

All hikers will need to sign a waiver.

4-H Youth Awards Ceremony

Save the Date February 1, 2019 (Tentative)

The 4-H Youth Awards Ceremony recognizes participation and service of all 4-H members during the 2017-18 club year!

Start preparing now:

- Review the NEW 4-H Youth Awards Goal Setting & Achievement Guide as soon as possible
- 2. Complete & submit 4H Annual Summary by or before Dec. 1st (ages 9-19)

or

Complete & submit a 4-H Cloverbud Member book for your age (ages 5-8 only)

 Complete & submit 4-H Project/Activity Forms for the Award Tier you are applying for (ages 9-19)

All of these forms are due by December 1st and are available on our website:

http://putnam.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/4-hforms



National 4-H Week October 7 -13, 2018

Support 4-H and show the Putnam Community the Power of YOUth! Here is how you can help:

- Celebrate 4-H Week by coming to the 4-H Family Fun BBQ!
- 2. **4-H Displays**. Set up a display in a store window, on a table, or a floor in a restaurant, school, bank, library, in front of your home, or anywhere else the general public can view it. (Be sure to get permission first.) A display can be about 4-H in general or about your 4-H club, a club's or an individual member's 4-H community service projector other 4-H project work. (Remember it must say 4-H and/or have the clover leaf prominently exhibited. Don't forget to include Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County.)
- 3. **4-H Posters, Banners, or Bulletin Boards.** These items also can be set up in schools, restaurants, banks, libraries, store windows, etc., and can be on the same topics as a 4-H Display. It may contain photographs, with captions.
- 4. **Contact the editor of the local papers.** This is an opportunity to let the community know that 4-H exists in Putnam, what 4-H is about, and how much 4-H means to you.

- 5. **Email your County and State Representatives.** It is important to let elected County and State representatives know your appreciation for the government funding 4-H receives and how your club has made a difference in the community.
- 6. Wear your 4-H shirt, hat or pin.
- 7. Ask your teacher if you can talk about your involvement in 4-H to your class at school. Hand out 4-H pamphlets which are available at our office.
- 8. Display the 4-H clover at your home.
- Come to Youth Achievement Day and show your support to all of the youth who have actively committed their Head, Heart, Hands and Health to the Putnam community.
- 10. Let us know what you do so that we can thank you for your hard work and support!



Contact information for your County, State, Federal Representatives and Local Newspapers.

Putnam County Representatives

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District 1 - Legislator Barbara J. Scuccimarra

District 2 -Legislator William J. Gouldman

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District 4 – Legislator Ginny Nacerino

District 5 – Legislator Carl L. Albano

<u>District 6</u> – Legislator Paul Jonke

District 7 – Legislator Joseph F. Castellano

District 8 – Legislator Amy Sayegh

District 9 – Legislator Neal Sullivan

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Newspapers:

The Putnam County Courier

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Putnam County News & Recorder Douglas Cunningham, Editor-in-Chief

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The Highlands Current Chip Rowe, managing editor editor@highlandscurrent.com

The Examiner News

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Mahopac News

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Putnam County 4-H Youth Development 2018-2019

Important Dates

Subject to Change

SEPTEMBER 2018

- September 17 4-H Teen Action Group resumes
- September 30 4-H Family Fun BBQ with National Science Day Family Challenge

OCTOBER

- October 7 National 4-H Week Begins
- October 9 4-H Club Leader / Advisory Committee Joint Meeting
- October 3- 14 4-H Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser Begins (Youth, Parent & Club Volunteers Needed)

NOVEMBER

November 15- CCE Volunteer Recognition Celebration

DECEMBER

- December 1 Holiday on the Lake (* 4-H Face Painting)
- December 10 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting
- December High School Teens Sign up to serve on the Youth Forum Planning Committee

JANUARY 2019

- January 22 Youth Forum Planning Committee **Meetings Begin**
- January 25 Putnam County 4-H Youth Awards Ceremony (Tentative)

FEBRUARY

- February 1 Putnam County 4-H Youth Awards Ceremony (Tentative)
- February 20 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting

MARCH

- March 2 or 9 Putnam County 4-H Public Presentations (Tentative)
- March 18 NYS Ag Literacy Week Begins

APRIL

- April TBA Putnam County Youth Forum
- April TBA District 4-H Public Presentations
- April 12-14 NYS 4-H STARR Teen Leadership
- April TBA 4-H Tractor Supply Paper Clover **Fundraiser Begins**

MAY

- May 13 4-H Club Leader / Advisory Committee Joint Meeting
- May 19-21 NYS 4-H Capital Days Teen Leadership Program

JUNE

- June 8 4-H Fishing Clinic (Tentative)
- June TBD 4-H Regional STEM Family Weekend
- June 25-27 NYS 4-H Career Explorations

JULY

July 26-28 — Putnam County 4-H Fair

For more information please visit our website: putnam.cce.cornell.edu

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS September October 3 Office Closed for Labor Day 1 New 4-H Year starts 8 Master Gardener Volunteer Guided Hike 3-14 Paper Clover fundraiser Visit Tractor Supply in Patterson 26 4-H Jr. Vet program begins 7-13 National 4-H Week 30 4-H Family BBQ & National Science Day Challenge 8 Office closed for Columbus Day November Master Gardener Volunteer Guided 13 Hike 15 **CCE Volunteer Dinner Recognition**

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