

NYS 4-H Event Information 2019

4-H participants must fill out an event application by January 7 to be eligible for financial assistance.

Event, Date, Location and Age requirement

March Dog Madness	March	Cornell University	- 14-19 years old & adult
Dairy Discovery	March	Cornell University	- 14-19 years old
STARR	April	Syracuse	- 13-19 years old
Career Exploration	June	Cornell University	- 13-19 years old
Animal Crackers	May	Cornell University	- 9 and up
4-H Forestry	May	4-H Camp Shankitunk, Delhi	- 10-19 years old
4-H Dairy & Equine Camp	May	Morrisville	- 13-19 years old
Agribusiness Career Conference	October	SUNY Cobleskill	- ages 14-19 years

4-H participants must register with the camp

4-H Camp Wyomoco – July/August- Varysburg – ages 8-16 years old

4-H Stem Camp – June - 4-H Camp Shankitunk, Delhi – ages 10-19 years old

General Information

This outline is for 4-H youth and volunteers interested in participating NYS 4-H Events. Each 4-H Event is offered with specific objectives for *any* individuals (that meet the age requirement) who are interested in that project area. Events generally give 4-H youth an educational experience, introduce career opportunities, new friendships, fun, citizenship and leadership skills.

Interested 4-H members need to fill out and hand in the Event application to the 4-H Office by January 7 to receive financial assistance.

Financial Assistance: 4-H participants can apply for assistance by completing all parts of the event application. Monetary amount will be awarded based on number of applicants and funds available.

Cost: 4-H participants and chaperones are responsible for the payment of the event or the remaining balance after financial assistance to the 4-H Office (4-H Staff will inform family of the payment due date). Checks can be made out to CCE of Niagara. **All costs are subject to changed (based on 2018 rates).*

Chaperones: Transportation for the event is at the participant's expense as well as providing its own parental/guardian chaperone. If you are interested in chaperoning please let the 4-H Office know so the proper documentation can be filled out.

Medical Release Forms: Parental permission and medical release forms must be completed and turned into the office prior to departure.

Rules of Conduct: 4-H members should always be aware that he/she is a representative of Niagara County and the 4-H program, and is expected to dress and behave in a polite and mature manner as stated in the Code of Conduct. Any person behaving in an irresponsible or destruction manner will be sent home at the family's expense. Chaperone and site staff are responsible for that decision.

Event Information

March Dog Madness is an annual one-day conference for adult and teenage 4-H volunteer leaders at Cornell in early March. Workshops engage participants in science based information training. Current animal health, animal behavior, industry trends and youth development issues are addressed. \$30 per person includes LUNCH. Please note: transportation to and from the event is at the participant's own expense.

Dairy Discovery is a hands-on workshop held annually at Cornell University in late March. It is a statewide program for youth ages 14-19 years old. Each year the youth spend the 1½ days (Friday afternoon until Saturday late afternoon) on campus learning about dairy careers and rotating through a series of hands-on stations, which focus on a specific aspect of the dairy field each year. The focus of the Dairy Discovery workshops changes each year but includes the following areas: Dairy Herd Health and Management, Calf and Heifer Production Management, Quality Milk and Milk Production, Whole Farm Management Planning, and Maximizing the Feed Management Program.

Due to the hands on approach of the sessions, participation is limited to the first 65 individuals to enroll by deadline. Youth who are 14-19 years of age as of January 1, of the current year and have an interest in dairy cattle and production management are eligible and strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperones). 4-H project members and FFA youth with a dairy interest or desire to learn about dairy are strongly encouraged to attend.

The cost of \$55 for youth covers basic handouts, materials, dinner and activities on Friday evening, and lunch on Saturday, parental/guardian chaperones attending with youth cost \$10. Lodging is NOT included for this program but a group of hotel rooms sometimes blocked prior to this event each year and detailed information for making lodging accommodations is included in the program. For tax-exempt status with these rooms, you must work through your county 4-H offices. Please note: transportation to and from the event is at the participant's own expense.

STARR- State Teen Action Representative Retreat is a three-day, fun filled event where 4-H teens participate in a wide variety of workshops and activities that are meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. Teens and adults serving on the youth/adult STARR planning committee plan the event. STARR is open to all NYS 4-H teens (13-19 years old). Located at the New York State Fairgrounds, 4-H Youth Building, in Syracuse, NY and held in mid-April. \$85.00 per person (youth and adult chaperones) covers lodging, snacks and meals + transportation. Chaperone and transportation sometimes provided depending on interest.

Animal Crackers is a one-day program providing New York youth with fun, hands-on, science oriented learning experiences on Animal Science topics at Cornell University. This workshop is for 4H members ages 9-12 however all youth 9 and up are welcome and interested in learning more about their favorite livestock (every year- two animal species are chosen), companion or pet animal species; emphasis on different species groupings and activities vary annually. 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. Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group. Call the 4-H Office to find out what species is the focus on or after February 1.

\$15 per youth participant, no fee for chaperones. Please note: transportation to and from the event is at the participant's own expense. Participants must bring their own lunch and drinks. The closest place to purchase food is a 5-minute drive from campus.

4-H Forestry is a weekend of forestry activities, games, and competition. This three-day event in May is for youth aged 10 and up (parents, staff and volunteers) interested in learning more about forests, and to select the NYS team that will go to the 2017 National 4-H Forestry Invitational (must be 14-19 for the national event). The Forestry weekend activities include • Tree identification • Tree measurements • Compass usage • Map reading • Insects and diseases • Geocaching • Nature games • Night hikes & more! Cost is \$43 per person (youth and adult chaperone) which includes food, materials, and cabin lodging. Chaperone and transportation sometimes provided depending on interest.

4-H Dairy and Equine Camp is a one-night two-day camp that happens at Morrisville State College.

4-H youth ages 13-19 years of age are eligible to participate in this camp/college experience. Participants choose to participate in either the dairy or the equine tract. All sessions taught by Morrisville State College faculty and other professionals in the industries. The cost for the program is \$100 per 4-H participant (\$75 per chaperone). Please note: transportation to and from the event is at the participant's own expense.

Career Explorations is a three-day event for youth on the Cornell University campus at the end of June. The purpose of this conference is to provide youth with exposure to academic fields and career exploration, to develop leadership skills, to provide hands-on experience in a college setting and to introduce you to Cornell University. The event is made up of two grade specific tracts: University U for youth entering grades 8-9 and Focus for Teens for youth entering grades 10-12. The cost of this trip is approximately \$285.00 per person (youth and adult chaperones) covers lodging on campus and meals. Please note: transportation to and from the event is at the participant's own expense.

4-H Agribusiness Career Conference is two-day program held in October at SUNY Cobleskill and local agri-businesses. This career exploration conference is open to all youth ages 14 and older who wish to become more aware of opportunities with agriculture and academic requirements for professional positions available in the various agri-business. It will feature mini-tours to farms and operations in the Cobleskill area as well as seminars, guest speakers and guided tours of the SUNY Cobleskill agriculture facilities.

Participants and chaperones will be staying at The Inn at Cobleskill, located at the eastern end of town on the north side of Route 7 (behind Burger King). A participating fee of \$95.00 per perso (youth and parental/guardian chaperone) will include all overnight accommodations and meals. Please note: transportation to and from the event is at the participant's own expense.

Camp Wyomoco is open to all children, ages 8-16. The Wyomoco Resident Camp Program intends to help campers' ages eight through 16 grow and learn in a healthy, positive environment; give them a wonderful, fun-filled week at camp, and provide a safe place for both these things to happen. 4-H Camp Wyomoco is owned and operated by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County. Cost to attend a weeklong camp is approximately \$350.00. **To find more information or to register visit <http://wyomoco.cce.cornell.edu/>.**

4-H STEM Camp a weekend long program in June, aims to grow the next generation of inventors, entrepreneurs and problem-solvers by giving youth plenty of opportunities to try their hands at real world science. 4-H Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) projects give families science enrichment opportunities and connects kids to Cornell's science outreach programs. Held in June at 4-H Camp Shankitunk, Delhi, NY 4-H STEM Camp is for youth ages 10 years of age and older. Cost for the weekend is \$75 per attendee (youth and adult chaperone). Participants can pick one of six tracks to choose from for the weekend. **For more information or to register visit <https://ccedelaware.org/4h/stem-camp/>.**