



# Clover Chronicle



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## Announcements

### **We Have a Facebook Page!**

Be sure to follow us on Facebook! Search for Ontario County 4-H and give us a like!

### **NEW Club News Section**

What is your club up to? Submit brief summaries and/or pictures of your activities to be featured in the Clover Chronicle.

### **Calling All Photographers!**

We are looking for a new photo to be featured on the front of Clover Chronicle! Please submit horizontal oriented pictures from your phone or camera!

## **Key Events Snapshot**

September 17th..... Leaders Meeting

September 30th..... Achievement night paperwork due

October 4th.....Achievement night

# Important Upcoming Events

## *Annual 4-H Leaders Meeting*

Please join us on September 17th at either 10am-12pm or 5pm-7pm for our annual 4-Her Leaders meeting. Leaders and parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting. We will hand out reenrollment paperwork, hold mandatory volunteer trainings, share exciting resources and opportunities, and get your ideas for future programming.

## *Achievement Night*

October 4th at 6pm will be our 4-H Achievement night! As one 4-H year comes to a close and another begins, we would like to stop and recognize outstanding 4-Her's and their growth and contributions. Achievement paperwork will be released online by September 5th and is due back to the 4-H office by September 30th. If you have any questions about achievement night, please call the 4-H office.

## *Fun on the Farm*

Fun on the Farm will be held on Saturday, September 21st from 11am to 4pm at J Minns Farm. This fun event is held every other year as a way to promote agriculture. Activities will include hay rides, games, food sampling and much more. The entire event is FREE. For more information, visit [www.ontariocountyfunonthefarm.com](http://www.ontariocountyfunonthefarm.com).

## *ABC Trip*

If you are 14+ and interested in a career in Agriculture you need to check this trip out! Deadline to let Amy know is September 10<sup>th</sup>. There are 6 different farm tours to choose from: from dairy to equestrian to carrots, and much more. You decide what you want to learn about. Sign up early to get your first choice! Email Amy at [alm72@cornell.edu](mailto:alm72@cornell.edu) and she will send you the complete packet with all the details. See below more information.

The 43rd Annual New York State 4-H Agribusiness Career Conference will be held on October 17-18, 2019 at SUNY Cobleskill and local agri-businesses. The conference is co-sponsored by NYS 4-H, the State University of New York (SUNY) at Cobleskill and the NYS Farm Bureau Foundation for Education. This career exploration conference is open to all youth ages 14 and over who wish to become more aware of opportunities with agriculture and also the academic requirements for professional positions available in the various agri-businesses. It will feature mini-tours to farms and businesses in the Cobleskill area as well as seminars, guest speakers and guided tours of the SUNY Cobleskill agriculture facilities.

A participation fee of \$100.00 per youth and \$80 per chaperone will include all overnight accommodations and meals. (If a participant wishes to come for just one day, that is acceptable, but the cost of the program is the same.) Participants and chaperones will be staying at The Super 8 located at 955 East Main Street Cobleskill. There is a NYS scholarship based on a 300 word essay available when sent in with the application.

# Fun Opportunities

## *Computer Science Challenge*

We are proud to announce the 2019 NYSD challenge will be *Game Changers!* The 2019 NYSD challenge teaches kids how to use computer science (CS) to create games and engage with topics they care passionately about. Developed by Google and West Virginia University Extension Service, and with support from our national partners Donaldson, HughesNet, Lockheed Martin and U.S. Air Force, *Game Changers* is a collection of three activities that teaches kids CS skills through game play, puzzles and animation. [LEARN MORE](#)

## *ARTISTS WANTED!*

Know a creative or artistic 4-er? Youth may upload their work for the chance to be selected for the 2020 4-H Youth Artwork calendar and other 4-H promotional items. The deadline for submission is **August 30, 2019!**

## *Granger Homestead Festival of Trees*

The Granger Homestead is holding their annual Festival of Trees and is looking to borrow display items or have items donated for their silent auction. They are looking for decorated trees, wreaths, holiday baskets, hand-crafted jewelry, and other holiday items. Sarah has a flier in the office, so call or stop by for more information.

## *Georgia Boot to offer 4-H Discount in August & September*

Georgia Boot is the brand known as “America’s hardest working boot” with a legacy of comfort and durability passed down from generation to generation. As part of the #4HBESTBOOTFORWARD campaign, Georgia Boot is offering a bold, one-of-a-kind 50% off discount on any boots on the [georgiaboot.com](http://georgiaboot.com) website (except clearance items). This offer will be available for 8-weeks only, starting August 1st and can be redeemed via a coupon code. In addition to the 50% discount, Georgia will also donate 5% of all boot sales using the coupon code back to National 4-H Council. To get your discount code go to <https://www.georgiaboot.com/4-h/> and register today. It’s fine to share the opportunity, but please **don’t share the code openly on social media.**

## *Science Sampler Day: Save the Date!*

The STEM Program Work Team is hosting 4-H Science Sampler Day on November 2, 2019 at Cornell University. The event will be from 10:30 AM to 5 PM and is open to youth in grades 5 – 8.

The registration fee is \$5 per youth. All youth must be chaperoned; there is no fee for chaperones. More detailed registration information will be shared in the middle of September and registrations are due in the middle of October.

Youth will choose three workshops to participate in for the day. Workshops include soil science and soil painting, sustainable energy, wearable electronics, computer science, social media and more!

# Educational Resources

## *Citizen Science — The Tick App*

Summer is the time for 4-H camps and other outdoor activities. This app, developed with support from the Centers for Disease Control, provides information on how to remove ticks, prevent tick bites, and general information about ticks. If available, information is also provided about blacklegged / deer tick activity in your area. Users can also report ticks found on people or pets to help researchers better understand how and where people are becoming exposed to ticks. Users in the Northeast and Midwest can use the app to submit a photo of the potential exposure or tick, and an expert will send you back more detailed information. These reports will help researchers design better prevention strategies that reduce your exposure to ticks. The app is available on Android and iOS app sites.

## *CHECK OUT THE NEW HEALTH ROCKS! CURRICULA*

Health Rocks! is a 4-H Healthy Living program for young people ages 8 to 14 with the goal of bringing youth, families and communities together to reduce tobacco, alcohol and drug use. This proven program provides youth with the skills to make healthy decisions and lead healthier lifestyles. The refreshed curricula features updated data, trend information, more hands-on activities for youth and new lessons and chapters.