

# Cornell Cooperative Extension Washington County



## 4-H KEYNOTES

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



### *Special Points of Interest*

- Shooting Sports
- Public Presentations
- Tractor Safety
- Honor Secretaries and News Reports
- Calendar of Events



## *JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020*

Dear Friends of 4-H:

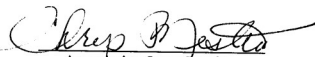
Happy New Year! I hope your Holidays were full of fun! Whether or not you are snow lovers or cold-weather-haters, we have a full slate of activities for members.

Here are some highlights:

- ✿ Cornell Cooperative Extension is partnering with Washington County Public Health & Youth Bureau for **Winterfest: Beat the Winter Blues** at Lake Lauderdale on February 1.
- ✿ **4-H Shooting Sports** is just around the corner. The southern program starts February 1; northern program starts February 5.
- ✿ **Code Your World & Felted Soap** are planned for our Science Day on February 18.
- ✿ **Keeping your Horse Healthy** seminar is scheduled for February 20. *Special thanks to Lynn Hamilton Horton for taking the lead with this!*
- ✿ **JOANN for ‘Clovers for Kids’ Campaign** is coming up in March running through April.
- ✿ Please consider doing a **4-H Public Presentation** at one of our two March dates this year. Contact our office if you would like some materials and/or have someone come to your club to show how to do a presentation.
- ✿ **Ag Literacy Week** is March 16 – 20. Let our office know if you would like to be a volunteer reader in one of our schools or public libraries.
- ✿ A reminder that we have project kits for clubs to borrow including: Ag Literacy kits (great for a community service project at your local library), Hand Sewing, Felting & Knitting. We also loan poultry incubators with project material & posters.

More details for these events are listed inside.

Yours truly,

  
Association Issue Leader  
4-H & Family Living



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# Washington County



**2020**

## 4-H Shooting Sports

**Ready— Aim—Succeed**

4-H Shooting Sports is open to all youth ages 12-18 who are interested in firearm safety and environmental conservation. The program features demonstrations, hands-on activities, and range time over 6—8 week period. Disciplines include Air Rifle/Pistol, Archery, .22 Caliber Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzleloader plus Hunter Education & Bowhunter Certifications.

Begins **February 5** for *Hudson Falls\** & **February 1** for *Salem/Cambridge\**.

Locations are the Hudson Falls Fish & Game for Northern program; Salem Rifle & Pistol and Owlkill Rod & Gun for the Southern program.

*\*Northern program meets Wednesday evenings & Saturday mornings; Southern program meets Saturdays—full day.*

The fee is \$30 for 4-H members; \$35 for non members.

For more information, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at:

**518-746-2560 or 1-800-548-0881**

or

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## *It's Public Presentation Time*

**New this year:**

**Youth must call our office to register for your location and T-shirt size. By preregistering it allows us to schedule enough judges at each site. Only those that preregister will get a 4-H T-shirt.**

### **Greenwich**

**Saturday, March 14**

**Washington Co. Fairgrounds Office**

**9:00 a.m. - Noon**

The Public Presentation Program is one of 4-H's most beneficial and rewarding experiences. It is the one most often credited by 4-H alumni as having given them an edge above peers in both college and professional careers. Participation in Public Presentations has been used for application into National Honor Society and College.

Today's youth are busier than ever, as are their par-

ents. We understand how difficult it is to participate in everything. As your family is prioritizing which event/program they can attend, please consider the life-long importance of Public Presentations. If you are an older teen, consider scheduling the interview portion of Public Presentations.

Think of what you are passionate about, a hobby, an extracurricular activity or sport, cooking, photography, your pets or even your own family history and turn it into your own unique public presentation.

### **Fort Edward**

**Saturday, March 28**

**Washington Street TLC**

**(formerly St. Joseph's School)**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

We have resources to help you plan your presentation. If you have any questions, call Cathy at 518-746-2560 or 1-800-548-0881 or email her at [cjs58@cornell.edu](mailto:cjs58@cornell.edu). The college and job interview will be available at the Fort Edward location. Please call our office to schedule an appointment time for the interviews.



## *4-H Capital Days 2020!*

NYS 4-H Capital Days are scheduled for **May 17-19** It starts Sunday evening and ends after lunch on Tuesday. You spend two days in our State's capital. While you're there you participate in the following:

- Meet teens from other counties across New York State
- Learn about powerful, influential jobs in the public sector.
- Learn more about NYS government.
- Tour NYS departments.
- Meet the legislators who represent YOUR family in government.
- Maybe earn some bonus points with your Social Studies teacher!



And did we mention you have fun while you do this? The delegates and chaperones very likely will be staying at the Clarion Hotel in Albany and they have an indoor pool! This trip costs approximately \$215, last years teens paid \$55.



## Winter Break Fun & Learn with Cathy

Make your very own felted bar of soap

**When:** Tuesday February 18 - 10AM-11AM  
**Where:** Washington Co. Annex II Building  
411 Lower Main St., Hudson Falls



You may have seen these soap sweaters at farmer's markets and small boutiques. The wool creates a thin wool sweater that helps the soap last longer, is a gentle exfoliator and they make great decorative items and gifts. This would be a great entry at the Washington County Fair.

**You must call 518-746-2560 by Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> to preregister**

*Thank you to Mary Jeanne Packer of Battenkill Fibers for her generous donation of wool.*



## 4-H Science Day

**When:** February 18 - 11:30 a.m - 1:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Washington Co. Annex II Building  
411 Lower Main St., Hudson Falls

We will be using the Code Your World curriculum to explore and practice computer coding. We will have a warm up activity or two and then, we'll jump right into the fun of coding with a really fun platform called Scratch. Scratch is an easy to learn, block style programming platform and the possibilities are nearly endless.

**You must call 518-746-2560 by Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> to preregister**

*This Code Your World kit, developed by Google, 4-H, and West Virginia University Extension Service, was created as the 2018 National Youth Science Day challenge.*



# 4-H Tractor Safety Certification & ATV Safety

*April 14–16, 2020*

## National Safe Tractor & Machinery Operation Program & ATV Safety Program

Youth will:

- ◆ Learn essential safety skills
- ◆ Gain hands on experience with tractors, skid steers & ATV's
- ◆ Earn their HOSTA safety certification once they pass the written, skills & tractor driving operation tests

Youth 14 & 15 years old are required to have a NSTMOP certificate when employed on farms & agri-businesses that includes operating equipment.

**Farm tours in Rensselaer County on day 1; Washington County Fairgrounds day 2 & 3; 9 AM —4 PM**

***Participants must attend the orientation meeting tentatively planned for Thursday March 26.***

*The fee is \$25.00 for enrolled 4-H members and \$30.00 for non-members. Youth participants must be at least 14 years old as of April 14*

For more information, call  
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## *4-H Dairy Bowl*

The 4-H Dairy Bowl program is designed to give 4-Hers the opportunity to learn and share their knowledge about the Dairy Science and the industry.

Interested youth get together to practice and have fun while doing it. The actual regional event is run very similar to a game show where there are teams, buzzers and a moderator. We have 3 levels of participation – Beginner (first timers - those who are 8 to 10 years of age as of 1/1/20), Juniors (9 to 13 years as of 1/1/20) and Seniors (14 years & older as of 1/1/20).



Please contact our office if you are interested. We anticipate Dairy Bowl starting January 22 at First Pioneer Farm Credit East on Route 29 in Greenwich at 6:30 p.m. If you can't make the first practice you are welcome to still attend. Please call our office at 518-746-2560 if you are interested in attending.



## *Keeping Your Horse Healthy*

Winter is here! Are you thinking about warmer weather hitting the trails and getting ready for the fair? Does your horse not look as nice as you would like them to?

Join us, Amanda Gosson/Cargill Animal Nutrition, and Karen Whitman from Walkers, Farm, Home and Tack for this informative seminar on what to look for and how to get your horse ready! Whatever fun activity you like to do with your 4-legged best friend, this seminar will help you select the right feed to get your horse looking and feeling its best!

Here's the scoop:

**Date:** Thursday February 20  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Place:** Washington County Fair Office/meeting room.

This is open to any youth & parents. Please let us know if you are coming – 518-746-2560 or [washington@cornell.edu](mailto:washington@cornell.edu).

We will be having pizza too!



# 2020 NYS 4-H Career Explorations Conference

## WHAT IS CAREER EXPLORATIONS?

- Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development program hosts a three-day youth conference on the Cornell University Campus
- By offering a hands-on college experience, Career Ex provides youth with exposure to Cornell University, its academic fields, and associated careers while providing opportunities to develop leadership skills

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Youth have fun while learning about science, technology, humanities and... themselves!
- Youth enjoy engaging, interactive workshops run by Cornell faculty and staff!
- The Conference offers two grade-specific tracts:
  - ◊ University U for youth entering grades 8 - 9 Fall 2020
  - ◊ Focus for Teens for youth entering grades 10 - 12 Fall 2020

**WHEN:** June 30 - July 2, 2020

**WHERE:** Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

**COST:** The total cost has not been finalized as of yet. Teen Council does pay part of this fee, which includes Registration & Lodging

**HOW:** Contact our office for workshop descriptions or go to the website. **Deadline for registration is mid April.**



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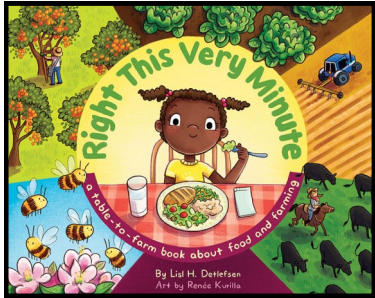


*Agricultural Literacy Week*  
March 16 - 20, 2020



Agricultural Literacy Week unites communities and schools. Volunteers will share a special agriculturally themed story and lead an educational activity.

*Right This Very Minute: A table-to-farm book about food and farming* highlights the story of agriculture with vivid illustrations and a community-centric storyline. Students will understand the importance of agriculture as an economic driver in communities across New York, and develop an awareness for where their food comes from and its journey.



Volunteer as a reader or a teacher host and get this year's book donated to your school library along with other educational resources. If you are interested in being a reading volunteer, please contact Linda at 746-2560.



*Pheasants:*  
*A Conservation Management Program!*

The Department of Environmental Conservation is again offering pheasant chicks to 4-Hers who are interested in raising a batch. The program offers an enjoyable challenge in responsible management. The pheasants are released on public land in the fall and offer a hunting opportunity for upland shooters. People in general also like to observe and hear the unusual call of the rooster during their vocal periods.

There are a number of resources available from the Extension office in reference to the pheasant program. They include, but are not limited to the project guidebook, *Pheasant Rearing*, and the video, "How to Raise Ring-necked Pheasants". We are also strongly encouraging cooperative ventures between 4-H/FFA youth and local sportsman clubs.

If you are interested in this project, call Barb at the Extension office (1-800-548-0881/746-2560). The office requires that you notify us of the amount of birds you need **by March 16!**





## College Scholarships



The **Washington County 4-H Leader's Association** offers a variety of scholarships open to high school seniors and college students who are or were active members of 4-H. The amounts of scholarships are \$500. Applications are available at the Washington County Cornell Cooperative Extension office; call 746-2560 or 1-800-548-0881 for an application. **Applications are due by 4:30, May 15, 2020.** *The form is on our web site!*

The **Washington County Fair** offers scholarships to youth that have been active in fair activities. Generally, the application packet for this scholarship will be available in April. For more information about this scholarship call the Washington County Fair at 692-2464 or visit their web site at [washingtontyfair.com](http://washingtontyfair.com) **Applications are due August 1.**

The Washington County Fair is also the contact for scholarships to youth from the **New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs** and the **New York State Show People's Association**. These scholarships are available to high school or enrolled college students in Agriculture/agriculture related field and who have participated in the Washington County Fair. Further information about this scholarship can be obtained by calling the Washington County Fair at **692-2464**. **Due date is the second Friday in April.** The application is available on the NYSAAF web site: [www.nyfairs.org](http://www.nyfairs.org).



## 4-H Partners with JOANN for 'Clovers for Kids' Campaign

JOANN stores are helping 4-H bring more hands-on programs to local communities across the nation to inspire kids to lead lives with their head, hands, and hearts.

Between March 1 – April 30, 2020 visit your local JOANN store and purchase a clover tear away at the register for either \$1 or \$4. \$4 purchases come with a \$4 off coupon for a later purchase. 100% of the funds donated go back to 4-H with 70% going back to the local states' 4-H program.

In addition, JOANN wants to support individual 4-H'ers involvement by providing a rewards card for 4-H members, leaders, staff, and parents. The rewards card gives holders 15% off their purchase every day. To sign up go to <https://www.joann.com/4-h/>





## *Beef Calf Scholarship Award Program*

Administered by the Washington County 4-H Calf Scholarship Committee

This award has been revived by a former Calf Scholarship winner from the late 1980's. This individual would like to give back because he was unable to produce a heifer calf for the program. He now is a beef producer and has beef calves available.

This process will be the same as the Michael J. Thomas, Jr. Calf Scholarship Award program:

### **Application process:**

- Applicants must be enrolled in Washington County 4-H.
- Applicants must submit an application form & an essay. Application forms can be obtained from our office or our website.



**Submission process due February 15:**

**For more information and/or an application form, please contact our office.**



## *NYS Guernsey Calf Award*

The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of encouraging those who do not presently own Guernseys to become involved with the Guernsey Breed. A purebred Guernsey Calf will be awarded to the applicant who shows interest in the Guernsey breed and who has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential. Applicant must be age 9-15 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of application year. You do not have to belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club to participate. Award will be presented to the winner at the New York State Guernsey Breeders' Annual Meeting in April. All applications are due on March 1<sup>st</sup> this year. No late applications will be accepted. If you are interested in applying for this award, please contact our office for an application form and a list of guidelines.



# Beat the Winter Blues

## Winterfest 2020

Lake Lauderdale, Route 22, Jackson, NY

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Free  
Snacks

10-3pm

Plenty of  
All-Weather  
Activities

Use our equipment or bring your own!



Ice Skating\*



Sledding\*

Bon Fire



On Ice Games



Snowshoeing\*



Games and Activities

Snowmobile Rides\*



Ice Fishing Outing\* (10am-1pm)  
(Fishing license NOT required)

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides (11-2pm)

\* Weather Permitting, but there are plenty of All-Weather activities to enjoy too!

Snow or Shine!

It will be a fun day out for the whole Family!

For more information, please contact:

Washington County Youth Bureau

518-746-2330

<http://www.co.washington.ny.us/165/Youth-Bureau>

Washington County Public Health

518-746-2400

Free!!  
All are Welcome!

This Free Community Event is in Partnership with: Washington County Youth Bureau; Washington County Public Health; Cornell Cooperative Extension; Washington County Sheriff's Department, Washington County Aging and Disability Resource Center, Washington County DFW, Washington County Federation of Sportsman and more!





## *It's a 4-H E-blast!*

In an effort to keep 4-H families up to date in between Keynote issues, we have a 4-H list serve.

Why a 4-H e-blast?

Send out notices about upcoming events that are time sensitive

Reminders about deadlines

Provide an alternate way to communicate with Leaders, 4-Hers and their families.



How do you get on this 4-H e-blast band wagon? Send an email from your preferred email address to our Washington account:

[washington@cornell.edu](mailto:washington@cornell.edu)

We will collect and save the addresses to our Washington County 4-H list serve. Individual addresses aren't revealed in the "To" line of messages sent from our office.

Please note: this is *voluntary*; we will continue to send our bi-monthly Keynotes using the US mail. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact our office.

Since it has been a few years since our 4-H list serve was started, your email may have changed. If this is the case you want to continue on our 4-H list serve, please provide us with your current email address. If you wish to be removed from our list serve, please let us know.

**KEYNOTES  
IS GOING DIGITAL**

Keynotes will still be physically mailed, but we are now offering a digital version delivered right to your inbox! Receive information about new programs and updates on happenings in the 4-H community first!

**Enroll Today!**  
Send an email to [washington@cornell.edu](mailto:washington@cornell.edu)



## HONOR SECRETARIES AND NEWS REPORTERS

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>News Reporter</u>
Artists' Kids		Leader Signed
Backyard Buddies	Leader Signed	
Country Clovers		Leader Signed
Country Kids		Zoey Rooney
Crystal Clovers	Alyssa Rowland/Elizabeth Greenawalt	Makenna & Meghann Hart
Kidz and Goatz		Leader Signed
Salem Shamrocks	Josh Harrington	Alyce Harrington

## NEWS REPORTS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

In November the **Artists' Kids** helped pack Operation Christmas Child boxes. These boxes go to kids who may not get the presents every year. They packed them with supplies, toys and clothes to send to each child in need. Their hope is to do this every year for many years to come. In December they rang bells in front of Hobby Lobby in Queensbury for Salvation Army. This money will help them provide basic necessities like food, shelter and warmth to people in need.

The **Country Clovers** met in December to wrap and donate gifts for a family they adopted for Christmas. Each family club member brought in gifts and food to provide their adopted family for Christmas. After, the group did a fun grab bag gift for each other



and had a special snack.

The **Country Kids** held their November meeting at the Sloan's house. They elected officers. They worked on a snowman craft just in time to display for the holidays. They also received their certificates and pins from Achievement Night. Isabelle Sloan was recognized for being Outstanding 4-Her of the year. The members also signed a certificate of gratitude for the donation willed to their club by Ray Pfeiffer. In December they were meeting at the

Saratoga National Cemetery for Wreaths around America to honor fallen soldiers.

The **Crystal Clovers** met at the Cambridge Town Hall in November to make sock turkeys and to discuss upcoming meetings. In December they made felt Santas and Christmas trees out of pinecones. They made reindeer rice krispie treats for a snack.

In December the **Kidz and Goatz** visited the residents at The Mansion in Cambridge. They made Christmas ornaments and distributed cards and sang with the residents. Continued community service is one of their goals for the 2020 club year. This was their third year visiting The Mansion and the seniors and the children have maintained positive relations throughout the years. Their 2019 Washington County Fair club project involved making birdhouses and then sharing them with the residents. They look forward to more interactions with the residents in the Spring.

In November the **Salem Shamrocks** helped at the Salem food pantry. They put together boxes of Thanksgiving dinners for families in need. They food pantry can always use donations of toiletries, cans of fruit and boxes of macaroni and cheese.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

## JANUARY

Jan. 22 - Dairy Bowl Practice Begins

## FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 - Winterfest

Feb. 1 - Southern Shooting Sports begins

Feb. 5- Northern Shooting Sports begins

Feb. 18 - 4-H Science Day

Feb. 18 - 4-H Felting Day

Feb. 20 - Horse Seminar

## MARCH

Mar. 7- District Dairy Bowl

Mar. 14 - Greenwich Public Presentations

Mar. 16 - 20 - Ag Literacy Week

Mar. 28 - Fort Edward Public Presentations

## APRIL

April 14 - 16 - Tractor Safety

## MAY

May 2 - District Public Presentations

May 15 - 4-H Leaders Scholarships Due

May 17 - 19 - Capital Days

## JUNE

June 13 - District Livestock Skillathon

June 15 - Non-Ownership Papers Due

June 30 - July 2 - Career Ex

## AUGUST

Aug. 22 - Youth Building Judging Day

Aug. 24 - 30 - Washington Co. Fair



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