

Rockland County 4-H Calendar of Events 2020-2021

Below is a listing of events at the county, district, state, and national levels. Some of the event dates may change, and programs may be added or removed. For up-to-date information, please join the 4-H listserv by emailing Kristin Ruggiero at klf37@cornell.edu.

County Programs and Events

Teen Leadership Rockland

When: November 2020 – April 2021

Last Deadline to Apply: September 15

An opportunity for Rockland County high school sophomores to develop leadership skills and connect with peers and community leaders through interactive seminars. [Teen Leadership Rockland webpage](#)

Youth Dog Showmanship

When: Thursday, September 17, 2020, 5:45pm – 6:30pm

Where: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland County, 10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980

For this introductory workshop, youth ages 8-18 will learn show procedures, rules, and etiquette as a dog handler, and will view demonstrations from certified professional dog trainer, Fran Hellman. For those interested in pursuing dog showmanship, future sessions will be arranged so that youth can learn and practice with their dogs under careful guidance.

Cost: \$10 per youth participant

Register Online: [Youth Dog Showmanship Registration Portal](#)

Beginning of 4-H Year

When: October 1, 2020

Make sure to (re)enroll in 4-H! Access all necessary, updated forms on our [website](#).

Rockland County 4-H Awards and Recognition

The 4-H Awards and Recognition Guide has been updated, and is available on our [4-H Club Leader Resources webpage](#). If you presented a 4-H Public Presentation, you are eligible to receive a 4-H year pin and other awards! Make sure to review the guidelines for the awards, and submit your application by **October 1st**. This guide is also a great way to help plan your goals and activities for the next 4-H year (October 1 - September 30).

National 4-H Week

When: October 4 – 10, 2020

Celebrate 4-H this week by showcasing your incredible 4-H experiences and promoting the 4-H program! Learn more from the [National 4-H History Preservation Program](#).

Virtual 4-H Veterinary Science Career Exploration Program

When: October 5 – November 30

High school youth have the opportunity to explore veterinary careers and develop skills with experienced animal professionals. [4-H Veterinary Science webpage](#)

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser

When: October 7 – October 18, 2020

Where: 158 South Liberty Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980

Each Spring and Fall, Tractor Supply helps raise money for 4-H programs with the Paper Clover Campaign, a national in-store fundraiser that benefits 4-H programming. [Tractor Supply Paper Clover webpage](#)

Youth for Climate Action

When: December 2020 – June 2021

Through interactive sessions, trips, and connections with local organizations, this program will empower students to educate others and make a significant impact in the community.

Information will be released soon!

Fun with Public Speaking!

When: January – February

Youth ages 9-12 will play public speaking games and learn how to effectively create and present a public presentation. [Fun with Public Speaking! webpage](#)

4-H Project Sampler Day

When: February

For this full-day event during February break, youth ages 11+ will attend four workshops where they will learn new skills and complete projects. Information will be posted soon.

Rockland County 4-H Public Presentations

When: March 6, 2021

CCE Rockland 4-H Public Presentations is a program in which youth learn to create a presentation and develop the skills needed to present it before an audience. [4-H Public Presentations webpage](#)

Rockland YouthFest

When: March 14, 2021

This event gives the community the opportunity to interact with many of the services available to children, youth and families in Rockland County. [YouthFest webpage](#)

Agriculture Literacy Week

When: March

In celebration of New York agriculture, volunteers throughout the state will read a book and lead hands-on activities with an agricultural theme to second graders. [Agriculture Literacy Week webpage](#)

Rockland County 4-H Junior Animal Science

When: May

A career awareness program designed to give middle school youth an opportunity to explore animal science careers and concepts beyond veterinary science.

4-H Pet Pals

When: May

This is an interactive event designed to give elementary students in grades 3-5 an opportunity to explore animal behaviors and proper animal care with experienced professionals. [4-H Pet Pals webpage](#)

District/Regional Events

District Public Presentations

When: April, 2021

Selected 4-H members from Southeast Counties take part in this event to improve their public speaking skills.

District Horse Bowl and Hippology

When: April, 2021

4-H Horse Bowl provides an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H horse projects to demonstrate their knowledge of equine related subject matter in a competitive setting. The 4-H Hippology Contest provides an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of and reasoning ability in equine science and management in a friendly and fair competitive setting. Resources to prepare for these contests are available from the local 4-H Educator. [NYS 4-H Horse Program webpage](#)

District Dairy Bowl

When: April, 2021

4-H Dairy Bowl provides an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H dairy project to demonstrate

their knowledge of dairy related subject matter in a competitive setting. [NYS 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl webpage](#)

District Horse Communications

When: April, 2021

This is an opportunity to compete and show off communications and public speaking skills. The event is centered around the horse world, encompassing a wide variety of topics. Selected youth will be able to advance to the NYS 4-H Horse Communications. [NYS 4-H Horse Program webpage](#)

STATE EVENTS

2nd Annual 4-H / CCE Outdoor Cooking Competition

When: Presentations due by August 28, 2020

All entries will be submitted online, and can be in any audio/visual format. There will be three age categories: 10-18, 19-29, 30-101

Entrants will be judged on: Creativity, Recipe Analysis, Food Safety Skills, Visual Appeal of Food, Preparation, Presentation, and Overall Execution.

For more information, or to sign up, please contact MB at: mem467@cornell.edu or call: 518-623-3291

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2nd Annual Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) X-Pedition

When: Friday, August 28, 2020, 10am - 12 noon (Virtual)

Pre-register by Wednesday, August 26, at 4:30pm by emailing John Bowe at jfb32@cornell.edu.

WHEP is a knowledge competition where youth ages 10+ learn about different species of birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and where they live. This year we will focus on what habitats animals live in. We will have a national perspective.

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Learn more about the National Wildlife Habitat Education Program and review study guides [here](#).

New York State 4-H Virtual Horse Communications

When: July 31 – August 21, 2020

The NYS Horse Communications contest is an event for qualifying youth (decided at the Regional Level) to compete and show off communications and public speaking skills. The event is centered around the horse world, encompassing a wide variety of topics. [NYS 4-H Horse Communications webpage](#). The 2020 event will be conducted virtually using YouTube as a

platform.

New York State Fair – CANCELED

When: August 21 – September 7, 2020

Where: Syracuse, NY

4-H'ers from across the state will gather to show their best work, their top-notch animals, and have lots of fun! Find us in the Youth Building where there will be projects on display, and many free hands-on activities for kids and more. You can also find 4-H'ers thought the livestock barns showing their horses, cows, pigs, goats, sheep and poultry. [NYS 4-H State Fair webpage](#)

New York State 4-H Virtual Hippology Contest

When: August 28, 29, 30, 2020

The NYS 4-H Hippology Contest is an event for qualifying youth (decided at the Regional Level) to demonstrate their knowledge of and reasoning ability in equine science and management in a friendly and fair competitive setting.

Dairy Discovery

Highly recommended for those interested in Animal Science!

When: Late March, 2021

The annual Dairy Discovery program provides New York youth with fun, hands-on science-oriented learning experiences on dairy production and management topics which feature the unique facilities, industry professionals, and staff of Cornell University. [Dairy Discovery webpage](#)

New York State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

When: April, 2021

The primary purpose of this contest is to recognize 4-H horse project members with outstanding knowledge of equine conformation and performance and also with outstanding skill in the presentation of oral explanations of their evaluation of the equines used in the contest. [NYS 4-H Horse Judging Contest webpage](#)

State Teen Action Representative Retreat (STARR)

When: April, 2021

Where: Syracuse, NY

This is a three-day, fun-filled event where 4-H teens participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. [NYS 4-H STARR webpage](#)

New York State 4-H Horse Bowl

When: April, 2021

The NYS Horse Bowl contest is an event for qualifying youth (decided at the District Level) to demonstrate their knowledge of equine related subject matter in a competitive setting.

Animal Crackers

When: May, 2021

The annual Animal Crackers program provides New York youth with fun, hands-on, science-oriented learning experiences on Animal Science topics. This workshop is for 4-H members ages 9-12 who are interested in learning more about their favorite livestock, companion or pet animal species. [NYS 4-H Animal Crackers webpage](#)

New York State 4-H Forestry Weekend

When: May, 2021

Join youth aged 10 and up from across NYS for a weekend of forestry activities, games and competition at Camp Shankitunk. Youth 14-19 have the opportunity to be selected for the NYS team to go to the National 4-H Forestry Invitational. [NYS 4-H Forestry Weekend webpage](#)

Capital Days

When: May, 2021

This is an opportunity for teens to meet and interact with legislators and tell their 4-H story. 4-H Capital Days creates awareness of career opportunities in New York State government, better understand state government, and network with delegates from other counties. Delegates are chosen by their county 4-H program. [NYS 4-H Capital Days webpage](#)

New York State 4-H Dairy Bowl

When: June 2021

The NYS Dairy Bowl contest is an event for qualifying youth (decided at the District Level) to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject matter in a competitive setting.

4-H STEM Camp

When: June, 2021

Youth ages 10 and up choose one track to learn about for the weekend. Topics include Rocketry 1 and 2, Drones, Coding Unplugged, Backyard Engineering, Archery Dynamics, and Outdoor Survival. [NYS 4-H STEM Camp webpage](#)

Cornell Career Explorations

Highly recommended for all youth entering grades 8-12!

When: June, 2021

Career Explorations is a three-day event for youth on the Cornell University campus. 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. [Cornell Career Explorations webpage](#)

National Events

4-H National Conference

When: April 10-15, 2021

Cost: FREE! The NYS 4-H Youth Development Program will be offering eight full scholarships for NYS 4-H youth delegates to attend.

Application Deadline: Friday, October 16, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

[Apply for the 2021 National 4-H Conference](#)

The pinnacle experience in 4-H Citizenship, providing the opportunity for young people ages 15-19 to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, their nation and their world.

[4-H National Conference webpage](#)

National Youth Summit – STEM

When: October, 2020

Engaging, hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities and design challenges provide one of a kind experiences for teens to discover the possibilities of a career in STEM. [STEM Summit webpage](#)

North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)

When: November 3 – 19, 2020

Where: Louisville, KY

The North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) is the largest all-breed, purebred livestock event in the world, with 10 livestock divisions and nearly 30,000 entries from the 48 contiguous states. The Expo offers curriculum to student groups, seven major youth judging contests, and livestock shows. [NAILE webpage](#)

National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference

When: November 18 – 19, 2020

Where: Louisville, KY

The National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference recognizes senior 4-H members who are 14 years of age as of January 1, and who have excelled in their state 4-H poultry learning activities. For contest information and resources, go to the [National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference webpage](#)

National Youth Summit – Agri-Science

When: January, 2021

At this summit, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. [Agri-Science Summit webpage](#)

National Youth Summit – Healthy Living

When: February, 2021

At the National Youth Summit on Healthy Living, high school students develop the knowledge and skills to address today's issues including nutrition education, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. Students are trained to create action plans to implement in their communities and teach other youth about what they have learned. [Healthy Living Summit webpage](#)

National Youth Summit – Photography

When: February/March, 2021

The National Youth Summit on photography brings young people together to engage in a timeless artform in a setting filled with historical architecture, beautiful landscapes, and more. [Photography Summit webpage](#)