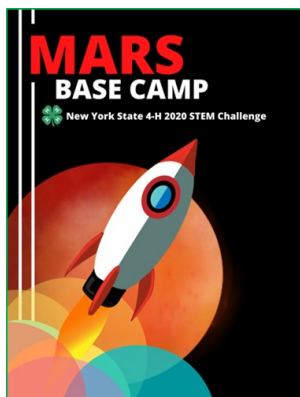




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OUT OF THIS WORLD ADVENTURE: JOIN THE NYS 4-H MARS BASE CAMP MISSION!



The state Computer Science program, STEM PWT, NYC 4-H, SPIF, and teen leaders from across the state are excited to invite you to participate in the first NYS 4-H Family STEM Challenge program! This program will bring together youth and families from across New York to join live virtual events and share their family's

Mars exploration. We'll have coaching support and learning activities cumulating in a celebration of the **Perseverance Mars rover landing**. We hope this is an opportunity to complement your local STEM Challenge activities and spark new interest.

Families with young people ages 8-14 are invited to join. Youth need to have an adult present with them when they join live virtual activities. This event is open to all New York State youth, including those not yet in 4-H and those already part of the 4-H community. Families can sign up right through the day before the Landing Event, February 18. After they sign up, we'll send connection information for the live events and more information about how to get involved. We'll also send a list of participating families to those counties that have people registered. We have a limited number of free family kits for those who need them or families may purchase their own kit. We will order more kits in January as supplies last, too. You can sign up right through the day before the Landing Event. After you sign up, we'll send connection information for the live events and more information about how to get involved. Sign up here: https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/.../SV_bkCuluOV9yruqdD

Learn more here: <https://nys4-h.org/projects/#NYSD>

WESTCHESTER COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Our county-level 4-H Public Presentations will be held via ZOOM again. You do not need to have a ZOOM account to participate. Please contact Nancy at nmc223@cornell.edu to set up a practice session so you can be familiar with how this is going to work. There are 2 dates for you to choose to share your presentation with evaluators and family members: March 12 during the hours of 4 pm to 7:45 pm and again on Saturday March 20 during the hours of 10 am to 2:30 pm.

Registration opens on February 8.

This one is for Friday, March 12 https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/CountyPresentationMar12-2_255

This one is for Saturday, March 20 https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/CountyPresentationMar20--2_255

Registration is open for the 4-H Youth Summit on Agri- Science! This virtual experience will take place **the weekend of March 5-7** and will allow **high school students** to develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security and sustainability. Register by 2/19/21 at https://shop4-h.org/products/2021-agri-science-living-summit-registration?_ga=2.262315148.1233099627.1611581108-690341507.1589832843&utm_campaign=General_Campaign&utm_medium=social_marketing&utm_source=facebook

#Opportunity4All #4HAgriScience #ScienceMatters

Thanks to sponsors Bayer Crop Science, Brightmark, Nationwide, and Nutrien.

STARR tentative date is **Saturday May 1**, possibly 10 am -2 pm.

Planning has begun for STARR. We hope to have a keynote, roundtables, and team building like we usually do but using a one-day virtual format. There might be some organizing of small groups of counties getting together to host "STARR" parties if a few 4-H members would like to be safely together, rather than alone.

FROM THE NYS 4-H OFFICE

2021 4-H CAREER EXPLORATIONS REIMAGINED

This year's 4-H Career Explorations will be a virtual learning experience. Our 4-H Career Explorations Planning Team and Cornell partners are working together in new ways to create a new opportunity for youth across New York State. In the almost one hundred year history of Career Explorations, the program has evolved to meet the changing times. So while we don't know exactly what the event will look like this year yet, we can be sure it will continue to engage youth in exploring new future pathways and expanding possibilities. We'll share more details as plans are developed.

ANIMAL CRACKERS MAY 2021: ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Animal Crackers 2021 will be virtual via Zoom.

Suggested age range is 9-12, however, all youth 9 and up are welcome. This will be four weeks in May: Tues & Thurs nights via zoom starting at 6pm. Registration is for all 8 sessions. Species being covered include: Dairy, sheep, goat, rabbit/cavy, poultry, equine, dog, and cat. Kit activity supplies will be mailed. Check it out at: <https://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/animal-crackers/>. Registration Cost is \$50. Limited number of spaces available. Registrations due by March 29th. Scholarships are available.

Contact Kelly Adams kea32@cornell.edu or Nichole Anderson nla35@cornell.edu for details. a limited number of free family kits for those who need them or families may purchase their own kit. We will order more kits in January as supplies last, too. You can sign up right through the day before the Landing Event. After you sign up, we'll send connection information for the live events and more information about how to get involved.

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