



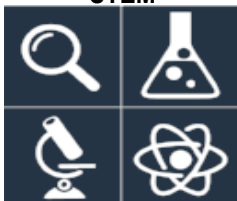
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ORANGE COUNTY 4-H Newsletter June 2021

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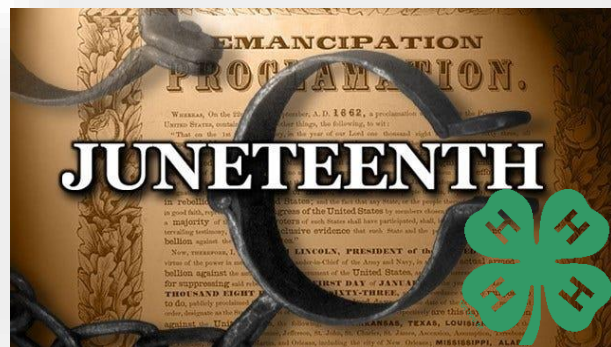
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

Why Celebrate Juneteenth?

All American Citizens finally became free on June 19, 1865 when Maj. General Gordon Granger led Union troops to Texas and announced that the Civil War was over, and slaves had been emancipated by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. Yes, they were still living in slavery for two years after the emancipation proclamation. By P.R. Lockhart



What connects this to 4-H? The 4-H civic engagement programs empower young people to be well-informed citizens who are actively engaged in their communities and the world. In celebrating Juneteenth, we encourage all youth and families to use the 4-H approach of learning by doing. Please read, research, and check out the link below to gain better knowledge, attitudes, and skills to become competent, caring, contributing citizens. <https://www.vox.com/identities/2018/6/19/17476482/juneteenth-holiday-emancipation-african-american-celebration-history>.

This year, CCEOC will celebrate for the first time Juneteenth (the official holiday is Saturday, June 19th). CCEOC will be observing this holiday on Friday, June 18th and will be taking the day to reflect, learn, and educate ourselves about American history. Juneteenth marks a day of major significance in American history and represents the ways in which freedom for Black people have been delayed. This day is a reminder that “NOBODY” is free until everyone is FREE”.

4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

Do you love 4-H? Do your kids love 4-H? Are you a former 4-Her? Then get involved! Be a part of the 4-H Leaders Association. You don't have to become an officer, just be a part of the meetings and provide your input!

Join us at our next meeting on June 1, 2021 at 7 pm at the Education Center & 4-H Park in Otisville, and via Zoom (an invite will be sent via email). These meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month. We welcome and encourage ALL parents and volunteers to join these meetings.

2021 4-H STEM CAMP IS BACK!

This year will be different than previous NYS 4-H STEM Camp years due to COVID-19 guidance. This year's camp will only be on one day, Saturday, June 19 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at Camp Shankitunk, Delhi, New York. You do not have to be a 4-Her to attend. For Ages 10 and up. Courses offered include Creating Art with Tech, Microorganisms, Outdoor Survival, and GPS/Geocaching. Spots generally fill fast, so register NOW! For more information, please visit our [Website](#). You can [Register Here](#).

2021 NEW BLOG - 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES



[Get Outside! Explore the Natural World](#)

[Research shows that spending time outside can have a positive effect on our well-being.](#) Please check out our new [4-H Natural Resource Blog – Get Outside!](#) Through weekly posts, we will

provide fun and educational activities to encourage kids to get outside and explore nature. Although some of the activities will be geared towards youth, many of them will be applicable to adults as well.

4-H ENROLLEMENT



4-H is offering **FREE** enrollment for a limited time only! Get your application NOW AT: <http://cceorangecounty.org/4-h-youth>. Call or email Carol with any questions at 845-344-1234 Ext. 243 or cm798@cornell.edu.

THE WEATHER IS PERFECT TO GET 4-H CLUBS MEETING!

Hey 4-H'ers! Now that the weather is warmer, we would like to help you get your clubs meeting in-person again! Attached you will find the protocols and meeting requirements for meeting at a private location. But remember, if you do not have a facility your club can meet at the Park in Otisville. We will try our best to accommodate your club needs. Contact DeAnna ds2285@cornell.edu with any questions or to schedule an appointment to learn the Park protocols for club meetings. The 4-H Activity Safety Plan Agreement must be completed and approved prior to your club meeting ([Click Here](#)).

SAVE THE DATE - Village of Otisville Centennial Family and Children's Day

This event will be held from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, June 12 (rain date June 13) at the Old Otisville School in the Village of Otisville. Masks required. Food and snacks will be sold!

COMPUTER SCIENCE PLAY DAYS AT THE PARK (Coming Soon!)

Come out to the Education Center & 4-H Park in Otisville this summer and explore computer science with coding, robotics, GIS, and more! Stay tuned - more information and dates TBA.



4-H PROJECT JUDGING 2021

It's that time of year again! This year, static project judging will be held on July 9th. It's a little earlier than in the past, so be sure to get all your projects ready in time. Please do not hesitate to contact DeAnna Sardella-Matthews ds2285@cornell.edu with any questions or concerns. This link will direct you to the 2021 4-H Project Exhibits Book...[2021 Project Exhibit General Interest](#).

Static Judging Schedule – In-person static judging will take place at the Education Center and 4-H Park in Otisville on Friday, July 9 from 3 pm to 7 pm. You **MUST** register for this ([Register Here for In-Person Static Judging](#)). Please note that social distancing and masks will be required. If you are not able to make it to in-person judging, we have set up 3 days for you to drop off your projects for judging. If you cannot make any of these times, please contact DeAnna at ds2285@cornell.edu to make other arrangements.

Drop-Off Dates/Times:

Tuesday, July 6, from 2-6 pm

Wednesday, July 7, from 2-6 pm

Thursday, July 8, from 9 am-1 pm

In-Person Judging:

Friday, July 9 from 3-7 pm (please register)

2021 SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION



It is time to get outside and get growing! Join us for our 2021 Sunflower Growing Competition!

This contest is free and open to all youth in Orange County ages 5-19 as well as all Orange County 4-H youth members. If you are a teacher, 4-H Club leader, or other youth leader in Orange County, you can register the youth in your class, club, or group.

We will mail a packet of five sunflower seeds and growing instructions for each registered youth later this month. For teachers, 4-H Club leaders, and other youth leaders, we will mail you individual packets of seeds for the total number of youth you register and let you distribute them.

The seeds should be planted between June 1st and June 15th. We will follow up with you throughout the summer. Your flowers will bloom in late August and September. Contest submission can be made online from September 1st through September 30th. More details to come. Prizes will be awarded to youth for the tallest plant, largest bloom, etc.

Registration closes: Wednesday, June 9th

If you have any questions, please call our 4-H Natural Resource Educator Susan Ndiaye at (845) 344-1234 (ext. 250) or email her at sgn32@cornell.edu.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to support this competition. [Click here](#) for more information!

This program is FREE, however, registration is required! [Register Here!](#)

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Please join 4-H in saying farewell and best wishes to Maggie Smith. After careful consideration, Maggie has decided to pursue other professional and personal opportunities. Although we are very sad and will miss her, we wish her well and appreciate her time served here at CCEOC 4-H Animal Science.

Dog Program Reminders

Social distancing and masks are required for all participants and spectators!

Grooming and Handling 6:00 pm

Dairy Committee Meeting - TBA

Livestock Committee Meeting - TBA

Horse Leaders Committee Meeting - TBA

FUN AND GAMES

What do you call a pig
that does karate?



A Pork Chop!

