



ORANGE COUNTY 4-H Newsletter July 2021

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2021 ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURE & FAMILY FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 11, 2021, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County for our 2021 Orange County Agriculture & Family Festival! This year, the Ag & Family Festival will be a special one-day event held on Sunday, July 11th from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Education Center & 4-H Park located at 300 Finchville Turnpike in Otisville, New York.

Come visit farm animals, join in activities, view 4-H projects and displays, learn about CCE Orange County, enjoy milkshakes and more! We will also have a special passport for children to get stamped as they go through the below activities. Once completed they will be able to pick up a prize as you exit!

Activities will include:

- **Farm Friends** - A variety of farm animals will be in our Dairy Barn for visiting. Learn about them as well as stick around to watch a cow being milked. A Goat Play area will also be set up.
- **4-H Horse Show** - Our 4-H Horse show will be going on throughout the day!
- **4-H Static Exhibits** - View some of the projects our Orange County 4-Hers have worked on this year.
- **FFA Static Exhibits & Competitions** - We are proud to partner with our local FFA for another year! View some of their projects their youth have worked on this year.
- **Rube Goldberg Projects** - View some of our Orange County 4-Hers' 2021 entries.
- **Family Communication** - All families are different - including their communications style! Learn some tips to make the most out of your time spent together and how you can start meaningful conversations at more than just the dinner table.
- **ReThink Your Drink** - Do you REALLY know how much sugar is in your favorite drinks? Learn how to be a sugar detective with SNAP-Ed NY! We can show you a quick trick to decipher the food label and upgrade your beverage choices.
- **How Much FAT is in THAT?!** - Drive-thru's are a part of life! Check out how much fat is in some of the most common fast food options AND how to kick your nutrition up a notch even when you are on the go or dining out.
- **Ask a Master Gardener** - Our Master Gardener Volunteers are ready to answer your questions and share their knowledge and tips! You can also find out more about joining the program!

- **All about Bugs** - Children will be given their own bug in goo to identify, learn about and take home!
- **Starts with a Seed** - Children will be given some seeds in a bag all ready to sprout and learn all about plants and where they come from.
- **Fish Advisory / Fish Health** - Learn important information from our Educators regarding fishing, fish, health, local water bodies, and how fishing is related to overall ecosystem health.
- **Farm Bureau** - The Farm Bureau will have a table as well as a game for children.

Jeremy's Shake Shack will be open and run by our own 4-H Teen Leaders! Chocolate and vanilla milkshakes as well as dairy-free strawberry banana fruit smoothies will be available for purchase. Cost is \$5 each and all proceeds will benefit the Education Center & 4-H Park and scholarships for Orange County 4-H Youth.

Please help us to not run out of shakes by purchasing yours in advance! Pre-purchase your Jeremy's Shake Shack order at: <https://cceorange.mahaplatform.com/stores/festiva...>

There will be pick-up only Chicken Barbecue Dinners made by the Minisink Kiwanis Club. You MUST purchase your meal(s) in advance no later than Thursday, July 1st to pick-up on Sunday, July 11th between 12:00 and 2:00 pm. Each meal will be \$12 and include a Kiwanis barbecued chicken leg quarter, roll, coleslaw, beverage, and brownie. You can purchase your meal(s) online by clicking here: <https://cceorange.mahaplatform.com/stores/festiva...>

Sponsorship opportunities for this event are available! [Click here](#) to learn more!

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](#).

For those of you who had projects selected for State Fair last year (2020), you are welcome to have them on display again this year. If you are interested, please contact Deanna at ds2285@cornell.edu.

Project entry informational virtual office hours:

- Tuesday, July 6 @ 1-2pm Wednesday, July 7 @ 1-2pm Thursday, July 8 @ 5-6pm

Zoom invite Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://cornell.zoom.us/j/99853287378?pwd=MGVZZDFxMC8xMGRhVzhPM3E2R1FyUT09>

Meeting ID: 998 5328 7378

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)

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 July 6, 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.

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](#)).

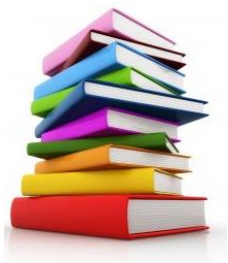
2021 NEW BLOG - 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES



[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.



SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Are you age 10+? You're invited to join our 4-H Teen Leader Led Book Club! Bi-weekly starting Saturday, July 10th through August 21st from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm virtually via Zoom.

Come be a part of an open discussion where interesting questions, different points of views, and various interpretations of metaphors and themes are discovered. Suggested genre – Historical Fiction & Fantasy. [Register Here](#)

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.



ANIMAL SCIENCE

[Dog Program Committee - TBA](#)

[Dairy Committee Meeting - TBA](#)

[Livestock Committee Meeting - TBA](#)

[Horse Leaders Committee Meeting - TBA](#)

FUN AND GAMES

Q: What do you get when you cross a cocker spaniel, a poodle, and a rooster?

A: A cockerpoodledoo!



Q: What did the Dalmatian say after he had some kibble?

A: That hit the spot!



Q: Did you hear about the dog who had puppies on the side of the road?

A: She was arrested for littering.

