

Rockland County 4-H Calendar of Events 2021-2022

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

Young (and Adult!) Explorers Nature Hikes

When: Bi-monthly, summer, fall, and spring

Where: Harriman State Park and Kakiat Park

Led by knowledgeable volunteers, youth and adult groups hike on separate trails to learn about various species and their interactions within the ecosystem. [Young \(and Adult!\) Explorers Nature Hike event page](#)

Rockland County 4-H Virtual Showcase

When: August 9-13

Registration Deadline: August 6, 2021

4-H members showcase their unique talents and projects through an online gallery, and receive feedback to improve their skills. [Register for the Rockland 4-H Showcase](#). Please review the [New York State Youth Building Exhibits Guide](#) for specific guidelines related to your projects (project guidelines start on page 16)

Beginning of 4-H Year

When: October 1, 2021

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

Teen Leadership Rockland

When: November 2021 – April 2022

Application Deadline: October, 2021

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](#)

Beginner Dog Training (Tentative)

When: October, 2021

Where: CCE Rockland (10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980)

Who: Youth ages 8-18.

Led by Fran Hellman from [Four Paws Guidance Dog Training](#), this foundation training class employs positive training methods that reward desirable behaviors to help dogs learn in a humane way. [Beginner Dog Training for Youth webpage \(rocklandcce.org\)](#)

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).

4-H Awards Ceremony

When: October, 2021

Celebrate the achievements of our 4-H members! Event will feature a slide show, certificates, and sharing of memories!

National 4-H Week

When: October 3 – 9, 2021

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](#).

4-H Veterinary Science Career Exploration Program

When: October 4 – November 29, 2021

Registration Deadline: October 1, 2021 (or until full)

Where: CCE Rockland (10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980)

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 6 – October 17, 2021

Where: Tractor Supply, 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 2021 – June 2022

Through interactive sessions, trips, and connections with local organizations, this program empowers students to educate others and make a significant impact in the community. [Youth for Climate Action webpage](#)

Fun with Public Speaking!

When: January 12 – February 16, 2022

Where: CCE Rockland (10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980)

Youth in grades 6-8 play games and learn how to effectively create and present a public presentation. [Fun with Public Speaking! webpage](#)

4-H Pet Pals

When: February 22, 2022

Where: CCE Rockland (10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980)

This full-day event is 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](#)

Rockland County 4-H Public Presentations

When: March 5, 2022

Where: CCE Rockland (10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980)

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 13, 2022 (Tentative)

Where: Rockland Community College

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 14-18, 2022

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](#)

4-H Dog Handling & Showmanship (Tentative)

When: May, 2022

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

Youth ages 8-18 learn show procedures, rules, and etiquette as dog handlers to show in 4-H and American Kennel Club (AKC) shows.

Careers with Animals and Agriculture (Tentative)

When: August 16 – 18, 2022

During this three-day program, high school students will tour local agri-businesses in the Hudson Valley and learn about career opportunities.

District/Regional Events

District Public Presentations

When: April, 2022

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, 2022

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, 2022

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, 2022

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

New York State Beginning DAIRY LEADER Program

When: Deadline to apply is August 20, 2021

This program gives high school participants the opportunity to explore post-secondary agricultural education and career opportunities in a networking environment through interaction with faculty and students, college planning, and personal development. [Beginning DAIRY LEADER Program webpage](#)

New York State Junior DAIRY LEADER Program

When: Deadline to apply is August 20, 2021

The Junior DAIRY LEADER program is intended to reach youth between the ages of 16 and 19 who have an interest in exploring careers in the dairy industry through hands-on experiential learning. The program consists of a series of workshops that focus on multiple facets of the dairy industry, personal development and technical skills. [Junior DAIRY LEADER Program webpage](#)

DEC Day-Old Pheasant Chicks for Rearing and Release

When: Deadline to apply is March 25

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) distributes day-old pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to qualified 4-H youths. [DEC website](#)

Dairy Discovery

Highly recommended for those interested in Animal Science!

When: Late March

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. [NYS 4-H Dairy Cattle webpage](#)

New York State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

When: April, 2022

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, 2022

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, 2022

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, 2022

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, 2022

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 2022

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, 2022

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, 2022

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](#)

New York State 4-H Horse Communications

When: July – August, 2022

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](#).

New York State 4-H Hippology Contest

When: August 2022

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.

New York State Fair

When: August – September, 2022

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 throughout the livestock barns showing their horses, cows, pigs, goats, sheep and poultry. [NYS 4-H State Fair webpage](#)

National Events

4-H STEM Challenge: Galactic Quest

When: July, 2021

Galactic Quest explores the history of humans in space, the technology and resources needed for missions, and the obstacles humans encounter in orbit. Activities explore important STEM topics ranging from physics and engineering to computer science and space agriculture. [4-H STEM Challenge | 4-H](#)

National Youth Summit – STEM

When: September 16 – 19, 2021

Where: *Virtual*

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 2 – 18, 2021

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 17 – 18, 2021

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 – Healthy Living

When: February 10 – 13, 2022

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 – Agri-Science

When: March 10 – 13, 2022

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](#)

4-H National Conference

When: April, 2022

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](#)