



# ORANGE COUNTY 4-H Newsletter August 2021

## AGRICULTURE



## STEM



## HEALTHY LIVING



## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



## 2021 ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURE & FAMILY FESTIVAL

### *Shout-Out to Ag & Family Festival Participants & Volunteers*

The 4-H Staff would like to send a big thank you to the volunteers and a huge CONGRATULATIONS to all of the 4-Her's (and there were over 100 of you!) who contributed to the success of the 2021 Ag & Family Festival 2021! There were 4-H members who helped set up prior to the events, some who entered static projects for exhibit, many who showed project animals in the ring, and a couple of you brought an animal to educate the public. There were also a few who came to help manage the barns and one who shared their Public Presentation. No matter the level of participation, everything came together to form a positive and memorable experience for all. It was a wonderful display of the 4-H Pledge in action.

Another big thank you to the staff and volunteers who all helped to organize this day of fun and education for our community...we couldn't do it without you!

Save the date for next year's Ag & Family Festival which will return to a 3-day event on July 29, 30, and 31, 2022!

## NEW YORK STATE 4-H VIRTUAL STATE FAIR EVENT

### **Attention All Youth Who Had Projects Selected for State Fair**

**Youth Projects** – The New York State 4-H Office will be collecting youth entries/project highlights from youth via a Google form. Youth may share any project or 4-H experience from the 2020-2021 program year. Once submissions have been received, they will be compiled into project area highlight slide shows for sharing with the public and others via the NYS 4-H Webpage.

Submissions may be made through the following link: <https://forms.gle/8ZYCtG7TMvHCx8bq9>

## SAVE THE DATE! 4-H WELCOME BACK PARTY

Bring a friend and join us on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm at the Education Center & 4-H Park in Otisville.

- Re-Enrollment & Enrollment Information
- Club Support and Club Support Kits
- Highlights of County Activities
- Games & Activities

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



### Welcome to the world's largest book-sharing movement!

The 4-H club American Eagles built and opened 2 little free libraries located in Warwick and Pine Island in 2016. They are now in need of a new club to adopt to help maintain them. Duties include visiting the libraries occasionally to make sure all is in order and possibly remove or add books.

Interested? Please contact Kat Leo at [kal64@cornell.edu](mailto:kal64@cornell.edu).

## CLUB ASSISTANCE

Looking for some help organizing your club calendar? We're here to help with a virtual Q & A workshop. You may even want a 4-H staff person to come visit your club in-person to get things off the ground. **Use the link below to register.** If you have any questions, contact DeAnna at [ds2285@cornell.edu](mailto:ds2285@cornell.edu).

- Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 10am-11:30am OR 5pm-6:30pm
- Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 10am-11:30am OR 5pm-6:30pm

[Click here to Register](#)

## 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

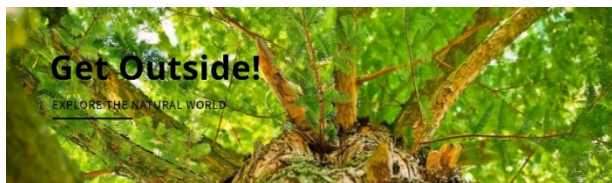
Do you love 4-H? Do your kids love 4-H? Are you a former 4-Her? Then get involved! Be a part of the 4-H Leaders Association. You don't have to become an officer, just be a part of the meetings and provide your input!

Join us at our next meeting on September 14, 2021, at 7:00 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 (rescheduled for September due to holiday). We welcome and encourage ALL parents and volunteers to join these meetings.

## THE WEATHER IS PERFECT TO GET OUR 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! Our office and the 4-H Park in Otisville are now available for meetings! Please contact DeAnna at [ds2285@cornell.edu](mailto:ds2285@cornell.edu) with any questions or to schedule an appointment to learn the Park protocols for club meetings.

## 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES BLOG



### [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.

## \$19.23 FOR ORANGE COUNTY 4-H

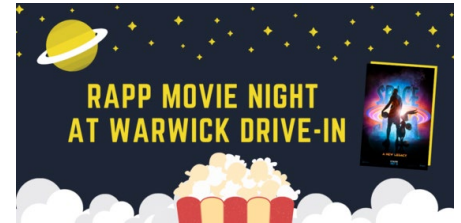
In 1923, something special happened in Orange County...4-H was born! It started in a one-room schoolhouse in Coldenham. Over the next decades, thousands of youth grew and benefited from the efforts of volunteers and staff via the 4-H motto of "Learning by Doing."



In celebration of our 100th anniversary, we are having a "\$19.23 for Orange County 4-H" fundraiser that will lead up to a big celebration at the 2023 Ag and Family Festival which will be held in July. We are asking 4-H alumni, volunteers, and those who believe in 4-H to donate \$19.23 in each of the next 3 years to help support the Festival and our new facilities at the 4-H Park and Education Center.

## MOVIE NIGHT AT WARWICK DRIVE-IN

**Join us Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> for a Movie Night at Warwick Drive-In & Support our Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP).** Tickets are \$12.00 per adult (age 12+) and \$8.00 per youth (age 11 and under). **All proceeds will benefit RAPP!**



We will be watching *Space Jam: A New Legacy*.

Please contact Caitlin O'Brien (cmo223@cornell.edu) or Jill Van Aken (jd863@cornell.edu) or call 845-344-1234 with any questions.

### About the Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP)

Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County's Relatives as Parents Program is the only community-based program providing resources, education, and peer support to kinship families in Orange County.

Thank you to the Warwick Drive-In for sponsoring this event!

Be sure to join us for a night of fun for the whole family! [Click Here for More Information](#)

## GREAT EXTENSION DUCK DERBY

**Save the Date for the 7th Annual Great Extension Duck Derby on Saturday, October 23!**

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Great Extension Duck Derby will be held at CCE Orange County's Education Center and 4-H Park on Saturday, October 23rd. Ducks will be released promptly at **1:01 P.M.**, so be sure to arrive on time, as you do not want to miss this exciting race! As we have done for the past few years, we will be building a temporary "river" to run our ducks down – the 4-H DREAM STREAM & WADDLING WATERS. And remember, when you purchase a Duck Derby ticket, you are sponsoring a rubber duck which will then be entered into the race for your chance to win one of our prizes!

We are not selling the tickets quite yet, so please [click here to fill out our form](#) if you would like to request tickets! **Please stay tuned as to how to purchase your tickets** and enter a duck into the Great Extension Duck Derby! Ducks are sponsored at \$5 a piece or five ducks for \$20. Don't miss out on racing your ducks down the "4-H Dream Stream and Waddling Waters". All proceeds go to the support our Education Center & 4-H Park. Prizes are given to the 10 fastest ducks (\$500 for 1st place), and there is even a prize for the "Lame Duck" – last place! Please support this terrific event!

Interested in sponsoring this event? [Click here](#) for options!

## New York State 4-H

# All are welcome! Virtual Statewide Hour of Code

Celebrate 4-H Virtual State Fair

WEDNESDAY, August 25 @ 6PM



**Hour of Code** is an introduction to computer science, designed to demystify “code” and show that anyone can learn together the basics to be a maker, a creator, an innovator!

*This program is for youth ages 7-12 and requires an adult chaperone to join.*



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[Click Here to Register for Hour of Code](#)

## BOUNTIFUL HARVEST – SAVE THE DATE!

