



LEADER SUPPORT

4-H Project Kits Are Here!

The Project Kit includes **5 ready-to-go projects** for both new and existing 4-H members. Each project will offer members an opportunity to enjoy a hands-on learning experience with their club or independently at a minimal cost. These projects are designed for all ages. The Project Kit (all 5 projects) is available to 4-H members for \$20, OR each project can be purchased individually for \$5 each. You **MUST** be enrolled in 4-H to purchase any of these projects.

4-H Club COORDINATING LEADERS will enjoy the package at no cost. Please contact our office for your kits.

Rocket Kit – available January 2022. Rocket launch will be held at 4-H Fun Day at the Park on April 2, 2022. Includes a How-to-Build video link.

- Rocket
- Engine
- Glue

Microgreens Growing Kit – *available immediately*. Call the CCE Orange County office (845) 344-1234 ext. 243 to schedule a pick-up date and time.

- Seeds
- Container
- Dirt
- Instructions for a seed dissection

Bluebird House Kit – will be available January 2022. Includes a How-to Build video link.

- Pre-cut wood
- Nails

Sewing Experience – led by 4-H Teen Leader at the CCE Orange County office. An email will be sent with link to register for a meeting date.

- Beginner sewing project
- All supplies and use of sewing machine included
- Must register – a separate email with registration will be sent

Computer Science Experience – led by 4-H Educator at the CCE Orange County office. A link will be sent to register for a meeting date.

- Computer science/coding activity
- Laptops will be available
- Must register - a separate email with registration will be sent

[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 Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. at the CCE office (18 Seward Avenue, 3rd Floor, Middletown, NY) and via Zoom (an invite will be sent via email). These meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. We welcome and encourage ALL parents and volunteers to join these meetings.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Get Outside! Nature Challenge

Join us this fall for the Get Outside! Nature Challenge. We will be posting a challenge on our blog and Facebook Page every week.

The challenges will encourage you to get outside and explore nature! Orange County Youth ages 5-19 and Orange County 4-H members can submit photos for every challenge they complete. Challenges can be completed at any time and in any order. Submissions are due by December 31, 2021. Prizes will be awarded to youth who complete the most challenges.

[Click here for more information!](#)

ORANGE COUNTY 4-H

All are welcome!

Hour of Code

**Celebrate Computer Science
Education Week**

WEDNESDAY, December 9 @ 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.



[Click Here to Register!](#)

Rabbit Club for Kids!

Do you love rabbits?

Would you like to learn more about them?

Well, here is your opportunity to do that! We are starting a brand new Rabbit Club!

Check out the fun projects and activities we'll explore:

- Rabbit breeds
- Housing and equipment
- Grooming
- Nutrition
- Anatomy
- Showmanship
- Health and Disease

All youth age 8+ are welcome to join!



Meetings will be held at the CCE Office on the first Friday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM starting with an orientation on December 3, 2021 through July 2022. Registration is required. [Click Here!](#)



Cat Science Club offered for Kids this Fall!

Did you know that domestic cats are the second most popular pet in the world??



Let's learn about the creatures we love! Join us as we explore domestic cats. You do not have to own a cat...the only thing required is a love and curiosity about cats!

This program is for ages 8+.

Meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month from 6-7:30 P.M. starting on October 21st. You **MUST** register for each session by clicking [here](#).

Check out the fun projects and activities we'll explore:

- Cat breeds
- Cat evolution
- Cat first aid kit
- Cat anatomy & body systems
- Cat illustration
- Cat show and tell/ presentation
- Community service for local cat shelters
- Trips to local cat shelters
- Cat themed movie party



Horse Bowl & Hippology

The term "Hippology" comes from the Greek "hippo" meaning horse, and "ology" meaning "the study of." In Hippology, youth field a wide range of questions, ranging from breed identification, anatomy, tack identification, and feed samples to disease management, parasite identification, and quality assessment. They also are given a timed problem-solving challenge they must solve on the spot. This is a great opportunity to come learn about horses and to test your knowledge individually and as part of a team.

Practices will be held weekly on Thursdays starting December 9th from 6:30-8:00 pm at the CCE office located at 18 Seward Avenue, Middletown. Please note that practice will not be held on December 16th or 23rd.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! [CLICK HERE](#).

Check out this [website](#) for more detailed information.

New York State 4-H

All are welcome!

Virtual Statewide

Esports 4-H Club

Forming in your county!

First Meeting on
Thursday, December 2nd at 6pm



Esports is a growing platform for youth to meet and play video games with friends. Join the NYS 4-H club to learn new games, skills and make new friends. Guest speakers will discuss the gaming industry, healthy gaming and much more. Competitive gaming opportunities.

This program is for youth ages 13+



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4-H

Register Here!

Orange County 4-H Teen Connect!

4-H Teen Leadership Career
Development Program Takes a
Hiatus to Offer a New Teen



Program!

Throughout the pandemic, everyone was sequestered and felt the effects. 4-H and TLCD were not excluded. During the 2021-2022 program year, 4-H is on a reconnection campaign. While we fully believe in TLCD and the skills and experience it offers its members, this is not the year to be exclusionary, regardless of process. Therefore, the decision was made last month to put TLCD on hiatus for the next year.

For the 2021-2022 year, JT Grodecki will be coordinating a new teen group - **4-H Teen Connect!** for youth **ages 13 and older**. This new group will include some of the TLCD stuff, but will be a bit more laid back. We will still be using some of the same resources and formats as TLCD; however, there will not be the meeting and participation requirements. You do NOT need to apply to get in. Anyone can come to any meeting! However, ***RSVPing beforehand is required.***

There will still be plenty of community service and leadership activities to partake in! Youth can reconnect with their peers and meet new friends! Business dress is still required when speakers will be present.

Communication will still be done with the members only. Everyone must RSVP by the Friday before the next meeting if they are coming. This is to ensure we have enough materials for everyone.

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 1st, 7 PM @ the CCEOC Office located at 18 Seward Avenue, Middletown. You **MUST** RSVP to let us know you are coming. Again, moving forward, you will need to let us know the Friday before each meeting.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact JT Grodecki jt.grodecki@gmail.com or DeAnna Sardella ds2285@cornell.edu.

PLAN AHEAD FOR 2022 PROGRAMS

4-H Sewing Labs

Attention Beginner and RETURNING 2nd & 3rd year Sewers...dates are set for the Winter Sewing Sessions! Spaces are LIMITED...spot is reserved when payment is received. Must be 10 and over to register. You do not need to have your own machine; we have a few available, but you must reserve ASAP... again first come first served.

\$10/per person

All sessions are 9am-1pm at the CCE Office 18 Seward Avenue, Middletown.



Beginner Sessions – Saturday, January 8th & 15th (snow date January 29th)
Registration CONTACT CAROL cm798@cornell.edu or call 244-1234 ext.243.

Intermediate Sessions (must have completed the 4-H beginner sewing sessions) - Saturday, February 5th & 12th (snow date 3/5)

Registration CONTACT CAROL cm798@cornell.edu or call 244-1234 ext. 243.

Joanne's Shopping Day TBD

Any questions, please contact DeAnna ds2285@cornell.edu or call 344-1234 ext. 249.



It's time to start planning for International Night! This year's event will be held February 18th, 2022 at John S. Burke High School in Goshen, New York from 6-9 pm. ***Please note, you MUST be a 4-H member to participate.*** Schedule is as follows:

5:30 pm – Set up
6:00-7:00 pm – Explore the world
7:15 pm – Skits

We hope you can join us for this amazing event! The first thing you need to do is pick a **COUNTRY!**

Choosing a Country. Try something new this year to choose your country. Here are a few ideas to try:

1. Grab a map and throw a dart
2. Spin a globe and stop it with your finger
3. Play pin the flag on the map
4. Put pics of the flags from around the world in a bowl and select randomly

If you have never been to our International Night, you are in for a treat! Here's how it works:

- ***Bring a dessert/finger food to share that reflects the culture of your country.*** Find out the history of that dessert - is it traditional to a religion or cultural group? Is it eaten for a special occasion? Is it a recent favorite food that found its way to new taste buds through cultural exchange?
Note: We will provide updated information for preparation and serving of food.
- ***Set up a display about your country.*** You can use posters, flags, souvenir/items, etc. from the country. Another idea is to wear or bring traditional, historical, or popular style of clothing from your country. If you cannot find appropriate clothing, bring photos or types of fabric,

accessories, etc...be creative!

- **Perform a skit!** Be ready to share up on stage what you've learned about your nation's heritage with the other 4-H guests. You can do this with pictures, songs, skits...however you want to entertain and educate us! **Please only 3-5 minutes.**

Even if you can't participate this year, you are invited to join us anyway to explore the world!

4-H SUPPORT

\$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 & 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 Education Center & 4-H Park.



[Click here for more details and to donate!](#)

CCE Orange County 4-H - Program Planning Survey

CCE Orange County 4-H welcomes your feedback as we plan for 4-H moving into the future.

This short 10-minute survey will enable us to improve and develop our programming. Participants who complete the survey and include their contact details will be entered into a random drawing for prizes.

Thank you for taking the time to help us meet the needs of the youth throughout the County!

[Click here for the ADULT Survey!](#)

[Click here for the YOUTH Survey!](#)



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