

February 2023 | Ontario County 4-H | Clover Chronicle

February 2023 Event Schedule

Feb 1	My Gardens & the Birds Workshop: ZOOM
Feb 5	WHEP Bird Outing
Feb 7, 10, 11	Public Presentations at CCE
Feb 11	Spring Garden Symposium @ Club 86
Feb 14	Horse Cardio, Anatomy & Conditioning @ CCE
Feb 15	Patti's Adventure with Hot Peppers Workshop: ZOOM
Feb 19 & 23	Animal Crackers/Rabbit & Cavy
Feb 20	Young Farmers Dairy Science Session @ CCE
Feb 23	Teen Council Meeting @ CCE
Feb 28	Horse Quizzing/Hands on Practice @ CCE

Looking Forward...

March 2023

March 1	Seed Starting Workshop: Zoom
March 3	Avian Bowl Practice
March 4	District Horse Extravaganza
March 9	Care of African Violets @ CCE
March 11	Auction Program Market Poultry Workshop
March 20-24	Ag Literacy Week
March 15	4-H Achievement Portfolios Workshop
March 15	Toxic Plants Workshop: ZOOM
March 18	District Dairy Bowl
March 23	Teen Council Meeting
March 25	District Public Presentations
March 29	Beyond Honeybees Workshop: ZOOM

April 2023

April 1	Auction Program Marketing Meeting
April 7	Avian Bowl Practice
April 13	Teen Council Meeting
April 15	State Horse Bowl Contest
April 16-18	Capital Days Trip

May 2023

May 6	Animal Crackers
May 20	Poultry Processing Plant Tour

June 2023

June 27-30	Career Explorations at Cornell
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July 2023

July 25-29	Ontario County Fair
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Upcoming Programs

WHEP Bird Outing

February 5, 2023

The 4-H WHEP club will be having a birding outing on Sunday, February 5th at 1pm. Club leader Pete will be the guy with a spotting scope in the gazebo by the lake. We will be looking for various species of gulls, waterfowl, and bald eagles along the north end of the lake (including Seneca Lakes State Park). When finished, we will make a brief trip to Johnson Road in the Town of Phelps to look for northern harriers and short eared owls. Dress warm and bring binoculars and spotting scopes if you have them. Please email Sarah at sab423@cornell.edu if you are planning to attend.



ONTARIO COUNTY 4-H TRACTOR SAFETY COURSE

Tractor Certification Program for
youth ages 14-15.

Classes will be held February
21st and 23rd and every
Thursday in March.

For more information visit:
www.cceontario.org or email:
Amy at anr32@cornell.edu



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Upcoming Programs

Teen Council Workforce Development Meeting February 23, 2023

On February 23rd from 6:30-8:00pm, we will be learning from 4-H Camp Director Jessie Middleton about the youth workforce competency model (basically how to communicate your "soft skills" you have learned through animal care, leadership opportunities, and other 4-H projects to a potential college or employer). Any teen ages 13+ are welcome to join. Please let Sarah know if you plan to attend.



Avian Bowl Practice

Hens and Hares club leader Molly Hilderbrant is leading Avian Bowl Study sessions the first Friday of each month at the CCE office. Practices start at 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to learn more about poultry care, and for anyone who wants to compete in the avian bowl contest at county fair. Please email Molly at mollyhilderbrant@yahoo.com if you are wanting to join in the practices.



Horticulture Club

OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 8+

**Next Meeting:
Propagation**

February 19th @ 5pm-7pm

Email sab423@cornell.edu to register

Check this out!!!

Horse Event Schedule

Remaining events in the horse series are:

February 14: Cardiovascular Anatomy & Conditioning

February 28: Quizzing/Hands on Practice

March 4: Horse Extravaganza

Location:

Cornell Cooperative Extension
480 North Main Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Horse Extravaganza Registration

Horse Extravaganza is a great 4-H event where youth ages 8+ can show off their horse knowledge (and learn more about horses in the process!) through horse bowl and hippology contests. Horse Bowl is a jeopardy-like quiz bowl contest where youth buzz in and answer questions. Hippology is a hands on contest where youth answer questions in hands-on stations, written tests, slides, etc. I would encourage any 4-H'er who loves horses to participate in these contests. Youth learn a lot of valuable information about horse care. We have been holding practices every other Tuesday night. Practices are not required to participate. However, I do have to register teams. Please let me know if

your youth plans to participate in this contest so that I can register them and put together teams.

If you have more questions about these contests, please do not hesitate to reach out.

District Horse Extravaganza is scheduled for March 4



4-H Portfolios



ONTARIO
COUNTY 4-H

We have revamped our achievement night paperwork to make it easier for you to capture your 4-H journey. We have also added new end of year awards!

We are holding an activity night where youth can:

- Decorate a binder to hold their 4-H achievement portfolios
- Ask questions about the new paperwork and requirements
- Learn how documenting their 4-H journey will help them when applying to future jobs, colleges, etc.

We ask that all participants bring a three ring binder, fabric of their choice, and a hot glue gun. We will have some additional decorations to use.

Please RSVP to Amy:
anr32@cornell.edu



Join us for 4-H Portfolio Night!

March 15th
6-7:30pm
CCE Office

To view new achievement paperwork:



cceontario.org/4-h-youth/4-h-projects/4-h-achievement-night

Upcoming Programs

My Gardens and the Birds

February 1, 2023

Presented by the Ontario County Master Gardeners, 7:00 PM—8:00 PM via ZOOM.

“If you plant it, they will come.” Planning gardens with native plants encourages pollinators and birds to become part of your landscape. Join Master Gardener, Susie Nettleton to discover plants that will encourage birds to visit your yard. Make your yard a year-round environment for the birds. Learn resources to identify and document which birds use your gardens for food, shelter, and to raise young. **There is no charge for this series. To register:** Email nea8@cornell.edu with your choice no later than one day prior to the class and the link will be sent to you.



Spring Garden Symposium

February 11, 2023

Come join the us for a day of learning and sharing ideas. This year at the Spring Garden Symposium, Joining us will be Nell Gardner presenting of *Growing Specialty Cut Flowers & Dahlias*, Tim Boebel presenting *Gardening with Flowering Shrubs in the North* and Carol Southby presenting *Landscaping for Pollinators*. Event is being held at Club 86, Avenue E, Geneva, NY 14456. Registration is \$45 per/person and RSVP requested by February 2. Cost includes refreshments, hot buffet lunch and a folder with presenters handouts. Registration flyer is available at <https://www.cceontario.org>. For more information or to receive a flyer, call 585-394-3977x427 or email Nancy at nea8@cornell.edu

Patti's adventure with hot peppers, a New Master Gardener's Journey

February 15, 2023

Presented by the Ontario County Master Gardeners, 7:00 PM—8:00 PM via ZOOM. Master Gardener, Patti Albert will share her journey of becoming a Master Gardener and how her love of hot peppers became her project. Topics covered include: the challenges of growing hot peppers, resources available, uses for hot peppers-hot pepper salutes, dehydrating, freezing, hot sauces, ris-tras. Don't like hot peppers? The plants are beautiful in landscaping.

There is no charge for this series. To register: Email nea8@cornell.edu with your choice no later than one day prior to the class and the link will be sent to you.



Seed Starting

March 1, 2023

Presented by the Ontario County Master Gardeners, 7:00 PM—8:00 PM via ZOOM. Have you ever wanted to start your own plants instead of searching the garden stores for what you want? Have you tried to start seeds only to have them not sprout or die soon after sprouting? Master Gardener Sandy Ebberts will explain how to pick seeds for our area, prepare medium for planting, create the best environment for sprouting and the best techniques for keeping them alive. **There is no charge for this series. To register:** Email nea8@cornell.edu with your choice no later than one day prior to the class and the link will be sent to you.



Care of African Violets Workshop

March 9, 2023



Lets join Master Gardener, Susie Nettleton, at Cornell Cooperative Extension's 480 North Main Street location for a workshop where you will learn the basics of African Violet care, repotting, leaf propagation and the different types of African Violets. Bring one or two of your African Violets that need repotting or dividing. All supplies will be provided for repotting. The workshop is March 9, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The fee: \$10.00/person or family. To register, contact Nancy at nea8@cornell.edu or 585-394-3977 x 427 with your name, address, and phone number.

International Exchange

We are trying to get a head start on the recruitment for Host families for this summers' International Exchange. NYS is excited to again be hosting 25 Japanese delegates and 2-3 chaperones this summer (2023). We appreciate your help and support for this program and for all that you do to support the youth of NYS.

For more information about the program you may visit NYS 4-H Website <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> for the program brochure.



Pheasant Chick Program

Deadline - March 25, 2022

The NYSDEC is once again offering their day old pheasant chick program in 2023! This gives 4-H families the opportunity to receive pheasant chicks to raise and then release onto hunting lands. The birds are free to receive but 4-H'ers are in charge of the cost of building housing for them and feeding them until they are ready to be released. 4-H'ers must order a minimum of 20 birds. The deadline to apply is March 25th. Please reach out to Sarah to get more information if you are interested.



Beyond Honeybees: The role of wild and native bees as pollinators

March 29, 2023

Presented by the Ontario County Master Gardeners, 7:00 PM—8:00 PM via ZOOM. Much attention has been given to the plight of the honeybee and the popular press has amped up the sense of urgency



around the plight of these pollinators. Perhaps rightly so. But what about other bees?

Approximately 3,600 bee species are native to the United States and Canada and 416 bee species can be found in New York State alone. Join Master Gardener, Jill Scheltz to learn about how and why the attention became so focused on honeybees, how that attention has turned to include the plight of all pollinators and explore some of the amazing, little-known bees that haven't gotten much popular press. **To register:** Email nea8@cornell.edu with your choice no later than one day prior to the class and the link will be sent to you.

Scholarship & Award Opportunities

GUERNSEY CALF SCHOLARSHIP

The Guernsey Calf Scholarship is a great opportunity for youth to get involved in different organizations or programs along with learning about the Guernsey Dairy Breed. Youth who have won this scholarship in the past have had the opportunity to grow personally through learning to care and show their animal, meeting and mentoring with others in the dairy field, and building long lasting friendships across the dairy community. This scholarship application is open to youth who do not already own a Guernsey animal and are ages 9 to 15 as of Jan 1. The scholarship application is due March 15th and includes an essay. Please reach out to Sarah if you would like more information sab432@cornell.edu



2023 SAGES Advancement in Agricultural Studies Scholarship

The Student Association of the Geneva Experiment Station (SAGES) is now accepting applications for the 2023 Advancement in Agricultural Studies Scholarship. SAGES established this scholarship in 2009, and since then has awarded \$14,750 to local high school seniors who have shown leadership in the classroom, in their communities, and who have expressed a desire to pursue higher education in agriculture-related fields of study.

SAGES hopes to build upon this legacy by offering a \$500 scholarship for up to 2 deserving students from the Class of 2023. The scholarship committee will accept applications from graduating seniors. Eligible applicants must be residents or attend high school in the following counties: **Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Tompkins, Cayuga, Schuyler, and Wayne**. Successful applicants must be graduating high school seniors who intend to enroll in a 2 or 4-year degree program in the agricultural sciences or an agriculturally-related field (examples are listed on the application). Eligible students can obtain application materials by emailing the chair of the SAGES Scholarship Committee, Kathleen Kanaley (kk697@cornell.edu), or from their high school guidance counselor. Applications are due by **April 15, 2023** and winner(s) will be notified by the end of May.



Jerome Family Scholarship

The **Jerome Family Scholarship** serves to honor generations of the Jerome Family. Long standing Naples farmers who have celebrated their love for farming by encouraging others who are looking to their future and a career in production Agriculture. This scholarship is a one-time amount of \$500 presented to an Ontario County graduating senior who enrolls at an agricultural school of higher learning. Contact Sarah for more information sab423@cornell.edu.

Agricultural Citizenship Scholarship

The **Agricultural Citizenship Scholarship** will recognize a student who may or may not be pursuing a career in agriculture but who has shown that they are an advocate of agriculture by the clubs they belong too, work they have done, and how they have been part of this industry. This scholarship is a one-time amount of \$500 to an Ontario County graduating senior who has proven that they will continue to be a positive voice for agriculture no matter their college or career path, for the Agricultural Citizenship Scholarship.

Applicants must either reside in Ontario County or attend an Ontario County school. Home school applicants are also welcomed.

If you are interested in either one of these scholarships or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Sarah at sab423@cornell.edu or 394-3977 x428.

Toxic Plants

March 15, 2023

Presented by the Ontario County Master Gardeners, 7:00 PM—8:00 PM via ZOOM. "Leaves of three, leave it be". Is that all you need to know in order to identify poison ivy? Not quite. In this class, Master Gardener, Cheryl Hilton-Vadner, will discuss four toxic plants (poison ivy, giant hogweed, wild parsnip and cow parsnip), what makes them toxic, how to identify them and what to do if you find any of these plants in your home landscape. **There is no charge for this series. To register:** Email nea8@cornell.edu with your choice no later than one day prior to the class and the link will be sent to you.



SAVE THE DATE!



Announcing the Animal Crackers Virtual Winter Series!

The NYS 4-H Animal Science Program is happy to offer another great animal science opportunity for youth!

Beginning in January, we will be offering a virtual Animal Crackers event for our older 4-H youth focusing on career opportunities and becoming involved in the various livestock industries.

These workshops will take place via Zoom on the following dates:

- January 12th and 26th: Lambing and Kidding
- February 19th and 23rd: Rabbit/Cavy
- March 9th and 23rd: Poultry/Meat Birds

There will still be an in-person Animal Crackers event scheduled for May 6, 2023, at Cornell for our younger youth!

More information will be available on the [Animal Crackers](#) website as we get closer to the event! But for now, if you have any questions, please reach out to Jessica at jms943@cornell.edu.



Deep Dive into New York State Fisheries

Deep Dive into New York State Fisheries is a 4 part virtual series, learning about fish and “not really fish”, that live in New York State. Each 45 minute long session will be jam-packed with educational fun. The series will unravel the mysteries of salmon, trout, sturgeon, and dogfish sharks. Experts from Cornell University, Cornell Shackleton Point Biological Field Station, SUNY Cobleskill, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and Thumbs Up Charters join the Cornell YNOE PWT 4-H educators presenting this program.

- **Dates: Wednesday nights at 6:30pm**
January 18th and 25th, February 1st and 8th
- No cost to participate.
- Who can participate: Cloverbuds, 4-H members, 4-H parents, volunteers, and youth



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Registration is necessary.

Click on this link:

https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/YNOEfish_235

OR Scan this QR Code



2023 4-H Fisheries Art and Story Contests

As part of the Deep Dive into New York State Fisheries Program, the Youth in Nature & Outdoor Education Program Work Team is offering a virtual fish and shark art contest *and* a short story contest. The contests will be open to youth with several age categories and participants can be from anywhere within New York State. *The contest begins December 11, 2022 and runs until February 7, 2023.*

Entries received before January 24th at 11am will be highlighted during the January 25th session. Entries received between January 24th 11:01 am and February 7th at 11am will be highlighted during the February 8th session.

Prizes:

Cloverbud (5-7) youth will each receive a Participant ribbon and no overall winner will be selected Youth 8-12 or 13-19, the top recipient will receive a \$10 gift to the 4-H mail.

To get more details, email Sarah sab423@cornell.edu.



4-H Outdoor Adventures Winterfest



Friday 2/17/23 7:00 PM—Sunday 2/19/23 12:00 PM

Amboy 4-H Environmental Education Center

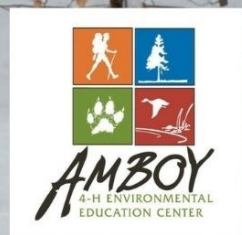
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- \$40 includes snack Friday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner Saturday, breakfast Sunday, and all programming supplies. Chaperones do not pay to attend.
- Open to all youth ages 8+
- Snowshoeing, skiing, skijoring demonstrations, outdoor cooking, STEM projects, tracking and more!
- Sleep in dormitories or teens can sleep in a lean-to/ten with approved gear. Families can bring an RV/camper with prior approval from Linda Brosch.



Space is limited and registration is required. Register at <https://bit.ly/4HOAWF> by Friday, February 10th.

For facility and logistic questions contact Linda Brosch, lcr23@cornell.edu or 315-963-7283 ext. 400. For program questions contact Sabrina DeRue, sld95@cornell.edu or 315-788-8450 or Melissa Watkins, mew23@cornell.edu or 315-376-5270.



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The Bulletin Board

Hens and Hares

Members teaching members!!

On January 5th it sounds like the volunteers were just observers!! They had one of their senior 4Hers teach the rest of the members all about Cavies. This member brought in some of her own Cavies and the rest of the group learned how to handle and care for these fuzzy rodents!

Hen's and Hares got together again on January 19th to learn about Market Chickens. They everything from raising a bird to how to grade the meat. This was really great for the kids planning on doing the upcoming 4H Auction in July. This group has really been busy!!



January was a busy month! They had a presentation from Purnia who talked about feeding their large animals in preparation for the 4-H Livestock Auction. They also had a presentation from Kelly Carpenter about raising our meat rabbits. Our 4-H'ers are starting to get their auction animals! We are so excited for the learning to begin!



Livestock Auction Program

Western Livestock Wranglers

In January, they learned about the new 4-H Achievement forms and made their own scrap books. These notebooks will come in very handy when they are keeping track of their animal project records and achievement forms.



Young Farmers

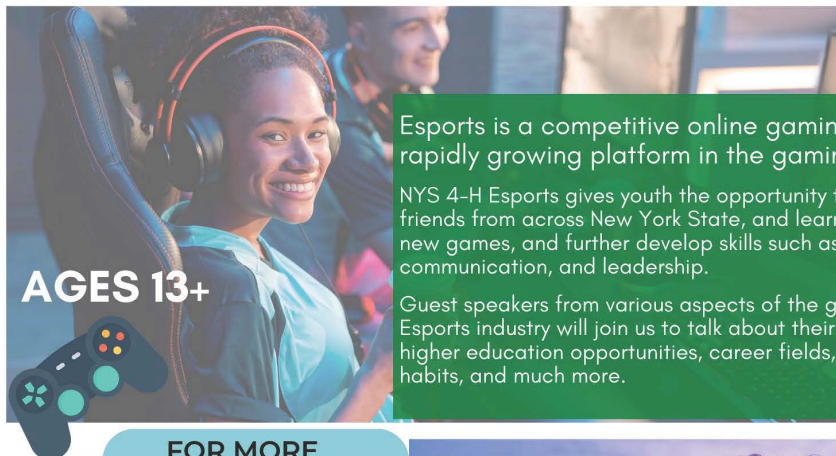
Young Farmers – started their Dairy Science series in January. They had lots of taste testing of different milks and cheeses and learning how to make our own ice cream! They are looking forward to the final part of their dairy science series with a tour of a local creamery. March will kick off their 3rd session – Meat Science – Stay tuned for more information!

DID YOU KNOW THAT NEW YORK STATE 4-H HAS



ESPORTS?

WE DO! CHECK OUT THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!



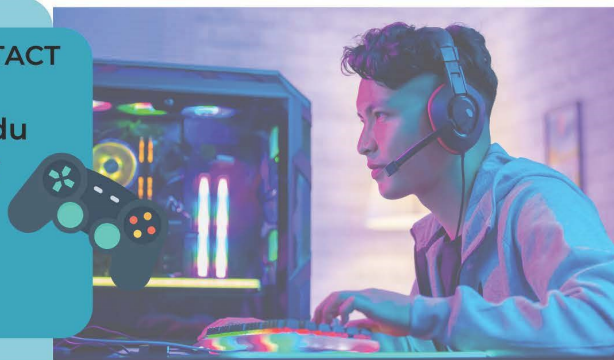
AGES 13+

Esports is a competitive online gaming and rapidly growing platform in the gaming industry.

NYS 4-H Esports gives youth the opportunity to meet new friends from across New York State, and learn a variety of new games, and further develop skills such as teamwork, communication, and leadership.

Guest speakers from various aspects of the gaming and Esports industry will join us to talk about their careers, higher education opportunities, career fields, healthy living habits, and much more.

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION CONTACT
Kat Leo at
kal64@cornell.edu
Or Scan QR to register**



**Youth across NYS meet virtually once a month to connect and
play games and so much more!**

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