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Preparing For The 4-H Fair

4-H Fairs or shows are often the highlight of the 4-H year. From a youth development perspective, fairs allow 4-H members to display projects and to participate in educational experiences critiqued by an adult expert. Shows provide opportunities for 4-H members to demonstrate new knowledge, abilities, skills and attitudes. Fairs provide a showcase for recognition of youth and allow an avenue for youth people to practice the life skills of teamwork, cooperation, communication, sportsmanship and club pride and unity.

Youth Responsibilities

4-H members need to establish a timeline to work on their 4-H projects. They should set realistic goals on what they want to accomplish and set realistic completion dates. Be sure to read the rules and regulations outlined in the 4-H section of the fair book as well as the 4-H "Fair Warning". Pay close attention to deadlines and specific requirements for each project. It may be helpful to highlight the wording in the fair book for each project in which members are enrolled. 4-H members need to do their own project work and complete it in the current year. Members will want to refer to the project materials that are available on the 4-H web site or obtain these materials from their local Extension office. By reviewing these written materials, members may become more comfortable with discussing their projects with the judge.

Parent Responsibilities

Parents are encouraged to help 4-H members obtain the materials and resources needed to complete 4-H projects. Adults may answer questions, demonstrate skills, and offer guidance on project work but should not do the work themselves! Parents need to be familiar with the exhibit guidelines and judging schedules so they can help members be ready and on time for the various judging events. Adults can offer encouragement as young people prepare for judging and can provide support and reflection as youth complete the judging experience.



Adapted from: The University of Illinois Extension

4-H Projects & Events

4-H KIDS IN THE GARDEN



Have fun learning gardening basics, with hands-on activities! We'll meet the 2nd Wednesday each month in April, May & June. Spice it up; our first session is all about herbs!

June 6th: 4:00pm to 5:00pm at CCE Building in Norwich

Contact Erica for more information: elc97@cornell.edu

Kids In The Kitchen



May 23rd.

4-H Kids in the kitchen: Cook from your kitchen (on zoom) and make a meal for your family!

Learn cooking basics and ways to incorporate more fruits & veggies into your meals. We meet monthly on zoom. Adult supervision is required during program. The program and food are free!

Contact Erica for more information: elc97@cornell.edu

Outdoor Cooking



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Outdoor Cooking: The last Outdoor Cooking Program had the members cooking lasagna and pineapple upside down cake. We do our cooking using cast iron dutch ovens over charcoal. Our members learn that they can cook a variety of meals outdoor over an open fire. Join us monthly for this project. We meet on the second Saturday. Contact Richard at: r1t229@cornell.edu or call 607-334-5841 ex1115

Introduction to Shooting Sports



Chenango County 4-H Shooting Sports will run a six week introduction to archery and air rifle. This program, taught by our trained instructors, is designed for youth new to shooting sports and will concentrate on safety and technique.

We will have three 1.5 hour long sessions of archery on May 24, 31, and three 1.5 hour long sessions of air rifle on June 7, 14*, 28 beginning at 6:00pm.

For ages 9 and up. Most be enrolled 4-H members.

Contact Richard to sign up: r1t229@cornell.edu or 607-334-5841 ex1115

Animal Crackers--May 6

State Horse Communication--
May 6

Dairy Goat CNY Rodeo--May
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4-H Kids In The Garden-- June 6

Swine CNY Rodeo--June 10

Bug Club--June 16

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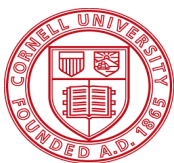
Junior Livestock Show--
July 9-11

**Leaders Meeting and Family
Pre-Fair Picnic--**July 12

Fair Clean Up-- July 24

Chenango County Fair--
August 5-13





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Thanks for catching up with the
Chenango County 4-H Program.
Hope to see you soon!



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