

KEYNOTES



Cornell Cooperative Extension
Washington County

May/June 2023



4-H Food Booth THANK YOU!

A **THANK YOU** to these adults & youth that volunteered in the 4-H Food Booth during the **Antique & Flea Market Show** and the **Homesteading Festival!!!** We did very well. Thanks for all the help!

Youth:

Aedan, Beckett, Bella, Bobby, Chris, David, Declan, Ford, Hailey, Jack, Jenna, Khloe, Liam, Maeve, Maggie, Margaret, Molly, Olivia, Riley, Wyatt, Zane!

Adults:

April, Cindy, Diane, Erin, Jen, Kim, Liz, Maureen, Rachel, and Sarah.

These represent 5 clubs that earned stipends. Your club can, too! Our next event is in July!

Upcoming Events

June

Moove Your Way Trails Day—June 3
Showmanship Day & Tack Sale —June 10
4-H Career Explorations—June 27—29
Family Hiking Challenge Orientation—June 26

July

Family Hiking Challenge begins—July 1
Pullorum Clinic— July 12
Sew 4U— July 25
Fair entries due—see page 3
Dairy Goat Classic—July 30

August

Antique & Flea Market Show—August 5—6
Youth Building Judging—August 19
County Fair August 21—27
Exhibits leave for State Fair— August 31

<https://washington.cce.cornell.edu/youth-4-h>

Opportunities for you

4-H Food Booth Season has Begun!

Homesteading Festival May 20 & 21:

Saturday, May 20: 8:30 am – 1 pm; 12 – 4:30 pm

Sunday, May 21: 8:30 am – 1 pm; 12 – 3:30 pm

Youth Showmanship Clinic June 10:

Saturday 9:30 - 3:00

Please consider signing up for one of these shifts, even if it's a partial shift.

Ice Cream Booth plea!

We are very grateful to all that stepped up at Fair 2022 to help lead our volunteers in the 4-H Ice Cream Booth! We are very grateful to Cindy Blank for her overall leadership. For Fair 2023 we are looking for Adult Shift Leaders to assist Cindy as her availability is limited. The Shift Leader will oversee the shift, which may include opening & closing, managing the cash box, filling the dipping cabinet, and replacing the milk. We do provide a stipend for anyone who takes on these leadership positions.

Outdoor Hiker Challenge

We are offering a 2023 Family Hiking Challenge as part of the Washington County Youth Sports & Recreation program. The Challenge has three steps: orientation, completion of 4 guided hikes, completion of 2 additional hikes plus submitting a hiking journal. There are NINE TRAILS within Washington County that families with youth ages of 5 through 18 can select to hike at a time convenient for them. Four of those hikes will be offered as guided hikes. All families that sign up and attend our orientation will receive some basic hiking swag. Additional hiking gear will be earned upon completion of the challenge. This Family Hiking Challenge runs July 1 – October 9, 2023. Virtual orientation is scheduled for Monday June 26 at 6:30 pm. Please sign up via this link: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Hiker_Challenge_253

Hiking is basically going for a walk in nature but the terrain is not made of cement sidewalks but rather earth, rocks, brooks, tree roots and fluctuating changes in elevations. Come join in for this family friendly activity that builds muscles, cardiovascular strength, and memories! Spread the word, this is open to all Washington County families. Please direct any questions to Chrys at cpn2@cornell.edu

What's All the Buzz About Pollinators

We are offering a workshop for youth about the critical role of pollinators. Participants will learn how pollinators enhance our environment, plant flowers on the Washington County Fairgrounds to attract pollinators, and make reusable beeswax food wraps to take home. Presenters include the Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Association and Betterbee of Greenwich. This workshop will be held at the 4-H Food Booth on the Washington County Fairgrounds in Greenwich. The program is FREE and open to ALL youth ages 5 – 18. Join us on Wednesday, May 31, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. To register, https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Pollinators_253 or call 518-746-2560 or email washington@cornell.edu.

Sew 4U

Washington & Rensselaer Counties, are offering sewing for the novice & intermediate sew-er. Youth will have a chance to learn how to wet felt, a little creative stitchery, machine sewing, using a pattern plus have some fun, too. It's **July 14** at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Here's the link for registration: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Sew_4U_2023_253

Newsworthy

4-H Teen Cuisine

We had 13 teens from the Exceptional Learning Center participate in our 4-H Teen Cuisine. Funding for this is the Walmart 4-H Healthy Habits program funneled through the NYS 4-H Foundation! They are a great group of teens. (Let us know if any club or individual would like a copy of the 4-H Teen Cuisine project guide.)

NYS Dairy Bowl:

Washington County had two youths participate on Capital District teams in the NYS Dairy Bowl –Jacob Moore, Junior Team of Greenwich, and Madeline Rea, Senior Team of Salem! Both the Junior & Senior teams placed 3rd in their divisions. Jacob finished in the top 10 individuals! Congratulations, and thank you for representing Washington County 4-H!

Fair Entry DEADLINES:

- If Entries are mailed in, they must be **POSTMARKED** by **Wednesday, JULY 26th**.
- Entries must be **Hand Delivered** by Friday, **JULY 28th before 6:00pm**.
- **Online Entries** must be submitted before 12:00 midnight on **JULY 31st**.

Club Talk



Country Clovers

Made bat houses and found out that using tools safely was a needed skill. I'm 100% sure they had as much fun happening as learning. After all, that hammering, I would need an Aspirin. What you leaders do for the children impresses me every day. Thank you for your continued support and for keeping 4-H thriving!

Club Talk

Busy Bunch: They have been living up to their club's name and have kept busy. They had a dance party where they made bouncy balls. Tapped maple trees and painted with watercolors. Went fishing and picked up some branches. They cleaned the branches to show the landowner's appreciation for allowing them to use it. Thank you for presenting 4-H in a positive light. Lastly, they learned the pledge and had some solid member discussions.

Cambridge Mud Kickers: Built birdhouses using wood from the Amish and had a Scentsy fundraiser. They are hoping to do suncatchers on their next visit. I hope this large group has a blast throughout the summer, and I can't wait to see them at the fair.

Crystal Clovers: Spring is in the air for these folks they have been occupied planting seeds, making Mother's Day cards, coloring Memorial Day sheets and even found time to discuss when you would have the flag high or half-way.

Rooted In Paradise: For Earth Day they took it upon themselves to clean up the town of Salem. If you want something done who better to do it then yourself, am I right? They finished off with 4 bags of debris removed from our counties landscape and a few girl scout cookies. Thank you from the community we all appreciate a cleaner environment.



Lucky Bums: Took advantage of the excellent weather we have been having to help some senior members of the community set up a garage sale. Judging by the smiles on this bunch putting in hard work to help someone in need is a rewarding experience.



Anna Miller (photo on the right): This amazing young lady is quite the impressive baker. She cooked and decorated treats for her class and everyone complimented them. I would love to try some of her delectable desserts. Hopefully she enters some goodies into the fair. She will become famous someday so remember you saw her here first!

CONGRATULATIONS **to our 4-H Seniors!**



Alyce Harrington

Alyssa Richards

Bobbie Brisbin

Drew Lankford

Emilie Wood

Emily McDougall

Jackson Wilhelm

Jacob Ziehm

Jeb Gulley

Jason Seybolt

Rylan Rist

Sean Hall

Trisha Richards

Tristann Crandall

Zack Riley



Annual 4-H Calendar

January	Planning and preparing for 2023!	July	Family Hiking Challenge begins— July 1 Pullorum Clinic— July 12 Sew 4U— July 25 Dairy Goat Classic— July 30
February	Public Presentations Tips— February 21 Teen Lean In— February 23 Winter Fest— February 25 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training February 25—26	August	Antique & Flea Market Show— August 5—6 Youth Building Judging— August 19 County Fair August 21—27 Exhibits leave for State Fair— August 31
March	4-H Shooting Sports Begins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 1 Northern Program • March 4 Southern Program 4-H Dairy Bowl— March 11 Public Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenwich—March 11 • Hudson Falls March 18 Ag Literacy Week— March 20-24 Tractor Safety Orientation— March 30	September	Re-enrollment packets hit the mail State Fair exhibits returned— September 5 Adirondack Wool & Arts Festival— September 23—24 4-H Club Year 2022-2023 ends — September 30
April	4-H Skeet Club— TBA 4-H Tractor Safety— April 10-12, 15 NYS 4-H Capital Days— April 16—18 Food Booth Clean Up —April 22 District Public Presentations— April 22 Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover— April 26—May 5	October	4-H Club Year 2023-2024 begins— October 1 New Volunteer Orientations begin Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover—TBA
May	TSC Paper Clover— April 26—May 5 New Member Deadline— May 1 Antique & Flea Market Show — May 6—7 4-H Scholarship Due— May 15 Homesteading Festival— May 19—21 Animal Lease Deadline— May 31	November	Re-enrollments are due November 1 Achievement Breakfast— TBA CCE Annual Meeting — TBA Office Closed November 22– 24
June	Moove Your Way Trails Day— June 3 Showmanship Day & Tack Sale — June 10 4-H Career Explorations— June 27—29 Family Hiking Challenge Orientation— June 26	December	Late Enrollment Deadline December 31 . Any inactive Members & Leaders get archived Office Closed December 25—January 1