



Clover Chronicle

August- September 2023

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SNACK BAR COUPONS

4-H Members and families can purchase Snack Bar Coupons at the Snack Bar with cash or credit card. We know many of you are up at the fair all week and this is our way to make purchasing food at the Snack Bar a little more affordable. For \$7.50 you will receive a coupon redeemable for \$10 worth of food. This is a great thing to purchase for youth staying at the fair, so they do not have to carry money around with them! We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity. We will also have \$15 refillable cups for sale this year- with free refills for the entire fair! Please call Kandis with any questions.



4-H Club Reports

Club Reports

At the end of each month, club secretaries should submit the Secretary's Monthly Report form to Kandis Freer at the CCE.

Refer to page 27 in the "4-H Club Secretary's Handbook" for examples and forms. Even though the Clover Chronicle is printed bi-monthly, secretaries should submit their reports every month. You receive points on the Honor Club Application for every Secretary's Report submitted on a timely basis.

The Secretary's Monthly Report is also available on the Rensselaer County 4-H website. You can find it on the 4-H Forms page. Secretaries, please email reports to kmf83@cornell.edu.

Blue Ribbon Bandits- Lily Nichols

The Blue Ribbon Bandits have been hard at work preparing general interest projects and just started goat school! The kids are all very excited. In June they met a couple times, making new tie-dye club shirts, a hand sewn teddy bear and terrarium project.



Clover Kids and Critters- Ava Olsen

The Clover Kids and Critters met in June at the Rensselaer Plateau in Grafton, to take a hike and pictures to enter in the fair. They also met in July to create first aid kits for rabbits and chickens and talked about fair dates and upcoming 4-H events and meeting times.

4-H Members and families marching in the Poestenkill Memorial Day Parade



The Annual Sew4U Event took place on July 25th at the

Washington County Fairgrounds. We had 7 youth from Rensselaer County join 5 youth from Washington County to make bees wax wraps and machine sewing projects. Thank you to Cathy Kilby for volunteering her time and sewing expertise!





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Leader's Digest

Volunteers are the life's blood of our organization.

We would like to thank all our volunteers for their passion for working with youth, and their dedication to 4-H.

Welcome to our new 4-H Volunteers:

Corey Dahl (Pasture Pals)

Tiffany Dahl (Pasture Pals)

Abby Martin (Stablemates)

Carol Rosbozom (Pasture Pals)



- Are all your members aware of animal registration requirements? Please remind your members that they must have all the paperwork into the CCE Office by **AUGUST 10th**.
- Has your club selected a time to work in the 4-H Snack Bar? Time slots are filling up fast — see page 15.
- Please **READ** your 4-H fair book. Everything you need to know about the Schaghticoke Fair can be found in the fair book. If you have any questions, just call the 4-H Office and ask for Bernie (Horse concerns), Eileen (4-H Building or general interest concerns), or Kandis Freer (other animal, auction or Snack Bar concerns).
- Please encourage your members and their parents to join us for **Fair Clean Up Day on August 16th**. This is traditionally one of the best days of the 4-H year. While we are working, we have a chance to catch up on news, share project ideas, and make plans for the fair. We will have a **Make It and Take It** workshop **at 4pm in the CCE Building**.
- Have you signed up for a space for your club's exhibit in the 4-H Building? As we go to press we have only heard from a handful of clubs. We do have a limited number of spaces. If your club is planning a display, please do not assume there will be a place to set it up.
- We can always use volunteers post-fair to help get the 4-H building ready for winter storage. We will be working from 10:00am to 5:00pm on Tuesday, September 5th.

Annual Volunteer Harassment Prevention Training:

4-H volunteers, the Harassment Prevention Training is an annual requirement to be enrolled as a Cornell Cooperative Extension volunteer and needs to be completed each year. The virtual training takes approximately 10 minutes and can be found at <http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccevolunteertraining/required-training/>. When completed, please forward the confirmation email to cce-rensselaer-volunteer@cornell.edu.

Reenrollment Update:

For the 2023-2024 4-H year, we will be doing reenrollments and new enrollments virtually through 4-H Online beginning on October 1st. You will be asked to reset your password on [4-H Online](#). Use the email address which you are receiving the email blast with to sign in. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu. If you have any questions, or if you would prefer hard copies of your paperwork, please contact Eileen. Also, Eileen would be more than happy to join in your club meeting to help members get reenrolled. This is a new process for all of us and the 4-H staff want to be as supportive as possible as we all navigate through this together.

To complete the reenrollment process please follow the instructions below:

Log into 4-H Online; You will be asked to reset your password on [4-H Online](#). Use the email address which you are receiving the email blast with to sign in. Update any incorrect information and add any new projects.

Go to the CCE website 4-H Forms section at <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/4-h-forms> and complete a Code of Conduct & Acknowledgment of Risk Form/ Photo Release for each youth.

- [Acknowledgement of Risk/ Photo Release](#)
- [Code of Conduct](#)

These can be uploaded to 4-H Online, or emailed to Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu

Volunteers do need to complete and submit a Volunteer Code of Conduct. These can be uploaded to 4-H Online, or emailed to Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu

Payment for your reenrollments can be made via the CCE website donation page at <https://secure.payconex.net/paymentpage/enhanced/index.php?action=view&aid=120615362881&id=146755> please note that the payment is for 4-H Re-enrollments and for who, or a check payable to CCE Rensselaer County, that can be mailed to the 4-H office at 99 Troy Rd., Suite 203, East Greenbush, NY 12061

Enrollment fees are:

\$15.00 for each child (maximum of \$45 for families with more than 3 children)

\$10.00 for each leader (Maximum \$10 per couple)

A maximum of \$55.00 per family

Re-enrollments need to be submitted by November 1st. If you have not reenrolled by then please know that you are not covered by our insurance. If you plan to participate in any 4-H activities, make sure you have completed the reenrollment process. Youth do need to be enrolled by May 15th to show at the fair.

New members can be enrolled using the following link: [4-H Youth Registration \(qualtrics.com\)](#)

4-H Teens

Exchange

Wow what an amazing week! Even though we got rained on nearly every day, we had a wonderful host week with our friends from Colorado! The week started out with some icebreakers and introductions at the Crossing Park after we picked them up at the airport. We had a mix of family time and scheduled events including a tour of the Capitol, a visit with a state representative, boat cruise on Lake George, a day in New York City, local Ag tour day and our all important wrap-up pot luck on the last night as some of the examples. It is safe to say we were going fast host week and hated saying good bye. It was so much fun comparing similarities and differences at the end of the week between Colorado and New York. The similarities out-weighed the differences. We will be looking to form our next two year Teen Exchange group. If you are between 7th and 11th grade this fall and interested in learning more about Teen Exchange and possibly joining, please contact Bernie at bw27@cornell.edu. A huge thanks to so many of you who supported our efforts through our many fundraisers. We did wrap up our June Calendar Donor of the Day fundraiser and raised enough funds to have a great host week.



Cornell Career Explorations:

Cornell Career Explorations was held in June on the Cornell University campus. Rensselaer County 4-H was very happy to participate! During the three-day conference, participants were able to experience life on a large university campus. They stayed in the dorms, had their meals in a dining hall, and explored all over the campus. Some of our 4-H'ers were part of the University U program, where they had a detailed campus tour and then participated in six different programs which introduced them to a variety of topics. Other youth took part in the Focus for Teens program, where they spent the three days being immersed in a specific program. All the programs were led by Cornell faculty and students.

Some of the programs that our delegation participated in included: Food Science, Veterinary Science, Citizen Science, Hospitality, and STEM.

Our 4-H members were able to make connections with other 4-H members from all over New York State. These connections will be rekindled at other 4-H events, and our 4-H'ers often say that the best part of the experience was making so many new friends. Some of the trip highlights that they shared were meeting new people, the workshops, learning about new things, and getting some ideas of what they might like to do in the future.

We would like to thank Sarah Diamond and Dona Ries for going as chaperones. Cornell Career Explorations is an annual 4-H Awards Trip, and requires that youth apply in January. For more information about next year's trip, please contact the CCE office.



ACT Scholarship Recipients

We are excited to announce the 2023 Teen Ambassador Council Scholarship Recipients. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County 4-H Teen Ambassador Council Scholarship is a very special award. The money is raised by 4-H'ers to honor and support fellow 4-Her's taking next steps after graduation. This year I am excited to announce this year's scholarship recipients as Grace Huffam of Brunswick and Kaylie Millar of West Sand Lake

Grace has been a member of Rensselaer County 4-H for 12 years and is a current member of Stablemates 4-H Club. Grace has taken on many leadership roles at the club, county and state levels and donated countless hours to community service.

Grace has served as a club officer for the past six years, collected election results for the past five, served as a teen evaluator for Horse Communications, a showmanship clinician, a ring stewardess and much more. Grace's dedication to 4-H is evident through the awards and recognition she has received over the years; in 2022 she was given the Lohnes Award, an award that is given to a model 4-Her. Grace has won Showmanship Champion three times reflecting the hours of work she has put in, and in 2022 was named Western Riding Champion Rider. Grace is recognized for her hard work, civic engagement, community service projects, and going above and beyond what is expected.



Grace is graduating from Brittonkill High School with dreams of becoming an athletic trainer. Thank you for your dedication to 4-H, we wish you luck as you start a new chapter in your life.

Kaylie has been a member of Rensselaer County 4-H for 6 years; she is a current member of Stablemates 4-H Club and our county wide Ambassador Council Teen Club. In these past six years Kaylie has taken on many leadership roles at the club, county and state levels. She was a club treasurer, the county-wide teen representative on the Program Development Committee, a teen evaluator for Horse Communications, a Snack Bar Manager and participated in state-wide programs such as Capital Days and Career Explorations. Rewarded for her hard work, civic engagement, community service projects, going above and beyond what is expected, dedication and determination Kaylie is also the recipient of Champion Rider, High Point Senior Rider, Golden Horseshoe and a County Medal recipient which is no small achievement.



Kaylie is graduating from Columbia High School with dreams of becoming an agriculture advocate through journalism. Thank you for your dedication to 4-H, we wish you luck as you start this new chapter.

We are very proud of our 4-H seniors, congratulations to the graduating class of 2023!

FUNDRAISING:

Bloomin' Socks Fundraiser

Rensselaer County 4-H will have a Bloomin' Socks fundraiser this summer. The socks will come in a variety of patterns including the 4-H Clover, several animal fun patterns (cows, goats, horses, chickens, rabbits, and sheep) and tractors. They would make great gifts, or a treat for yourself! The socks are 100% American made and will sell for \$13.00 a pair. Each purchase supports Rensselaer County 4-H. To purchase socks, contact Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu. We will also have socks at upcoming 4-H events as well as at the fair to purchase.



Make It and Take It

Learn how to make art with beads.

4pm in the CCE Building on the fairgrounds during fair cleanup

Cost: \$5 per youth

RSVP by emailing Kandis kmf83@cornell.edu

by August 10th.



Junior Chefs:

Youth Canning Workshop

For youth 8 (as of 1.1.2023) and older

Wednesday, August 2nd at 6:00pm

Rensselaer County Troy Senior Center (1520 6th Ave., Troy)

Dilly Beans

\$10.00 for 4-H members and \$15.00 for non-members

To register, please contact Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu.



Apple Creations

Monday, September 25th

6:00pm @ the CCE Office

The Junior Chefs will meet on Monday, September 25th at the CCE Office (99 Troy Rd., Suite 203, East Greenbush). The Junior Chefs will be making food items using apples as the main focus. There is a participation fee of \$10.00 for 4-H members and \$15.00 for non-members. Pre-registration is required, and registration will be limited. To register a youth, or for more information, please contact Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu.

2023 4-H Agri-Business Career Conference

Attention all youth 14 years and older – are you interested in learning more about careers in Agriculture?

The Annual 4-H AgriBusiness Career Trip is scheduled for OCTOBER 19-20, 2023 to be held at SUNY Cobleskill and the surrounding area. There are over 10 different businesses in the Schoharie Valley that participate in the conference in addition to a wide variety of specialty departments at SUNY Cobleskill. Participants can meet with students and faculty to increase their understanding of different careers and schooling options.

Animals at fairs

Fairs and agricultural shows pose unique health risks because they bring together crowds of people and animals with opportunities for close contact among them and the mixing of different animals from different places. This is an assumed risk bringing your animals to shows and/ or fair.

Sanitize

Keep animals' pens at a fair or show as clean and dry as possible. Be sure to dispose of waste, used bedding and uneaten food regularly.

Limit contact

Limit contact with animals from other farms and avoid sharing equipment with other exhibitors. Limiting contact between animals, exhibitors and equipment from different farms reduces the risk of contamination.

Feed and water

Provide clean water and feed to animals through the show or fair. Do not make changes to the feed or water type or sources during an exhibition. Also, keep unused feed, foraging and equipment covered to avoid contamination.

Disinfect

Do not use the same equipment for animals at an exhibition and animals at the farm. Disinfect all equipment before bringing it back to the farm. This helps to protect animals that remain at the farm from contamination from the show.

Dispose

Dispose of any leftover bedding, feed, and forages after the exhibition either at the show or at an appropriate site off the farm.

Isolate

After returning home from a show or fair, animals should be isolated from the rest of the herd for two-four weeks to avoid contamination. Monitor these animals for any signs of disease.

Avian Flu

Wild birds can be infected with HPAI and show no signs of illness. They can carry the disease to new areas when migrating, potentially exposing domestic poultry to the virus.



LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FLOCK:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/bro-protect-poultry-from-ai.pdf

Salmonella Dublin

We continue to see new outbreaks of Salmonella Dublin in New York and we want to encourage all cattle fair exhibitors to take precautions when exhibiting animals at fairs and shows. In animals, *Salmonella* Dublin primarily causes disease in young calves and presents as a respiratory illness. It can also cause septicemia, abortions, and diarrhea in older animals. During active infection, animals shed *Salmonella* Dublin in manure, saliva, nasal secretions, urine, uterine fluids, and milk. *Salmonella* Dublin is highly contagious and sick animals may readily contaminate their environment. Contaminated feed, water, and equipment are common sources of infection. Sick animals that recover may become carrier animals that remain healthy but periodically shed bacteria in the feces and milk for the rest of their lives. *Salmonella* Dublin can also cause serious illness in people so please protect yourselves with proper hygiene practices, wash your hands often and when soiled and use antibacterial sanitizer after handling or petting any animal.

Fair Clean Up

On **Wednesday, August 16th** 4-H families from across Rensselaer County will gather at the fairgrounds to clean out the winter cobwebs and spruce up for the fair. Although the majority of 4-H'ers display projects in the 4-H Building, there is a relatively small crew of volunteers to clean up and set up. Everyone is asked to chip in to help. Remember - many hands make light work! Cleanup will start at 1 PM for those available, "Make and Take" workshop at 4 PM followed by finishing cleaning and setup in the 4-H Building and Barns. Since attendance at Fair Clean-Up Day has fallen off in recent years, the clean-up/set-up process has been streamlined. Display dividers are no longer covered with paper on fair clean-up day. Clubs should keep this in mind when preparing their stationary exhibits.

The fair schedule often conflicts with back-to-school activities, so members and volunteers should mark the dates on their calendars and be prepared to plan in order to be able to fit everything in.

General Interest Evaluations

There will again be two General Interest Judging Days this year, Saturday, August 26th from 9-11am and Monday, August 28th from 4-7pm. **All perishable entries can only be evaluated on Monday August 28th (foods, vegetables, horticulture)** General Interest entries are due on or before August 16th (Fair Clean Up Day).

Schaghticoke Fair Passes

There will be no duplication of fair passes between the 4-H and Open Class Fair participants.

Just as in years past, fair passes will be distributed by 4-H Club or Independent Family Clubs based on fair entries and signups for working in the Snack Bar, 4-H Building or simply assisting with 4-H operations during the fair. Don't wait until the last minute to volunteer! **No Passes will be given out until the club signs up for a Snack Bar Shift. – Kandis needs a breakdown of who needs passes in Snack Bar and building by August 16th.**

Members 13 and under get in free. Members 14 and older will receive passes to fulfill their fair commitments. Passes will be available for pick up during general interest judging and from 10am to 10pm daily, beginning Wednesday, the first day of the fair.

How passes will be distributed can be found in the fair book.

Animal Identification & Health Requirements

The Animal Health Requirements can be found by going to: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/farming/fairs> and scrolling down the page until you find the section “Fair Health Requirements”. The specific links are as follows:

Fair Animal Health Requirements: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/2020-fair-health-requirements>

Exhibitor Pre-fair Guidelines: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/2020-exhibitor-prefair-guidelines>

Radio frequency identification, commonly referred to as “840 RFID tags,” is strongly recommended for cattle and swine, but not required. The Department will supply a limited number of 840 RFID tags to producers for cattle and swine going to fairs. To order 840 RFID tags, please use the 2020 Order Form for Free Producer Ear Tags. [C:\Users\RMITCH~1\AppData\Local\Temp\mso696E.tmp \(ny.gov\)](C:\Users\RMITCH~1\AppData\Local\Temp\mso696E.tmp (ny.gov))

Need a PIN for Scrapie Tags?

[USDA APHIS | How to Obtain a Premises Identification Number \(PIN\) or Location Identifier \(LID\) - State Specific Information:](#)

4-H Tractor Driving Contest at the Schaghticoke Fair

Have you taken the 4-H HOSTA Tractor Safety Course? Do you want to demonstrate your skill behind the wheel at the Schaghticoke Fair? All 4-H members who have successfully completed the 4-H Tractor Safety Course can participate in the annual 4-H Tractor Driving Contest at the Schaghticoke Fair that will take place on Sunday, September 4th at 4:00 PM. Participants will drive on a closed course that will have them demonstrate equipment inspection, turning, backing and stopping. To sign up for the 4-H Tractor Driving Contest please contact the CCE office by calling 518.272.4210. Deadline to sign-up is August 16th.

Dogs at the Schaghticoke Fair

Just a reminder to all 4-H'ers and families interested in exhibiting dogs at the Schaghticoke Fair and NYS Fair- Dogs must be owned or leased by June 15 of the project year. 4-H youth who have trained their personal, immediate family, or a leased dog in the 4-H Dog Obedience program, or any other dog series & passed satisfactory evaluation at designated 4-H county dog evaluation event are eligible to participate at these events.

4-H Presentations at the Schaghticoke Fair

4-H members who participated in County Presentations are eligible to give a repeat performance at the Fair. If you would like to do a presentation at the fair, please contact Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu to schedule a time for your presentation in the CCE building. This is a non-competitive event that offers 4-H members the opportunity to present for an audience of the General Public and other 4-H Members. We do ask that you let us know by **Wednesday, August 16th** if you plan to do a presentation.

Prepare for the Fair

All of the pages of the 4-H Schaghticoke Fair book are crammed full of important information, rules, and regulations. **And there are some changes this year!** It can be a daunting task to try to figure out what to enter, and where to enter it. Leaders, parents, and members are encouraged to call the CCE office with questions about any of the classes or projects listed in the fair book.

Now is the time to ask questions about projects that may fall outside of recognized 4-H curricula.

Help us avoid disappointments on judging days. We certainly don't want members showing up with items that cannot be evaluated by our judges.

Unfortunately, 4-H members often bring wonderful items to the fair only to find out they are not suitable for exhibit in the 4-H Building. 4-H leaders can be our first line of defense in preventing this disappointment. As we approach fair time, please remind your members that not everything we do and not everything we make during the project year is eligible to exhibit at the fair. Leaders should use their fair book as a guide. If your club has made something or worked on a project that does not fit into a category in the fair book, it is probably not appropriate for exhibit in the CCE Building and cannot be evaluated by our judges. If you have any questions, please call the 4-H office. If we cannot find a way to make projects fit into the CCE Building, we can help you enter in the Open Class.

Horse questions should be directed to Bernie Wiesen (leave a message on extension 102 after hours)

Other animal questions should be directed to Kandis (leave a message on extension 106 after hours)

Questions about General Interest projects, Club Exhibits, or special opportunities in the 4-H Building during the fair should be directed to Eileen DePaula (leave a message on extension 104 after hours).

Questions about the Snack Bar and Fair Auction should be directed to Kandis Freer (leave a message on extension 106 after hours).

Entry Tags for general interest projects will be printed by the office and available to pick up at General Interest judging for all entries in the FairEntry System by August 16th. *No more filling out a bunch of cards by hand!!**

Project tag questions for recycling, plant, STEM and heritage projects are to be completed ahead of time in the FairEntry System- they will be printed by the CCE Office to be added to your project at judging day.

Schaghticoke Fair Books

Since we are moving to an electronic format this year there will be a few 4-H Premium books for the Schaghticoke Fair. Entry forms, project tags, project sheets (needed for recycled, plant, STEM and heritage projects) along with Premium Books will be available at the following locations after July 1st. You may want to call ahead for availability.

- ◆ Schaghticoke Fairgrounds Main Office- 69 Stillwater Bridge Rd, Schaghticoke, NY 12154
- ◆ Sand Lake Town Hall- 8428 NY-66, Averill Park, NY 12018
- ◆ Hoosick Falls Town Hall- 80 Church St., Hoosick Falls, NY 12090
- ◆ Kristy's Barn- 2385 Brookview Rd, Castleton-On-Hudson, NY 12033
- ◆ CCE Office- 99 Troy Road, Suite 203, East Greenbush, NY 12061
- ◆ The 2023 Fair Book will also be available online at www.ccerensselaer.org

****Remember all Animal Entries are due to the CCE office by August 10th. And Non-Animal due August 16th****

Rabbit/ Cavy Poultry Barn Shifts

It is required that every child bringing poultry or a rabbit to the fair sign up for at least two barn shifts. Please sign up via Google Doc: [Barn Duty Sign-up Google Doc](#) Below is an image of the current schedule. If you are unable to view the google document or have questions, please contact Kandis .

***Please note they are 2 hours and 15 minutes to try to avoid as many gaps as we have had in the past- maximum 2 youth per shift.

Please start planning for the 4-H Silent Auction!

We are again asking clubs and independent members to collect donations, hang up posters and ask community businesses to help publicize the Annual 4-H Auction by displaying it on their reader boards, A-frame signs, their websites, or any social media their company uses.

Proceeds from the auction help support the Teen College Scholarships, fair judges and awards, and all educational activities and trips.

***This is one of the largest fundraising opportunities for
Rensselaer County 4-H.***

To make this successful, we need your help!

4-H Auction Donors - 2023

To ensure that all donors receive a Thank You note from Rensselaer County 4-H, please submit a list of donors to Kandis

Name of Business or Individual	Complete Mailing Address with Zip Code	Item(s) Donated

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Tel: 518-272-4210 Fax: 272-1648

To: 4-H Auction Donors

August 1, 2023

From: Rensselaer County 4-H Teen Council Ambassadors

Re: Annual Auction

4-H members and volunteers in Rensselaer County are planning a major annual auction as a fundraising event.

As a 4-H member in good standing, I am seeking a donation from your business for the auction. All proceeds from the Auction go toward college scholarships, fair judges, awards, educational activities, educational trips, and support volunteer recognition efforts.

Since 1917, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County (CCE-Rensselaer) has responded to the needs of local residents with unbiased, research-based information, tools and education that people have come to depend on and trust. Our programs are developed in direct response to community input, and are based on the most current information available from Cornell and other Land Grant universities from across the nation. From our experiences we know that 4-H changes lives, helping youth to become confident, mature adults ready to succeed in today's challenging worlds. Studies show that youth participating in 4-H do better in school, are more motivated to help others, feel safe trying new things, and develop lasting friendships. Access to Cornell's resources gives young people an opportunity to make connections for college and beyond.

CCE-Rensselaer is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization and is part of the Cooperative Extension land grant system, a partnership between County, State, and Federal governments that is administered in New York State through Cornell University. Your donation is considered a charitable contribution, please let us know if you need more documentation.

Your generous assistance in support of these worthwhile causes is certainly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other 4-H program, please feel free to call Kandis Freer at the Rensselaer County 4-H office at 272-4210 ext 106.

On behalf of Rensselaer County 4-H Youth Development, and the young people who benefit from 4-H programs, thank you for your support.

The Snack Bar Schedule

is out for 2023, please call or email Kandis with your club's 1st and 2nd choice for Snack Bar duty!

We have fewer clubs, please do your part. Even if you only have one or two kids that can make it, we still need every club to choose at least one shift.

To receive fair passes your club has to be signed up for a Snack Bar shift.

Shift	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
7AM to 10AM	Hoosick Shamrocks	Jogging Juniors	Stablemates	Clover Kids and Critters	Feather and Furs	Hoosick Shamrocks
10AM to 1PM	Cantering Cowpokes	Giglio Family	Barn Bums		Diamond-Kilmer Families	Blue Ribbon Bandits
1PM to 4PM	Babcock Lake JA's		Equine Explorers		Playful Ponies	
4PM to 7PM	Trailblazers		Critters 4-H Club			
7PM to 10PM	Stateline Livestock					Northern Livestock

4-H Teen Manager Snack Bar Application

Job Description: A teen manager needs to be at least 13 years old, upbeat, and positive, able to work well with others, organized and ambitious. They are expected to prepare food, clean dishes, restock during the fair, disinfect, and clean the workspace, participate in the clean up before and/ or after fair, and assist where needed. It is also expected that a teen manager acts professional, is respectful, and is comfortable talking to the adult manager on shift or CCE Staff.

A Teen Manager may also run the cash register if they feel comfortable. Along with the other expectations, the cashier needs to be able to work with the public, perform under pressure, practice good customer service, and be accurate and proficient in making change.

The Snack Bar is looking for Teens that are ready to be the face of 4-H for our County. If you are interested, complete the form, and *return it to the CCE Office or email it as an attachment to kmf83@cornell.edu*

Please use additional paper for your answers if needed.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

1. What leadership roles have you played in school or 4-H?

2. Previous job experience (any job counts, please specify)

3. Did any of the jobs include working with a cash register?

Snack Bar Wishlist

As you all know, prices are always on the rise and it is important for the 4-H Program and Teen Ambassador/Council Members to keep the prices at the 4-H Snack Bar low and affordable. In order to do this, we are asking each club to donate to the Snack Bar.

Clubs are encouraged to pool funds to purchase **something** off the list or a **give a gift certificate to Hannaford, Price Chopper, Wal-Mart, or Sam's Club.**

All proceeds from the Snack Bar go toward the Scholarship Fund, awards, Fair Judges, educational activities and trips.

Snack Bar Wish List

Cases of Water	Mayo
Cases of Gatorade or Powerade	Tea bags– large and regular size
Honey Mustard Dressing – 2, 13 oz bottles	Hot Coco mix
Creamy Italian Dressing – 2, 13 oz bottles	Salt and Pepper
Italian Dressing– 2, 13 oz bottles	Vegetable Oil
Sugar Packets	Hot Dogs
Freeze Pops	Decaffeinated Coffee
Hot Dog Buns	Individual Cereal
Individual bagged chips	Sour Cream
Salsa	Taco Seasoning
Shredded cheese– taco blend	Ketchup
Mustard	Relish

The _____ will bring _____
(club/ family) (donated item/s)

to donate to the 4-H Snack Bar for the Schaghticoke Fair.
We will drop it off during fair clean up or by the first day of fair.

Order your 2023 Schaghticoke Fair T-Shirt today!

Orders are due on or before August 10th, 2023.

- ‡ The 2023 T-shirts will be **grey with black lettering and 4-H green accents**
- ‡ Shirts are available in youth and adult sizes. (Please note shirts are NOT available in a Youth Extra Large.)
- ‡ Shirts are on sale for **\$12.00 (there will be an additional \$2.00 for XXL or XXXL)**
- ‡ To order your T-shirt complete the order form below.
- ‡ Enclose a check payable to **CCE of Rensselaer County** or pay by card using the [donations tab](#) on our website- in the note section you must say who and what payment is for.
- ‡ Orders must be turned in on or before **August 10th, 2023**
- ‡ You may mail your check and order to:

Cornell Cooperative Extension
99 Troy Road, Suite 203
East Greenbush, NY 12061

You can complete youth orders using FairEntry System when entering your entries or by completing a paper order form — we cannot guarantee phone orders.

‡ Only pre-paid orders will be accepted.

Design submitted by Jace Freer



Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Specify NUMBER of shirts under each size	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	XX-LARGE (+ \$2.00)	XXX- LARGE (+\$2.00)
YOUTH				N/A	N/A	N/A
ADULT						

2023 New York State Fair Selections:

4-H projects that were chosen at the 2022 Schaghticoke Fair for the New York State Fair will be evaluated and on display in Syracuse from August 23rd to September 4th. All projects must be delivered to the CCE office no later than Friday, August 18th, or can be dropped off at Fair Clean Up Day on August 16th.

All State Fair projects do need an "Exhibitor Entry Statement" as well as an "Exhibitor Entry Card". The NYS 4-H office is working on virtual versions of these, and when available they will be on the 4-H forms page CCE Rensselaer website at <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/4-h-forms>.

Please be sure to remove all tags and ribbons from your project, repair any damage that may have occurred during the year, make sure it is neat and clear. Pack it securely for transport to the State Fair.

If you have any questions, please contact Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu and watch upcoming email blasts for more information as well.

Those projects chosen to advance to the 2023 State Fair are:

Jessica Haynes: Record Book, Macrame Ghost

Lucy Haynes: Quilling Project

Kira Colarossi: Photograph, Russian teacakes

Mia Brownell: Photograph, Photo Story

Ragan Retell: Corn Hole Game

Allison Palladino: Photograph

Jameson Roberts: Tye Dye Shirt

Lillian Sliwinski: Creative Framing, Quilted Table Runner

Glendora Kilmer: Hedgehog Book

Thomas Colarossi: Cutlery Set, Orange Cranberry Biscotti

Mackenzie Diamond: Cookies (hand shaped), Dog Treats, Mini Squash Pies, Chocolate Chip Muffins, Ceramic Chicken

Nico Colarossi: Coffee Cake

Owen Campenella: Photograph

Bret Giglio: Painting

Sydney Valcik: Painting

Carlo Colarossi: Brownies

County Medal Application

To be considered, applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be 14 years old as of January first of the current 4-H year.
2. Must be currently enrolled as an active 4-H member.
3. Must have presented or evaluated at County Presentation Day in the current year.
4. Must have participated in the project area for a minimum of 2 years.
5. Must be able to document outstanding work related to project quality and quantity.
6. Must have diversified experiences related to the project area.
7. Must be able to show outstanding time and commitment to the project.

Your completed County Medal Application must be completed and returned to the CCE Office by AUGUST 10th of the current 4-H project year. *Late arrivals will be disqualified.*

NOTE: Members may apply for a County Medal in more than one project area in a given year, however, they will not receive more than one Medal award per year.

Medals are awarded only once in a given project area.

County Medal Categories -full fillable application can be found on our website. [County Medal](#)

Honor Club Application

Honor Club members are those who have been active members of their local clubs and have shown exceptional 4-H project work, shown consistent leadership, and willingness to share what they have learned with other 4-H'ers. If you are interested in being recognized as a 4-H Honor Club, the application is due back to the 4-H Office by October 1st. [Honor Club Application](#)



Dyken Pond

Environmental Education Center

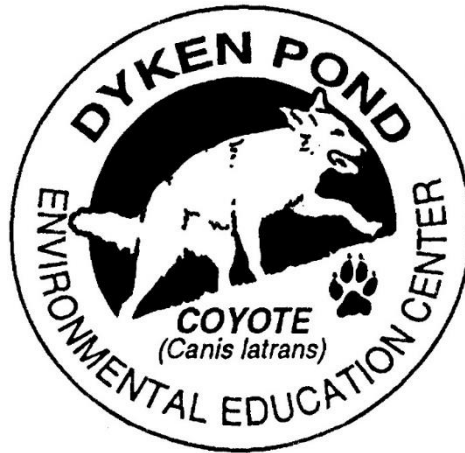
Preregister for all programs at (518) 658-2055 or dykenpond@gmail.com

Music Under the Trees: Saturday, August 19: 6pm-9pm Steel Pier Jazz Band

Led by retired music educator Woody Strobeck, the Steel Pier Jazz Band features talented musicians performing lively Dixieland music that will have your toes tapping! FREE event. Bring a lawn chair and insect repellent for comfort.

Tuesday Treks: Every Tuesday in August: 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Join Len Tremblay on a moderately paced 3 mile hike every Tuesday in July to explore the wilds of the Dyken Pond Center. Learn the trail system one at a time with a knowledgeable guide. Each week we'll discover new ground and nature. Hikes will be cancelled in bad weather. Preregistration required. Free. This program is for adults and older teens.



Top 10 Things to do at Dyken Pond Center

Summer is in the air and it's a great time to get outside! If you are looking for ideas of some things to do here are a few of our favorite things to do at the Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center. These activities are ranked in no particular order. We love them all and were unable to pick favorites!

1. Attend an educational program on numerous environmental topics. Our programs are for all age groups and can be found listed on our website – www.dykepond.org. We have a programs on many different topics during the summer including bats, mammals, plants, fish, amphibians and insects. We also offer full moon programs!
2. Kayaking. Paddling on Dyken Pond is quite the experience! Dyken Pond is the largest lake on the Rensselaer Plateau at 160 acres. This 1.5-mile-long lake is full of nature and beautiful scenery! Kayaks can be rented at the center from 8:30am – 2:30pm during boating season for anyone over the age of 12 for \$10/1.5hours. We also have canoes available for families with younger youth. Please contact the center for more information. Reservations are recommended.
3. Hiking all 11 miles of trails of Dyken Pond through a multitude of different ecosystems. With a unique Northern Hardwood Forest structure and numerous boardwalks through special wetland habitats, Dyken Pond Center has some of the best hiking in the area.
4. Geocaching. Use your phone or GPS to hunt for hidden treasure! Learn more and get everything you will need at www.geocaching.com. There are several different caches just a short walk from the Center! Check in often for our fun seasonal/holiday themed geocaches!
5. Kid Friendly Programs. With a summer camp for ages 6-13, self-guiding activities and trails, storybook trail, pollinator garden, scavenger hunts, natures playground and variety of citizen science projects there is always something for kids to do at Dyken Pond!
6. Volunteering. With over 600 acres of forested land volunteers are always welcome! Did you know that our entire trail system is maintained by volunteers? Clubs/families can adopt a trail, complete trail work as needed or join us on one of our larger volunteer days like National Trails Day, Earth Day or our annual Firewood Day to help the Center prepare for winter.
7. Snowshoe/Cross Country Skiing. Looking for something to do in the winter? Snowshoes can be rented at the Center, and we offer wildlife tracking courses in the winter that are best done on snowshoes.
8. Nature Photography. Dyken Pond Center has incredible wildlife and scenery perfect for photography lovers. Our wetlands are among the best in the region.
9. Fishing. Fish from shore or a boat. This giant lake on the Rensselaer Plateau is home to many different species of fish. Fishermen report that Dyken Pond has some of the area's best fishing in every season!
10. Birding. With a large variety of available bird habitats, Dyken Pond is a birder's dream come true. With lakes, ponds, wetlands and forests, most seasonal migrants make a stop at the Center. Many other year rounds residents call the Center their home.

Birthdays

August Birthdays

Evyn Patenaude

Ella Moak

Cristian Abate

Kaelin Kocsis

Zellia Fanfa

Luke Giglio

Emalee Foucher

Maya Fanning

Ella Atherton

Ella- Mae Guile

September Birthdays

Alicia Minkler

Henry Ret

Justin Ret

Lilly Bell Ellis

Carlo Colarossi

Jace Freer

Harleigh Rose Nealon

William Cottrell

Abbigail Hayner

Harmony Trop

Nora Lavigne

Sadie Lavigne

Makenna Luskin

Landyn Barton

Sophie Townsend

Isla Sanders

Russell Stifter

Oeyton Rice

Alexis Smith

Ryan Hayashi

Else Rodgers

Mia Conyers

Kennedy Gifford



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Upcoming dates:

August

- 2nd Canning Workshop, Rensselaer County Senior Center, Troy; 6PM
- 3rd Thursday Night Horse Clinic – fairgrounds
- 8th Horse PDC meeting – live at the CCE Bldng 99 Troy Rd., East Greenbush
- 9th 3-6pm Rabbit/ Cavy/ Poultry Barn Cleanout at the fairgrounds
- 9th FairEntry Trouble Shooting 3-6:30pm with appointment at the Fairgrounds.
- 9th 6:30pm Livestock Auction PDC Meeting at the Fairgrounds
- 9th 7pm Cattle Livestock PDC Meeting at the Fairgrounds
- 10th Thursday Night Horse Clinic – fairgrounds
- 10th County Medal Applications Due
- 10th Animal Entres Due
- 10th Fair Tee-shirt Orders Due
- 10th Make and Take RSVP Due
- 16th Fair Clean Up 1:00PM
- 16th General Interest Entries due in FairEntry
- 16th Last day for Tractor Driving Contest sign up.
- 16th Last day to sign up for 4-H presentations
- 22nd-September 4th NYS Fair, Syracuse
- 26th General Interest Judging, CCE Building @ Schaghticoke Fair; 9:00am – 11
- 28th General Interest Judging, CCE Building @ Schaghticoke Fair; 4:00pm – 7:00
- 29th 9am-2pm Building Setup- Stationary Exhibits need to be in place by 10am
- 29th 2-7pm Rabbit/ Cavy Poultry can be received in barn.
- 30th – September 4th Schaghticoke Fair
- 30th Horses in place by 8am
- 30th Rabbit/Cavy/Poultry can be received from 8-10am

- 30th ALL Animals in place
- 30th Livestock exhibitor meeting - Sheep and Goat Barn 7:30pm
- 30th Standing Cattle PDC meeting 8pm at the fairgrounds

September

- 2nd Cow Chip BINGO 6pm in the indoor arena at the fairgrounds
- 9th Capital District Dog Show at CCE Saratoga 4-H Training Center
- 19th Horse PDC via Zoom at 7 PM
- 25th Junior Chefs, at the CCE Office; 6:00pm