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4-H Highlights

October 2023

2023 Achievement Awards

October 21st

6:00 PM

4-H Training Center



The 2023 Achievement Awards will be held on October 21st at 6pm at the 4-H Training Center, in the NEW Educational Center. Come celebrate all of your accomplishments throughout the 4-H year. Members, leaders, parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, friends, and others are invited to attend! We're serving Make Your Own Sundae's at the end!

Mark your calendars and do not miss out on this great night of 4-H Recognition!

Let's Celebrate

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

October

2nd— 4-H Online Re-Enrollment Tutorial
4th - 15th— 4-H Paper Clover @ TSC
13th - County Medals and Books Due
14th— DEC Hunter Education Course
14th— 4-H Teen Council Meeting
19th—20th - ABC Trip
21st - Achievement Awards 6:00PM
30th— 4-H Shooting Sports Committee

November

1st- 4-H Enrollment DUE

OCTOBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Zoom Re-Enrollment Meeting for all members	3 5 Wk. Shooting Sports Course	4 Teen Council Officer Meeting 6pm	5	6	7
8	9	10 5 Wk. Shooting Sports Course	11 Trailer Safety Class 6pm	12	13 County Medal and Nominations Due	14 Hunter Education Course 8-4 Teen Council Meeting 6pm
15	16	17	18 Riding Dreams 4-H Club Painting Project	19 ABC Trip	20 ABC Trip	21 Achievement Night
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Fall Fun Show & Gymkhana
29	30 Shooting Sports Committee Meeting	31				

Happy 4-H New Year

4-H Re-enrollment Season is Here!

Each year in October we are required to re-enroll all 4-H youth and volunteers. Most of our families have become familiar with this process, however, we are making some pretty significant changes this year, primarily in that all families are now encouraged to re-enroll using the 4-H Online System. Folks are still welcome to request paper enrollment forms.

There will be an informational Zoom meeting on Monday, October 2nd at 6pm to walk through the re-enrollment process. You should have received an email with the link to this meeting. Please contact glb76@cornell.edu if you need the link resent. This meeting will be recorded and a link will be shared with all families so that they can reference as needed. Please feel free to join the live meeting to ask any questions about this process.

Though online re-enrollment is being encouraged, we will still need to collect hard copies of all forms and payment. If you are in a 4-H club, please contact your club leader to see how they would like to collect these forms and payments. If you are an individual, you can find all of the required forms at our website: ccesaratoga.org. Just look for "Re-Enrollment Forms" on the left side bar on the 4-H Youth page. Please note that if you are re-enrolling online, you will not need to submit the actual enrollment forms, just the forms notated below.

This is a new process for us, and we appreciate everyone's patience if we need to work through any issues. As always, never be afraid to reach out to us with questions or concerns.

2023-2024 Enrollment Forms

Members:

- Online Enrollment or Paper Re-Enrollment Form
- Acknowledgement of Risk Form
- Equine Acknowledgement of Risk Form (Only if involved in horse project).
- NYS 4-H Code of Conduct
- \$5 Enrollment Fee (Cash or Check to "CCE Saratoga")

Leaders:

- Online Enrollment or Paper Re-Enrollment Form
- NYS 4-H Code of Conduct
- CCE Volunteer Code of Conduct
- \$5 Enrollment Fee (Cash or Check to "CCE Saratoga")

Any forms maybe mailed or dropped off at our office

CCE Saratoga
50 W. High St.
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Enrollment Packet Support for Leaders

Thanks to all of our leaders who attended one of our re-enrollment meetings. Club re-enrollment packets were distributed at those meetings.

Organizational Leaders working on enrollment packets may call the office, at 518-885-8995, to get help with questions or concerns with the required forms.

If you'd like to make an appointment to chat one on one, please call the office or email Leland at glb76@cornell.edu.



PAPER CLOVER FUNDRAISER



The 2023 Paper Clover Campaign is scheduled for October 4th-15th. We would like a presence at both Tractor Supply Stores in Saratoga County during the fall campaign (Wilton and Clifton Park). This is a great way to support the 4-H Youth Development Program in Saratoga County. Please stop in at the stores on the weekends of 10/7 until 10/14 and support our clubs by purchasing a Paper Clover and thanking our youth. If you would like to volunteer for a shift, contact Greg at grs9@cornell.edu or call the office at 518-885-8995.

This fundraiser would not be a success without your support!

PAPER CLOVER
EVERYONE'S A WINNER!

OCTOBER 4-15
Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.

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The William M. Schwerd Center



On Saturday, September 21st, we officially opened our new Educational Facility at the Training Center. It was dedicated in the honor of our Executive Director, Bill Schwerd. Bill is responsible for so much of what we have here in Saratoga County. It was truly a great day! We owe a debt of gratitude to so many who made this building a reality, and thanks to all who attended.

The William M. Schwerd Center



Saratoga County 4-H Celebrates Our 4-H Volunteers

On Thursday, September 21st we gathered to celebrate some very special people, our 4-H Leaders. The evening was filled with great fellowship, wonderful food and beautiful tributes to the dedication and commitment that our 4-H Volunteers have to Cornell Cooperative Extension.

All 4-H Volunteers are Leaders in our organization, and we hope that we can celebrate your contribution to our program in the future. We encourage all 4-H Volunteers to grow in their role through participation in 4-H program, professional development and by participating in the 4-H Leaders Celebration.

We cannot wait until next year when we again come together to show our appreciation for our amazing 4-H Leaders!



Saratoga County 4-H County Medal and Special Recognition

Dear 4-H Leaders and Parents

Building self esteem is what 4-H is all about. Providing recognition for 4-H membership, project accomplishments and leadership activities validates the accomplishments of 4-H members and helps build self esteem. Receiving a smile, pat on the back, praise, ribbon or other form of recognition makes a person feel worthwhile and good.

4-H Achievement Night is an annual county-wide event held to salute 4-H members and clubs. It will be held Saturday, October 21st at 6pm at the 4-H Training Center. 4-H'ers will be recognized for their participation in a variety of projects, events, activities, and fundraisers through the presentation of certificates, rosettes, county medals, plaques and trophies. 4-H leaders and parents are thanked for the leadership and support they provide which helps motivate 4-H members "To Make the Best Better" as they look forward to a new 4-H year.

County medals and rosettes are among the awards presented on Achievement Night. 4-H leaders may nominate members to receive these awards by returning the enclosed forms by October 11th. The purpose of the county medal and rosette program is to recognize 4-H members who have shown growth and accomplishments within a specific program area. The eligibility requirements and award areas are outlined on the forms found on the website. We strongly encourage you to nominate deserving 4-H'ers. Please only nominate those who stand out, rather than every club member in every project. Be sure to include why the 4-H'er is deserving of that medal on the nomination form. Please note that each program area nomination must be listed separately with supporting documentation. Please note: Parents of Individual Members may also nominate their children.

Many of the awards and individual certificates of achievement require the completion and submission of a 4-H Project and Activity Record. Be sure that the **4-H Project and Activity Record Books are turned into the 4-H Office by October 13th so your members can be properly recognized.** Fair, Walkathon, and outstanding club secretary awards will also be presented at our Achievement Night

County Medal and Special Recognition Nomination Forms are below:

[County Medal Application](#)
[Special Recognition Application](#)

We look forward to seeing you and your 4-H families at Achievement Night on Saturday, October 21st.

Sincerely,

Greg Stevens
4-H Issue Leader



DEC Hunter Education Course Saturday, October 14th

It's Fall... and hunting season is upon us. If YOU plan on hunting, remember, first time hunters in New York State MUST take and pass a Hunter Education course. Similar courses are also required for bow hunting and trapping. A certificate from the appropriate course is required in order to purchase a license. Hunters must be at least fourteen to hunt big game with a firearm and twelve for bow hunting. Bear in mind, twelve year olds may hunt small game

There will be a DEC Hunter Education Course on Saturday, October 14th from 8:00-4:00 at the 4-H Training Center. This course is open to youth and adults. To complete the course, students must be present for the entire in-person course on 10/14, and students will have to retrieve a workbook and homework sheet from the CCE Office. Homework must be completed and submitted the morning of the course.

To register for this course, please visit: <https://register-ed.com/events/view/203974>

If you have any questions, please call 518.885.8995 or email glb76@cornell.edu

TEEN COUNCIL



WHAT: Teen Council Meeting and Activity
WHO: All 4-H Teens
WHEN: Saturday, October 14th at 6:00pm
WHERE: 4-H Training Center



Happy Fall Everyone! Saratoga County 4-H Teen Council is looking forward to a fantastic new 4-H year and we hope that all of our 4-H Teens can join us! If you are looking for a fun opportunity to meet other 4-H Teens, ways to give back to the community through acts of service, or a place to develop your leadership and teamwork skills, then 4-H Teen Council is for you!

Our October In-person meeting will be election of new officers, a fun fall activity! We hope you can join us!

If you are interested in running for a Teen Council Officer Position, please contact Leland at glb76@cornell.edu



Congratulations Rylie!

On Saturday August 19th, at 12:26pm Rylie Lear Mclenithen and her husband Ryan welcomed baby Truen into the world. Everyone is doing well! We have a stable of young ones around the 4-H office now (pardon the expression). We're looking forward to getting Rylie back in November! Congratulations to all!



Hey You....Volunteer! You are a LEADER!

Leaders News

Welcome to the new year of Saratoga County 4-H. Leaders Association would like to share some of our successes and invite you to join us.

Did you know that every enrolled volunteer is a member of Saratoga County 4-H Leaders Association? Whether you are the organizational leader, activity leader or someone who just helps out your club, you are part of the leaders association. So that means that we need you!

Leaders Association holds 2 fundraisers every year, The **4-H Golf Classic** in June and the **4-H Chicken BBQ** in July at the County Fair. This year was our biggest golf tournament in 22 years of doing it and we can only hope to continue to grow. The chicken BBQ is a staple at the county fair and we have added a pick-up option at the Saratoga County Training Center. It continues to sell out.

So what do we do with this money? We give it back to our youth. By providing 2-3 scholarships every year, and helping youth go on 4-H trips. We help youth go on trips with 4-H. We even have money set aside to give to clubs who have an experience that they might not be able to afford. Reach out to find out how you can take advantage of this money.

Leaders Association meets every other month and we have a virtual option if you can't get to Ballston Spa
The next Leaders meeting is November 13, 2023

Please reach out to Leaders Association at scladersgolf@gmail.com with any questions or thoughts you would like to share with us!!

4-H Horse News

Straight From The Horses Mouth

Important Dates

Equine Educational Talk	October 3rd
This will be at the Malta Farm & Garden at 6:30pm	
Topics- Equine Nutrition Myths & Winter Check list for Horse Owners	
Trailer Safety Class.....	October 11th
Horse Painting Project	October 18th
Fall Fun Show & Gymkhana	October 28th
With Concessions!	

Trailer Safety Class October 11th:

This will be a class where 4-H'ers will learn all about trailer safety with their horses. They will learn the following...

- How to hook up a horse trailer and all the safety features on a trailer.
- How to safely load and unload a horse trailer.
- How to keep your horse safe on the trailer.
- Trailer safety on the road.

Through many of our 4-Hers are not old enough to drive their own rig but it is still important for them to know and understand trailering safety. One day they will be in charge of transporting their own horses and they will know how to do so safely for them and there horse!

TIME :6pm LOCATION: 4-H Training Center We will be in the indoor arena, dress accordingly!

For more information or questions contact Nicolina at nvf5@cornell.edu or call our office 518-885-8995



On **October 18th** Riding Dreams 4-H club will be hosting a project with an artist to come and create a painting project with their club and outside youth are also welcome. The painting will be horse themed. This will take place in the Main Classroom at the Training Center. **RSVPs required, by Wednesday October 11th**

TIME: 6:30 pm LOCATION: 4-H Training Center (Indoor Arena)
For more information and to RSVP contact Samantha Briggs (Club Leader)
Email: shermans@nycap.rr.com Phone: 518-698-1814



Shout Out to Riding Dreams 4-H Club!

In September they had an Equine massage therapist come out to the their meeting to give a demonstration.

! Does your club do some fun and interesting programs or activities? Send us pictures and tell us about it! We love highlighting our dedicated volunteers who makes these things happen and we love making these opportunities more accessible to our 4-H Youth!

? Are you as a leader looking for some ideas for club projects or maybe you want to do some fun activities to help club growth and attendance? Reach out to us, we are happy to help brainstorm ideas and lend a helping hand. Contact Nicolina at nvf5@cornell.edu or call our office at 518-885-8995!



So Cool!