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»»» WAYNE COUNTY 4-H «««  
*Monthly Newsletter*

# CLOVER CHRONICLES



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## HAVE A QUESTION? CONTACT US!

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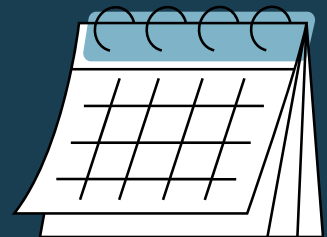


## VOLUNTEER CORNER

### Background Checks

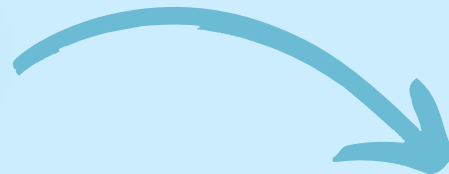
If you have not yet completed a background check, you will be emailed soon. It will be coming from “First Choice Background Screening”. The link is only available for a few days, so please be sure to respond quickly. Thank you!

### Join us!



Our next Advisory Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:15pm. We will have a “Club Leader Meet-Up” immediately following this meeting. This will be an opportunity for you to chat with other club leaders, brainstorm ideas, and see what resources we have available to borrow from CCE.

### Volunteer Hours



We are going to try using [this spreadsheet](#) to track volunteer hours. Please add your name and the total number of hours you volunteer with Wayne County 4-H each month.

We recommend that you save the link for easy access.



# 4-H LENDING CLOSET



## OUR FOCUS IS EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

### *Open to Club Leaders*

Come sign-out items at CCE to challenge your Club! We have a wide variety of items available to try new things without the huge cost of purchasing the items.

### *Items Available*

- Water Bath Canners
- Pressure Canners
- Fishing Poles
- Juicer Kit
- Sewing Machines
- Youth Science Kits
- Stem Challenge Kits
- Snow Shoes
- Gardening Kits
- Strainers
- Rolling Pins
- Slicing sets

### BORROW TODAY!

📍 1581 Route 88 North, Newark, NY 14513  
 📞 (315) 331-8415  
 🌐 [ccewayne.org](http://ccewayne.org)



*Reach out to Melissa to learn more!*

# DO YOU HAVE A 5-7 YEAR OLD WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN A CLUB?

## Check Out Our New Cloverbud Club!

We are starting a Cloverbud Club for youths ages 5-7. This opportunity is especially geared for youths not already in another club so they can get the club experience. The club will meet once a month and will be led by Laura and Maeve. Sessions will generally take place on the weekend at CCE in Newark, and we are hoping for the same youths to attend each month. Each session will include such activities as: crafts, cooking/food prep, game, book, etc. The first three sessions are scheduled for:

Sun., 1/21 (1-2:30pm)

Sun., 2/18 (1-2:30pm)

Sat., 3/30 (10-11:30am)

There are limited spots available, so club membership will be on a first-come first served basis. If you would like to sign your 5-7 year old up for the Cloverbud Club, please email Ryan with the information below:

- Youth's Name
- Youth's Age
- Youth's Interests
- If the youth is available on the dates listed above







## BLANKET-MAKING SESSION TO BENEFIT...

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**Saturday, January 11th from 10a to 12p**

-- Open to Youth 4+ & 8+

For our next monthly workshop, we'll be doing a little community service. Participants will make a tie-blanket, which we will then donate to Project Linus, an organization that gives handmade blankets to children who need some warmth and comfort - due to a serious illness, trauma, or other challenging circumstance.

Please register using this link, or scan the QR Code to the right.



Each youth should bring a fleece tie-blanket kit or two large square pieces of fleece to make a blanket. If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute, you can donate extra fleece or completed blankets (these can include quilts, crocheted, or other types of blankets) to the CCE office by Friday, January 12th.

# JANUARY TEEN ACTIVITY NIGHT

Teen Activity Nights take place the **third Wednesday of each month**, typically at CCE in Newark. They are open to any teen or tween (ages 12 and up) currently enrolled in Wayne County 4-H. We'll do different activities each month, including board games, art projects, and cooking. Snacks are provided!

Our January session will take place on Wednesday, January 17th from 6:30 to 8pm, and we will be painting a wintry scene of a fox in the snow! Note: In February we will be doing a jewelry-making session on 2/10 in place of our traditional 3rd Wednesday evening session.



Any teens and tweens interested in participating in the painting session should reach out to Ryan by noon on Monday, January 15th so she can make sure she has enough materials available.

# PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS 2024

## Related Dates:

- Saturday, February 10th from 10 to 11:30am ~ Practice Public Presentation Workshop
- Thursday, March 7th: 5-8pm, Friday, March 8th: 2-8pm, & Saturday, March 9th: 9am-6pm ~ Wayne County Public Presentations
- Saturday, April 20th ~ Finger Lakes District Public Presentations *(for youths selected to move on to this level)*

## CALL FOR JUDGES

Each year, we hear from 4-H youths and families that the Public Presentations are one of the most valuable learning experiences 4-H has to offer. It helps prepare our young people to be confident, comfortable presenters which sets them up for success later in life. Are you interested in being an evaluator (or assisting in some other way)? If so, please reach out to Ryan and she'd be happy to share more information about the opportunities available.



## YOUTH PRESENTER SIGN-UP COMING SOON!

## Horse Knowledge Practices



Would you like to learn more about Hippology, Horse Judging and Horse Bowl? Would you like to have a fun learning experience with your friends and meet other friends. Come to our practices and make some new friends while learning about horses.

- **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> - 7 to 8:30pm @ Cracker Box Palace 6450 Shaker Road (West Barn) Alton, NY 14516 Please dress warmly as we may visit the barn**
- **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7 to 8:30pm @ Wayne County CE 1581 NY88 Newark NY 14513**
- **Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> - 7 to 8:30pm @ Cracker Box Palace 6450 Shaker Road (West Barn) Alton, NY 14516 Please dress warmly as we may visit the barn**
- **Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> - 7 to 8:30pm @ Wayne County CE 1581 NY88 Newark NY 14513**
- **Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - 7 to 8:30pm @ Cracker Box Palace 6450 Shaker Road (West Barn) Alton, NY 14516 Please dress warmly as we may visit the barn**
- **Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7 to 8:30pm @ Wayne County CE 1581 NY88 Newark NY 14513**
- **Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> - 7 to 8:30pm @ Wayne County CE 1581 NY88 Newark NY 14513**



## 4-H Horse Knowledge Events

**Hippology** – Do you love horses? If so, you will want to check out Hippology. This event is dedicated to the study of the horse and consists of a test, stations, horse judging, slides and team problem. This is the most robust contest in that all topics are covered in the contest along with all forms. Kids have the ability to take a test, work together as a team on a team problem, work individually identifying hands on material, judging horses etc. If you don't know one topic, you are able to make up the points in another area.



**Horse Judging** – is a contest where you judge 4 horses. It can either be a conformation class (how the horse is put together, anatomy) or a performance class (where the horse is ridden) After placing the class, you have the ability to give the judge your reasons for placing the class the way you did. The ability to give reasons helps in communication and reasoning. It allows youth to describe why they liked or disliked what they judged.



## 4-H Horse Knowledge Events – Continued

**Horse Bowl** - Do you like the game family feud? This is a game where you use buzzers and answer questions on any topic about the horse. There are two teams of 4 kids that play against each other answering questions on horses. There are resources available at the 4-H office to study questions. Kids work together as a team to gain points in the contest along with working on coordination and timing, pressing buzzers.



**Presentations** – Kids can give a variety of Presentations including a Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Recitation, Speech or Public Address, Interview, Impromptu, Team Demonstration or Horse Communication. This is one of the most valuable of the horse learning experiences because kids research what they would like to present and they also learn communication skills while doing so.



If any adults have any expertise or knowledge on any horse topics such as feeding, driving, different types of tack, farrier etc. we are always looking for help in teaching our youth and input in different areas.

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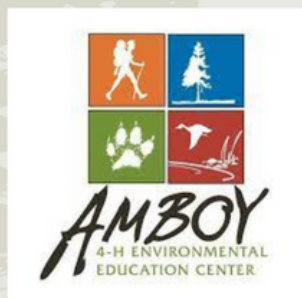
## S'MORE FUN

## FEBRUARY 2-4

# WINTER WEEKEND

## DISCOVER NATURE'S BEAUTY WITH US AT AMBOY 4-H ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Join our S'more fun winter weekend adventure for a unique opportunity to explore nature, learn valuable hiking, sledding, and snowshoeing skills while having an unforgettable adventure. Open to 4-Hers ages 12 and older, cost \$45 per youth. Come for s'mores, crafts, games, hot dog roast, community service project, friends and lots of fun.



### REGISTER HERE

☎ 315-331-8415

<https://forms.gle/HP5t14Yho1cxJmEd9>



748 State Route 183,  
Williamstown, NY 13493



# 2024 4-H Winter Round-Up

**Friday through Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Amboy 4-H Environmental Education Center*

This year we are excited to announce that our winter horse program, Winter Round-Up, will be returning to a full weekend format! If you're interested in learning about horses, doing equine related activities, and having food and fun with friends, then this weekend is for YOU! It will be spent learning without your horse counterpart and will help you get to know fellow equestrians from Oswego County — and beyond!

The cost for each attendee is \$40.00 and the cost for chaperones is \$18.00, this includes all meals, snacks, handouts, and hands-on items. To register, please visit [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/WinterRoundUp24-2\\_235](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/WinterRoundUp24-2_235) or scan the QR Code to the right with your smart phone. Registration and fees are due to the office by **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**, with no refunds being issued after that date. After we receive your registration and money, you will be sent our confirmation letter with detailed information and permission slip.



If you have any questions, or require any extra information, please contact Nathaniel English at either the office at 963-7286 extension 402 or by email at [ne235@cornell.edu](mailto:ne235@cornell.edu).

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**[Link to Register](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/WinterRoundUp24-2_235)**



# 2024 NYS 4-H LIVESTOCK SUMMIT

JANUARY 24TH TO FEBRUARY 24TH @ 7 P.M.  
VIA ZOOM

- January 24th - AgVocating for your Market Animal  
Eileen Jenson, New York Animal Agricultural Coalition
- January 31st - Getting it Done at Home!  
Tracy Dendinger, Champion Choice Camps
- February 7th - Swine Health  
John Heins, National Pork Board
- February 21st - Animal First Aid  
Kate Perz, Suffolk County Farm and Education Center Educator
- February 28th - Where is that Steak From?  
Jessica Waltemeyer, NYS Extension Small Ruminant Specialist

To Register: <https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvcOGvpjgiHNO-OmN6ENgjxt8vWMfIVYiG>

For more information contact Brian Aukema at [bja14@cornell.edu](mailto:bja14@cornell.edu)



# VIRTUAL 4-H DAIRY BOWL PRACTICES

Join other youth from across the state for Virtual Dairy Bowl practices, hosted by the NYS 4-H Dairy Committee.



JANUARY 11  
JANUARY 25  
FEBRUARY 8  
FEBRUARY 22  
FEBRUARY 29

TIME: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Register at:  
<https://bit.ly/2024DairyBowlPractice>

CONTACT DEBBIE GRUSENMEYER  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT  
DJC27@CORNELL.EDU



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Monday, January 8th, 9am to 4pm ~ \$\$ Premium Pick-Up \$\$
- Thursday, January 11th, 5:30pm to 8pm ~ \$\$ Premium Pick-Up \$\$
- Saturday, January 13th, 10am to 12pm ~ Blanket-Making Workshop to Benefit Project Linus \*
- Wednesday, January 17th, 6:30 to 8pm ~ Teen Activity Night: Painting Session \*
- Saturday, January 20th ~ LAP Educational Meeting about Beef \*\*
- Sunday, January 21st from 1 to 2:30pm ~ Cloverbud Club \*
- Wednesday, January 24th, 6:15pm ~ 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting, followed by Club Leader Meet-Up
- Friday, February 2nd to Sunday, February 4th ~ Wayne County 4-H S'More Fun Winter Weekend \*
- Saturday, February 10th from 10 to 11:30am ~ Practice Public Presentation Workshop AND Jewelry-Making Session for Teens (*in place of Feb. Teen Activity Night*)
- Sunday, February 18th from 1 to 2:30pm ~ Cloverbud Club \*
- Wednesday, February 28th ~ LAP Educational Meeting about Goats & Lambs \*\*
- Wednesday, March 6th ~ LAP Educational Meeting about Swine \*\*
- Thursday, March 7th: 5-8pm, Friday, March 8th: 2-8pm, & Saturday, March 9th: 9am-6pm ~ Wayne County Public Presentations \*
- Wednesday, March 13th ~ LAP Educational Meeting about Rabbits \*\*
- Tuesday, March 19th (Time TBD) ~ Supervisor for a Day \*
- Saturday, March 30th from 10 to 11:30am ~ Cloverbud Club \*
- *Saturday, April 20th ~ Finger Lakes District Public Presentations (for youths selected to move on to this level)*
- *Monday, April 22nd ~ Earth Day (Clubs are encouraged to do an eco-friendly/ nature activity on or near this date)*
- April 24th to May 5th ~ Spring Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Co. (A great promotion opportunity for clubs!)
- May 3rd to May 5th ~ STAR @ NYS Fairgrounds \*
- Saturday, June 15 - Sunday, June 16th ~ Wayne County 4-H Horse Show \*
- Monday, July 8th - Friday, July 12th ~ Camp Beechwood @ Beechwood State Park \*
- Saturday July 13th - Sunday, July 14th ~ Wayne County 4-H Horse Show \*
- Monday, July 15th - Friday, July 19th ~ Gardening & Cooking Camp \*
- October 2nd to 13th ~ Fall Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Co. (A great promotion opportunity for clubs!)

\* Registration Required: See newsletter or reach out to the 4-H Office for more information.

\*\* All are welcome at these LAP events, even if you're not a member of the Livestock Auction Program

## CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ADDITIONS

If you have a photo, story, idea, or shout-out that you'd like us to include in a future newsletter, please email it to Ryan Kincaid, with "Newsletter Additions" in the subject line.

