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# Clover Chronicle

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## August- September 2025

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## Save the Date 4-H Fun Run

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*October 25<sup>th</sup>*  
*Schodack Island State Park*

More information will be sent out in the email blasts closer to the date. To benefit the 4-H Horse Program this year, with hope to make to make an annual event to benefit the whole 4-H program in the future.

## Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

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*September 11<sup>th</sup> – 4 to 6 PM*

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Schaghticoke Fairgrounds at the Route 40 (Main Street) Entrance

Cost - \$18 for ½ a chicken, coleslaw, baked potato and corn bread

RSVP by calling – 518-421-2360 – payment can be made in advance (but not required) by going to the code below. Please be sure to place in the “write a note” box on the payment platform your name, number of dinners and best phone number to reach you.

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=NJDL6WY2MGZ58](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=NJDL6WY2MGZ58)

Profits to Benefit the 4-H Teen Exchange

## 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](mailto:kmf83@cornell.edu).

### Clover Kids and Critters- Silas Elis

Clover Kids and Critters met in June and learned about bird nests and how and why they make them. Then each member tried to make their own, which was a harder than they expected. July and made recycled tire projects. Some of them decided to make teeter-totters and others made personal rockers. They are excited to decorate them and bring them to fair.



### Rensselaer County Trailblazers- Annabel Reynolds

At the meeting in July the club discussed the 3-Day Clinic, they liked the ranch and trail classes and appreciated the dressage instructor's feedback. The Equation instructor, they felt, spoke too quietly. They talked about the upcoming Youth Show and planned their fair display, stall decorations, and items for their 4-H Auction basket. Trailblazers will be setting up the Gymkhana at the fair.

## Teen Exchange is looking for Members

If you are in the 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade this fall and interested in learning more about the 4-H Teen Exchange program, mark your calendar for September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. This meeting will be held at the fairgrounds in our CCE building. Bring your own chair. Teen Exchange is a two-year project/commitment that starts in September. The purpose of the Teen Exchange is to expose youth to the vast diversity we find in our own United States. Providing an opportunity for members to experience life, people, geography, industries and food systems of a different state and region (it is not a vacation). The primary activities in addition to honing leadership skills is fundraising to help cover expenses associated with traveling to our match county and hosting our match county. Typically, we host and travel for a full week between the dates of July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>. We never know exact dates until we are well into the year. Please RSVP if you would like to attend the orientation meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> by calling the CCE office or emailing Bernie at [bw27@cornell.edu](mailto:bw27@cornell.edu).



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Call the CCE Office: (518) 272-4210  
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You can leave a voicemail message  
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**Facebook:** Rensselaer County 4-H

**YouTube:** CCE Rensselaer  
<https://www.youtube.com/ccerensselaer>

### **Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County**

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*If you have comments or suggestions don't hesitate  
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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 newest volunteer: Audrey Vanderhoef

## Reenrollment Update

For the 2025-2026 4-H year, we will again be doing reenrollments and new enrollments virtually through 4-H Online beginning on October 1st. If you have not already done so, you will need to reset your password on 4-H Online the first time you log in. 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](mailto: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 your club meeting to help members get re-enrolled.

To complete the reenrollment process please follow the instructions below:

Log into 4-H Online; *You will be asked to reset your password if you have not logged in before.* 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](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu)

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

Payment for your reenrollments can be made via the CCE website donation page at <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/donate> 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.

## 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](mailto:cce-rensselaer-volunteer@cornell.edu).

## 4-H Leader & Volunteer Roundtable

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*Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00pm*

Rensselaer County 4-H club leaders, volunteers and teens are invited to a roundtable to kick off the new 4-H year on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm at the CCE office. We will discuss reenrollment procedures, upcoming events, and share other information. Each club is strongly encouraged to send a representative. To rsvp for the meet and greet, please contact Eileen. We hope to see many of our leaders that evening! Please RSVP by Friday, September 19th.

## Junior Chefs

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*Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm @ the CCE Office*

The Junior Chefs will be making food items with a fall theme. There is a participation fee of \$10.00 for 4-H members and \$12.00 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](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu)



## 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 \$12.00 a pair. Each purchase supports Rensselaer County 4-H. To purchase socks, contact Eileen at [emd32@cornell.edu](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu). We will also have socks at upcoming 4-H events as well as at the fair to purchase.

## Honor Club Application

Every 4-H Club has the opportunity to join the ranks of becoming a Rensselaer County 4-H Honor Club! This prestigious award is given to each Club that accumulates a minimum of 100 points on the rubric. Did you know it was as easy as getting enrollment paperwork in by October 31<sup>st</sup>, sending in Secretary's Reports, recording your community service project, and/or participating in 4-H events and trainings?

Points are available for a variety of activities such as membership, project work, 4-H training and workshops, participation in club and county events, and demonstrate consistent leadership. To be eligible for Honor Club, 4-H clubs must apply by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

[Honor Club Application](#)





## New York State Animal and Agriculture Leadership Program

The New York Youth Animal Science team is thrilled to announce the launch of the second year of the NYS Animal and Agricultural Leadership (AAL) Program — a statewide opportunity for high school students entering at least their sophomore year.

This unique program allows students to explore post-secondary education and career pathways in the dairy, livestock, and equine industries. Participants will connect with faculty and college students, engage in college and career planning, and take part in personal development activities — all within a dynamic, hands-on learning environment.

Throughout the program, students will gain exposure to the field of animal science, exploring opportunities within various species and learning how those interests can translate into diverse career paths.

### Program Highlights:

- Four two-day sessions held throughout the year.
- Interactive experiences across multiple animal science disciplines
- Networking and mentorship opportunities
- Skill-building in leadership, planning, and communication

Application Deadline: September 1

Selections will be made based on each applicant's essay, demonstrated interest, and a personal reference.

Program Fee: \$100 per student for the year.

Apply and learn more at: <https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/nys-animal-and-agriculture-leadership-program>

For questions, please contact: Brian Aukema – [bj14@cornell.edu](mailto:bj14@cornell.edu), Debbie Grusenmeyer – [djc27@cornell.edu](mailto:djc27@cornell.edu), Brianna Hughes – [bh548@cornell.edu](mailto:bh548@cornell.edu), and Jessica Tyson – [jms943@cornell.edu](mailto:jms943@cornell.edu)

## Ambassador Council Teens

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, several 4-H members attended a Fair Prep workshop at the Schaghticoke Fair. The youth made a variety of projects that they can enter at the fair in the Natural Resources, Fiber Arts, and Fine Arts sections. Thank you to our terrific teen helpers Alice Bourdeau, Grady Diamond, MacKenzie Diamond, Emilee Roadcap and volunteer Sarah Diamond for helping with the workshop! We are looking forward to seeing everyone's projects at the fair! The teens also got a head start on cleaning out the sheep and goat barn, measured the rabbit and poultry boards and collected items to get a head start with making the fair come together!



## Teen Exchange

What an amazing host week we had with our friends from Wyoming. Huge thank you to those of you who have supported our numerous fundraisers to help us support our many outings and activities we did for our host week. Many thanks to our hosts of places we toured and visited. It is safe to say that NY members learned a thing or two new in all the locations we visited. Many thanks to St. Croix Farm for hosting our opening potluck, Tiashoke Farm – the Dairy for the amazing tour, the New York State Racing Association and NYS 4-H Equine Program for the wonderful 4-H Day at the Track, Victory View Vineyard, Ecovative Technologies, the Troy Waterfront Farmers Market, and the Meyers for coordinating our closing potluck at the Babcock Lake Community Beach. All those locations and visits in addition to a full day spent in New York City. The week went by way too fast. We will be preparing a club display for the Schaghticoke Fair and will be recruiting 4-H Members for the next Teen Exchange rotation which will start this fall and go through the Fall of 2027. The Teen Exchange is a cultural exchange that focuses on the varied food systems in the U.S. Members between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade this fall are eligible to join Teen Exchange. There will be an information meeting at the fairgrounds on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the CCE Building. Please RSVP to Bernie if you are planning to attend or have questions - [bw27@cornell.edu](mailto:bw27@cornell.edu). Our first fundraiser in the new rotation will be September 11<sup>th</sup> which will consist of ½ a chicken, coleslaw, corn bread and baked potato for \$18. Please RSVP to secure the number of dinners you would like. Pickups will be available at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds at the entrance across from Stewarts. You can also place your order by going to our donate button here –

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=NJDL6WY2MGZ58](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=NJDL6WY2MGZ58)

When you get to the payment page please place in the “write a note” to indicate the number of dinners you would like to reserve, your name, number of dinners and the best phone to reach you. Thank you and we hope to serve you on September 11<sup>th</sup>!





## 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 and 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: STEM, Agriculture, Engineering, Communications, and Equine Science.

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 for going as chaperone. 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.



## Day at the Track

Thank you to NYRA and the NYS 4-H Horse program! Our Teen Exchange and Rensselaer County Trail Blazer Club members had a great track experience on opening day at Saratoga. We learned a lot and had fun exploring the flat track.





## 3-Day Clinic





## Youth Show



## FAIR INFORMATION

### 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](mailto: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 13th if you plan to do a presentation.

### Tee-Shirt Order

Order extra Schaghticoke Fair T-Shirts (all youth participating in fair will order shirts through FairEntry). Orders are due on or before August 9th.

Shirts are available for youth and adult sizes. (Please note shirts are NOT available in Youth Extra Large.)

Shirts cost \$14 (there will be an additional \$3.00 for 2XL and 3XL)

The screenshot shows a web-based 'ART PROOF' form for Sawyer's. It includes contact information (518-272-0586, sawyershirt.com) and a checklist for double-checking accuracy: spelling of words and names, garment style and color, and ink & thread color(s). It also contains a note about color accuracy and a deadline of 05.22.25. The form displays two views of a yellow t-shirt: the front with a sunburst design and the back with a four-leaf clover design. To the right, there are preview boxes for the 'FRONT' and 'BACK' of the shirt, showing the Cooperative Extension Rensselaer County logo and the sunburst/clover design respectively. An 'OTHER' section is also present.

[Schaghticoke\\_Fair\\_Tee\\_Shirt\\_Order\\_Form\\_Fillable.pdf](#)

### Snack Bar Coupons/ Refillable Cups

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 young people 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 do not bring last year's cups for refills)! Please call Kandis with any questions.



### Club Exhibits

Club leaders, we are working on our plan for the CCE building, if your club is planning a Club Exhibit this year, please let Eileen ([emd32@cornell.edu](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu)) know as soon as possible to reserve your exhibit space.



## Fair Clean Up

On Wednesday, August 13th 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" workshops 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 new paper on fair clean-up day. Clubs should keep this in mind when preparing their stationary exhibits. Paper will be available during judging and exhibit set-up for clubs that need to cover the dividers.

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 ahead to be able to fit everything in.

## General Interest Evaluations

There will again be two General Interest Judging Days this year, Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-12pm and Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. General Interest entries are due on or before August 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 contact the 4-H 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 do not want members to show 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 contact the 4-H office. If we cannot find a way to make projects fit into the CCE Building, we can help you enter them in the Open Class.

Horse questions should be directed to Bernie Wiesen <mailto:bw27@cornell.edu>

Other animal questions should be directed to Mamnenge Gbim-Gbande <mailto:mbg242@cornell.edu>

Questions about General Interest projects, Club Exhibits, or special opportunities in the CCE Building during the fair should be directed to Eileen DePaula <mailto:emd32@cornell.edu>

Questions about the Snack Bar and Fair Auction should be directed to Kandis Freer <mailto:kmf83@cornell.edu>

Fair books are available online, at the 4-H office and at specified locations around the county after July 1st.

## 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, August 31st 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 do so on Fair Entry by August 10th. If you have questions, contact Mamnenge at 4-H office by calling 518.272.4210.

## Rabbit/Cavy Poultry Expectations & Barn Shifts

It is required that every child bringing poultry or a rabbit to the fair sign up for at least two barn shifts and attend either Wednesday night's Exhibitor Meeting or setup a time to review expectations with Jamie Foucher during check-in.

Please sign up via Google Doc: [2025 Rabbit/Cavy/Poultry Barn Duty Sign up - Google Docs](#)

If you are unable to view the google document or have any questions, please contact Mamnenge.

## Schaghticoke Fair Books/ 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.

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 from the CCE office from August 19th to August 23rd. They will be available for pickup during general interest judging in the CCE Building at the fairgrounds on Saturday, August 24th (9AM to 12PM) and Monday, August 26th (4PM to 7PM). Passes will be available in the CCE Building from 10 AM to 10 PM daily, beginning Wednesday, the first day of the fair.

Since we are moving to an electronic format this year there will be a few 4-H Premium books for the Schaghticoke Fair 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 Fair Book will also be available online at <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/>

***\*Remember all Entries are due to the CCE office by August 10th.***

## 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. If you have questions, please reach out to Mamnenge.



## Animal Health Considerations Before, During and After the Fair

Participating in fairs and agricultural shows is a fun and rewarding part of 4-H. These events bring together people and animals from many different places, which can create unique health risks. When we bring animals to fairs, we take on the responsibility of keeping them and ourselves safe. Proper animal care and smart practices help reduce the risk of spreading diseases. Whether it's a common illness or something more serious, taking simple precautions before, during, and after the fair can make a big difference.

Prior to taking animals to a fair or show

Work with your veterinarian to establish a herd wide vaccination program. Ensure that all fair animals are vaccinated according to requirements.

Do not bring any visibly sick or unthrifty animals to a fair or show.

Complete tests as required by show, county or state fair regulations. Provide appropriate paperwork.

Obtain a properly completed Certificate of Veterinary Examination from your veterinarian for each species including individual tamperproof identification for each animal to be exhibited.

Test for bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) and BVD-PI status. Work with your veterinarian to determine testing protocol.

Minimize stress prior to the fair by providing a clean, dry and comfortable environment, plenty of water and offer the same feeds that will be taken to the fair.

Transport to fair and shows in clean trailers. Do not transport other exhibitors' animals in the same trailer. Avoid the use of commercial trailers.

During the fair:

**Maintain Cleanliness:** Maintaining cleanliness is paramount when handling animals. Before and after interacting with animals, thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water. This practice prevents the spread of germs between animals and humans. Present a good image to the public through proper personal hygiene.

**Keep Pens Clean and Dry:** Ensure animals' pens at fairs or shows remain clean and dry. Regularly dispose of waste, used bedding, and uneaten food to maintain hygienic conditions.

**Provide Clean Water and Feed:** Offer animals clean water and consistent feed throughout the show or fair. Avoid changing the type or source of feed or water during exhibitions. Keep unused feed, forage, and equipment covered to prevent contamination.

**Limit Contact:** Minimize contact with animals from different farms and avoid sharing equipment with other exhibitors. Restricting interaction between animals, exhibitors, and equipment from disparate sources reduces the risk of contamination. Do not allow nose-to-nose contact with animals from other farms or other animal species. Avoid contact with manure from other animals. This means keeping wheelbarrow tires, pitch forks and especially feeding equipment clean and free of manure.

**Disinfect Equipment:** Do not use the same equipment for animals at the show and those on the farm. Disinfect all equipment thoroughly before returning it to the farm to safeguard animals remaining there from show-related contamination.

**Dispose Properly:** Dispose of any remaining bedding, feed, and forage either at the show or at an appropriate off-farm site after the exhibition.

After the fair:

When transporting animals to home farms, have designated areas to unload animals away from home herd.

House show animals in a separate facility from the rest of the herd for 3–4 weeks upon return to prevent potential disease spread. Use separate equipment for returning animals. Work routine should be modified so that returning animals are attended to last. Monitor animals for signs of disease, such as fever, diarrhea, skin abnormalities, heel warts, mastitis or abortions.

Minimize stress by making sure they are comfortable, well fed and watered. This will give them the best chance to fight off any infection picked up at the fair.

Ensure that the home herd is well vaccinated prior to any animals attending shows or fairs. Should a returning animal bring home a disease there will be less chance of a disease outbreak.

Adhering to these guidelines, it ensures responsible animal care during fairs and shows minimizing health risks and promoting the well-being of all animals involved.

## 2025 New York State Fair Animal Health Requirements

The Animal Health Requirements for the 2025 county fairs and New York State Fair and other relevant documents are now available online.

You can find the requirements 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:

2025 Fair Animal Health Requirements:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2025/02/fairhealthrequirements.pdf>

2025 Fair Interstate Health Requirements:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2025/02/interstatehealthrequirementsforfairs.pdf>

NEW FOR 2025: Emergency Animal Disease Regulations for 2025 NYS State and County Fairs

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2025/02/emergencyanimaldiseaseregulationsforfairs.pdf>

Two notable updates to the animal health requirements for the 2025 fair season include:

1. Radio frequency identification, commonly referred to as “840 RFID tags,” for all cattle.
2. HPAI test for each lactating dairy heifer/cow entering any New York fair or exhibition.

## H5N1(Avian Influenza/Bird Flu) Resources for Livestock Shows

The EXCITE H5N1 Team has developed several resources with recommendations to reduce the risk of transmission of H5N1 at shows.

- [Recommendations for ORGANIZERS of dairy shows and events to Reduce the risk of H5N1 virus transmission](#)
- [Recommendations for Dairy Show and Event EXHIBITORS to Reduce the Risk Transmission of H5N1](#)
- Resources for GENERAL LIVESTOCK and forthcoming resources can be found at: <https://h5n1.extension.org/youth-livestock-events-and-shows-2/>



## 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

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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# Cornell Cooperative Extension | Rensselaer County

99 Troy Road, Suite 203, East Greenbush, NY 12061  
Tel: 518-272-4210 Fax: 272-1648

To: 4-H Auction Donors

August 1, 2025

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 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

**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 must be signed up for a Snack Bar shift.**

| Time           | Wednesday                   | Thursday               | Friday                 | Saturday                | Sunday                  | Monday              |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 7:30am-11:00am | Hoosick Shamrocks           | Jogging Juniors        | Clover Kids & Critters | Feathers & Fur 4-H Club | Playful Ponies          |                     |
| 11:00am-2:30pm | 12-12:30 Growing Clovers    | Diamond/Goyer Families | Equine Explorers       |                         | Giglio & Goyer Families | Blue Ribbon Bandits |
| 2:30pm-6:00pm  | Critters 4-H Club           |                        | Clover Kids & Critters |                         | Grown in Groveside      | Blue Ribbon Bandits |
| 6:00pm-9:30pm  | Vince Reiter & Trailblazers | Southern Livestock     |                        |                         | 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 professionally, 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 4-H Office or email it as an attachment to [kmf83@cornell.edu](mailto: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. To do this, we are asking each club to donate to the Snack Bar.

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

Hot Coco mix

Salt and Pepper

Vegetable Oil

Decaffeinated Coffee

Individual bagged chips

Salsa

Ketchup

Relish

Tea bags– large and regular individual size

Ranch Dressing

Italian Dressing

Freeze Pops

Individual Cereal

Sour Cream

Shredded cheese– taco blend

Mustard

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.

## 2025 New York State Fair Selections

4-H projects that were chosen at the 2024 Schaghticoke Fair for the New York State Fair will be evaluated and on display in Syracuse from August 20<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>. All projects must be delivered to the CCE office no later than Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, or can be dropped off at Fair Clean-up Day on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

All State Fair projects do need an "Exhibitor Entry Statement". The NYS 4-H office is working on updating the form and when available it 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](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu) and watch upcoming email blasts for more information as well.

Those projects chosen to advance to the 2025 State Fair are:

Jace Freer (Creative Clothing)

Olivia Goyer (Creative Clothing, Wreath)

Luke Giglio (Maker/Tinker, Clipboard, Table)

Wesley Brownell (Healthy Snack)

Mallory Rowland (Painting)

Bret Giglio (Paintings)

Madelyn Goyer (Ceramics)

Kira Colarossi (Chewy Chocolate Bars)

Thomas Colarossi (Almond Biscotti, Carving)

Juliette Brownell (Photos)

Owen Campenella (Textile Arts, Photo)

MacKenzie Diamond (Mosaic)

Amelia Pello (Photos)

Hannah Nichols (Sign)

Glendora Kilmer (Snickerdoodle Cookie Bars)





## 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 Demonstration Day in the current year.
4. Must have participated in the Medal 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 4-H 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 each year. However, they will not receive more than one Medal award per year. Medals are awarded only once in each project area.

### County Medal Categories

|                                |                        |                            |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Achievement in Area not Listed | Entomology             | Tractor /Engine            |
| Agriculture                    | Fashion Revue/Sewing   | Photography                |
| Beef                           | Fitness                | Poultry                    |
| Breads                         | Food & Nutrition       | Public Speaking/Commentary |
| Cavy                           | Food Preservation      | Rabbit                     |
| Community Service              | Forestry               | Safety                     |
| Conservation                   | Gardening/Horticulture | Sheep                      |
| Consumer Education             | Health                 | Shooting Sports            |
| Dairy                          | Horse                  | Swine                      |
| Dairy Foods                    | Leadership             | Vet Science                |
| Dog Care                       | Natural Resources      | Wood Science               |

Applicant Name (please print):

Mailing Address:

Zip:

***The undersigned verify this application represents an accurate record of achievement as stated:***

Applicant Signature:

Leader Signature:

Please give a summary of the most valuable lessons you have learned as the result of your involvement in your selected project area. Have your expectations changed for the project? Do you envision a career in this field? Has this project made an impact on your life? Has this project allowed you to influence others in a positive way? How have you grown through this project?

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## August

Lochlen Ferris  
Zellia Fanfa  
Luke Giglio  
Emalee Foucher  
Raegan Robinson  
Sean O'Brien  
Bridget Gutierrez  
Ella Atherton  
Ella-Mae Guile  
Liam Gutierrez

## September

Trent Marchaland  
Mason Tudor  
Paige Tudor  
Alicia Minkler  
Lilly Bell Ellis  
Branch Ymisson  
Carlo Colarossi  
Jace Freer  
Colin Marchaland  
Camden Fisher  
William Cottrell  
Abbigail Hayner

Michael Abbott  
Nora Lavigne  
Sadie Lavigne  
Caleb Cohen  
Makenna Luskin  
Gracelynn Rudat  
Eva Higgins  
Brooke Ames  
Landyn Barton  
Sophie Townsend  
Russell Sifter  
Chelsea Ames  
Vincent Reiter  
Alexis Smith  
Ryan Hayashi  
Elise Bayly



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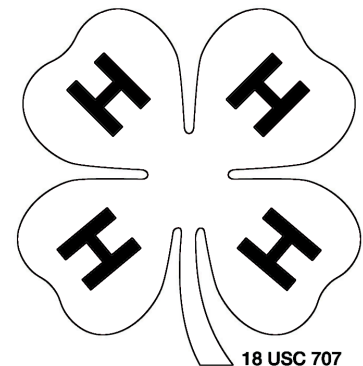
# Calendar of Events

## August

- 5<sup>th</sup> 4-H PDC @ CCE Office; 6:00pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Cattle PDC Meeting @ the Fairgrounds in the CCE Building @7pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Shooting Sports @ Castleton Fish & Game Club; 6:00pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Stablemates Club Show at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds
- 10<sup>th</sup> County Medal Applications Due
- 13<sup>th</sup> Fair Clean Up; 1:00pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Horse PDC meeting – via zoom at 7 PM
- 20<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup> NYS Fair, Syracuse
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Projects Judging at the fair 9:00am – 12:00pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Projects Judging at the fair 4:00pm – 7:00pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Fair Setup and State Vet Check in (2-8pm)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Schaghticoke Fair Begins, Horse Show and Poultry Breed Show
- 28<sup>th</sup> Horse Show, Rabbit Show, Cavy Show and Poultry Showmanship, Beef and Dairy Judging/ Challenge
- 29<sup>th</sup> Beef Show, Sheep Show and Costume class for all animals in the sheep and goat barn & Jr Chefs Contest
- 30<sup>th</sup> Goat Show and Cow Chip BINGO & Jr Chefs Contest
- 31<sup>st</sup> Tractor Driving, Fashion Review and Jr Chefs Contest

## September

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dairy Show, Junior Chefs Finale
- 1<sup>st</sup> NYS Ag Leadership Application Due
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Post Fair Cleanup
- 7<sup>th</sup> Teen Exchange Orientation at 7 PM at the Fairgrounds in the CCE building
- 11<sup>th</sup> Chicken BBQ Fundraiser 4 to 6 PM – Schaghticoke Fairgrounds
- 16<sup>th</sup> Horse PDC at 7 PM via Zoom
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Leaders Roundtable @ CCE Office; 6:00pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Junior Chefs @ CCE Office; 6:00pm



## October

- 1<sup>st</sup> Honor Club Applications Due