



4-H Highlights

September 2025

4-H 4K Walkathon Saturday, September 27th

It's the time of year where our whole 4-H Community comes together to support what has become the touchstone of Saratoga County 4-H in the 4-H Training Center. For over 50 years 4-H members, families and community members have been gathering to build and maintain this amazing community resource.

Last year was a record year for the 4-H Walkathon and it was so much fun to spend time with over 150 members of our 4-H Family! We can't wait to see what 2025 has in store for this amazing event!

We are asking for your help in keeping 4-H strong in our community. Here is how we do it together!

1. Please reach out to your members (whether it's your club members or your own kids) and encourage them to get out there and raise money. We each have our own story about why we love 4-H, and we want our 4-H'ers to get out into the community to share their story and help raise funds. Each family should have received a packet in the mail with Fundraising materials. There are also some great prizes for kids who get out and support the Walkathon.
2. Be a Sponsor! See the information below about sponsoring the 4-H T-Shirt through our Club Sponsorship. There are also a few more spaces for business sponsorships on the t-shirt, so please consider sharing with businesses who might support. We are running out of time to get these, so please don't delay.
3. Spread the word! Please share with friends, families, 4-H Alumni, anyone who you think would be up for coming out to support Saratoga County 4-H.
4. COME TO THE WALKATHON! We want a record turnout this year, and you can do the most good by bringing your family out to the event on September 27th. The Walkathon is so much fun for youth and adults, and is a great way to spend an evening celebrating and supporting Saratoga County 4-H!

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

September

- 6th - Meet the Breeds
- 12th- 4-H Teen Council Meeting and Thank You Dinner
- 15th- 4-H Leaders Association
- 25th - Leaders Banquet
- 27th- 4-H 4K Walkathon
- 29th- Shooting Sports Committee BBQ

October

- 25th- Achievement Night
- 29th- Shooting Sports Committee Meeting and Thank You BBQ



September 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Shooting Sports Course	10	11	12	13 Teen Council
14	15 Re-enrollment mtg 10am Leader's Association Meeting 6:30	16 Shooting Sports Course	17	18 Re-enroll Mtng 10&6	19	20
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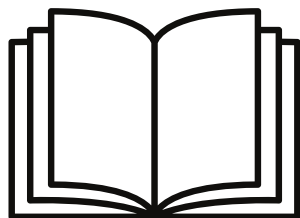
Achievement Night 2025: October 25th



Achievement Night is a very special night in 4-H. It is an opportunity to celebrate the completion of the 4-H year and acknowledge everyone's accomplishments. The program is a unique combination of recognition, thanks, and fun. It is definitely an event for everyone – members, leaders, family, friends, and relatives.

The 2025 Achievement Night will be Saturday, October 25th at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Training Center. It will be an evening of great proportion as everyone celebrates and participates in the event.

Mark your calendar, make your reservation with the 4-H Office (by October 23rd), and be at the 4-H Training Center October 25th to celebrate in true 4-H style.



Project and Activity Record Books **Due September 29th- Available Online!**

Another county fair is in the books! A great way to chronicle the 2024-2025 year is to complete a Project Record book. For 4-H'ers, ages 8-18, the record book is a light green booklet; for Cloverbuds, it is a white booklet. Both can be picked up in the 4-H Office or now found online. All 4-H'ers and Cloverbuds who turn in a completed record book will receive a certificate at Achievement Night. Also, turning in a Project Record book is one of the requirements to be eligible for the county medals/rosettes awarded on Achievement Night. You can now find them online on our 4-H Website at ccesaratoga.org!!



County Medals

Each year 40 or more businesses and corporations make available county medals of honor in over 30 program areas which may be awarded to 4-H members, ages 12 and over, who have shown excellence in their project areas.

Letters will be sent to all leaders in the next few weeks concerning nominations. We are asking 4-H leaders and parents to help the county 4-H staff identify those 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding performance/achievement in one or more project areas. Please notify the 4-H Office by October 1st with any nominations you might have. Extra nomination forms are available at the 4-H Office.



4-H Leader Banquet Reservation Request
Return to: CCE—Saratoga County, 4-H
50 West High Street
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please make reservations for the following

SARATOGA COUNTY 4-H 4-K WALKATHON

**\$30 for
Commemorative
T-Shirt**



**Raise Money!
Earn Prizes!**

**All Proceeds Benefit the 4-H Training Center!
Tie-Dye T-Shirts, Hotdogs, Games, Fun for All Ages!
Alumni Reunion!
Come see all that the 4-H Training Center has to
offer our community!**

**Saturday, September 27th
3:30 Registration, 4:30 Start**

**4-H Training Center
556 Middleline Rd, Ballston Spa**

Register Here



walk.sc4h.org

MEET THE BREEDS

September 6th

11am-2pm

4-H Training Center,

556 Middleline Rd.

Gives dog lovers the unique opportunity to meet with more than 25 different breeds. Learn about each breed's historical purpose/function, traits, and attributes as a family pet, all while learning about responsible dog ownership and which breeds may be right for your family. Meet with local canine businesses including trainers and veterinarians.

 **Free Event**

 **Trainer Demos**

 **Open to the Public**

 **Concessions**

 **Free dog treats while supplies last**

Call (518)885-8995 for more information





4-H Animal Shows at the 2025 Saratoga County Fair



A HUGE congratulations to all of our 4-H Animal Exhibitors this year! You all did an amazing job and we are all proud of each and every one of you for doing a great job or representing yourselves and your animals the 2025 Saratoga County Fair! Here are the final results:

Beef: Champion Showman - Eva Anderson

Dairy Cattle: Champion Showman - Hannah King, Reserve Champion Showman - Hayden Peck, Sr. Champion Holstein – Emma Hanehan, Reserve Sr. Champion Holstein - Olive Sloane, Jr. Champion Holstein - Hannah King, Reserve Jr. Champion Holstein - Hannah King, Champion Jersey - John Hall, Reserve Champion Jersey - John Hall, Champion Guernsey – Henry Peck, Champion Other Breeds -Thomas Frasier, Best Udder - Emma Hanehan, Best of all Breeds Champion - Emma Hanehan, Best Bred and Owned - Emma Hanehan

Sheep: Champion Showman - Colin Anderson, Reserve Champion Showman - Carter Short, Lead Line - Eva Anderson, Champion Ram - Carter Short, Reserve Champion Ram - Carter Short, Champion Ewe - Colin Anderson, Reserve Champion Ewe - Eva Anderson, Champion Flock - Carter Short, Reserve Champion Flock - Heather McDevitt

Goat: Champion Showman - Lillietta Mulford, Reserve Champion Showman - Hannah Scranton, Nigerian Jr. Division Champion - Hannah Scranton, Nigerian Jr. Reserve Champion - Kinley Scranton, Nigerian Senior Division Champion - Kinley Scranton, Nigerian Reserve Senior Division Champion - Hannah Scranton, Nubian Jr. Champion - Lillietta Mulford, Nubian Jr. Reserve Champion - Lillietta Mulford, Nubian Sr. Champion - Lillietta Mulford, Nubian Sr. Reserve Champion - Lillietta Mulford, Toggenburg Sr. Champion - Hunter Weed, Toggenburg Sr. Reserve Champion - Josephine Osgood-Goddeau, Best in Show Sr. Doe - Kinley Scranton, Best in Show Jr. Doe - Hannah Scranton

Rabbits: Champion Showman - Julia Bodien, Reserve Champion Showman - Bethany Myatt, Dutch Best of Breed - Isabell Winslow, Dutch Reserve Best of Breed - William Winslow Jr., Holland Lop BOB - Kenley Asmus, Holland Lop Reserve BOB - Kenley Asmus, Mini Rex BOB - Julia Bodien, Mini Rex BOO - Annabelle Carrico, Netherland Dwarf BOB - Kenley Asmus, Rex BOB - Paige Russell, Rex BOO - Rose Gerber, Any Other Purebred (AOP) BOB- Isabell Winslow, AOP Reserve BOB - William Winslow Jr., Grade BOB - Heather McDevitt, Grade BOO - Nathaniel McDevitt, Best in Show - Isabell Winslow, Reserve Best in Show - Kenley Asmus

Poultry: Champion Showman - Jade Bradley, Reserve Champion Showman - Nathaniel McDevitt, Best in Show – Annabelle Carrico, Reserve Best in Show – CJ Anderson

Alpaca: Champion Showman – Charles Brayton III, Reserve Champion Showman - Margaret Scrivo, Champion Female Alpaca - Rose Gerber, Reserve Champion Female Alpaca - Rose Gerber, Champion Male - Sabrina McPhee, Reserve Champion Male - Oliver Scrivo, Best Bred and Owned - Rose Gerber

Horse: Western Sr. Champion - Benjamin Woosley, Western Sr. Reserve Champion - Sophia Zakrzewski, Western WT Champion - Sophia Seabolt, Western WT Reserve Champion - Kiri Kergel, English Sr. Champion - Amelia Fleishmann, English JR Champion - Sydney Pohl, English JR Reserve Champion - Mckenna Ryder, English WT Champion - Sophia Seabolt, Cloverbud Champion - (tie) Aubrey Hoyt & Addison Pohl, English Pony Champion - Sophia Pohl, English Pony Reserve Champion - Brianna Hoefer, Gymkhana Sr. Champion - Amelia Fleishmann, Gymkhana Sr. Reserve Champion - Sophia Zakrzewski, Gymkhana WT Champion - Kiri Kergel, Herdsmanship Award - Kiri Kergel

Dog: Grooming and Handling Champion - Merciana Fortman, Grooming and Handling Reserve Champion - Sidney Snyder, Obedience Champion - Sidney Snyder, Obedience Reserve Champion - Rose Gerber, Rally Obedience Champion - Rose Gerber, Agility Champion - Isabelle Nelson, Agility Reserve Champion - Merciana Fortman

Saratoga County Fair 2025

WHAT A YEAR!!

On behalf of all the 4-H staff we thank our youth, volunteers and parents for an amazing 2025 Saratoga County Fair!

Every year 4-H digs in, adapts and always pulls through to have another fantastic year at Fair. All your hard work means so much to the 4-H Office! We have so many of you to thank for taking that additional step to ensure that 2025 would be one of the best years yet for our youth participants.

Thank you!



SARATOGA COUNTY 4-H

WREATH WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 2ND, 2025

EVENT DETAILS

Where: 4-H Training Center Main Classroom
556 Middleline Rd Ballston Spa, NY 12020

When: Tuesday December 2nd at 6pm

Who: 4-H members ages 8-18

Cost: \$15 per person - Pre payment required
cash, check, or card

Registration Required

Contact Jessica Luse at
jmh452@cornell.edu or 518-885-8995
by November 3rd
Space is limited

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Saratoga County





Who: All 4-H Teens

What: Teen Council Business Meeting and Thank You Dinner

When: Friday, September 12th

Time: 5:00-8:30pm

Where: 4-H Training Center

4-H Teen Council is a place for all 4-H teens to come together in a fun and supportive environment to engage in social activities, develop leadership skills and contribute to meaningful community service activities. This diverse group provides 4-H members the opportunity to connect with other teens and develop friendships that will last a lifetime. Each month, youth contribute to guiding the 4-H Teen Council program through our business meetings, and gather to have fun with friends at programs that are chosen and facilitated by the group.

Not only are 4-H Teens invited to be a part of this incredible group, but we encourage new members and friends of members to join us.

This month we are inviting EVERYONE who helped in the 4-H Snack Bar to join us for a Thank You Dinner followed by an outdoor movie (weather dependent). If the weather doesn't cooperate we'll move indoors and still enjoy celebrating all of the hard work that went into this year's amazing Snack Bar! Please RSVP by September 9th by emailing Leland at glb76@cornell.edu

2025 Master Showmanship Contest

This year we held our second annual Large Animal Master Showmanship Contest. Each of these competitors earned the title of Grand Champion or top honors in their respective species and advanced to the Master Showman contest, where they competed in showmanship classes for each species. Contestants were required to show animals they had not worked with before and responded to species specific questions from an industry professional judge. The ultimate winner of this year's competition was Eva Anderson! Topping the rest of the competition in overall points and winning a customized belt buckle!



This years competitors:

Beef: Eva Anderson

Dairy: Hannah King

Goat: Lillietta Mulford

Sheep: Nathaniel McDevitt

English Horse: Amelia Fleishmann

Western Horse: Benjamin Woosley

Congratulations Eva Anderson!

4-H For Leaders

The 4-H Leader's Association is a very special component of the 4-H Program. Open to all adult leaders, the group provides opportunities for training, program and idea sharing and support from fellow leaders. It is also the avenue for volunteers to have a voice in the 4-H program. Every club should have at least one representative at the meeting. Now is the time to join!

This meeting of the Leader's Association, will include a "year in review", and the Associations role moving forward. Agenda items include evaluations of fundraisers, program planning for the 2025-2026 year, and our officer selection.

Mark your calendar, come be a voice for your club, and expand your knowledge of 4-H in Saratoga County.

Meeting Date: September 15th, 6:30 pm William M Schwerd Building.

4-H Chicken BBQ- A Banner Year!

It was another HOT one, however the 2025 Leaders BBQ at the County Fair and at the 4-H Training Center was SOLD OUT! A very special thank you goes to Jean Weatherby and every leader who assisted with the event.

It takes many volunteers, both adult and youth, to make the event happen. Whether you made phone calls, shopped, worked over the hot coals, scrubbed potatoes, made dressing, baked pies, stuck around to clean up the BBQ pits, ran back and forth from the TC to the fairgrounds or served the meal, you were an integral part of the event and its success.

This successful event enables the Leader's Association to continue to award scholarships, support member participation in trips, contribute to the education of leaders, and provide resources for the 4-H program.



Saratoga County 4-H

Beginner Shooting Sports Course

**Meets Tuesday Evenings
September 9th-October 14th**

Youth will learn the basics of Air Pistol, Archery, Muzzleloader, Rifle, Shotgun and Hunting and Wildlife, with a focus on Safety, Ethics and Personal Responsibility

Open to Youth 12 Years Old and Older

Signup at:

https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/SC4HShootingSportsFall2025_241
or contact Leland at glb76@cornell.edu for more information.



4-H Horticulture Training

We had another great year for 4-H Horticulture! Our youth as always demonstrated their skills and knowledge obtained throughout the year. Looking to get involved?

Now is a great time to join!

Upcoming Dates:

October 8th: CCE Office

November: No meeting

December 2nd: Wreath Making-Main classroom at the 4-H Training Center

For more information, please contact Jessica Luse at jmh542@cornell.edu



Enrollment

2025-2026 Club Enrollment Meetings

Please note that for the 2025-2026 4-H Year we will be doing online re-enrollments. Hard copy re-enrollment packets are still available upon request.

Club Organizational Leaders are required to attend one of the meetings or set up an appointment to pick up the packet. Club packets will not be mailed or handed out without attending a meeting to discuss the enrollment process for 2025-2026. These meetings usually take less than 1 hour.

All meetings are open to all leaders.

The meetings will take place at the CCE Office on the following days:

Monday, September 15th, 10:00am

Thursday, September 18th, 10:00am and 6:00pm

Monday, September 22nd, 10:00am and 6:00pm

Please pre-register for these meetings. To sign up for one of the 5 meetings listed above, contact the 4-H office at 518-885-8995 or email Leland at glb76@cornell.edu

Individual Members Re-enrollment

Re-Enroll Online or Request Hard Copy

Return Signed: Code of Conduct, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Photo Release Forms

Return Enrollment Fee: \$5 per member

Individual Leaders Re-enrollment

Re-Enroll Online or Request Hard Copy

Return Signed: Code of Conduct, Volunteer Agreement and Background/MVR Check (if necessary)

Return Enrollment Fee: \$5 per volunteer

New Member or Volunteer

Complete and Return New Member Packet or Volunteer Application

Return Enrollment Fee: \$5 per member or volunteer

Fred Sanders Award Recipient: Isabelle Hanehan



Isabelle Hanehan is our 2025 Fred Sanders Award Recipient. Isabelle achieved the highest points by participating in the Saratoga County 4-H Dairy Club, Dairy Bowl, Dairy Judging and Public Presentation Day. She also exhibited her Dairy Cattle at the Saratoga County Fair participating in multiple classes including; Fitting and Showmanship, Bred and Owned and Breed Classes. She is active all over fair both in the Dairy Barn and helping out in the 4-H Snack Bar when needed, being a positive representative for both 4-H and the Dairy Industry.

Congratulations Isabelle!

4-H Horse News

Straight From The Horses Mouth

Looking Back at Some Summer Fun!



Saratoga County Fair



We had...

Amazing Stall Decorations

Killer Freestyle Routeins

Milestones with our horses!

Made some great memories with our 4-H
Friends and Horses!

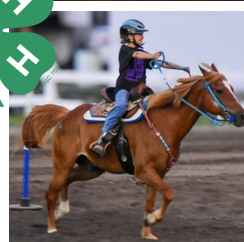
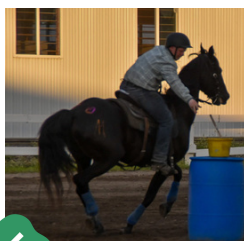


Important Dates

NYSSHA Show at the Training Center....**Sep. 20th**

Equine Nutrition Class **Oct. 18th**

Ponies & Horses Tack Sale **Oct. 18th**



**Friday Night
Gymkhanas**



Updates to Come Via Email for...

Horse Bowl Practice

And when this Filly decides to arrive!

If you Have Questions, Email

nvf5@cornell.edu



**Club
Trail Rides!**





ROBOVINES YOUTH ROBOTICS NON-COMPETITIVE



Lego Robotics Discover Ages 5-6

Our youngest group, FIRST Lego League Discover, uses Lego Duplo Blocks as an introduction to STEM through hands-on activities. Meets Wednesday a month 6:30- 7:30. Cost \$75



Lego Robotics Explore Ages 7-8

Our mid-level group, FIRST Lego League Explore, uses lego bricks to program and design a solution to a different problem presented each year. Meets 1 Wednesday a month. 6:30 - 7:30. Cost \$75



Lego Robotics Challenge Ages 8-12

Our oldest group, First Lego League Challenge, uses legos to build and program a robot that moves on its own and completes missions autonomously. Meets 2 Wednesdays every month. 6:30 - 8:00. Cost \$150



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