



4-H Open Enrollment

4-H Youth Enrollment

New & Returning 4-H youth members—sign up for 4-H between OCTOBER 1—NOVEMBER 30, 2025

HOW TO ENROLL: Only paper forms accepted (NO online option again this year)

- Option 1: Stop by CCE Niagara and fill out paperwork in person (copies available at front desk)
- Option 2: Fill out paperwork at your October/November club or animal species meetings; forms available in the training center; seal enrollment form in envelope with your cash or check payment; drop in the front foyer of CCE Admin, white 4-H lock box. It will be retrieved the next morning by staff!
- Option 3: Print a paper copy out online at home, fill out, mail in with check or drop off to office. If you come after hours, you can leave it in the front foyer locked drop box. Follow this link to our website where you can print paper enrollment forms: <https://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/joining-4-h-lets-enroll>
- Pay \$30 enrollment fee, per youth, (\$75 for 3 or more youth in the same immediate family) due at time of submitted enrollment form (check, cash, or credit card) ***DO NOT submit enrollment forms without payment...forms will not be accepted without payment***

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

Enroll
between
Oct. 1 -
Nov. 30

Enrollment
paper forms
only; no
online option

Turn in
enrollment
packet & \$30
enrollment
fee to office

Questions about enrollment or
need help?
716-433-8839
x243 (Stacey); x241 (Heidi);
x239 (Kathy); x232 (Chris)

If you don't receive
Tuesday Tidbits
email on 10/21
please contact
staff!

4-H Adult Volunteer Enrollment

Mandatory *VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION* for enrolled adult volunteer eligibility.

Please attend one of the following one-hour orientations at

Wednesday, November 5, 10am, Board Room

Wednesday, November 5, 7pm, Auditorium

Thursday, November 6, 10am, Board Room

Thursday, November 6, 7pm, Auditorium

~**PLEASE RSVP with your date and time preference to ssh85@cornell.edu**

New volunteers will attend a 1 hour meeting that will include:

- Sign up/complete volunteer enrollment paperwork
- Sexual Harassment Training Video
- Presentation from 4-H office (i.e. Overview, expectations, housekeeping, volunteer opportunities, Q&A)
- What type of volunteer are you or would like to be?
- Background Checks (for those who need it)

Volunteers previously enrolled will attend a short meeting that will include:

- Sign up/complete volunteer enrollment paperwork
- Sexual Harassment Training Video
- Get a quick update on any new procedures.

Adults will not be able to enroll at the office without attending a volunteer orientation.

**Yes, you can still volunteer with 4-H without attending the orientation yet, but please RSVP so we know which date and time you will be joining us (ssh85@cornell.edu).

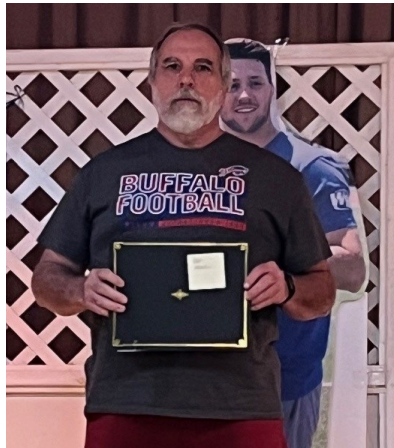
Who should attend this orientation? Any adult interested in volunteering as a:

- Project Leader
- Short Term Volunteer (one time 4-H Activity or Event)
- Activity Leader
- Club Leader
- Unsure if you should attend? Contact a 4-H staff member to double check!

Achievement Night 2025



Hall Family of the Year– The Verratti Family; **Dan Jr and Katie** – children: Sam, Jacob, Sophia, Abigail
Jill and Ben – children: Emmaline, Caleb, Hannah, Julia, **Jeremy and Rachel** – children: Jack, Haddie, Sidney
Gertude Warren Award– Josh Allen with award recipient Barbara Wright
Outstanding Leadership Award– Jay Krull backed by Josh Allen
4-H Spirit Award– Kelsie Israel, Josh Allen and Molly Zoladz
Walker Junior Leadership– Michellynn Schroeder, Josh Allen, Erica Smith & Sophia Gansworth
Citizenship Award– Bailey Tang, Josh Allen and Bella Muck





CCE Niagara Board Elections!

We are electing 3 new CCE Niagara board members for 2026. Meet our 2026 [Board](#) Candidates on our website:

[Cornell Cooperative Extension | Candidates for CCE Niagara Board](#)

Voting is now open and will remain open until October 23, 2025, at 12:00pm. Voting is online only with no paper ballots. Our new Board members will be announced at the annual CCE meeting on October 23. In order to vote, you must be a Niagara County resident, have participated in at least one CCE Niagara program of any kind, and over the age of 18. Please vote for 3 of the 6 candidates listed by using the website link above.

4-H Royalty— Hannah Verratti and Eliana Reis

Premium Money

Any 4-H member (does not include Cloverbuds) who exhibited an animal at the Niagara County Fair in 2025 and/or entered exhibits in the Training Center, AND was re-enrolled in 4-H by March 1, 2025 – will receive premium money. If you didn't pick it up at the 9/20 Achievement Night, you can stop by CCE Administration office any time during business hours to pick up your cash. Please do so by **November 30**.

Niagara County Fair Specials

Did you receive a 4-H Sponsors "special" award during the Niagara County Fair? If so, a monetary prize has been given to you for your outstanding work in a project area. 4-H members can pick up the checks any time between 10/1–12/23/25. Checks not picked up by December 23, 2025, will be forfeited back to Niagara County 4-H Sponsors.



Niagara Wild Kritters Donations

The Tri Town Clan 4-H Club will be collecting needed items for Niagara Wild Kritters through the month of October. Please place donated items in the totes marked KRITTERS located in the entryway of the 4-H office. Items that are needed include cat food - wet and/or dry, bleach, paper towels, baby wipes, Clorox wipes, Dawn dish soap, plastic trash bags, gift cards from grocery type stores, Tractor Supply or Runnings. THANK YOU.



October 5-11, 2025: Want to celebrate?

- Set up a 4-H display or poster at school or store front; or table at a community event
- Wear your 4-H gear and clothing!
- Shout out a 4-H'er or share your 4-H story/project on social media (Tag us! @NiagaraCounty4HProgram)
- Adults 18 and up: Become a 4-H Volunteer or offer to lead a workshop, guest speaker, etc.
- Send a thank you card to your leader, a 4-H mentor, or volunteer who has inspired you or helped!
- Have another idea? Want to do something else? Let us know! Niagara4H@cornell.edu
- Send us pictures of how you are celebrating National 4-H Week! Niagara4H@cornell.edu



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CCE Office Closed

Monday, October 13—Indigenous Peoples' Day
November 11— Veteran's Day
November 27 & 28— Thanksgiving

Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds are youth ages 5-7 years old. This class is only for this age group.

Airdry Clay Mosaic Pumpkins!

Date: Thursday, October 9

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Large Meeting Room

Cost: \$4.00

Ages: 5-7 only

RSVP: to krc8@cornell.edu by October 6

Fall Acrylic Pumpkin

Painting on Canvas – with Laura

Date: Tuesday, October 14

Time: 5:00-6:30pm

Place: Large Meeting Room

Ages: All ages

Cost: \$2.00

RSVP: to Heidi at hmk3@cornell.edu by October 9

4-H'ers will learn how to paint the pumpkin and add shading. Space is limited. Wear clothes that can get dirty!

Infinity Bracelet

Date: Monday, November 10

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Place: Memorial Room

Ages: 8 and up

Cost: \$7 all supplies included

RSVP: RSVP to Iesa 716-523-4981 by Nov 7

This is an easy project. Will be making two loops and lacing them together. This project we will be using a different type of stringing material and new tools for finishing.

Felt Christmas Tree Ornament

Date: Monday, November 24

Time: 6:00-7:00pm

Place: Memorial Room

Ages: 5-9

RSVP: to Iesa 716-523-4981 by Nov. 21

Cost: \$2 all supplies included

This is for Cloverbuds and anyone who needs practice with using scissors. Cutting lots of square pieces of felt in many sizes stacking them then adding a star and string at the top of the tree.

Building Blue Bird Houses w/Lockport Woodworkers

Date: October 13th (Columbus Day)

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Place: Agricultural Education Building

Ages: 6 and up (must be enrolled in 4-H)

Cost: \$5.00 all supplies and equipment included

RSVP: hmk3@cornell.edu by October 8th

Come learn how to build a blue bird house. You get to take your bird house home and hang in a place that the bluebirds prefer. We ask a parent or guardian to stay with child during class.

Agricultural Activities

Equine

Inter-county Horse Shows: information and entry forms are available on the CCE website or Niagara County 4-H Equine Facebook page. Get your teams together for fun filled weekends. Questions: Cheryl Bish 716-439-4499 or CKRFARMS@aol.com

Equine Year end Awards Dinner: Friday, October 24, by Reservation ONLY. \$12/4-H member, \$15/adult. Dinner, awards, basket raffle. Doors open at 5:45 PM, buffet starts serving at 6:30 PM. For Reservations: CKRFARMS@aol.com or 716-439-4499.

Equine county meeting: November date to be determined. Learn about model horses and how to show them. Bring yours to display or just come to ask questions. We will talk about the different classes and what you need to know to show them (it's easy). We are planning a Model Horse Show in the spring 2026. We will also do some fun horse knowledge games and have refreshments. This will count towards one of your required 5 educational meetings to be eligible to show at the 2026 County Fair for horses.

Sheep, Meat & Dairy Goats

Combined meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 7

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Auditorium

All cloverbuds & 4-H members welcome.



Animal Science Members

Re-Enrollment deadline for returning members is January 5, 2026

- Returning/Re-enrolling members must re-enroll by January 6th to be eligible to show/exhibit animals at the 2025 Niagara County Fair. Re-enrollments received between January 6-March 1, 2026, can still participate in 4-H and attend all animal meetings & 4-H programs, but are not permitted to show animals at fair in 2026. This is a hard deadline and exceptions will not be made.
- First time enrolling/new members - must enroll by March 1, 2026, and meet the minimum meeting requirements (explained below) to be eligible to show any animal species at 2026 fair.
- Each Clover Bud & 4-H Member must attend at least 5 species meetings per year (between October-July) to meet minimum meeting requirements, to be eligible to show/exhibit animals of any species, at the 2026 Niagara County Fair.
- County level 4-H public presentations can count towards ONE of those 5 meetings. For those showing multiple species, counts for only 1 animal species of 4-H'er's choice *Decide at time of public presentation sign up*
- Farm Safety Course or Livestock Skillathon (offered by Niagara County 4-H) can count towards ONE of those 5 meetings, for only 1 animal species of 4-H'er's choice (if showing multiple species) *Decide at time of course sign-in*
- Each animal species program/leader has the right to require additional requirements in order to be eligible to show that species within their program, at leader's discretion.
- **College Students in 4-H:** If you're away at college and can't attend the required five species meetings, you must complete a **College Member Agreement Form** with your species leader at the start of the year. This form must be signed by your species leader, a 4-H educator, and a parent/guardian, and be on file by **January 1st** of the year you plan to show. Contact your species leader early to get started!

Calendar

Date	Time	Place	Topic	Type
September 29	6:00p	MEM	Tangrams	Workshop
September 29	6:30pm	BR	Cats	Meeting
October 6	4:30pm	LMR	Ozobot Fall Adventure	Workshop
October 6	6:00pm	MEM	Hand Sewing	Workshop
October 7	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
October 7	6:30pm	AUD	Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Sheep	Meeting
October 8	4:30pm	LMR	Lego Community Service	Activity
October 8	6:30pm	AUD	Working Goats	Meeting
October 9	6:00pm	LMR	Cloverbud Mosaic Pumpkins	Workshop
October 11	11:00am	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop
October 14	5:00-6:30pm	LMR	Pumpkin Painting on Canvas	Workshop
October 14	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
October 15	4:30pm	MEM	Video Game Design	Workshop
October 17	6:30pm	AEB	Rabbits & Cavy	Meeting
October 20	6:00pm	MEM	Sewing Towel Apron	Workshop
October 21	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
October 21	6:00pm	AUD	Poultry Cloverbuds	Meeting
October 21	7:00pm	AUD	Poultry 4-H'ers	Meeting
October 21	7:00pm	LMR	Dairy Cattle	Meeting
October 22	4:30pm	MEM	Video Game Design	Workshop
October 23	5:00pm	TC	CCE Annual Meeting	Meeting

Calendar

Date	Time	Place	Topic	Type
October 24	5:45pm	AUD	Equine Dinner	Event
October 25	11:00am	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop
October 27	6:30pm	BR	Cats	Meeting
October 28	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
October 29	4:30pm	MEM	Video Game Design	Workshop
October 30	4:30pm	LMR	Lego Challenge	Workshop
November 4	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
November 6	6:00pm	LMR	Dairy Cattle Cloverbuds	Meeting
November 8	9:00am	AUD	5 Star Testing Working Goats	Activity
November 8	11:00-1:00pm	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop
November 10	6:00pm	MEM	Infinity Bracelet	Workshop
November 12	6:00pm	AUD	Working Goats 101 & Cloverbuds	Meeting
November 12	7:00pm	LMR	Dairy Bowl	Meeting
November 12	7:15pm	AUD	Working Goats	Meeting
November 17	6:00pm	MEM	Felt Christmas Tree	Workshop
November 17	6:30pm	AEB	Rabbit & Cavy	Meeting
November 18	7:00pm	AUD	Dairy Cattle	Meeting
November 19	6:00pm	AUD	Poultry Cloverbuds	Meeting
November 19	7:00pm	AUD	Poultry	Meeting
November 22	11:00-1:00pm	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop

Outstanding Adult Volunteers

Congratulations, Lisa Bedford (not pictured), David Jowdy, Missy Capello and John Mecca



Room Key

Administration Building- BR (Board Room), ADMIN (Administration Building), MEM (Memorial Room)

Training Center- TC (Training Center), AUD (Auditorium), LMR (Large Meeting Room)

Out Buildings- SHOW (Showring), BARN (Animal Species Barn), MB (Merchants Building), GH (Greenhouse), AEB–Agricultural Education Building, TBA– To Be Announced

Staff

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