



# CLOVER CHRONICLE

## 4-H MISSION

The purpose of 4-H is to foster the well-rounded development of youth, nurturing their physical, mental, moral, and social growth. It aims to help young individuals become competent, committed, and self-assured adults through; project involvement, 4-H events and various positive activities.

In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

## CCE ONTARIO 4-H OFFICE

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
8 AM- 4 PM

480 North Main St.  
Canandaigua  
NY 14424

[cceontario.org/4-h-youth](https://cceontario.org/4-h-youth)

[4-HCampBristolHills.org](https://4-HCampBristolHills.org)



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# UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

**-October 1 - 4-H Enrollment BEGINS!!  
Must Re-Enroll by November 1st!**

- October 4 Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale 9-11 AM
- October 10 Friday- Achievement Night Paperwork **DUE**
- October 11-Saturday- Chipotle Fundraiser 4-8 PM
- October 24 Friday- Harvest Food Fest Paperwork **DUE**
- October 28 Tuesday- Achievement Night 5:30 pm
- November 8- Saturday- Harvest Food Fest (PINY)



## MESSAGE FROM THE 4-H STAFF

Happy October! The official start of the new 2025-26 4-H year begins now! Time to re-enroll for the new year or start fresh with 4-H. Don't forget youth and volunteers must be re-enrolled by **November 1st!** We have so many exciting ideas already in the planning stage for the year and are excited to tell you all about them in this issue of the clover chronicle. Please note the calendar on page 3 (mark your calendars for our upcoming events).

Now is the time to be filling out your *achievement night* portfolios. **Deadline is October 10<sup>th</sup>!** These are a great way to keep track of all the amazing things that you are doing in your 4-H journey. We highly encourage you to create a binder and keep each year's portfolio in that binder so that you can look back on all you did! Feel free to add pictures and personal touches if desired. **We would love to see EVERYONE at achievement night this year! You should be awarded for your accomplishments!** We will also be doing a Chipotle fundraiser again to raise money for achievement night awards. Please see poster in this issue for more information.

Lastly, we like to keep our families informed but ask for some grace this Fall as our 4-H Educator- Sarah Wilhelm will be on maternity leave from the beginning of October to the end of November (roughly), returning to work part-time December-February, then back to full-time (all estimates until Baby Wilhelm's arrival). During the time she is out Amy and Amelia will be your main contacts for all things 4-H!

*-Ontario 4-H*



# Ontario County 4-H - Calendar of Events 2025-2026

(dates subject to change)



## September

- 1st Labor Day- Holiday -Office CLOSED
- 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday- Annual Fall Fest/ 4-H Open House
- 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday- **Volunteer Kickoff Meeting 6-7 pm**

## October

- 1st - 4-H Enrollment Begins
- 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>- National 4-H Week-Beyond Ready
- 10<sup>th</sup> Friday- Achievement Night Paperwork Due
- 24<sup>th</sup> Friday- Harvest Food Fest Paperwork Due
- 28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday- **Achievement Night 5:30 pm at the**  
Ontario County Fair Grounds-Carriage Barn

## November

- 1st 4-H Enrollment Due
- 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday- **Harvest Food Fest (PINY) 9 am**
- 18-Tuesday-CCE Annual Meeting @ 5:15 PM
- November 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office CLOSED

## December

- 22nd Monday- Holiday Fun Day
- Dec 25- Jan 2 Winter Break - Office CLOSED

## January

- 9<sup>th</sup> Friday- Public Presentation Training 6:00 pm at CCE Office
- 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday- Public Presentations Paperwork Due

## February

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6-8 pm **Public Presentations**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Friday 6-8 pm **Public Presentations**
- 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9 am-1:30 pm **Public Presentations**
- 10<sup>th</sup> SNOW DATE 6-8 pm (ALL at CCE Office)
- Tractor Safety

## March

- Horse Extravaganza, District Dairy Bowl, District Public Presentations

## April

- ?? State Horse Bowl

## May

- ?? Volunteer Appreciation Open House

## June

- ?? State Fair Information Session
- ?? Pullorum Clinic

## July

- ?? Fair Entry Worknight
- July 4 Independence Day-CCE Office CLOSED
- ??- Fair Clean Up
- 21st -25th Ontario County Fair

## August

- ??- Roseland 4-H Fun Day
- August 26-September 7- New York State Fair



**Must re-enroll  
by Nov 1st!**

## Youth

## Volunteers

After November 1st, there will be a **late fee of \$10** for reenrollments. New members can enroll at any time with no late fee. Please find the enrollment directions on our website.

[Cornell Cooperative Extension | 4-H Enrollments](https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3dQwm522vZgR9c2)  
([cceontario.org](https://cceontario.org))

- 1 **Complete ALL Release Forms**  
[https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3dQwm522vZgR9c2](https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3dQwm522vZgR9c2)

-Volunteers who have enrolled children can enter their name as an adult volunteer on the same release form.

- 2 **Complete Registration- 4-H Online System**  
Go to register:  
<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

### DO NOT Create a new account

-If you need to reset your password do so now, then go to Member List once in and click "enroll now" for each participant you plan to re enroll, this includes volunteers!

- 3 **Complete PAYMENT**  
\$25 per youth, \$50 for 2 siblings, or \$65 per family (3 or more youth) and can be paid via check, cash, or PayPal.

**Volunteers do not pay a fee.**

Paypal: [ontario@cornell.edu](mailto:ontario@cornell.edu)

Venmo: @CCE\_Ontario



We will send out emails to all volunteers with detailed instructions. All volunteers will need to enroll just like the youth and also watch a brief sexual harassment training video. **Every three years, we need to do a new background check.** Amelia will be in touch to help you complete the requirements needed for this 4-H year.

You can find volunteer paperwork and resources at this link:

[Cornell Cooperative Extension | 4-H Volunteers](https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3dQwm522vZgR9c2)  
([cceontario.org](https://cceontario.org))

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- 2 **Complete Registration- 4-H Online System**  
Go to register:  
<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Sign-in or reset your password using the email you use for 4-H correspondence –

**DO NOT create a new account.**

(The important thing to remember is that if you have registered as a 4-H volunteer in the past, you already have an account on 4-H online – even if you have never accessed it before.)

**Volunteers do not pay a fee**



# National 4-H Week

## October 5-11



“Building a Ready Generation in a World of Change”

#4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek

## OCTOBER 6TH



### Let's paint the nation GREEN!

Go GREEN and show your 4-H State spirit! A simple, cohesive way for youth, professionals, volunteers, alumni & supporters across the country to celebrate their 4-H programs being Beyond Ready. Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint—anything green goes.

Help us shine a light on all the good that 4-H does! A day to recognize all the 4-H'ers who are doing good and making positive impact by helping their communities and beyond. Share your own story or celebrate someone who is making a difference - another 4-H'er, volunteer or educator—we want to know!

Share your '4-H For Good' story on social, tag others in your 4-H community, tag National 4-H & NYS 4-H and use:

#4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek



### 4-H For Good Day

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9  
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 9TH



# Achievement Night

**Paperwork Deadline October 10th**

Tuesday, October 28th  
at 5:30 PM at the  
Carriage Barn

Ontario County Fairgrounds

*You deserve to be  
celebrated!*

Achievement night is the night where we recognize 4-H'ers for all the wonderful things they have done throughout the year!

It is a fun night and also a great way to document your 4-H journey.

We will be having a potluck dinner!  
Use the link below to sign up  
for a dish to pass.  
Please view here:

[Ontario County 4-H: Achievement Night Potluck \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com/Ontario-County-4-H-Achievement-Night-Potluck)

- 4-H'ers need to fill out portfolios about their activities over the course of the year to be eligible for achievement certificates and mastery awards.
- Adults can also nominate for Essential Element awards for growth in a specific area.

More information and forms can be found at this link: [Cornell Cooperative Extension | 4-H Achievement Night \(cceontario.org\)](https://cceontario.org/4-H-Achievement-Night)



*All 4Hers Please  
Attend!*



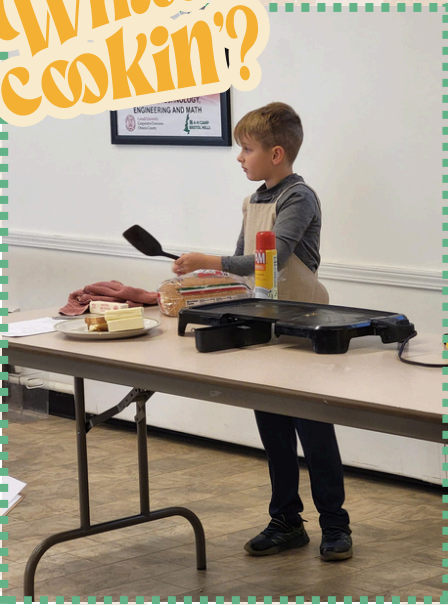


# Harvest Food Fest

It's the yummiest of the 4-H events!

Join us on **Saturday, November 8th** for our  
2025 4-H Harvest Food Fest (PINY)!

What's  
Cookin'?

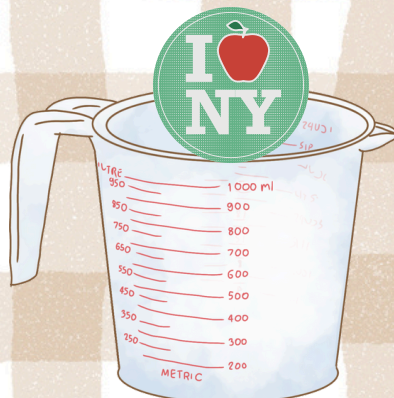


This is where youth participate in a silent food demonstration that is appropriate for all ages and abilities. **Youth can pick any recipe of their choice BUT they must use at least 1 cup of locally grown New York State product in the recipe.** They also fill out a planning sheet that helps them learn how to analyze the nutritional content of their meals. Please find the information that you need on the Harvest Food Fest page on our website and reach out to Amy or Amelia with any questions about this event.

**Registrations are due by October 24th.**

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Harvest Food Fest  
([cceontario.org](http://cceontario.org)).

Don't forget your  
local NY Ingredient!





# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



## CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ONTARIO COUNTY 4-H- CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH | 4-8PM**  
**282 EASTERN BLVD, CANANDAIGUA, NY, 14424**

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **AVYMRZ2**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count toward the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.





# CLUB NEWS



## ATTENTION

Honeoye Robotics is looking for  
NEW 4-H Members!

Please email  
[Honeyerobotics@yahoo.com](mailto:Honeyerobotics@yahoo.com)  
for more information.

## 4-H TEXTILE REVUE

# Coming Soon



### SPRING 2026

**START BRAINSTORMING AND WORKING ON TEXTILE/FIBER PROJECTS!  
ANYTHING GOES- SEWING, FIBERS-CROCHET & KNIT, UPCYCLED ETC.**

Gives youth an opportunity to model on stage a garment they have made or  
a non-clothing item that they have sewn, crochet or knitted.

**SEWING WORKSHOPS COMING SOON!**

Email Amelia at  
[agd72@cornell.edu](mailto:agd72@cornell.edu)  
before the 1st of  
the month to get  
your club news in  
the next Clover  
Chronicle!





# 4-H NEWS



## Ontario County Fair Superintendent Changes for 2026

Ontario County 4-H relies on key volunteer leaders who serve as superintendents of specific species during county fair week. These superintendents organize their specific barns, organize that species show at county fair, hire judges, and serve and subject matter experts throughout the year.

We want to thank our dedicated superintendents that are leaving us but welcome some familiar faces with new shoes to fill!

## Farewell & Thank you to

### Deb Brown



Dairy

Deb Brown is the owner of Half Dutch Farm and has been our 4-H Dairy Superintendent for many years. Her hard work along with the help of her daughter Jess has grown the 4-H dairy program into what it is today. We are sad to see Deb go, but are thankful for all her efforts over her many years of volunteer service.

### Cristi Schaertl



Goat

Cristi Schaertl has been our 4-H goat superintendent for the past three years and has overseen a time of impressive growth in this species area. She is taking a step back to focus on her young family, but will be staying on as volunteer co-leader of the Hens, Hares, and Hooves 4-H club. We are so thankful to Cristi for stepping up as the goat superintendent during a crucial time and helping that program grow and thrive!

## Welcome to the Fun

### Tom Grefrath

Dairy



Tom is a longtime dairy farmer at Hilton Farms and currently serves as the Open Dairy Superintendent at county fair. His son Owen is an active 4-H member in the beef and dairy project areas. We are so excited to see the 4-H dairy program grow and evolve under his leadership!

### Julie Maslyn

Goat



### Olivia Maslyn

Pack - Goat



Mother and daughter duo Julie and Olivia Maslyn. Julie is a 4-H parent, fairboard member, and mastermind behind the 4-H Livestock Challenge and Biannual Fun on the Farm event. Olivia is a recent 4-H alumnus who first introduced our county to the Pack Goat program after winning grand champion pack goat showman at state fair two years in a row and then bringing this program to Ontario county.





# Wag & Wisdom

## ALL ABOUT THE DOG CLUB & INFORMATION NIGHT

1ST- KICK OFF MEETING

**Thursday Oct. 23rd @ 6-7:30 pm**

*Held at the Carriage Barn @ the  
Ontario County Fair Grounds*

Open to youth age 5- 19 (8 + can participate with their dog, cloverbuds will begin with a stuffy friend) dog related topics including dog care, training in addition to fundraising and community service activities.

Open to 4-Hers, including cloverbuds, and families. We will be talking about ideas and plans for the year, club events, and training classes.

**Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass!**



Club will provide Main Dish, Drinks and Paper Products



No Dogs at this meeting, please!



### RSVP –

Email Club Leader-  
Alyssa Boyea  
amboyea@gmail.com



585-394-3977 Ext. 408



[cceontario.org/4-h-youth](https://cceontario.org/4-h-youth)



# DOG TRAINING

Focus on Dog Sports



## CLASS SCHEDULE

Mondays

Nov. 3rd-Dec. 1st

(No class 11/24)

## LIMITED SPACE

8 SPOTS AVAILABLE

**TIME:** 6:00-7:00 PM

@ the Carriage Barn-Fairgrounds  
(Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> will be @ CCE Office)

**COST:** \$20 per youth  
Cash, Check, Paypal or Venmo

### To join with a companion; **MUST Complete**

- Must be 8 + and registered 4-H
- Proof of Rabies/Vaccinations
- Signed Liability Waiver
- Animal Registration Form

### How to Register:

Email

Amelia at [agd72@cornell.edu](mailto:agd72@cornell.edu)  
or Amy [anr35@cornell.edu](mailto:anr35@cornell.edu)

Call 585-394-3977 Ext 408

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## Volunteer Opportunity



Runnings is looking for a 4-H group to do a bake sale during their ladies night; October 8- 4-7 pm.

If interested please contact **Lynn**; (716)-432-5946







ONTARIO COUNTY 4-H

# *Holiday Fun Day*

## CUPCAKES & PAINTING

Join us for a Holiday Fun Day-  
Learn skills about cupcake baking & decorating with the  
help of Teen Leader Emily Vangalio, who competed in the  
cupcake challenge at State Fair. Learn to paint a holiday  
masterpiece with Karen Clark and  
finish out the day with some fun holiday games!

***Please bring a bagged lunch for our lunch break period,  
All other supplies will be provided!***

**DECEMBER 22ND**

**Time: TBD (9 am -3 pm)**

**CCE ONTARIO OFFICE**  
480 N Main St Canandaigua, NY 14424



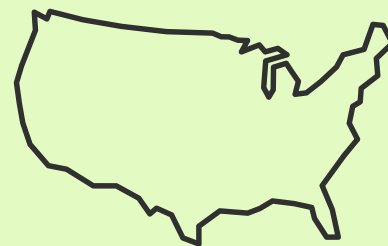


# Teen Exchange Meeting

Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM

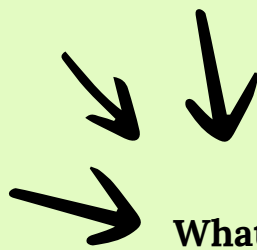
Held at Wayne CCE office

**1581 Route 88, Newark NY 14513**



This is an exciting opportunity extended to Ontario county teens by our neighbors in Wayne county. Many 4H alumni speak very highly of this program and it is an awesome opportunity to see new places around the country.

If you are interested, please plan to attend the meeting and of course, you can always reach out to Amy with questions.

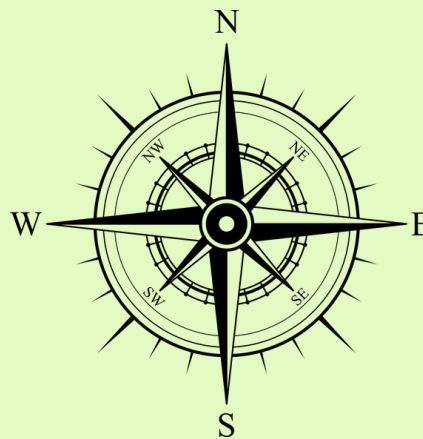


**Who:** Teens!! (Must be 13 by July 1, 2026)

**What:** 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the 2026/2027 Teen Exchange Rotation

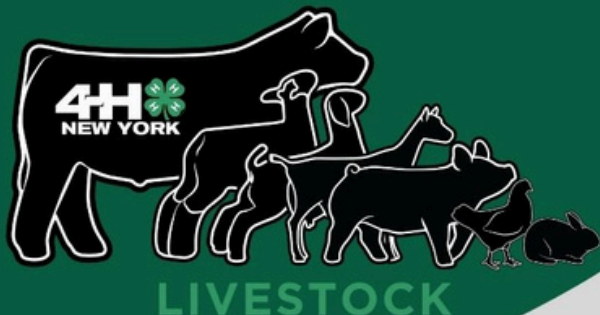
**Why:** Information to be discussed: Location of potential travel, commitment to the program, requirements and FUNDRAISERS!

Please complete the quick google questionnaire if interested or planning to attend: <https://forms.gle/kdiY4aUQbDC5M9TG9>





# NYS YOUTH LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



Apply by October 15th

The purpose of the New York State Livestock Ambassador Program is to inspire and prepare the next generation of Livestock leaders by connecting youth with hands-on experiences, industry professionals, and diverse career pathways in the livestock industry.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ High school students entering 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- ✓ Youth with a potential interest in pursuing a career in the livestock industry, including areas such as animal science, veterinary medicine, nutrition, production, processing, and marketing
- ✓ Students interested in building leadership, communication, and professional skills
- ✓ Youth willing to commit to full program participation from December through September, including attendance at all scheduled sessions and events



To Apply for the program visit:  
[https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dou6QgV8Z7li4AK](https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dou6QgV8Z7li4AK)

COST \$200 FOR THE YEAR LONG PROGRAM

For more information contact Brian Aukema at [bjal4@cornell.edu](mailto:bjal4@cornell.edu) or 607-254-1208

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Career Exploration
  - Expose youth to a wide range of livestock industry career sectors
- Hands-On Learning
  - Provide immersive, two-day sessions
- Industry Engagement
  - Facilitate direct interaction with agricultural professionals and employers
  - Increase awareness of current industry trends and workforce needs
- Skill Development
  - Equip participants with technical and career-ready skills
  - Emphasize personal and professional competencies
- Personal Growth & Career Preparation
  - Support resume building and goal setting
  - Foster creativity, initiative, and adaptability
  - Encourage networking and working with diverse audiences



# 48th Annual 4-H Agri-Business Career Conference



## 2025



**October 16-17 @ SUNY Cobleskill**



**Join us for the 48th Annual 4-H Agri-Business Career Conference, held at SUNY Cobleskill**

Below you will see the packet with information about the event, as well as additional information needed before registration. Below you will find the registration link. Please contact your county educator with any questions. Thank you!

### **Registration:**

[https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ebWangc0HoheZWC](https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ebWangc0HoheZWC)

**SUNY Cobleskill**



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Hyatt Regency Crystal City –  
Arlington, VA  
Deadline! December 15, 2025, at  
5:00 PM  
**APPLY NOW!**  
<https://www.nys4-h.org/nationalevents>

**USDA** National Institute of Food and Agriculture  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



## save the date

**2026 NATIONAL 4-H  
CONFERENCE**

Friday, April 10 - Wednesday, April 15

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW  
CONTACT US AT [NATIONAL4-HCONFERENCE@USDA.GOV](mailto:NATIONAL4-HCONFERENCE@USDA.GOV)

# Volunteer Opportunities



## Fall Into Canandaigua Festival Saturday, October 25th



Looking for 4-H volunteers to do a petting zoo for the event, please email Beth McClung [bmcclung@icog.com](mailto:bmcclung@icog.com) if you or your club would like to help participate. She is filling out the application to have a group of 4-H represented at this annual event.



## Pumpkin Smash, Compost Bash



**November 8th from 8AM-11AM**  
**Ontario County Fairgrounds**

Cooperative Extension in partnership with Ontario County Sustainability will be hosting a pumpkin collection event where participants can come out to recycle their pumpkins or smash them! The goal of the event is to get people thinking about composting and keeping organic material out of the landfill.

Looking to have at least 10 volunteers on hand ranging from teen youth to adults.

Please email **Jacob Maslyn**, Agriculture Economic Development Educator  
[jlms563@cornell.edu](mailto:jlms563@cornell.edu) if interested in helping with this fun event!

## December 13 & 14, 2025

**Canandaigua First Methodist Church** is looking for volunteers to bring animals and participate in a "LIVE" Nativity scene. Some 4-Hers participated last year and it was a great time!



Volunteers dress up in outfits provided by the church and walk around acting as people in the marketplace. In need of MORE animals!

Kids could choose to have just their animal in the display (chickens/bunnies in cages in marketplace stall, sheep tied out by angels, horse/cow/goats tied by the stable) or if kids want to walk around with their animals as part of the scene they are welcome to.



Please email **Hannah Worden** - [hworden8@outlook.com](mailto:hworden8@outlook.com)  
if interested in participating or want more information!



# Ontario County 4-H Youth Development Staff

## 4-H Club Staff

Sarah Wilhelm, **4-H Resource Educator**  
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## 4-H Camp Staff

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Michele Albrecht, **4-H Camp Admin Assistant**  
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Jessica Middleton, **4-H Camp Director**

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