



# 4-H Highlights

October 2025

## Achievement Night 2025

Come Celebrate With Us!



4-H Achievement night is our way of celebrating all of the amazing accomplishments of our 4-H Youth in the 2024-2025 4-H Year. It's an evening filled with fun, friends and recognition of the awesome work of our 4-H'ers!

So families, please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 25th and join us at 6pm in the Schwerd Building at the 4-H Training Center as we celebrate the greatest part of Saratoga County 4-H....YOU!

## Upcoming Events & Deadlines

### October

1<sup>st</sup>- 4-H Re-Enrollment Opens  
5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>- National 4-H Week  
11<sup>th</sup> -4-H Teen Council Meeting  
16-17- 4-H ABC Conference  
25<sup>th</sup>- Achievement Night

### November

1<sup>st</sup>- 4-H Re-Enrollment Due  
8<sup>th</sup>- 4-H Teen Council Meeting  
8<sup>th</sup>- 4-H Gingerbread Workshop  
18<sup>th</sup> - 4-H Gingerbread Workshop  
22<sup>nd</sup>- 4-H Gingerbread Workshop



# October 2025



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU            | FRI            | SAT                        |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
|     |     |     | 1   | 2              | 3              | 4                          |
| 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9              | 10             | 11<br>Teen<br>Council      |
| 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16<br>ABC Trip | 17<br>ABC Trip | 18                         |
| 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23             | 24             | 25<br>Achievement<br>Night |
| 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30             | 31             |                            |





## Enrollment

*Happy 4-H New Year*

## 4-H Re-enrollment Time!!

Each year in October we are required to re-enroll all 4-H youth and volunteers. Most of our families have become familiar with this process and as we have for the past few years we are encouraging families to re-enroll using the 4-H Online System. Folks are still welcome to request paper enrollment forms.

We have an instructional video available for families to learn the in's and out's of doing Online Re-Enrollment at: [https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/4-H+Online+Re-Enrollment+Walkthrough/1\\_ezmua72n](https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/4-H+Online+Re-Enrollment+Walkthrough/1_ezmua72n)

Though online re-enrollment is being encouraged, we will still need to collect hard copies of all signed forms and payment. If you are in a 4-H club, please contact your club leader to see how they would like to collect these forms and payments. If you are an individual, you can find all the required forms at our website: [ccesaratoga.org](http://ccesaratoga.org). Just look for "Re-Enrollment Forms" on the left sidebar on the 4-H Youth page. Please note that if you are re-enrolling online, you will not need to submit the actual enrollment forms, just the forms notated below.

Please feel free to email Leland at [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu) questions about re-enrollment.

### 2025-2026 Enrollment Forms

#### Members:

- Online Enrollment or Paper Re-Enrollment Form
- Acknowledgement of Risk Form
- Equine Acknowledgement of Risk Form (Only if involved in horse project).
- NYS 4-H Code of Conduct (2025 Version)
- \$5 Enrollment Fee (Cash or Check to "CCE Saratoga")

#### Leaders:

- Online Enrollment or Paper Re-Enrollment Form
- NYS 4-H Code of Conduct (2025 Version)
- CCE Volunteer Code of Conduct
- \$5 Enrollment Fee (Cash or Check to "CCE Saratoga")

Forms may be mailed or dropped off at our office:

CCE Saratoga  
60 W. High St.  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

If you are a club member, please communicate with your club leader regarding collection of forms and fees.

### Enrollment Packet Support for Leaders

Thanks to all of our leaders who attended one of our re-enrollment meetings. Club re-enrollment packets were distributed at those meetings.

Organizational Leaders working on enrollment packets may call the office, at 518-885-8995, to get help with questions or concerns with the required forms.

If you'd like to make an appointment to chat one on one, please call the office or email Leland at [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu).



## PAPER CLOVER FUNDRAISER



The 2025 Paper Clover Campaign is scheduled for November 28th through December 14th. We would like a presence at both the Tractor Supply Stores in Saratoga County during the fall campaign (Wilton and Clifton Park). If your club would like to table during one of the weekends, and possibly fundraise, please contact Greg. This is a great way to support the 4-H Youth Development Program in Saratoga County. Please stop in at the stores on the weekends of 11/28-12/15 and support our clubs by purchasing a Paper Clover and thanking our youth. If you would like to volunteer for a shift, contact Greg at [grs9@cornell.edu](mailto:grs9@cornell.edu) or call the office at 518-885-8995.

This fundraiser would not be a success without your support!

# It's Paper Clover Time!

## Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, 2025

Funds support scholarships to 4-H camp  
and leadership activities.



**TSC** **TRACTOR  
SUPPLY CO.**  
[TractorSupply.com](http://TractorSupply.com)





# 3 Part Gingerbread Workshop

Create Something Amazing!

November 8 1pm-4pm

November 18 4:30pm-7pm

November 22 1pm-4pm

## Activities Include

Make, cut  
and bake  
Gingerbread  
11/8

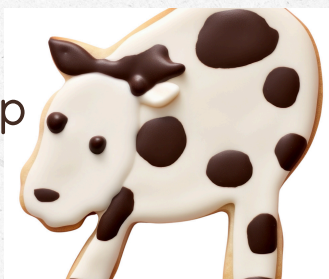
Open house  
Decorate Cookies  
Assemble House  
11/18

Decorate  
11/22

All materials provided!

Experienced hands to help  
\$16 per house

Register at CCE Office by 11/1  
Space is limited



On your own or with Club or family.  
Housed displayed at Saratoga  
Springs Victorian Street Walk and  
then home for the holiday!



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# WREATH WORKSHOP

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DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025

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## EVENT DETAILS

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

**When:** Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm

**Who:** 4-H members ages 8-18

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

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### Registration Required

Contact Jessica Luse at  
[jmh452@cornell.edu](mailto:jmh452@cornell.edu) or 518-885-8995  
by November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Space is limited

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# HOLIDAY PROJECT DAY

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**11 AM TO 1 PM**

**SCHWERT BUILDING**

**\$5 per project**

**RSVP to [kmw82@cornell.edu](mailto:kmw82@cornell.edu) OR  
[lmr283@cornell.edu](mailto:lmr283@cornell.edu)**

## **PROJECTS INCLUDE:**

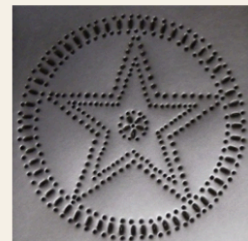


### **Homemade Christmas Cards**

**Make some for family and make some to  
share with local nursing homes!**

### **Tin Punch**

**You can make these into tree ornaments  
or fun holiday table decorations**



### **Wooden Ornaments**

**Let your creativity shine as you create your  
own wooden christmas tree ornaments**



# *Fair Did you know?*



**Saratoga County Fair 2026: July 21<sup>st</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>**

**Start thinking about fair projects now!**

**Check out this month's fair book showcase:**

**Department 21 - Communications and Expressive Arts**

**Class 1**

## **A. Achievement books**

This is a collection of items to demonstrate your involvement in projects throughout the 4-H Year! Start your Achievement Books NOW!!

## **B. Scrap Book**

This project lets you use your creative side to tell us about events or activities you've participated in! This project can be 4-H or non 4-H themed!

## **C. Press Release or Editorials**

This project is all about the 4-Hers ability to share information with media outlets about your achievements! This is a great project for anyone interested in journalism!

## **D. 4-H Portfolio**

The Portfolio is all about showing off your involvement in various activities throughout the 4-H Year! Get a head start and begin October 1<sup>st</sup> when the 4-H new year begins!

## **E. Creative Writing**

Let your creative juices flow by creating a Fiction or Non-Fiction Story! You can also submit this project as a paper or record yourself reading the story!

## **F. 4-H Project Notebook**

This notebook is assembled to record specific project work. It can be about any 4-H project or experiment you endeavour on this year!

## **G. 4-H Project Resource Notebook**

This notebook is all about the skills, resources and techniques you used on a project of your choice!

**For more details check out the Fairbook on our website**



<https://ccesaratoga.org/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/fair-forms>







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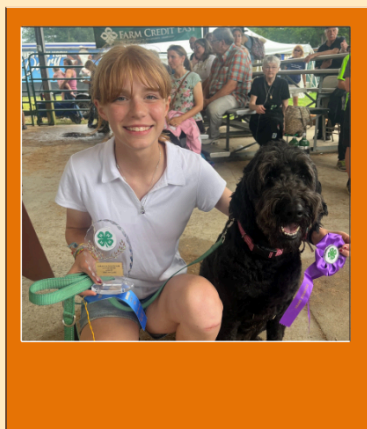


# ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025**

At 6:00 PM, William Schwerd building

Join us to celebrate our  
youths amazing  
accomplishments!





# Leaders

On Thursday, September 25th we gathered to celebrate some very special people, our 4-H Leaders. The evening was filled with great fellowship, wonderful food and beautiful tributes to the dedication and commitment that our 4-H Volunteers have to Cornell Cooperative Extension.

All 4-H Volunteers are Leaders in our organization, and we hope that we can celebrate your contribution to our program in the future. We encourage all 4-H Volunteers to grow in their role through participation in 4-H program, professional development and by participating in the 4-H Leaders Celebration.

We cannot wait until next year when we again come together to show our appreciation for our amazing 4-H Leaders!





# Banquet







# Party For A Cause 2

Sponsored by Harmony Veterinary Clinic

## We Need Your Help!!

We are currently planning our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Party for A Cause, to be held on January 17, 2026 at The Hideaway. We are looking for raffle items and silent auction items from 4-H families and volunteers. Raffle Baskets, gift certificates, let's be creative.



# COME EAT WITH ROBOVINES NOVEMBER 19TH



We are organizing a fundraising dinner to introduce our team and showcase our activities. The funds raised will support not only our primary team but also the three additional teams we support, as well as the various programs we operate throughout the year.



For additional  
information, please visit  
us at the provided link or  
scan the QR code.

[robovines.org/dinner](https://robovines.org/dinner)



## ROBOTS EXPLODING!!!

### KICKOFF

We started by hosting a kickoff for the FTC game. We had 5 teams join us to announce the game.

### 10 HOUR PLANNING DAY

We initiated our planning for the upcoming season, engaged in gameplay from a robotic perspective, and began to establish our objectives for the season



### STARTING THE SEASON

We have started constructing and designing our robot, testing different ideas for effectiveness this season. We have also begun programming and media tasks to re-engage with the robotics season.

### START OF FLL PROGRAMS

All of our FLL programs are in the full swing of things. They have started building and learning how to program.





## Saratoga County 4-H Leader Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_



Green Jerzees Unisex Premium  
Ring Spun Cotton Pique Sport  
With White Embroidery Words

| SIZE | Adult<br>Small | Adult<br>Med. | Adult<br>Large | Adult XL | Adult 2X | Adult 3X |
|------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| QTY  |                |               |                |          |          |          |

**Total # of Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 each = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total cost is \$25 per shirt but Saratoga County 4-H Leader's is paying \$10 towards it  
for up to 2 shirts**

**Please Order at: [www.sc4h.org/shirts](http://www.sc4h.org/shirts)**

**Cash or Checks Payable to 4-H Leaders Association**

**Mail or drop off: CCE Saratoga County 4-H, 50 West High Street**

**Ballston Spa NY 12020**

T-Shirts will be Available for pick up at the 4-H Office. You will be notified when your order is in.

**ORDERS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY November 1st!!**



Beyond Ready

# National 4-H Week Toolkit

Sunday, October 5 – Saturday, October 11, 2025

## Activations

**DAY 1:**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**BEYOND READY:  
GO GREEN**

On Monday of National 4-H Week, 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**. Let's paint the nation **GREEN**, on **Monday, October 6!**



Share your 'Go Green' moment on social and tag **National 4-H**, your **State 4-H** program, and use:  
**#4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek**



**DAY 2:**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**BEYOND READY:  
4-H FOR GOOD**



On Thursday of National 4-H Week, 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, **Thursday, October 9!**

Share your '4-H For Good' story on social, tag others in your 4-H community, tag **National 4-H** and use:  
**#4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek**



# Hey You...Volunteer! You are a LEADER!

## Leaders News

Welcome to the new year of Saratoga County 4-H. Leaders Association would like to share some of our successes and invite you to join us.

Did you know that every enrolled volunteer is a member of Saratoga County 4-H Leaders Association? Whether you are the organizational leader, activity leader or someone who just helps out your club, you are part of the Leaders Association. So that means that we need you!

Leaders Association holds 2 fundraisers every year, The 4-H Golf Classic in June and the 4-H Chicken BBQ in July at the County Fair. This year was another terrific year. The chicken BBQ is a staple at the County Fair and we have added a pick-up option at the Saratoga County Training Center. It continues to sell out!

So, what do we do with this money? We give it back to our youth, by providing 2-3 scholarships every year, and helping youth go on 4-H trips! We even have money set aside to give to clubs who have an experience that they might not be able to afford. Reach out to find out how you can take advantage of this money.

Leaders Association meets every other month and we have a virtual option if you can't get to Ballston Spa

**The next Leaders meeting is November 10, 2025.**

Please reach out to Leaders Association at [scleadersgolf@gmail.com](mailto:scleadersgolf@gmail.com) with any questions or thoughts you would like to share with us.



## Congratulations to Mercianna and Why!

For the first time in a long time, Saratoga County was represented at the 2025 NYS 4-H Dog Show!

Mercianna Fortman and Why competed in Novice Agility and Grooming and Handling at the NYS Fair this past August!

They had a ton of fun and learned lots of new things!

Mercianna received a blue ribbon for Agility and a white ribbon for Grooming and Handling!

We are proud of both of you. Congratulations!!



# Get Ready for Hunting Season!

## DEC Hunter Education Courses

's Fall... and hunting season is upon us. If YOU plan on hunting, remember, first time hunters in New York State MUST take and pass a Hunter Education course. Similar courses are also required for bow hunting and trapping. A certificate from the appropriate course is required in order to purchase a license. Hunters must be at least fourteen to hunt big game with a firearm and twelve for bow hunting. Bear in mind, twelve-year-olds may hunt small game. Students must be eleven years old or older.

There are many DEC Hunter Education classes throughout our area. We highly recommend doing an in-person class rather than doing an online class. There is a lot of hands-on experiences offered in person that cannot be replaced online. We are currently working on setting up a Bowhunter Education Class for late October.

You can see the catalog of upcoming courses at the DEC Website:

[https://www.register-ed.com/programs/new\\_york/165](https://www.register-ed.com/programs/new_york/165)

If you have any questions, please call 518.885.8995 or email [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu)



**WHAT:** Teen Council Meeting and Activity

**WHO:** All 4-H Teens

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 11th

**WHERE:** 4-H Training Center



Happy Fall Everyone! Saratoga County 4-H Teen Council is looking forward to a fantastic new 4-H year and we hope that all our 4-H Teens can join us! If you are looking for a fun opportunity to meet other 4-H Teens, ways to give back to the community through acts of service, or a place to develop your leadership and teamwork skills, then 4-H Teen Council is for you!

Our October meeting will be an election of new officers, and a fun fall activity! We hope you can join us!

If you are interested in running for a Teen Council Officer Position, please contact Chris Hull at [chrishull1011@gmail.com](mailto:chrishull1011@gmail.com)



# 4-H Horse News

## Straight From The Horses Mouth

### State Fair Highlights

**Amelia Fleischmann &  
"Gotta Tough Image"**



#### Important Dates

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

Located at the 4-H Training Center



Last Gymkhana of the Series! ..... **Oct. 17th**

Located at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds



4-H Achievement Night! ..... **Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**

Amelia & Fuego represented the Saratoga County 4-H Horse program this past August at the New York State Fair! While there, she took 3rd place in Fitting and Showmanship, two 4th place ribbons, one 10th place ribbon, and a 2nd place! Each of these placings was out of 15-20 riders per class.

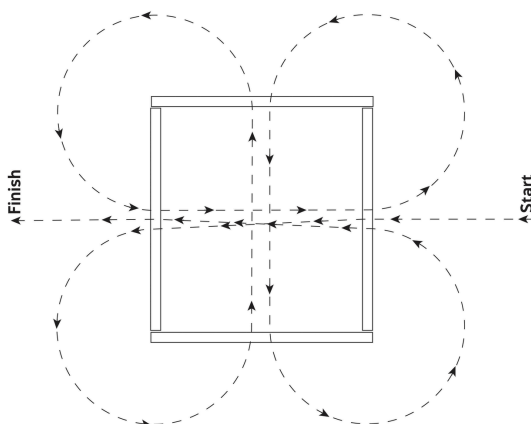
Amelia and Fuego have made us proud representing Saratoga County.

Sadly, this was Amelia's last year with us as a Saratoga County 4-Her, but she went out having experienced it all this year!

We wish you the Best at SUNY Cobleskill and hope to see you around at local horse events and possibly a future 4-H Volunteer!

### Looking for a fun and different ground pole exercise?

Whether English/Western or simply groundwork and lunging your horse, this is a fun and simple ground pole pattern. Increase difficulty by making the circles smaller, and then larger again. This exercise can help build top line, balance and direction!





# Saratoga County 4-H



# Advanced Vet Science Project



**\$10 fee**

**Must have previously participated in Vet Science or be 14 years of age**

**6:00pm ~ Tuesday January 6,13,20,27**

Opportunities include: Veterinary Medicine, Emergency Management, Animal Husbandry, and Networking.



**TO REGISTER CALL (518)885-8995 OR  
EMAIL [KEK255@CORNELL.EDU](mailto:KEK255@CORNELL.EDU)**

**\*Spots are limited, First come first serve**

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|-------------------|---------------|
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| Dick England      | Fort Johnson  |
| Shane Larkin      | Mechanicville |
| Ann Haden         | Ballston Spa  |
| Pete Dandreno     | Gansevoort    |
| Heidi Meidenbauer | Greenfield    |

Teens

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Henry Kelleher | Schuylerville |
| Adam Rydzak    | Milton        |

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