



What are the 4-H Standards of Recognition?

4-H Standards of Recognition is a tool to help members set and achieve goals and are part of our recognition model. Recognition is an important part of the 4-H experience! This is also a great record keeping tool.

At the beginning of the 4-H year, youth decide which level of recognition they would like to achieve. The levels are “Learn By Doing”, “Making the Best Better”, “Heart of 4-H” and “Grow a True Leader”. There are also 4 levels for Cloverbuds: “Head”, “Heart”, “Hands” and “Health”. To help youth decide, they should review the Standard of Recognition performance measure chart with their parent or club leader. The chart outlines what a member needs to do in order to achieve each level of recognition. For example, if a 4-H member wants to achieve the “Learn By Doing” standard, he/she would need to plan to do the following throughout the course of the 4-H year:

1. Complete 4 projects from at least 1 project area or more
2. Exhibit at least 2 entries at the 4-H Fair
3. Participate in four 4-H activities or competitions
4. Completing 2 hours of Community Service
5. Participate in county level 4-H Public Presentations

For more information please go to our website to see all Standards of Recognition levels along with the 2025 application.

Congratulations to the 2025 recipients:

Cloverbuds– Luke Clapsadle, Evelyn Gasiewicz, Veyla Serianni, Jake Mitri, Elizabeth Neadow, William Neadow, Ainsley Johnston, Stetson Lawson, Makai Martin, Thomas Spencer, Emma Kinmartin, and Jacob Kinmartin

Learn by Doing– Blake Lindke, Cameron Capitulo, Kelsie Israel, Remington Lawson, Lincoln Serianni, Evelyn Wittcop

Making the Best Better– Rose Zaepfel, Ethan Tower, Abigail Clapsadle, Elizabeth Nicks, Marianna Martin, Haven Kinmartin

Heart of 4-H– Colleen Kilroy and Matthew Page

Grow a True Leader– Michellynn Schroeder, Jackson Philpott, Brielle Bloomindale, Miracle Martin, Brooklyn Capitulo, Bailey Tang and Corey Tang



Grow a True Leader

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 Cost, 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***

If you are not receiving Tuesday Tidbits please email Stacey at ssh85@cornell.edu

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!



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 9/19 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.

DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED

From CCE to members in our community to wild krittters... please consider giving

Give Today to Grow CCE Niagara County

Together, we're growing leaders, building community, and shaping the future of Niagara County. With your gift, we can reach more youth, expand programs, and continue building a stronger community.

To donate to CCE Niagara County's Annual Appeal click here. <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/cooperative-extension-association-in-the-state-of-new-york-lockport-ny/give-to-grow-niagara-county>



Help Us Stock The Shelves for Local Food Pantries

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY DRIVE

When: Now – November 10th

What: Jars of peanut butter, jelly, jam, and fluff

Where: Drop off to the box in CCE Admin Building, front foyer

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

When: November 12-December 19

What: Any non-perishable food items

Examples: Any non-expired canned goods (fruits, vegetables, meat, soup), cereal, mac & cheese, rice, beans, pasta, nut-butters, etc.

Where: Drop off to the box in CCE Admin Building, front foyer

Raffle: Anyone who drops off these items to CCE during business hours, please come into the office and pick up a raffle ticket! You will receive 1 raffle ticket for each food item donated. Winner will be drawn on 12/19. One winner will receive a piece of original artwork, donated by the Niagara Art Trail.

All food donations will be distributed throughout Niagara County.

Niagara Wild Krittters Donations

The Tri Town Clan 4-H Club will be collecting needed items for Niagara Wild Krittters **until Saturday, November 15th at 12pm**. Please place donated items in the tote marked KRITTERS located in the entryway of the 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 Tractor Supply or Runnings. THANK YOU.



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November 11– Veteran's Day

November 27 & 28– Thanksgiving

December 24-January 1–Holiday/Christmas Break

January 19– Martin Luther King

February 16– Presidents Day

Workshops

Infinity Bracelet

Date: Monday, November 10
Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Place: Memorial Room
Ages: 8+
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.

Embroidery

Will be finishing up appliqué fox.
Date: Saturdays, November 8 & 22
Time: 11:00-1:00pm
Place: Memorial Room

Travel Tissue Cover and Hexagon Coaster

Date: Monday, December 1
Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Place: Memorial Room
Cost: \$1.00
Age: 5+
RSVP: Iesa at 716-523-4981 by November 24

This is a beginner friendly sewing project. For those who have had little or no sewing experience please come at 6. Learn the parts of a sewing machine and then how to operate it before starting the sewing project. The rest will start at 6:30. Please bring the following: sewing machine (if you have one), pins, seam ripper, sewing scissors and white sewing thread. You will be picking fabric from the closet to use. An adult must stay with child. Limit to 8.

Pipe Cleaner Snowflakes

Date: Monday, December 8
Time: 5:30-6:45pm **OR** 6:45-8:00pm
(pick one time slot)
Place: Memorial Room
Cost: \$2.00
Age: 5+
RSVP: Iesa at 716-523-4981 by December 3

This is a fun and easy ornament that will brighten any tree. You will make several. All supplies are provided. If you have small pliers or wire cutters, please bring.

Appliqué Pin Cushion

Date: Saturday, December 6
Time: 11:00-1:00pm
Place: Memorial Room
Cost: \$5.00
Ages: 5+
RSVP: Iesa at 716-523-4981 by December 1
This is a new project. With some pretty fabric add a felt appliqué and some embroidery to make a useful pin cushion. All supplies will be provided. Please bring sewing scissors. ***This will take several classes.***

STEM

3-D Modelling & Printing

Date: Wednesdays, November 5,12,19 and December 3
Time: 5:00p- 6:00pm
Place: Memorial Room
RSVP: Christina Wright at ckw38@cornell.edu by Monday, November 3
Ages: 10+
Cost: \$10

This class is for new and experienced 3-D modelers. Beginners will learn basics of 3-D modelling and create a custom keychain.

4-Hers with previous experience will learn how to design an articulated print. All youth will go home with a print of their original designs.

Cloverbud Sphero Robots

Date: Thursday, November 13
Time: 4:30p – 5:30pm
Place: 4-H Training Center Auditorium
RSVP: Christina Wright at ckw38@cornell.edu by Friday, November 7
Ages: Cloverbud Only
Cost: \$2

Youth will learn about a rolling robot and will drive their robot through a series of obstacles

Sphero Robots

Date: Thursday, November 20
Time: 4:30p-5:30p
Place: 4-H Training Center Auditorium
RSVP: Christina Wright at ckw38@cornell.edu by Monday, November 14
Ages: 8+
Cost: \$2

Youth will learn to use the Sphero Bolt+ robot and apply block coding in fun challenges

Mystery Lego Build

Date: Tuesday, November 25
Time: 4:30- 6:00pm
Place: Training Center Large Meeting Room
RSVP: Christina Wright at ckw38@cornell.edu by Monday, October 24
Ages: 5+
Cost: \$2

4-Hers will use their skill and imagination to engineer a mystery structure



Cloverbud Paint a Potholder

Date: Thursday, November 20
Time: 6:00pm
Place: Auditorium
Cost: \$5
RSVP: Kathy Bowers by November 13
Ages: 5-7

Cloverbuds will decorate a potholder as they wish– holiday themed or not!
Wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on.



Next class 12/10 candle bean holder and Christmas Placemat

Geology – start rocking!

Date: Monday, November 10
Time: 5:30 – 6:00pm Ages 5-9
6:00– 6:30pm Ages 10 and up
Place: Large meeting room
Cost: None
RSVP: to Sam Biniecki 716-957-0672
Ages: 5-9 first half of class
10 and up second half of class

Welcome to the startup meeting for geology. We will be discussing what interests in geology everyone has and planning the year ahead as well as possible field trips and fair entries.

4-H Foods Class

Baking a Christmas Yule Log

SAVE THE DATE for December Class

Date: Tuesday, December 2 and
Wednesday, December 3

Time: 5:30 pm

Ages: 8-18

RSVP: dsweeney7371@gmail.com

Madeline Burns, owner of Baked by Burns in Niagara Falls, will teach members how to make a Christmas yule log. The same class will be taught both nights. More details in the next clover scene

Exciting Updates to Our 4-H Archery Program!

We're excited to share some changes to our archery program this year! Thanks to our newly formed archery committee of trained volunteers. We're setting things up a little differently to give you more opportunities to learn, grow, and have fun. Archery is for kids 8 and up!

Here's what's new:

- **More Frequent Classes:** Almost every month, we'll offer **three archery classes** focused on shooting and skill-building.

Archery Club

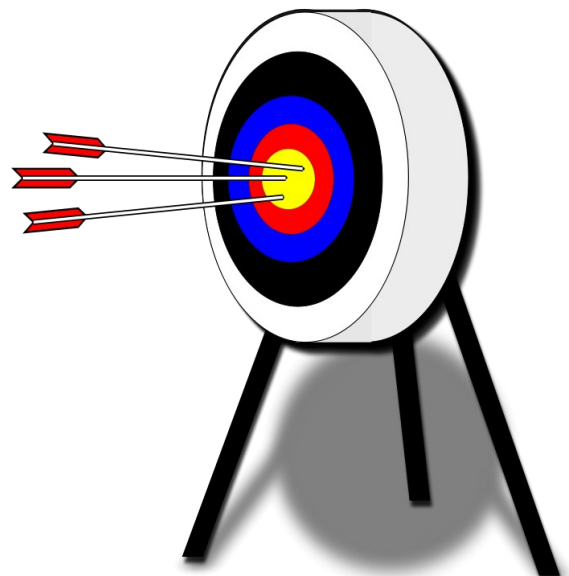
We're exploring the start of an **Archery Club** for members who want to explore archery beyond shooting. Recommend that your child is 10 or up and ready for more challenging archery classes. Members should be able to commit to monthly meetings on a regular basis. The Archery Club will officially begin in **January meeting on the 4th Monday of the month.** Email Heidi if your child is interested. Hmk3@cornell.edu

The club will include:

- Hands-on shooting practice (long distance)
- Learning the history of archery
- Learning about different types of bows and arrows
- Making archery-related items
- Exploring environmental topics connected to archery

Class Dates & RSVP

- **Mondays: November 10, 17, 24**
- RSVP with you TIME preference:
- **5pm** Beginners and Intermediate
- **6pm** Intermediate/Advanced
- **7pm** Advanced only
- *All youth must be 8 and up.*
- **\$10 for all three classes paid at the first meeting.**
- **No classes in December**
- **January Classes:** Watch for dates in the next Clover Scene
- RSVP: Email Stacey to sign up for November classes ssh85@cornell.edu, **club inquiries to Heidi hmk3@cornell.edu



Agricultural Activities

Equine

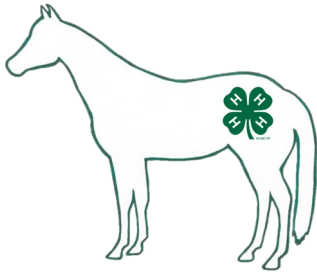
Model Horse Showing

Date: Sunday, November 9

Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Place: Large Meeting Room

Join us to learn about the new 4-H Model Horse Project. We will discuss how to show model horses, what classes there are, how to handle them, how to prepare for a show and more. We will also have a fun show with prizes. Bring your own model horse or use one of ours. And bring your friends, this meeting is open to anyone who is interested, you do not have to be enrolled in the 4-H horse program. It does also count as an educational meeting towards the 2026 Niagara county fair eligibility.



Dairy Cattle Cloverbuds

First meeting for the new 4-H year:

Date: Thursday, November 6
(note: change of date)

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Large Meeting Room

All 5,6, 7 year old (by January 1, 2026) members are welcome to join the club that meets monthly in the 4-H Training Center (large meeting room) at 6:00pm. All members will learn the 7 breeds of dairy cattle; a variety of topics such as farm safety, parts of a cow, dairy nutrition, and how to prepare a calf for the fair. They will make cow crafts to enter in the fair and each meeting will end with dairy product refreshments. All parents are encouraged to provide helping hands. You do not need to own a cow or live on a farm to join. All are welcome!

Please RSVP for this meeting by October 31 to ensure there are enough supplies.

Contact Debi Sweeney at dsweeney7371@gmail.com or (716) 795-9257 for questions and to **RSVP**.

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
November 4	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
November 5	10:00am	BR	Volunteer Training	Meeting
November 5	7:00pm	AUD	Volunteer Training	Meeting
November 5	4:30pm	MEM	3D Printing	Workshop
November 6	10:00am	BR	Volunteer Training	Meeting
November 6	6:00pm	LMR	Dairy Cattle Cloverbuds	Meeting
November 6	7:00pm	AUD	Volunteer Training	Meeting
November 7	6:30pm	AEB	Rabbits & Cavy	Meeting
November 8	9:00am	AUD	5 Star Testing Working Goats	Activity
November 8	11:00-1:00pm	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop
November 9	1:00pm	LMR	Equine Model Horse	Workshop
November 10	5:30-6:30pm	LMR	Geology Start Rocking	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 13	4:30pm	AUD	Cloverbud Sphero's	Workshop
November 13	6:30pm	MEM	Sheep	Meeting
November 13	6:30pm	BR	Sheep Cloverbud	Meeting
November 17	6:30pm	AEB	Rabbit & Cavy	Meeting
November 18	6:30pm	LMR	Meat & Dairy Goats	Meeting
November 18	7:00pm	AUD	Dairy Cattle	Meeting
November 19	4:30pm	MEM	3D Printing	Workshop
November 19	6:00pm	AUD	Poultry Cloverbuds	Meeting
November 19	7:00pm	AUD	Poultry	Meeting
November 20	4:30pm	AUD	4-H Sphero's	Workshop
November 20	6:00pm	AUD	Cloverbud Potholder	Workshop
November 20	7:00pm	LMR	Swine	Meeting
November 22	11:00-1:00pm	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop
November 24	6:00pm	MEM	Felt Christmas Tree	Workshop
November 24	6:30pm	BR	Cat Club	Meeting
November 25	4:30pm	AUD	Lego Build	Workshop
December 1	6:00pm	MEM	Travel Tissue Holder	Workshop
December 2	5:30pm	LMR	4-H Foods	Workshop
December 2	7:00pm	AUD	Dairy Cattle	Meeting
December 3	5:30pm	LMR	4-H Foods	Workshop
December 3	4:30pm	MEM	3D Print	Workshop
December 4	6:00pm	LMR	Dairy Cattle Cloverbuds	Meeting
December 6	11:00-1:00pm	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop
December 8	6:00pm	MEM	Pipe Cleaner Snowflakes	Workshop
December 10	6:00pm	LMR	Cloverbud Candle Bean Holder	Workshop
December 16	6:00pm	AUD	Poultry Cloverbuds	Meeting
December 16	7:00pm	AUD	Poultry	Meeting
December 19	6:30pm	AEB	Rabbit & Cavy	Meeting

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



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484



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Standards of Recognition Recipients



Heart of 4-H



Making the Best Better



Learn by Doing

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