



4-H Highlights

Nov.-Dec. 2025

*Happy Holidays, and
A Happy NEW 4-H Year!*

During this season of gratitude and celebration, we wish to thank our 4-H leaders, members, and supporters for their unwavering dedication and contributions to our program's success. As we welcome the new 4-H year, our staff looks forward with great anticipation to the continued growth, learning, and achievement it will bring. Wishing our entire 4-H family a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year..

...The 4-H office

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

November

1st - 4-H Re-enrollment Due
2nd - Gingerbread Workshop Part 1
8th-Teen Council
17th - Leaders Potluck Dinner
18th - Gingerbread Workshop Part 2
22nd - Holiday Project Day

December

1st - Gingerbread Houses due to 4-H Office
4th- Victorian Streetwalk
13th-Teen Council



4-H Holiday Mitten Tree is Back!



We're delighted to announce that 4-H is once again partnering with the Saratoga Springs Public Library and Ballston Spa Public Library to bring warmth and joy to our community through the Holiday Mitten Tree!

☀️ What's the Mitten Tree?

Each year, our Mitten Trees are decorated with donated cold-weather gear to help families in need during the winter season. This year, we're collecting:

🧦 New socks

🧢 Hats

🧤 Mittens & gloves

🧣 Scarves

🧥 Gently used coats

These items will be available at both libraries for anyone in need to take during the holiday season. After the holidays, remaining items will be distributed to local organizations to continue helping those in need.

❄️ Why It Matters

Winter in Upstate New York can be harsh, and we want to do our part to ensure everyone in our community stays warm. Your donations make a real difference!

📍 Donation Drop-Off Locations

Starting mid to late November, you can drop off donations at:
Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Office
Saratoga Springs Public Library
Ballston Spa Public Library

👉 Get Involved!

This is a fantastic opportunity for 4-H Clubs to participate in a meaningful Community Service Project. Let's work together to spread warmth and kindness this holiday season!

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact the CCE Office or email Leland at glb76@cornell.edu.



SARATOGA COUNTY 4-H



VETERINARY SCIENCE PROJECT

Tuesday Nights: 6:00 PM



5 weeks:
March 3,10,17,24,31

\$10 per youth
Ages 12 & up



Veterinary Science



Animal Husbandry



Vet Clinic and Farm Tours

To register

Email kek255@cornell.edu

or call (518)885-8995



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

Spots are LIMITED!



Fair Did you know?



Saratoga County Fair 2026: July 21st -26th

**Start thinking about fair projects now!
Check out this month's fair book showcase:**

Department 25 - STEM

A. Handyman/Wood Working

This woodworking project area includes categories for projects made entirely by hand tools, power tools, and kits with pre-cut materials assembled by the exhibitor. Additional classes cover leathercraft and rope projects, as well as Advanced Woodworking project for experienced participants judged at a higher level.

B. Electrical

These electric projects may include lamps or other wiring-based items, which are judged on safety, wiring accuracy, and completeness. Electronics projects must be hand-wired, functional, and neatly assembled, with exhibitors providing brief explanation of how the project works and its purpose.

C. Other

These classes include projects focused on energy conservation, electronics, and engineering science. Exhibits may demonstrate ways to save energy, feature functional hand-built electronic devices, or present three-dimensional educational displays.

D. Engineering

- Includes projects in rocketry, model design (such as Lego, K'nex, or similar kits), mechanical science, 3D printing, engineering, geospatial science, and more!
- Entries emphasize creativity, technical skill, understanding of scientific or engineering principles, and clear presentation or documentation.
- Projects range from kit-based or original Lego builds to rockets, GIS mapping, renewable energy studies, and citizen science exhibits, all highlighting learning, innovation, and problem solving

For more details check out the Fairbook on our website



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





Victorian Street Walk 2025



Gingerbread House Community Service

November is the month many of you will be making gingerbread houses for the Festival of Trees during Victorian Street Walk or for display at the Saratoga Library. In past years we have had incredibly creative structures such as: gingerbread schools, stables, castles, and yes, houses! We look forward to seeing new designs for 2025!

A gingerbread house display is a great community service opportunity for 4-H. It enables us to be an active member of a community event as well as being able to share the houses with local groups like senior centers, soup kitchens and nursing homes. The houses are first displayed at various locations during the Victorian Streetwalk, and then donated to local community centers for further display.

Information to help you participate in the gingerbread project:

- All houses need to be brought to the 4-H Office by Monday, December 1st.
- There are two gingerbread kits available to borrow. The kits contain instructions, equipment and supplies. Not quite everything you will need, but the hard to find items are there. Clubs can borrow the kits for one week. Please call the 4-H Office at 518-885-8995 to reserve a kit.
- IF your club is making a scene with multiple houses or other structures the board you place it on cannot be larger than 2' by 2'.
- IF your club is making individual houses or structures please place them on a sturdy base such as wood, foam board, or heavy cardboard. Please do not use a single piece of cardboard.
- Houses will be at multiple locations. We are still solidifying those locations. If your club is interested in staffing one of the locations, please call the 4-H Office.
- Thank you for your support of this fun and unique community service project!



HOLIDAY PROJECT DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

11 AM TO 1 PM

SCHWERD BUILDING

\$5 per project

**RSVP to kmw82@cornell.edu OR
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**

Teen Council News

Teen Council Kicks Off a New Year of Fun, Friends & Service!

Saratoga County 4-H Teen Council is back and ready to roll into the 2025–2026 4-H year with fresh energy and exciting plans! Whether you're a seasoned member or brand new to the crew, this is your chance to jump in, meet awesome people, build leadership skills, and make a real impact in your community — all while having a blast.

Tree Unloading Crew Needed!

 Greenfield Center

 Friday, November 22nd

 Time: TBD

We're looking for volunteers to help unload Christmas trees — it's a great way to kick off the season, get in the holiday spirit, and help out in a big way. Stay tuned for the exact time!

November Teen Council Meeting

 Saturday, November 8th

 6:00–8:30 PM

 4-H Training Center

Let's get together to plan, connect, and kick off the year! We'll be diving into a fun project (TBD), sharing ideas, and setting the tone for an awesome year ahead.

Teen Council Holiday Party + Gift Wrapping Night

 Saturday, December 13th

 6:00–8:30 PM

 4-H Training Center

It's time to celebrate! Join us for our annual holiday party and help wrap gifts for our Adopt-a-Family project.

 Bring a wrapped gift to exchange (max \$10)

 Bring a dish to share — snacks, sweets, or your favorite holiday treat!

Teen Council is all about you — your ideas, your energy, and your voice. We're here to make a difference, learn new things, and have a ton of fun doing it. Don't miss out — we can't wait to see you!

2025 Paper Clover

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). 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 12/6 until 12/13 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 or call the office at 518-885-8995.

This fundraiser would not be a success without your support!



Dairy Bowl

Dairy Bowl will be putting teams together and practicing for competitions in the upcoming year. If you are interested in cattle or want to know more about dairy cows, you should sign up! **ANYONE** is allowed to sign up, you do not need dairy knowledge to compete!

There are 3 different divisions:

Senior: Members must be at least 14 years old and not reached their 19th birthday as of January 1st of the current year

Junior: Members must be at least 9 and less than 14 years old as of January 1st of the current year.

Beginner: For members 8-10 years old as of Jan. 1st

Call or Email Kailey at the 4-H Office for more information or if you are interested in participating: 518-885-8995 or email **kek255@cornell.edu**.



Public Presentations



It's time to start thinking about 4-H Public Presentation Day! This fun and exhilarating day brings hundreds of local 4-H members together to practice the life skill of public speaking in a comfortable environment. It is open to all members, Cloverbuds and 4-H'ers, ages 5-19. A nationally recognized element of the Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Program, it is often credited by 4-H alumni as having given them an edge above their peers in high school, college and beyond. It is a good opportunity for youth to develop poise and self-confidence in front of a small group, build public speaking skills and express ideas clearly and creatively.

Be on the lookout for a Training for youth, parents and leaders that will be held in January!



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 Small	Adult Med.	Adult 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

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 10th!!



Party For A Cause 2

Sponsored by Harmony Veterinary Clinic

Saturday, January 17th

6-10pm

at The Hideaway

35 Grace Moore Rd, Saratoga Springs

Live Music

Raffles

Silent Auction

\$20 Advance Tickets

5 raffle tickets, Light Apps (veggies, cheese, crackers, pepperoni)
with each paid admission.

***Cash Bar and
Limited Menu**

Available for purchase

Music by:



Order tickets at:

sc4h.org/party

or call 518-885-8995

Featuring: Leland Bunting

Achievement Night 2025

On Saturday, October 25th we held our annual Achievement Night. Over 130 youth, parents and leaders attended this year's event in our new building. We appreciate all the youth who came out to celebrate one another and their accomplishments. We are very proud of our Saratoga County 4-H members!

Congratulations to our Scholarship winners: Norah Hoke, Aurora Hanson, Addelayde Ross, Clay Leveson, Erin and Henry Kelleher!







YOU ARE INVITED TO

LEADERS POTLUCK DINNER

NOV 17 | 6 PM

WILLIAM SCHWERD BUILDING

Calling all leaders and junior leaders! Our next 4-H Leader's Association Meeting will be held on Monday, November 17th at 6:00pm at the 4-H Training Center. We will be having a potluck dinner to ring in the holidays. The office will provide plates, napkins, drinks etc.

Our first meeting of the new year will have us discuss ideas for upcoming meetings, approve the 2024-2025 budget and discuss professional development.

The Saratoga County 4-H Leaders Association is open to all enrolled 4-H volunteer leaders and junior leaders. This group provides financial assistance to the 4-H program and members while giving volunteers a place to learn and connect.





Let Neighborhood Kitchen make your dinner and support the Saratoga County 4H's Robovines and the rest of the robotics program. Order & pick up at Neighborhood Kitchen at 312 Rowland Street, Ballston Spa

WEDNESDAY FAMILY SPECIAL

FEATURING

MAC-N-CHEESE

Ages of cheddar tossed with trottolo pasta and topped with breadcrumbs

Sub GF pasta \$6/ Add chicken \$8/ Add bacon \$5/ Add Broccoli \$4

10% of all proceeds go to the Saratoga County 4H Robovines

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**FEEDS 3-4 PEOPLE
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CALL US 518-885-3100

4-H Re-Enrollment

Time to Re-Enroll for Another Great Year in 4-H!

It's that time again! Each year, all 4-H youth and volunteers need to re-enroll to stay active in the program. Most families are familiar with the process, but we made some big updates last year — and we're keeping the momentum going!

Online Re-Enrollment Encouraged

We're now encouraging everyone to use the 4-H Online System to re-enroll. It's quick, easy, and helps us stay organized! That said, if you prefer paper forms, no worries — you can still request them.

What Still Needs to Be Submitted

Even if you re-enroll online, we still need signed hard copies of certain forms and payment.

- Club members: Check with your club leader to see how they'd like to collect forms and payments.
- Independent members: Visit ccesaratoga.org and look for "Re-Enrollment Forms" on the left sidebar of the 4-H Youth page.

If you're using the online system, you won't need to submit the full enrollment form — just the additional required documents listed on the site.

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
- \$5 Enrollment Fee (Cash or Check to "CCE Saratoga")

Leaders:

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

Any forms may be mailed or dropped off at our office

CCE Saratoga
50 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.

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

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4-H 4-K Walkathon

On September 27th, the Saratoga County 4-H community came together at the 4-H Training Center for our annual 4-H 4-K Walkathon, and what a day it was!

After last year's record-breaking success, we were hopeful for another strong turnout — and our 4-H family did not disappoint! With over 70 walkers and nearly 100 attendees, we are thrilled to report that we raised over \$18,000 to support the continued growth and care of the 4-H Training Center.

That's nearly another record year!



A Huge Thank You!

This event wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our 4-H Walkathon Committee, who spent months planning and preparing to make this day so special. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous business sponsors whose support helped make this event a success.

And a special shout-out to our 4-H Clubs who stepped up as t-shirt sponsors — thank you for your continued support and spirit!



Save the Date for 2026!

Mark your calendars — the tentative date for next year's Walkathon is Saturday, September 26, 2026. We can't wait to see you there for another day of fun, fitness, and community giving!



THANK YOU!

2025 4-H 4-K WALKATHON SPONSORS



Michael's Automotive





Party For A Cause 2

Sponsored by Harmony Veterinary Clinic

We Need Your Help!!

We are currently planning our 2nd 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.



4-H Horse News

Straight From The Horses Mouth

Achievement Night:

Congratulations to Amelia Fleishmann on winning the Saratoga County 4-H Horsemen award! AND Congratulations to Kiri Kergel for special recognition in Equine! You will both be missed next year!



Fall Fun Show:

Congratulations to everyone who competed in the Fall Fun Show Sunday the 26th! And thank you to everyone who made this event possible!





November 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						14-H Enrollment Due
2 Gingerbread workshop Pt 1	3	4	5	6	7	8 Teen Council
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Leaders Potluck Dinner	18 Gingerbread workshop Pt 2	19	20	21	22 Holiday Project Day &Gingerbread Pt 3
23  30	24 Shooting Sports Com	25	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving	28	29



December 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Gingerbread Houses due to 4-H Office	2 Wreath Workshop	3	4 Victorian Street Walk	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Teen Council
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas!!	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve			



Save the Date

SARATOGA COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS & FRIENDS

ANNUAL BANQUET AND AUCTION

APRIL 18TH, 2026

*The Queensbury Hotel
Glens Falls, NY*

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

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