

# On the Move

## Oneida County 4-H

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Oneida County

### Important Dates

#### December

- 1: Deadline to RE-Enroll**
- 2: Make It, Bake It Day**
- 5: Dairy Bowl Practice**
- 13: 4-H Model Horse Show**
- 15: Make It, Bake It Day**
- 19: Dairy Bowl Practice**
- 20: Make It, Bake It Day**
- 25-26: CCE Oneida Office CLOSED**
- 29: 4-H Hiking - Oriskany**
- 31: CCE Oneida Office CLOSED**

#### February

- 7: Horse Bowl Practice**
- 14: Horse Bowl Practice**
- 16: CCE Oneida Office CLOSED**
- 17-19: Tractor & Machinery Safety**
- 20-22: Winter Round Up - Amboy**
- 28: Horse Bowl Practice**

#### January

- 1: CCE Oneida Office CLOSED**
- 2: Art in a Bucket Registration Closes**
- 3: Horse Bowl Practice**
- 10: Horse Bowl Practice**
- 17: Horse Bowl Practice/Public Presentation Workshop**
- 19: CCE Oneida Office CLOSED**
- 24: Horse Bowl Practice**
- 31: Horse Bowl Practice**

#### March

- 7: District Dairy Bowl, Horse Bowl & Hippology**
- 14: Horse Communications - Boonville Municipal**
- 21: Horse Communications & Public Presentations - CCE Office**

# Oneida County 4-H is Paperless



**Youth Enrollment**



**Adult Volunteer  
Enrollment**



**Financial Statement**

*Due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month*



**Permission to Raise Funds**

*Due 30 days before event*



**Payment Page**



**4-H Info: Registration &  
Calendar of Events**

## For the 2025-2026 4-H Year

- No enrollments accepted after May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Clubs more than 3 months behind in submitting financial reports will be suspended until reporting is up to date and 4-H Staff have agreed to lift the suspension (*this could take several weeks*). While on suspension a club may not fundraise, meet or hold any 4-H activities/events. Youth enrolled in a suspended club may only participate in activities approved by 4-H Staff
- No new or existing clubs can start the new 4-H year unless a representative attends a mandatory leader meeting outlined below.
- Volunteers wishing to start a 4-H Club must have been enrolled at least 4 months prior to starting a club. *During this interim time youth, parents, and volunteers should enroll as independent members. They can meet as a group to do projects and coordinate the roles and responsibilities each will play in their future 4-H Club.*



**Save the Date!**



## 2026 4-H Winter Round-Up

**Friday through Sunday, February 20–22, 2026**

**Amboy 4-H Environmental Education Center,  
Oswego County, NY**

Join us for a weekend of fun, learning, and adventure  
at the annual 4-H Winter Round-Up!

Stay tuned for more details on registration, activities,  
and what to bring.

**Don't miss out mark your calendars now!**

For more information about this event, contact

Nathaniel English, 4-H Animal Science Educator,

Office: 963-7286 ext. 402

Email: [ne235@cornell.edu](mailto:ne235@cornell.edu)



## 4-H Model Horse Show Region 3

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

CCE Oneida County

121 Second St, Oriskany, NY 13424

Setup starts at 9:00 am with the  
Show starting at 10:00 am

Scan the QR Code to  
register today or visit  
[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/  
ModelHorseShowReg3\\_230](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/ModelHorseShowReg3_230)



**Limit 3 entries per class**  
**Entries due by Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**



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## It's Paper Clover Time!



**Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, 2025**

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



**SAVE THE DATES**  
**JULY 28<sup>th</sup> to**  
**AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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# UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



## Forests and Folktales

**Who:** 4-H youth ages 5-18.

**What:** 4-Hers will get a bucket with specific projects to complete, have evaluated, and then displayed at the 2026 Boonville Fair.

**Where & When:** Buckets and supplies will be available in December Celeste will email participants directly

## 4-H Make It, Bake It Days!

- Get hands on in the kitchen! We'll cover skills of kitchen management, measuring, reading directions, using kitchen equipment and of course, making food!
- Activities will run from 5:30 to 6:30 at CCE Oneida on 12/2, 12/15 and 12/30.

Conditionally open to both 4-H Members and Cloverbuds. If you are a parent/guardian of a Cloverbud, you are required to stay for the event OR your Cloverbud must have an older sibling in 4-H attending the event and willing to assist them.



## 4-H Outdoors: Hiking

Let's get outside for education and recreation! Several dates and locations, some locations TBA. Dates will be on weekends or planned school closures/breaks. Come dressed for the weather. Conditionally open for both 4-H members and Cloverbuds. First hike is scheduled for 12/29 at the CCE Oneida office!

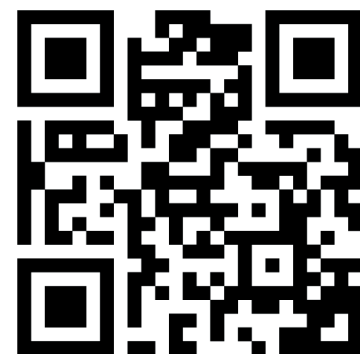
## Public Presentation Workshop

Whether you need assistance selecting a topic for Public Presentation or tips and tricks for presenting, this workshop at **CCE Oneida on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 2:30PM** is for you! Come with your chosen topic or a list of interesting topic ideas and any research you have done. Everyone will have a chance to do a mock presentation.

To hold this event, we must have a minimum of 6 youth registered. If the minimum has not been met 24 hours prior to the event, I will consider cancelling or shortening the workshop. NOT a Cloverbud event.



[CLICK HERE](#) to see all registrations or use the QR Code!  
Linktree: [linktr.ee/cmo95](https://linktr.ee/cmo95)





# DAIRY BOWL practice

Dates: Friday, Dec 5th & Dec 19th

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Location: CCE Oneida



Please RSVP at least 24 hours in Advance  
Scan QR Code to Register + For More Details  
SAVE THE DATE: Regional Contest March 7th

## Tractor and Machinery Certification Course

The Safe Tractor + Machinery Operation Program is open to youth ages 14 and over. We invite and encourage all farm and non-farm youth who will be working on or around machinery to participate in the program. Youth between the ages 14-15 years of age are required by law to hold this certification in order to work with or around machinery. Watch our Facebook page for Registration.



SAVE THE DATE: Feb 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> at the Clinton VFW



### Congratulations to Jessica Sommers on being recognized as a Friend of CCE!

As a former Oneida County 4-H member and current 4-H volunteer, Jessica is dedicated to sharing the 4-H Program with today's youth including her son. During all of the arena cleanups and 4-H Horse Shows she volunteers her time to help everything run smoothly.

Jessica is an irreplaceable friend to the 4-H Horse Program and 4-H in general. Recently she has also volunteered to become a leader for a new 4-H Club. We will always consider Jessica an exemplary Friend of 4-H!

# CLOVERBUDS



## Ice Ornaments

(for outside!)

If you have a bundt cake pan, you can make ice wreaths, but muffins tins work wonderfully!

### Materials:

- Evergreen clippings
- Small pine cones
- Orange slices
- Dried petals
- Twine
- Muffin tin or Bundt cake pan for wreath
- Water



1. Fill your muffin tin with whatever nature pretties you decide to use!
2. Tuck a piece of string folded into a loop into each ornament. Use other items to hold them in place.
3. Pour water on top, then place outside or in the freezer.
4. Once frozen, run hot water briefly along the bottom of pan to release the ornaments. (This may not be necessary. Ours came out all on their own without applying any heat.)
5. Hang up your icy ornaments somewhere you can admire them outside!



# Keep Warm this Winter with WOOL!!!

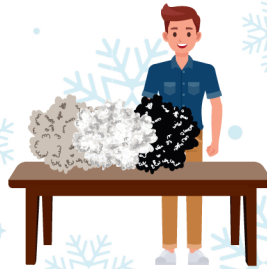
Read below to learn how wool products are created!



Wool grows on the sheep



Sheep is sheared & wool is collected



Wool is sorted into different categories



Wool is washed and cleaned



Wool is carded, separating the fibers



Fibers are spun together to make yarn



Newly spun yarn is woven into fabric



Fabric is used to make sweaters

Consider incorporating wool projects into your next 4-H club meeting! (Knitting or crocheting)

## WORD UNSCRAMBLE

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Complete the snowman by giving them eyes, a mouth, a carrot nose, a hat, arms, and a wool scarf!







## NY Dairy in the Classroom Funds Field Trip to Local Dairy Farm

On Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students, from Oriskany Elementary, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students, from Marcy Elementary School, visited DiNitto Farms for an educational field trip. On the farm students visited the milking parlor and toured the calf barn. Whitney, Dairy in the Classroom Educator, gave a presentation on the different dairy breeds and gave a dairy product lesson where each student made fresh whipped cream for homemade hot chocolate.



## Homemade Hot Chocolate

One of the best winter treats has to be homemade hot chocolate. By making it with milk you have the chance to enjoy a delicious dairy product!

For this recipe you'll need:

- A medium pot
- Whisk
- Ladle

Ingredients:

- 4 Cups of Whole Milk
- 1/4 Cup Baking Cocoa Powder
- 1/2 Cup Granulated Sugar
- Pinch of Table Salt
- Splash of Vanilla Extract

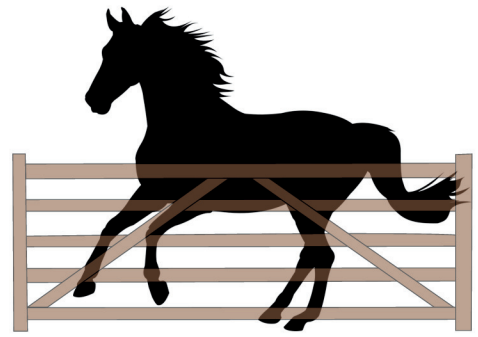
- Begin by heating up your milk to almost a simmer.
- Add in your sugar and stir until dissolved.
- Sprinkle in your cocoa powder, whisk until completely mixed.
- Add in your table salt and splash of vanilla to taste.
- Whisk the mixture to ensure everything is combined.

Serve and enjoy!





# HORSE BOWL Practices



Dates: Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Location: CCE Oneida



Please RSVP at least 24 hours in Advance  
Scan QR Code to Register + For More Details  
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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

### 4-H Riding Evaluations & Fun Horse Show

June 20th at the Boonville-Oneida County Fair Grounds  
Overcome those show jitters and get some valuable tips and  
feedback from the judge!

Evaluations Start at 7:30am, Show Starts at 9:00am  
More details to come in the next issue of On The Move!

**ARENA CLEANUP - 6:00pm-8:00pm**  
May 21<sup>st</sup>  
June 15<sup>th</sup>  
July 10<sup>th</sup>

**NYS Horse Bowl—April 18th**  
Cornell University

4-H Horse Communications Dates  
March 14th at Boonville Municipal Commission on Route 12, Boonville  
March 21st at the 4-H Office in Oriskany  
Scan the QR Code to Register and For More Details





# CONGRATULATIONS

To the following horse and rider combinations who submitted riding and groundwork hours in the County Horseback Riding Program for the 2024-2025 4-H Year!

- Eden Czajka and Scooter
- Eden Czajka and Maggie
- Eden Czajka and Cole
- Eden Czajka and Zena
- Eden Czajka and Sweetie
- Eden Czajka and Boogie
- Eden Czajka and Zivette
- Eden Czajka and Roy
- Eden Czajka and Misty
- Eden Czajka and Pete
- Eden Czajka and Junior
- Eden Czajka and Mellow Yellow
- Eden Czajka and Sunny
- Sophia Arcuri and Slic
- Wyatt Coonrod and Rising
- Alida Coonrod and Scenic
- Hadley Owens and Dallas
- Hadley Owens and Dusty
- Hadley Owens and Ginny

Eden Czajka placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2025 NYS Horse Riding Log with 515 hours and Sophia Arcuri placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2025 NYS Horse Riding Log with 188 hours!



# CLUB NEWS

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Club	Project Area	Location	Leader	Open Spots
Archery	Archery	Wesmoreland/ Washington Mills	Justin Beers	9
Barbwire	Dairy + Beef Cattle	Rome	Sarah Lanckton	FULL
Bizzy Bees	Arts + Crafts, Food Clothing/Textiles	Westmoreland	Travis Owens	3
Cool Cooking Crafters	Arts+ Crafts, Cooking + Baking, Community Service	New Hartford	Gabrielle Higgins	5
Foothills Saddle Club	Horse Health, Barn Mgmt, Community Service	Boonville	Deb Hall	8
Little Boots	Crafts/ Nature	Ava	Jessica Sommers	FULL
Mystery Riders	Horses	Booville	Leslie Pfiefer	1
Oneida Equine	Equine	Varies	Alexis Arcuri	5
Remsen Muddy Buddies	Crafts	Remsen/ Trenton	Kim Corrigan	FULL
Sugar River Riders	Animals, Crafts	Constableville	Dawn DeLeon	2
Super Salmons	Fishing	Varies	Tanya + Justin Beers	13
Rural Rascals	Sewing, Arts + Crafts		Pam Zombek	
Teen Council	Interstate Exchange Trip	Oriskany	Mary Snider	5



# Outstanding Award Recipients

Personal Development - Rachael Higgins

Animal Science - Addison Claudio

Creative Science - Addison Claudio

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