



# 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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@ontariocounty4H

## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

-December -22nd Monday- Holiday Fun Day- Cupcakes & Painting (registration is OPEN)

**Dec 25- Jan 2 Winter Break - CCE Office CLOSED**

***We are wishing all of our families a Happy Holiday Season!***



## MESSAGE FROM THE 4-H STAFF



Well November sure was gone in a blink! We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and time with your families over the holiday! If you have not completed your 4-H re-enrollment, please do so ASAP, there is now a \$10 late fee. Check to make sure you have completed all 3 steps (4-H online, release forms and payment). Returning 4-Hers that are not enrolled by January 1, will NOT be able to participate in County Fair. **Please note the calendar on page 3 and mark your calendars for our upcoming events!**

There is still time to register for the Holiday Fun: Cupcakes and Painting Day on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will 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! **Deadline to register is December 14<sup>th</sup>; please email [agd72@cornell.edu](mailto:agd72@cornell.edu)!**

The 4-H office is happy to announce that Sarah is back in the office part-time. You are more than welcome to email her but if it is urgent, please contact Amy Pyra [anr32@cornell.edu](mailto:anr32@cornell.edu) or Amelia DeVolder [agd72@cornell.edu](mailto:agd72@cornell.edu)!

*-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
- 24- Monday - Livestock Auction Informational Meeting
- 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
- 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Auction Participant Meeting

### 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

- 18<sup>th</sup> NYS 4-H 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



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: 9 am -3 pm**

**Cost: \$15 per participant**

**(please pay ahead to secure your spot)**

**cash, check, venmo @cce\_ontario or paypal**

**Email Amelia, [agd72@cornell.edu](mailto:agd72@cornell.edu) to REGISTER**

**CCE ONTARIO OFFICE**

**480 N Main St Canandaigua, NY 14424**







**Late Fee after  
Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>! \$10**

## Youth

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



## Volunteers

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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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**





# 4-H NEWS



**SAVE  
THE DATE**

## Jr. Iron Chef Workshop



We are excited to announce a workshop for the 4-H Jr Iron Chef contest to be held at our Ontario CCE office on **April 25th 10:00am – 1:00 pm**. The Jr Iron Chef contest is modeled after the TV show “Chopped”. In the contest, teams of 3-5 youth are provided festival food and asked to reinvent their food item into healthier and tastier recipes, using some pantry items, local foods, maybe a surprise or two, and their own culinary creativity!

This workshop will be led by volunteer leader Michele Vangalio who is experienced in coaching youth in this competition. Come join us to test your culinary skills and learn more about the contest at state fair. Joining a team for the state fair contest is not required. Anyone interested in cooking and teamwork are encouraged to attend.

More details and registration link coming soon!





## 2025/2026 Leadership Program Recipients

Congratulations to our Ontario County  
Youth accepted into the **NYS Animal and  
Agriculture Leadership program:**  
Emmett Smithling, Liam Purdy and Mason  
Michaelsen!

Congratulations to Grace Maslyn for being  
selected to be a part of the 2025/2026 NY  
State Junior DAIRY LEADER class!!







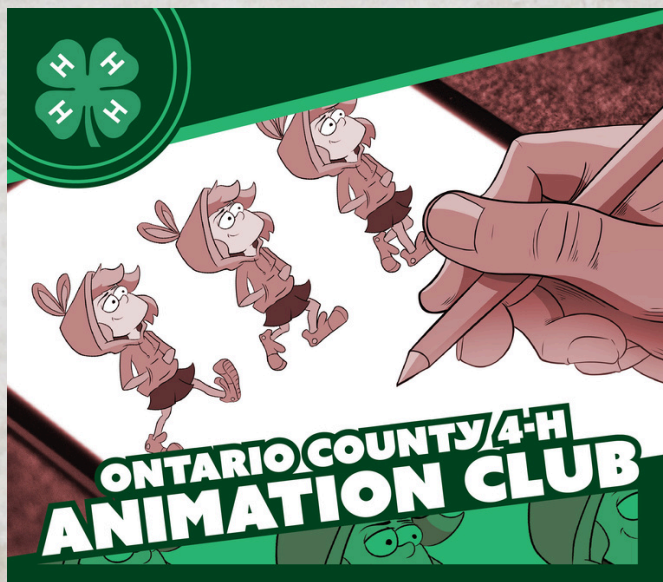
# CLUB NEWS



## Spark Club

Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> , Spark club will be doing some community service at Ashton Place in Clifton Springs, NY delivering a treat and doing a craft with the elderly residents.

Is your club doing any community service during the giving time of year?



Email Amelia at  
**agd72@cornell.edu**

if interested in joining  
animation club or email Dan at  
**daniel.R.Middleton@gmail.com**  
for questions!

**Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the  
month at the Naples Library**

**Time: 5:30 -6:30 pm**

**Ages 8-16**

Must be a member of 4-H to attend





## Show Support at your local Tractor Supply!

**In Ontario County we are lucky to have two Tractor Supply Stores- Canandaigua & Geneva!**

***Funds raised during the Paper Clover fundraiser helps us with programs such as Roseland 4-H Fun Day, Youth attending National Trips and Capital Days!***

**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)

Hyatt Regency Crystal City -Arlington, VA

Deadline! December 15, 2025, at 5:00 PM

**APPLY NOW!**

<https://www.nys4-h.org/nationalevents> **APPLY NOW!**



# SAVE THE DATE!

## 4-H Capital Days

May 17-19, 2026

4-H Capital Days is an NYSACCE4-HE-sponsored event that gives youth an opportunity to meet and interact with legislators and tell their 4-H story





**terra** Rochester Finger Lakes Science & Engineering Fair

**STUDENTS! TEACHERS!**

DO YOU PLAN TO DO A SCIENCE PROJECT NEXT YEAR?  
DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS WHO WILL?

HERE'S A CHANCE TO PRESENT IT AND WIN PRIZES AND PROMOTION TO OTHER COMPETITIONS


**NEW THIS YEAR: PROMOTION TO NEW YORK STATE INVENTION CONVENTION!**

**WHAT:** A STEM FAIR FOR STUDENTS GRADES 6-12 FROM CHEMUNG, LIVINGSTON, MONROE, ONTARIO, SCHUYLER, SENECA, STEUBEN, WAYNE AND YATES COUNTIES. THIS FAIR IS SPONSORED BY TERRA SCIENCE AND EDUCATION (TERRAED.ORG) AND MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**WHERE:** MCC-BRIGHTON CAMPUS  
**WHEN:** MARCH 21, 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE WEBSITE OR PLEASE EMAIL [TRFSEF@TERRAED.ORG](mailto:TRFSEF@TERRAED.ORG)

<https://ny-trfsef.zfairs.com>




**Monroe Community College**  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

The Terra Rochester Finger Lakes Science & Engineering Fair,(TRFSEF) March 21, 2026, at Monroe Community College for students G6-12.

### [Terra Science & Engineering Fair Information](#)

NEW this year, we are the regional competition for Invention Convention and will be sending students to the State Competition on May 2. This competition focuses on inventing a solution to a practical problem and pitching it to a set of judges, so slightly different from the data-collection/analysis projects of the TRFSEF. Glad to be expanding opportunities for students to show their work!

# National 4-H Animal Science Career Night

DECEMBER 18, 2025  
7-8pm EST | 6-7pm CST

Presented by  
National Association of Extension 4-H  
Youth Development Professionals,  
Animal Science Working Group



Join us for an evening to hear from noted speakers in the animal science industry as they share career exploration insights, advice, and more! Open to youth in grades 7–13 (ages 12–19).

**FREE**



Register by December 17, 2025 11:59pm est

For more information Contact:  
**mb2173@njaes.rutgers.edu**



**Mr Jack Ward**

Executive Vice President of the  
American Hereford Association



**Mr Sam Cohen**

Zoological Supervisor  
Bush Gardens, Tampa FL



**FREE for youth in grades 7–13 (ages 12–19)**

Join us for an exciting evening with two incredible guest speakers from the animal science industry! Hear real-world career insights, ask questions, and explore future pathways in animal science.

Featured Speakers:

Mr. Jack Ward – Executive Vice President, American Hereford Association

Mr. Sam Cohen – Zoological Supervisor, Busch Gardens (Tampa, FL)

Register by December 17, 2025 at 11:59pm EST

Scan the QR code on the flyer to sign up or visit

[https://rutgers.ca.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6lt5H9mJnKy8En4](https://rutgers.ca.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6lt5H9mJnKy8En4)

Questions? Contact: [mb2173@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:mb2173@njaes.rutgers.edu)

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