



# 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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

### January

- 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
- 14, 21, 28 Wednesdays Crochet Workshop Series 6:00-7:30 pm**

### 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)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sewing Workshop**
- Tractor Safety TBD



## MESSAGE FROM THE 4-H STAFF

Happy New Year! We hope all our families had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed the time with their families. Here at the 4-H office we are gearing up for another great year of 4-H success and growth! Please note the *UPDATED* calendar for the year, we have added some very fun new programs coming up like dog obedience, a sewing workshop, Textile Review and Jr. Iron Chef workshop.

Public presentations are comin up in February! This is a wonderful program that allows our youth to work on their public speaking skills. We encourage every 4-Her to participate as it is one of our most influential programs! Registration is due by January 14<sup>th</sup>, HERE is the online link:

[https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1UqCRN0e4pKclZc](https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1UqCRN0e4pKclZc)

To our volunteers; friendly reminder that you must complete the 10 minute sexual harassment training every year. Reminder emails with links will be sent out next week, please complete this task before we get into our busy season.

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 or Amelia DeVolder 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 Fairgrounds-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

- ?? 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
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## March

- Horse Extravaganza, District Dairy Bowl, District Public Presentations
- Tractor Safety

## April

- 18<sup>th</sup> NYS 4-H Horse Bowl
- 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jr. Iron Chef Workshop

## May

- ?? Volunteer Appreciation Open House
- May 26-Memorial Day- Office CLOSED

## June

- ?? State Fair Information Session
- ?? Pullorum Clinic
- ?? Fair Entry Worknight

## July

- July 4 Independence Day-CCE Office CLOSED
- ??- Fair Clean Up
- 21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> Ontario County Fair

## August

- ??- Roseland 4-H Fun Day
- August 26-September 7- New York State Fair





HENS, HARES AND  
HOOVES 4-H CLUB

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Support the activities of the Hens, Hares  
and Hooves 4-H club  
& corresponding events at the Ontario  
County Fair!

**8 AM-  
10 AM**



**\$8.00**



**JANUARY  
31ST**

**Held at Charlie Riedel's**

3140 Co Rd 10  
Canandaigua  
NY 14424

Buy Pre-Sale Tickets  
from a Hen, Hares &  
Hooves Club member!

# -Public Presentations-

It's never too early to be thinking about public presentations! Public presentations are one of our most popular 4-H events. Alumni of the 4-H program always credit public presentations as one of the most influential 4-H events that they took part in during their time in the program.

**Public speaking is an important life skill, and we encourage EVERY 4-H'er to take part!**

## **Time Slots Available: All Held at the CCE Office**

- Tuesday February 3rd from 6-8pm
- Friday February 6th from 6-8pm
- Saturday February 7th from 9am-1:30pm

\*Please note, SNOW Date for this event is February 10th from 6- 8pm. If any of the sessions are canceled due to inclement weather, they will be made up Feb 10th ONLY.

## **Register by January 14th!**

**Registration link and other helpful informational documents at the following link below:**

<https://cceontario.org/4-h-youth/4-h-projects/4-h-public-presentations>

**Scan**



**Develop  
Confidence**



**Speak Clearly**



**Stand Out**







# DOG OBEDIENCE

Two Levels Offered- Beginner & Intermediate

**LOCATION:** Ontario County Fairgrounds  
Carriage Barn

**DATES:**

**WEDNESDAYS- February 4 - March 11, 2026**

*\*note - this is not a drop-off program*

## **BEGINNER 5:45 pm**

For kids and dogs who are just starting their training together. We will focus on the basic skills needs for Beginner obedience, such as building the relationship between you and your dog, motivating your dog, cues, targeting, as well as the skills, such as sit, down, stand, stay, coming when called, and heeling

## **INTERMEDIATE 6:45 pm**

For kids and dogs who took training classes last year, or have taken training classes together in the past. We will be working on fine tuning your obedience skills while adding in distance, duration, and distractions

**COST:** \$30/ dog &  
handler team

### **AGES:**

Cloverbuds 5-7  
(with adult helper)  
8 & Up

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

Lots of small soft treats, a tug toy, 6ft leash, a flat buckle collar & water bowl

**SIGN UP BY MONDAY 01/26!**

Email -[agd72@cornell.edu](mailto:agd72@cornell.edu) or CALL 585-394-3977 ext. 408

**QUESTIONS?**

Email [Alyssa-amboyea@gmail.com](mailto:Alyssa-amboyea@gmail.com)

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# 4-H NEWS

**SAGES** (Student Association of the Geneva Experiment Station) at Cornell AgriTech is now accepting applications for the 2026 Advancement in Agricultural Studies Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to area high school seniors who are interested in pursuing agricultural studies.

**Applications are due by April 15, 2026** and winner(s) will be notified by the end of May.

[Link to Scholarship Announcement](#)

[Link to Scholarship Application](#)

*Eligible applicants must be residents or attend high school in the following counties:* Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Tompkins, Cayuga, Schuyler, and Wayne.

**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!



## 4-H Textile Review

**SPRING 2026**

**Date for Review and Rules coming soon!**

Start brainstorming and working on  
Textile/ Fiber Projects!  
Anything goes- Sewing, Fibers- Crochet &  
Knit, Upcycled etc.

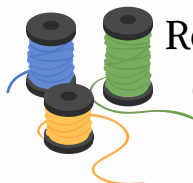
Gives youth an opportunity to model on stage  
a garment they have made or a non-clothing  
item they have sewn, crochet or knitted.

**SEWING WORKSHOP** during  
February Break

Date: February 18th

1-4 PM

Registration Link  
Coming Soon!





# 4-H NEWS

## ONTARIO COUNTY 4-H TRACTOR SAFETY COURSE

Tractor Certification Program for  
youth ages 14-15.

Classes will begin during  
February break and five  
consecutive Thursdays.

More information coming! For  
questions email Amy at  
[anr32@cornell.edu](mailto:anr32@cornell.edu)



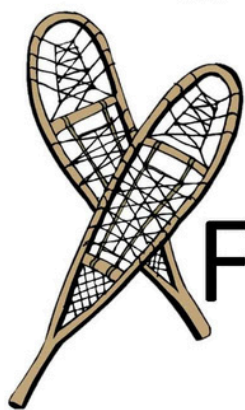
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## GO FOR THE GOLD WITH 4-H!

2026  
Ontario County Fair 4-H Theme





# Outdoors Adventures- Winterfest



## February 13-15, 2026

Held in Oswego County at  
Amboy 4-H Environmental Education Center

**Join us for an unforgettable winter weekend  
filled with adventure and fun!**

Enjoy exciting activities like snowshoeing, cross-country skiing\*, and outdoor games. Saturday afternoon offers hands-on workshops, and the weekend wraps up with an Olympic-style event on Sunday at 10:30 AM. 4-H members and chaperones will stay in a cozy, woodstove-heated dormitory with bunkbeds, while teens seeking extra adventure can choose to sleep in a lean-to—just bring the right gear and chaperones! Don't miss this chance to make memories, learn new skills, and embrace the great outdoors!

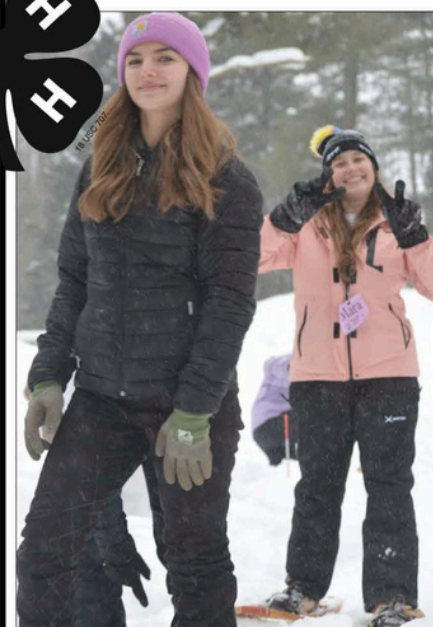
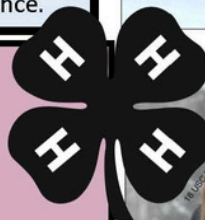
\*Snowshoes and cross country skis boots and poles are provided. Bring your own if you have them. All participants will have the opportunity to cross country ski at least once.



- **Ages— 3rd grade (at least 8) and older**
- **Must be enrolled in 4-H in New York State**
- **Fees: \$40 per youth. Chaperones are free.**
- **Youth need to provide their own chaperone!**
- **Direct all questions to Linda Brosch (lcr23@cornell.edu)**

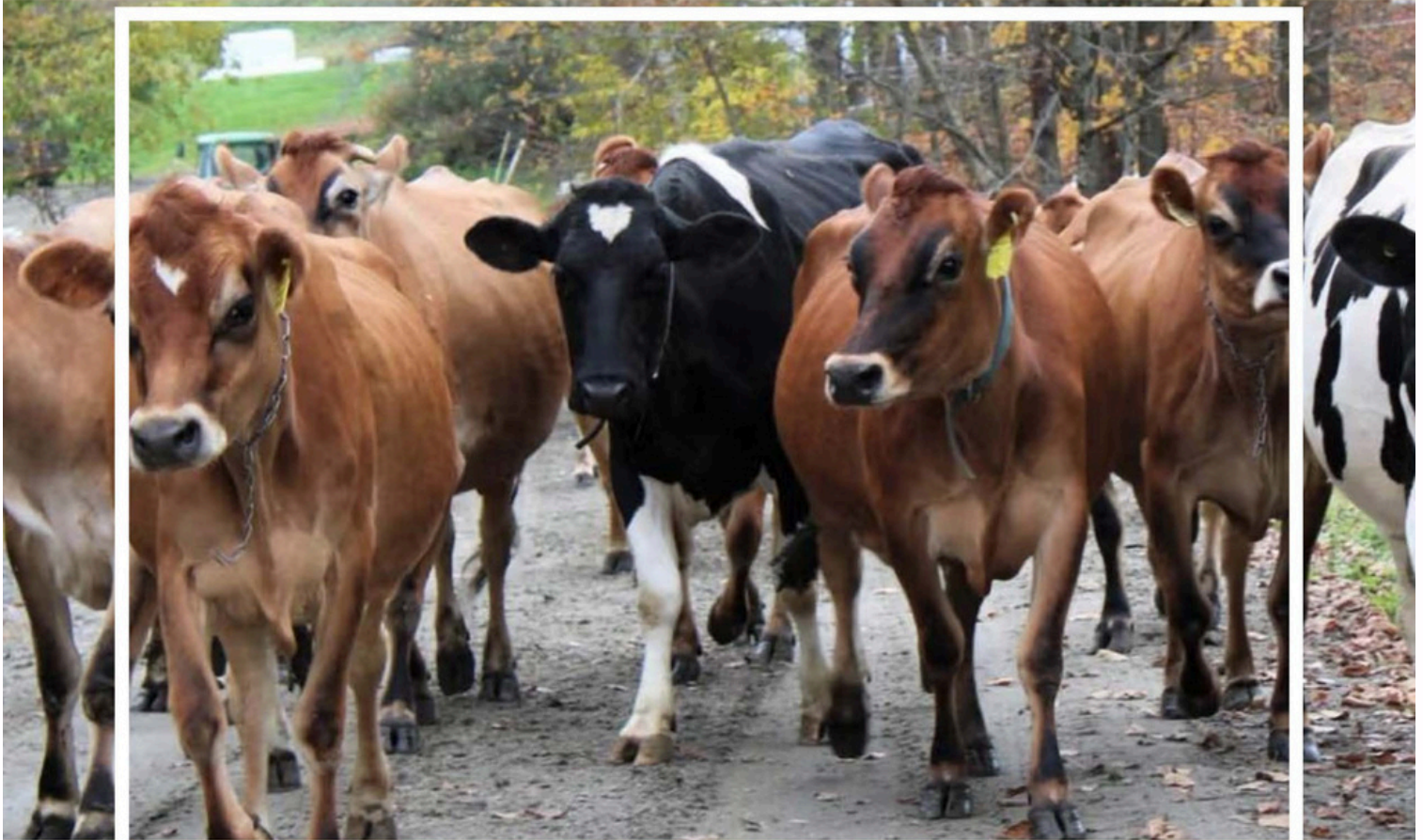
Hosted by Cornell Youth in Nature and Outdoor Education

Program Work Team and Oswego County 4-H **Register [HERE](#)**





-Must be registered to receive Zoom link-



## NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices!

Join youth from across the state on Thursdays  
in January & February from 7 - 8pm and  
participate in virtual dairy bowl practices,  
hosted by the NYS 4-H Dairy Committee.

- January 15
- January 29
- February 12
- February 19
- February 26



Register here:  
<https://bit.ly/2026DairyBowlPractice>



**-SAVE THE DATE-**

**2026 MARCH DOG MADNESS**

**MARCH 7TH, 2026  
9 AM**



**2026 Topics include:**

- Canine Nutrition
- Agility in Tight Spaces
- Herding Flat Work
- Grooming Your Dog
- Hunting/Sporting Dog
- Canine Body Language
- Canine Reproduction
- Hosting a Dog Meeting without Dogs

**Cornell University  
CALS Animal Science  
Frank B. Morrison Hall**



**More information and registration  
will be available January 24th,  
2026!**



**NYS 4-H LIVESTOCK**

**2026 NYS 4-H LIVESTOCK SUMMIT**

**FEBRUARY 4TH TO FEBRUARY 25TH @ 7 P.M. VIA ZOOM**

- February 4th - Hit the Ground Running: Start your Swine Project Strong!  
Katlyn Cain- Manager of Industry Relations- National Pork Board
- February 11th - Turning Livestock into Careers: Meat Science Opportunities!  
Ethan Scheffler, Meat Lab Manager, Dept of Animal Science at Ohio State
- February 18th - The G.O.A.T. Guide, Raising Goats 101!  
Jennifer Bassman, Owner, Heritage Haus Farm
- February 25th - Next-Level Show Calves: Skills, Strategy & Preparing for the Eastern Regional Angus Show  
Nicole Tommell, Junior Angus Association of NY Advisor and Board Member
- March 4th- More Than the Show Ring: NYS 4-H Livestock Opportunities and Brand New Quiz Bowl!  
Brian Aukema- NYS 4-H Livestock Specialist



To Register scan or visit link below:  
<https://cornell.zoom.us/j/92527463537?pwd=8dH3yyEeEGz7sk9ZFX4XmMTUTxn4b8.1>

For more information contact Brian Aukema at  
bja14@cornell.edu



<https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/7lDowvFdTpaPO0dQeuxBEQ>

**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





# NYS LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL

## 2026 PILOT PROGRAM

SAT APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> @  
2:00 PM AT CORNELL

New York State 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older [as of January 1] are invited to participate in the first-ever NYS 4-H Livestock Bowl Competition.

To qualify to participate in the event, youth must complete an online written test by March 15. Up to the top 36 youth will be invited to participate in the contest. The top four youth at this contest will represent New York State at the National Livestock Bowl Competition in Kentucky in November 2026.

More information will be coming in the next few months. The New York State 4-H Livestock Contest will follow the National Contest rules. For rules and sample questions, visit <https://youthlivestockcontests.org/>. Additional information will be shared with County Educators, and a virtual Zoom meeting will be held in early February.





**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!