

Important Information

My Child is in 4-H: Now What?

Once enrolled, 4-H'ers are invited to participate in a variety of programs! Here is a list of many things you can participate in.

County-Wide Animal Science Programs:

- Beef Cattle, Cats, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Dogs, Equine, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits/Cavy, Sheep, Swine, and Working Goat Educational Meetings (you do not need to own an animal to participate)

County-Wide Programs

- Public Presentations, Livestock Auction, 4-H Day Camp, Junior Leadership Project, 4-H Circuit Stompers Robotics Team

Workshops

- Arts & Crafts, Sewing, woodworking, STEM, Foods and Nutrition, Shooting Sports, Entomology, and more!

Activities

- Niagara County Fair, Achievement Night, Community Service Opportunities, Livestock Skillathon

The 4-H Clover Scene is the best source of communication and to see what's new. Use it as a guide to navigate what you would like your child to do next. "Like" us on Facebook @ Niagara County 4-H Program. Tuesday Tidbits weekly email keeps you updated with any time sensitive information and last minute changes. Communication is key in staying involved. If you have questions or need help navigating through 4-H programs, our staff is more than happy to help you. Please call us at 716-433-8839 or email: Heidi Feltz (hmk3@cornell.edu), Kathy Bowers (krc8@cornell.edu), Stacey Johnston (ssh85@cornell.edu) or Christina Wright (ckw38@cornell.edu)

4-H Meeting Reminder: Leaving Early/Arriving Late

Do you sometimes have two 4-H meetings occurring on the same night with over-lapping times?

When this happens, please be courteous and choose one. Leaving meetings early and/or arriving late to go to other 4-H meetings on the same night is disruptive to programming and frustrating for volunteers. Animal science leaders will not count your attendance as a meeting credit if you arrive late or leave early. If you need special accommodations, please speak to the leader prior to the meeting.

Closings/Cancellations

When the weather is bad, 4-H meetings on the grounds may be cancelled. This decision is up to the discretion of CCE staff and the instructor.

When the county offices are closed in Niagara County, our office is automatically closed.

Closing announcements will be made on Facebook, and depending on the number of people affected, an email blast. Many times the leader will contact members directly. We understand that people are traveling to CCE from all over Niagara County, as well as parts of Erie and Orleans, therefore, the weather may vary. Have a safe winter season!



4-H Working Goat members learn how to tie different kinds of knots and when to use them, at a working goat meeting!



Niagara County 4-H
Public Presentation Event for Cloverbuds

Cloverbud Bash

Saturday February 21, 2026
CCE Niagara, 4-H Training Center

A special event just for cloverbud presenters
(must be 5, 6, or 7 years old as of January 1, 2026)
and their families!

Plus games, treats, and fun!



2026 NIAGARA COUNTY 4-H Public Presentations

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26 &
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28



ALL 4-H'ERS
WELCOME

SCAN THE
QR CODE TO
SIGN UP!

SCAN HERE



PLEASE
REGISTER
ONLINE BY
JAN. 23

NEW VENUE!
DALE
ASSOCIATION
ON 2/26 & 2/28

CLOVER BUD PRESENTATIONS SAT. FEB. 21 AT CCE

Public Presentations 2026

Online Registration closed on January 23. Thank you to those who signed up!

Pre-game practice sessions: (Optional) Tuesday, Feb. 10 & Sat. Feb. 14 by appointment only. Get tips and guidance from the Public Presentations Committee. Email Helen Rowlands to sign up for an optional practice session which are held in CCE Administration Building: hrishell65@aol.com. There still is a few slots left, sign up today!

NEW! 2/26 & 2/28 Presentations taking place at Dale Association, 33 Ontario Street, Lockport.

Animal Science Members: A 4-H public presentation can count towards one of your required 5 educational meetings. For those showing multiple species, counts for only 1 animal species of 4-H'er's choice. For ages 8 and up, presentation must be at least 5 minutes long for meeting credit eligibility. Cloverbuds, no minimum length requirement.

Cloverbud Bash, Saturday, February 21, will still take place at the 4-H training center, like last year.

**Watch for an email from Stacey Johnston in February for your finalized presentation time slot & presentation day details. Please be patient as we have a lot of presentations to sort through and are doing our best to accommodate your time preferences.

Didn't sign up for public presentations this year but want to come and watch a few to see what its all about? Contact Stacey and we will let you know some dates and times to be an audience member! ssh85@cornell.edu

Important Information:

AGE DIVISIONS Niagara County 4-H age is determined by your birth date:

- Cloverbuds are ages 5-7 (as of January 1 of the current year).
- 4-H members are ages 8-18 (as of January 1 of the current year).

Workshops

It is very important to RSVP

- Instructors need to be prepared
- Less than 5 people, class may be canceled

NO Shows are taking a spot of others and/or leave instructors with extra supplies at their expense!



4-H STEM

Enjoy one or two weeks of fun hands-on learning. All weeks will include: cool crafts, STEM experiments, robotics, healthy cooking classes, plant science and outdoor fun and games.

2026 SUMMER DAY CAMP

Campers will be limited to a maximum of two weeks of attendance.



Choices will be weeks 1 & 2 or weeks 1 & 3.

It will NOT be possible for a camper to attend weeks 2 & 3.



Dates

Monday, June 29 to Thursday, July 2

Monday, July 6 to Friday, July 10

Monday, July 13 to Friday, July 17

Theme

Spirit Week

Country Western Week

Country Western Week

Price

\$160

\$200

\$200

Camp is open to youth who are born between 12/1/13-12/1/20.

Campers should bring a bag lunch (refrigeration not available), water bottle, and sunscreen daily.

Cost is based on per person, please make checks payable to CCE of Niagara.

**Campers can be dropped off between
8:45 - 9:30am and pick up is between 3:00-3:30pm.**

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Niagara County

Located at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County,
Niagara County Fairground

4487 Lake Avenue (Route 78), Lockport, NY 14094

SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR- 4-H Niagara Day Camp will be accepting registration forms and payment in person only starting on **Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30pm, 4-H Training Center Auditorium (4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport)**. You will be able to turn your forms in with payment (pay by check, cash or credit card) on that day. Staff will be there from 6:30pm until camp is filled or 8:00pm (whichever happens first). As in years past, space is limited campers will be registered on a first come, first serve basis and spots fill up quickly. We expect it will be filled by the end of the evening but if not, we will accept registration forms and payment during regular business hours until it does.

Fillable registration materials will be on the website on Friday, March 20 at 4pm: (<https://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/4-h-programs/4-h-summer-day-camp>) or in the front Administration Office foyer.

Registration will not be accepted until March 24 at 6:30pm, no exceptions.

Niagara County Sponsors Committee Scholarships

Each year, Niagara County 4-H Club Sponsors, Inc. generously awards scholarships to eligible high school seniors and college students. Please note that while applications in previous years were due in January, this year's deadline will be April 1. Scholarship applications are not out yet. Watch for more information about available scholarships and application details in the March Clover Scene.



HOST AN INTERNATIONAL DELEGATE

with States' 4-H International



Host from July 22/23rd thru August 16th 2026

Open the door to an exciting summer of adventure and international Connection

APPLY TODAY

Contact Autumn Lavine for more information
AML84@cornell.edu

Questions?
aml84@cornell.edu or text 607-731-5075
or visit
<https://www.nys4-h.org/international-exchange>

@ ib@states4h.org

facebook.com/states4hexchange

states4hexchange.org



For more information click here:
[International Exchange | NYS 4-H](https://www.nys4-h.org/international-exchange)

4-H'ers must register with the Challenger Learning Center.

Challenger Learning Center

Intro to Robotics

For 4-H members

Schedule

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Wednesdays

2/25

3/4

3/11

3/18

3/25

Attendance at all
sessions is
encouraged

Learn Robotics!

Using the LEGO Mindstorm
Robotics System

Ages 7-13

Play with LEGO's, build robots!

Learn the basics of how robots are
built, put yours together, and
learn to program it using
code blocks that are based on real
programming tools!

\$55 per participant

Space is limited.

(Program will run if 5 or more participants join)

Register at: CLClockport.org/intro_to_robots
or scan our QR code
Questions? hello@clclockport.org



Workshops

Beginner Hand Sewing

Gingerbread

Dates: Monday, February 2
Time: 5:30-6:45pm (time slot 1) or
6:45-8:00pm (time slot 2)
Place: Memorial Room
Cost: \$3
Ages: 5+
RSVP: by January 26 to Iesa at 716-523-4981

Next beginner hand sewing is the gingerbread man. You will be learning the running stitch. Adding details with markers. You need not have taken first class to do this one. The hand sewing classes are for anyone who has never done any hand sewing before. The felt will be precut with stitching holes. All supplies will be provided. Due to turn out, I will be running two times slots. First one does fill fast so please let me know which time slot when signing up.

Embroidery Appliqué

Pin Cushion

Dates: Saturday, February 7
Time: 11:00-1:00pm
Place: Memorial Room
Ages: 5+
Cost: \$5
RSVP: by January 5 to Iesa at 716-523-4981

This is a new project. With some pretty fabric, add a felt applique and some embroidery to make a useful pin cushion. All supplies will be provided. Please bring sewing scissors. This will take several classes. This is open to all new people.

Beaded Ornament Cover

Dates: Monday, February 9
Time: 5:30-8:00pm
Place: Memorial Room
Cost: \$5
Ages: 11+
RSVP: by February 2 to Iesa at 716-523-4981

This is a fun beading project. Covering an ornament with a netting of beads. It's not overly difficult but will probably take a minimum of two hours. Will be starting earlier than usual. You need to bring two sizes of beads 15 grams of size 8's and 10 grams of 6's in contrasting colors. (These are appropriate amounts) Don't have matching colors or will make it difficult to do. I will send more information about getting beads when you sign up. I will provide the rest of the supplies including the ornament to be covered. Please ask any questions you may have. Limit of 15 people.

Workshops

It is very important to RSVP

- Instructors need to be prepared
- Less than 5 people, class may be Canceled.

Pin Cushion/Thread Catcher

Dates: Monday, February 23
Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Place: Memorial Room
Cost: \$3
Ages: 8+
RSVP: by February 16 to Iesa at 716-523-4981

Previous sewing required. You will be making a pin cushion with a thread bag attached to go next to your sewing machine to put cut threads in. The pin cushion will be weighed. This filling will be supplied. It also has a holder to keep a pair of scissors near by. Please bring a sewing machine if you have one. Bring all sewing supplies: scissors, pins, seam ripper and other tools, Two 1/4 yards of cotton fabric that complement each other and thread to match. This class is limited to 8. An adult must attend with child.

Cloverbud Strawberry

Ice Box Cake and More

Date: Thursday, February 19
Time: 6:00pm
Place: Large Meeting Room
Ages: 5-8
Cost: \$3.00
RSVP: Kathy Bowers at krc8@cornell.edu by February 16

Do you like Strawberries? If so, come make Strawberry Ice Box Cake and taste all things Strawberry.

Embroidery

Dates: Saturday, March 7 & 21
Saturday, April 11 & 25
Time 11:00-1:00pm
Place: Memorial Room
Ages: 8+

Cost: \$5 for the first class only
RSVP: by March 2 to Iesa at 716-523-4981.
This is the last embroidery class of the year. Will be appliquing onto wool felt then making the piece into a little gift bag. This is open to anyone. It's an easy project to get started with. Just bring sharp little scissors. I will provide everything else. After this if anyone needs to finish a previous embroidery project there should be a day or so to do that.

Entomology

Date: Thursday, February 17
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Large Meeting Room
Ages: 5+
RSVP: Toby Mansfield, 716-597-4438,
bigwigkim@aol.com

Youth will learn about insects and how to make it into a great 4-H project! Future dates: March 18, April 15, May 20, and June 17

STEM WORKSHOPS

Junk Drawer Grand Prix

Date: Thursday, February 12
Time: 4:30p – 5:30pm
Place: Auditorium
RSVP: Christina Wright at ckw38@cornell.edu by Friday, February 6
Ages: 8+ (or Cloverbud with adult assistance)
Cost: \$2
Youth design and build cars using everyday household materials while learning about engineering, motion, and problem-solving. They'll test, race, and improve their designs to see whose car travels the fastest and farthest

Sphero Bot Battle Lab

Date: Thursday, February 19
Time: 4:30p-5:30p
Place: Auditorium
RSVP: Christina Wright at ckw38@cornell.edu by Friday, February 13
Ages: 8+
Cost: \$2
Youth will customize Sphero robots with creative add-on elements and program them for friendly challenge rounds. Through testing and redesign, participants learn coding, engineering, and strategy as they compete to see which bot can outlast the others in an arena challenge

President Lego Build

Date: Monday, February 23
Time: 4:30- 6:00pm
Place: Auditorium
RSVP: Christina Wright at ckw38@cornell.edu by Friday, February 20
Ages: 5+
Cost: \$2
In this STEM challenge, participants become architects and engineers as they design and build their own version of a presidential palace —imagining what it would look like if they were President!

Cloverbud Robot Maze Challenge

Date: Monday, March 2
Time: 4:30pm
Place: Auditorium
Ages: Cloverbud
Cost: \$2
RSVP: Christina Wright at ckw38@cornell.edu by Friday, February 27

Cloverbuds will team up to build a giant pool-noodle maze, then race their Spheros through the twists and turns to see who can escape first!

Cookie Decorating

Date: February 16
Time: 1:00 or 5:00 p.m. (Both classes are the same.)
Place: Large Meeting Room
Ages: 8-18
Cost: \$12 (for 7 cookies)
RSVP: By February 8 to dsweeney7371@gmail.com with members first and last name, age, parent phone number (in case of inclement weather) & preferred class time

Christine from the Cookie Cottage in Wilson will teach cookie decorating techniques using royal icing. Traditional designs as well as "watercolor" cookie painting and stenciling will be taught.

For this class, parents are welcome to drop off the members or sit on the other side of the room allowing members to use their creative skills during the class.

Charcuterie Class by Valentine's on the Lake

Date: Tuesday, February 24 OR Wednesday, February 25
Time: 5:30pm
Place: Large Meeting Room
Ages: 8 and up
Cost: \$25 cash or check to CCE Niagara
RSVP: by Feb. 3 to dsweeney7371@gmail.com with participant's first and last name, age, and date preference

Participants will learn how to make flowers out of pepperoni and different meats and how to beautifully arrange everything. The cost includes a handmade wooden board (6"x11") with a choice of heart or buffalo.

Do the Twist: Pretzels

Date: Tuesday, March 3 OR Wednesday, March 4 (same class both days)
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Large Meeting Room
Age: 8-18
Cost: \$10 cash or check made out to CCE Niagara
RSVP: by Feb. 23 to dsweeney7371@gmail.com with member's first and last name, age, and date preference

Calling all soft pretzel enthusiasts! If you have a deep love for soft pretzels, this class is tailor-made for you. Get ready to uncover the secret to creating the perfect classic pretzel dough. In this hands-on workshop, Lisa Smith will teach you how to make pretzel dough and different dough kneading and knot techniques for shaping, baking, and serving. But that's not all; we'll take it a step further as we explore sweet and savory variations, stuffed pretzels, and pretzel rolls! Whether you're a fan of the classic butter and salt combo or prefer the sweet allure of cinnamon sugar, we've got your pretzel cravings covered. Each member will leave class with a dozen soft pretzels to take home.

Archery (Ages 8+)

Dates: Mondays, February 2 & 9

Time: 5:00pm for beginners and intermediate
6:00pm for beginners and intermediate
7:00pm for advanced only

Cost: \$6 for two classes

OR

Dates: Friday, February 6, 13 & 27

Time: 6:00pm only, for all skill levels

Cost: \$9 for three classes

RSVP: by January 30 to Stacey at ssh85@cornell.edu with first and last name, date and time. Spots are limited. First come, first served, based on sign up date and time. Please choose Mondays or Fridays, not both.

Archery Club

Date: Monday, February 23

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Ag. Ed. Building

RSVP: to Heidi at

Hmk3@cornell.edu,
if you have not already
signed up for the club.



Japanese Yarn Mandala Ornament

Date: Monday, March 9

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Place: Memorial Room

Ages: 8+

Cost: \$2

RSVP: by March 2 to Iesa at 716-523-4981.

With a cardboard frame and wrapping of the yarn around make a beautiful little ornament to hang on a tree or in your room. If time permits you will make 2. All supplies will be provided.

Beginner Hand Sewing

Mitten

Date: Monday, March 23

Time: 5:30-6:45pm or 6:45-8:00pm

Place: Memorial Room

Cost \$3

RSVP: Iesa at 716-523-4981 by March 22.

Will be learning the blanket stitch. You need not have taken first class to do this one. The hand sewing classes are for anyone who has never done much or any hand sewing before. This is open to all ages. The felt will be pre-cut with stitching holes. All supplies will be provided.

Due to turnout, will be running two time slots. Please let Iesa know which time slot you prefer when signing up.

Agricultural Activities



Dog Program

Classes will resume **Tuesday, February 3**

at 6pm. If you are interested in info regarding the dog program, please contact Dawn Keough: 716-940-7677, or email kerikkelsi11@aol.com

Mandatory Livestock Auction Meeting

4-H youth planning to participate in the 2026 Livestock Auction at the Niagara County Fair, **must** attend ONE auction meeting. No RSVP necessary.

Final offering this year:

Date: Thursday, February 5

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Training Center

Dairy Bowl

Dates: February 3, 12, 17, & 23, & March 3

Time: 7:00pm

Place: varies each meeting, please check calendar

Save the date: Saturday, March 7 - Western District Dairy Bowl at Pioneer School

Sheep Meeting

Date: Saturday February 7

Time: 12:00 pm

Place: Buscaglia's Farm, 10490 Cedar Road
Clarence Center, NY

RSVP: ssh85@cornell.edu by Feb. 3

Who: All sheep members, ages 5+

Looking for other animal science meetings? Check the calendar
In this Clover Scene, for upcoming meetings.

Equine Happenings

2026 County Equine Educational meetings: February 4(Wed), February 18(Wed),

March 5(Thurs) and March 19(Thurs) . All meetings be held from 7:00-8:30pm in the Auditorium.

Meetings will be broken down into 3 knowledge levels (beginner-including cloverbuds, junior and advanced). We will cover breeds, feeds, health, tack, etc. Meetings are open to anyone interested in horses and fulfill county fair requirements. More info: Cheryl Bish 716-439-4499 or ckrfarms@aol.com

TACK SWAP - time to clean out those closets or tack room to make room for this year's tack and show attire. The swap will be held on Friday, February 27, 7 - 9:30pm. All tables are reserved so come shop, there will be lots of choices. Contact Cheryl Bish 716-439-4499 or ckrfarms@aol.com

4-H Model Horse Show: Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 10am, Niagara County 4-H Training Center. Open to all 4-H youth including Cloverbuds- both for confirmation and performance classes.

Equine Career Day: Do you want to spend the rest of your life working with horses? Unfortunately not everyone can make a living as a trainer. But, there are many other jobs related to horses out there. On Sunday, *March 8, 2026, 1-4pm* there will be approximately 20 different people at our 4-H Center to answer your questions about the jobs that they do which relate to horses. It will be an informal time, so stop in when you can during those hours and gather information to help with your career choice. Open to all age groups.

Flyers for equine career day and model horse show, can be found online:
<https://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/4-h-programs/4-h-equine-program>

Public Presentations - If you are doing an equine related presentation (horse communications) and would like some suggestions or help, we (Ashley Randall/Cheryl Bish) are willing to offer suggestions. County equine presenters will be invited to go onto the regional presentations. Top regional presenters will go on to the state contest and state senior contest winners get to attend Nationals in Kentucky. Please contact Cheryl Bish 716-439-4499 or ckrfarms@aol.com or Ashley Randall ashley.randall22@houghton.edu. A presentation will count as 1 qualifying meeting for showing at fair.

Equine 5-Star test 2026 - Wednesday, March 25, 6 - 8:30 PM. This is open to anyone interested in equine. Study guides may be found on the CCE website or come to any of the county equine meetings. Participating in the 5-Star test counts as 1 qualifying meeting for showing at fair. Questions? Contact Cheryl Bish 716-439-4499 or ckrfarms@aol.com.

2026 Regional Horse Event dates:

Horse Bowl - March 21 (Catt. Co.)

Presentations - March 28 (Erie Co.)

Hippology - April 25 (Erie Co.)



March Dog Madness is an annual conference for adult and teenage 4-H volunteer leaders. Workshops engaged participants in science based information training. Current animal health, animal behavior, industry trends and youth development issues are addressed. Past guest presenters included stakeholders, extension professionals, community, and youth experts.

This program is designed to help community leaders understand and practice principles that they could take back and share with 4-H members at the local level. Adult and teen leaders gained networking skills, exchanged ideas and had an opportunity to work together in a university setting.

This event is open to all interested staff, adult and teen 4-H leaders were invited to attend this one day information packed program. Dog project leaders engaged in local community training programs were strongly encouraged to attend. Presentations from a variety of experienced professionals may have included: Cooperative Extension Staff, County Volunteers, Cornell University Veterinarians, community collaborators, etc.

This Saturday workshop is held every March at the CALS Department of Animal Science on the Cornell Campus (507 Tower Rd., Frank B. Morrison Hall, Ithaca, NY, 14853). For more information check out the website at March Dog Madness | CALS. To register contact Kathy Bowers at krc8@cornell.edu.





NYS LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL

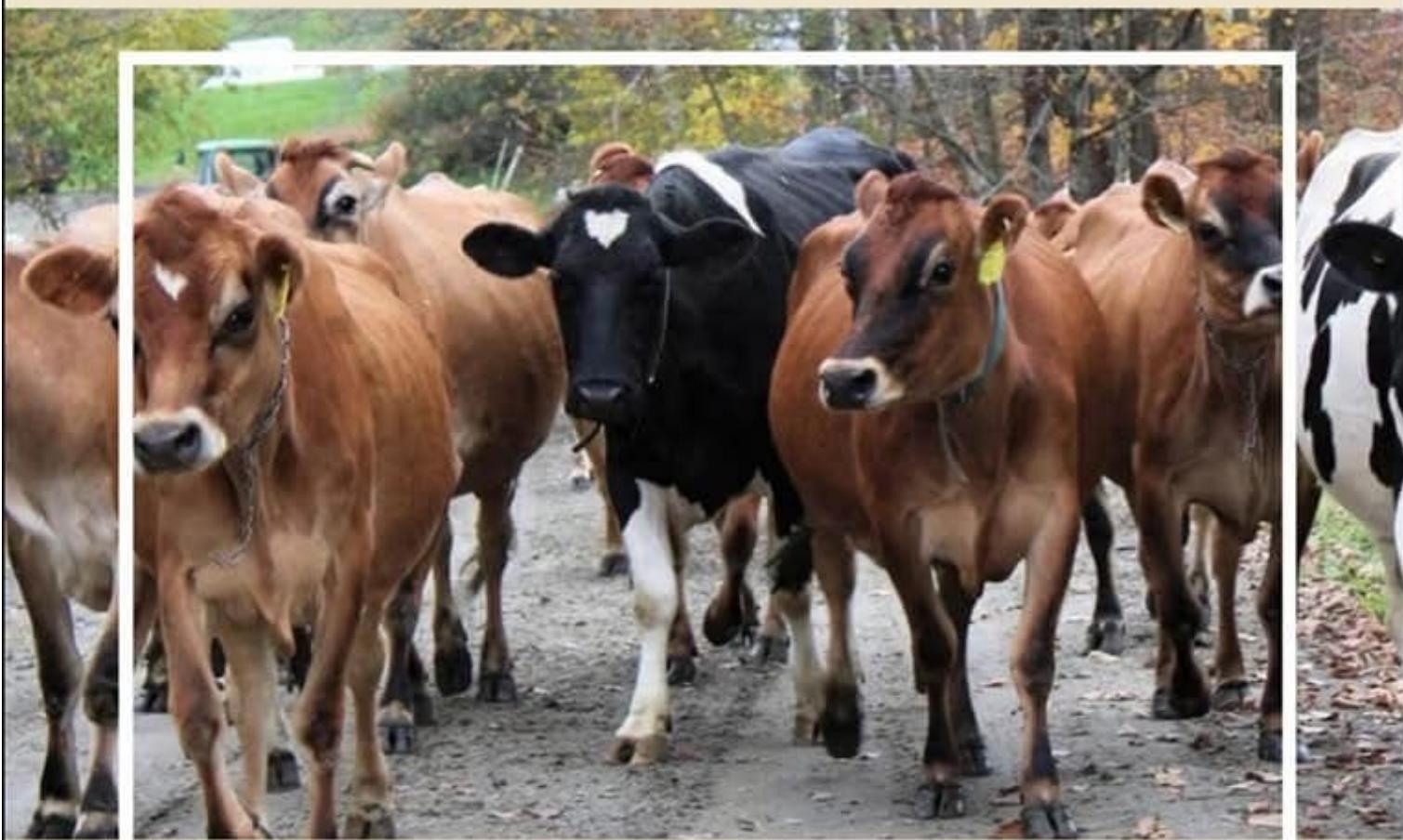
2026 PILOT PROGRAM

SAT APRIL 25TH @
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.



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 9
- January 23
- February 6
- February 20
- February 27



Register here:
<https://bit.ly/4fi7sQP>

New York State Guernsey Calf Award Application

The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of encouraging those who do not presently own Guernseys to become involved with the Guernsey Breed. A purebred Guernsey Calf will be awarded to the applicant who shows interest in the Guernsey breed and who has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential. Applicant must be age 9-15 as of January 1st of application year. You do not have to belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club to participate.

Award will be presented to the winner at the New York State Guernsey Breeders' Annual Meeting in the spring.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Age as of January 1, 2026 _____

Please answer the following questions completely in the form of an essay. Additional information may be added to your essay to help the committee make a proper decision. *Incomplete applications or applications using AI will be disqualified. Unsigned applications will not be accepted.*

1. What would a Guernsey Calf mean to you?
2. What would be your plans for raising and showing this calf?
3. Where would you keep this calf? Would it be on your family farm, or would you have to find a place to house this animal? If the animal would need to be housed on another farm, what is this person's name, phone number, and email address?
4. What are your goals and/or plans for the future?
5. Do you belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club? If you do not, would you like to?
6. What is your county agent's name, phone number, and email address?
7. Give a brief description of your experiences with farming. What are your responsibilities at home?
8. What are your other interests outside of the dairy industry?
9. Are you financially able to fulfill the responsibilities of caring for the calf and transporting her to the various fairs as required by the stated goals of our program?
10. Do you have a support system within your network of family and friends who will encourage you in your project?
11. List the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of 3 references we may contact who are not related to you. Provide a written recommendation from the three referenced and submit with this completed application. We are unable to accept applications that are not complete including references, and properly submitted electronically to the email address below.

All applications are due on February 20th this year. No late applications will be accepted. Please EMAIL your application to: Seth and Amber Ripley -- seth.ripley@gmail.com. All references should be submitted WITH the application on the same email. Confirm that your application was received by a followup email. If you do not have access to email, you may contact your FFA advisor or County 4-H agent for them to submit your application.

Please keep a copy for your records. If you have any questions regarding this application, you may contact the Calf Scholarship Committee Chair.
Christel Axtell-607-761-9443

Calendar

Date	Time	Place	Title	Activity
January 28	4:30pm	AUD	Roller Coaster Challenge	Workshop
January 28	6:00pm	ZOOM	Sheep Cloverbuds	Meeting
January 28	7:00pm	ZOOM	Sheep	Meeting
January 29	7:00pm	AUD	Dairy Bowl	Meeting
February 2	5:30pm	MEM	Beginner Hand Sewing	Workshop
February 2	6:45pm	MEM	Beginner Hand Sewing	Workshop
February 3	6:00pm	AEB	Dog Classes Resume	Meeting
February 3	7:00pm	AUD	Dairy Bowl	Meeting
February 4	6:00pm	LMR	Junior Leadership Training	Meeting
February 4	7:00pm	AUD	County Horse Meeting	Meeting
February 5	6:00pm	TC	4-H Youth Auction	Meeting
February 7	11:00am	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop
February 7	12:00pm	Off site	Sheep (see page 8)	Meeting
February 9	5:30pm	MEM	Beaded Cover Ornament	Workshop
February 10	By Appt.	Admin.	Public Presentations	Practice
February 10	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
February 10	6:00pm	AUD	Beef Cloverbuds	Meeting
February 10	7:00pm	AUD	Beef	Meeting
February 11	6:00pm	LMR	Dairy Cattle Cloverbuds	Meeting
February 11	6:00pm	AUD	Working Goats Cloverbuds & 101	Meeting
February 11	7:15pm	AUD	Working Goats 202	Meeting
February 12	4:30pm	AUD	Junk Drawer	
February 12	7:00pm	AUD	Dairy Bowl	Meeting
February 14	By appt.	Admin	Public Presentations	Practice
February 16	Office is Closed		President's Day	
February 16	1:00pm	LMR	Cookie Decorating	Workshop
February 16	5:00pm	LMR	Cookie Decorating	Workshop
February 17	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
February 17	6:30pm	MEM/BR	Dairy & Meat Goats	Meeting
February 17	7:00pm	LMR	Entomology	Meeting
February 17	7:00pm	AUD	Dairy Bowl	Meeting
February 18	7:00pm	AUD	County Horse	Meeting
February 19	4:30pm	AUD	Sphero Bot Battle Lab	Workshop
February 19	6:00pm	LMR	Cloverbud Strawberry Ice Box Cake	Workshop
February 19	6:30pm	AEB	Working Goats- Knots #2 RSVP	Meeting
February 20	6:30pm	AEB	Rabbit & Cavy	Meeting
February 21	9am & 11am	TC	Cloverbud Bash (Presentations)	Event
February 23	4:30pm	AUD	President Lego Build	Workshop
February 23	6:00pm	MEM	Pin Cushion and Thread Catcher	Workshop
February 23	7:00pm	LMR	Dairy Bowl	Meeting
February 24	5:30pm	LMR	Charcuterie Class	Workshop
February 24	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
February 25	5:30pm	LMR	Charcuterie Class	Workshop
February 25	6:00pm	AUD	Poultry Cloverbuds	Meeting
February 25	7:00pm	AUD	Poultry	Meeting
February 26	TBA		Dale Association, Public Presentations	Event
February 27	7:00pm	TC	Equine Tack Swap	Event
February 28	TBA		Dale Association, Public Presentations	Event
March 2	4:30pm	AUD	Cloverbud Robot Maze	Workshop
March 3	5:30pm	LMR	Do the Twist: Pretzels	Workshop
March 3	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
March 3	7:00pm	AUD	Dairy Bowl	Meeting

Date	Time	Place	Title	Activity
March 4	5:30pm	LMR	Do the Twist-Pretzel	Workshop
March 5	7:00pm	AUD	County Horse	Meeting
March 7	11:00am	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop
March 8	10:00am	TC	Region 1 Model Horse Show	Event
March 8	1:00pm	TC	Equine Career Day	
March 9	6:00pm	MEM	Japanese Yarn Mandala	Workshop
March 10	6:00pm	AUD	Working Goats Cloverbud & 101	Meeting
March 10	7:15pm	AUD	Working Goats 202	Meeting
March 11	6:00pm	LMR	Dairy Cattle Cloverbuds	Meeting
March 11	6:30pm	AUD	Dairy & Meat Goats	Meeting
March 16	6:30pm	LMR	Beef Cloverbuds	Meeting
March 16	7:00pm	AUD	Swine	Meeting
March 17	7:00pm	LMR	Beef	Meeting
March 18	6:00pm	AUD	Poultry Cloverbuds	Meeting
March 18	7:00pm	LMR	Entomology	Workshop
March 18	7:00pm	AUD	Poultry	Meeting
March 19	7:00pm	AUD	County Horse	Meeting
March 20	6:30pm	AEB	Rabbits & Cavy	Meeting
March 21	11:00am	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop
March 23	6:00pm	MEM	Beginner Hand Sewing	Workshop
March 23	6:30pm	BR	Cat Club	Meeting
March 25	6:00pm	AUD	Equine 5 Star Testing	Event

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

Animal Science Members

Re-Enrollment deadline for returning members was January 5, 2026

- Returning/Re-enrolling members must have already re-enrolled by January 5th or before, to be eligible to show/exhibit animals at the upcoming 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.
- **NEW!!! 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**, <https://form.jotform.com/253435031885155>. This form must be signed by youth and parent. It will be reviewed by species leader and a 4-H educator once received. (This form was already due by January 16).

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