



4-H Highlights

February 2026

4-H Public Presentation Day Saturday, March 7th



Public Presentation Day is a nationally recognized element of the 4-H Youth Development Program. This public speaking event is one of 4-H's most beneficial and rewarding experiences. It is the program most often credited by 4-H Alumni as having given them an edge above their peers in high school, college their adult careers.

Make ups will be in person on March 12th (5:00-7:00pm). Forms are available now. Both in office and online at the following link:
[Cornell Cooperative Extension | 4-H \(ccesaratoga.org\)](http://ccesaratoga.org)

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

February

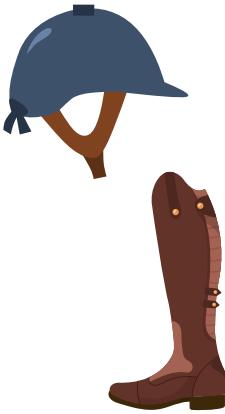
18th - 4-H Project Day
20th-21st - Shooting Sports Winter Workshop
28th - District Dairy Quiz Bowl

March

3rd- Vet Science Project Begins
7th - Public Presentation Day
10th - 4-H Shooting Sports 6 week Course Begins
12th - Public Presentation Make-Up Day
12th - Tractor Safety Orientation
16th-20th - Ag Literacy Week
21st - District Horse Bowl

4-H Horse News

Straight From The Horses Mouth



Important Dates

Regional Horse Communications **March 7th**
4-H Training Center

County Horse Bowl Team Try-Outs **March 10th**
CCE Office

Regional Horse Bowl Competition **March 21st**
Location TBD

State Horse Bowl Competition..... **April 18th**
Cornell Campus



NEW this year!

Horse Bowl Google Classroom

This year, we will be starting a Google Classroom for Horse Bowl practice.

- Weekly Questions
- Weekly Recourses

And we have started!

NOVICE Practice

Tuesday's Zoom 4-5:30pm

JR & SR Practice

Wednesdays Zoom 4:30-6pm

If you want to join us reach out and ask!



To evaluate or not to evaluate that is the 4-H horse program question.....?

Do I need to evaluate with my horse?

You only need to evaluate with your horse if any of the following apply to you.

- You got a new horse.
- You are wanting to compete in a new division. Example: You were a W/T and this year you want to W/T/C.
- You want to ride a new discipline. Example: I am already evaluated for English JR., but this year I want to also show Western JR.

You need to be evaluated with each horse you will be entering or competing with at any 4-H show. You need to be evaluated to....

- Do Gymkhana
- Do in-Hand classes
- Ride English or Western
- Drive

How do I know what I am Evaluated for?

If you don't know contact our office and ask the 4-H Horse Educator. They will be able to look that up and let you know.

4-H Horse Educator: Nicolina Foti
Contact: nvf5@cornell.edu
Call: 518-885-8995



4-H Teen Council Meeting: February 7th

All 4-H teens are invited to join the upcoming 4-H Teen Council Meeting on Saturday, February 7th, from 6:30–8:15 PM at the 4-H Training Center Main Classroom. This fun and active evening will begin with a brief business meeting, followed by a special treat—Swing Dancing lessons!

Teens are encouraged to bring friends, enjoy refreshments, and take part in a lively night of movement and leadership. There is no cost to participate, and the event is open to all local 4-H teens looking to get involved, connect with others, and try something new.

Mark your calendar and join us for an evening of teamwork, music, and fun!



SAVE THE DATE

CANINE TRAINING CLASSES

Monday Evenings

Begins May 4th

AGILITY, GROOMING AND HANDLING, OBEDIENCE AND MORE!

MORE INFORMATION TO COME SOON!



Call (518)885-8995 or email Kailey
kek255@cornell.edu for more information!



Public Presentation Day

Saturday, March 7th

9am-3pm (Make-Up March 12th)

Cornell Cooperative Extension Office

50 West High St. Ballston Spa, NY

Resources

The Saratoga County guidelines for public presentation demonstrations are in the office.

They include step by step instructions for preparing a demonstration, making a poster, cooking tips, sample evaluation forms and more. The documents are also found online at www.ccesaratoga.org/4-H.

Registration

Registrations are due in the office on Friday, February 13th

A 4-H'er must do two demonstrations before moving onto a different type of presentation.

Teen Assistants

4-H members 13 years of age and older who are presenting or interviewing are invited to be teen assistants for the day. Serve as an evaluator, room host or help with other aspects of the program.

Make -Up Day

Make-up day for Public Presentation will be March 12th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, CCE Office. It is available to those who cannot make it on the 1st, due to extenuating circumstances or illness

DEC Summer Camps Limited Scholarships Available

The Saratoga County Council of Fish and Game Clubs is once again offering a limited number of scholarships for youth interested in attending the 2026 New York State DEC Summer Camps. These scholarships provide an excellent opportunity for young people to enjoy a week of outdoor adventure, conservation education, and hands-on learning in New York's natural spaces.

Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of one per family unless additional funding remains after initial placements. Preference will be given to first-time campers to help introduce more youth to this unique outdoor experience.

Although registration for DEC Summer Camps opens on March 22, families are strongly encouraged not to wait to request scholarship consideration.

If you're interested in securing a spot on the scholarship list, please email Leland Bunting at glb76@cornell.edu.

For more details about the DEC Summer Camps, weekly offerings, and availability, visit:
<https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/summer-camps/weeks-and-availability>

Saratoga County 4-H



Beginner Shooting Sports Course

Meets Tuesday Evenings
March 10th-April 14th

Youth will learn the basics of Air
Pistol, Archery, Muzzleloader, Rifle,
Shotgun and Hunting and Wildlife,
with a focus on Safety, Ethics and
Personal Responsibility

Open to Youth 12 Years Old and Older



Signup at:

https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/SC4HShootingSportsFall2025_241
or contact Leland at glb76@cornell.edu for more information.



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC



Join us for a great day of golf
in support of Saratoga County
4-H!

- ⛳ 7:30 AM – Registration
- ⛳ 9:00 AM – Shotgun Start
- 🍽️ Followed by a buffet lunch
& awards ceremony

Last year, over 100 golfers helped us reach our goal. In 2026, we're aiming even higher—125+ golfers and \$15,000 raised—and with your support, we know we can do it!

All proceeds benefit Saratoga County 4-H, providing scholarships, educational programs, and hands-on learning opportunities for 4-H volunteer leaders.

Get involved!

We welcome golfers, sponsors, donors, raffle items, and goodies for participant bags—or simply come out and enjoy a fun day on the course for a great cause.

📞 Questions? Call Greg at the 4-H Office: 518-885-8995 or grs9@cornell.edu



CONTACT US

518-885-8995

www.sc4H.org

CCE Saratoga
50 West High Street
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Saratoga County 4-H.

WINTER PROJECT DAY

Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 1-3pm

50 West High St.

Ballston Spa, NY 12020

COST \$5 FOR THE DAY!

**JOIN US FOR A ACTIVITES FOR
YOUTH OF ALL AGES!**

Email lmr283@cornell.edu or
kmw82@cornell.edu to register!





SARATOGA COUNTY AND FRIENDS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS BANQUET AND AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

THE QUEENSBURY

88 RIDGE ST.
GLENS FALLS, NY

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUTH
SHOOTING SPORTS IN NEW YORK STATE

RSVP OR INFORMATION: WLM8@CORNELL.EDU

EVENT CATALOG BEING REGULARLY UPDATED AT:

CCESARATOGA.ORG/4-H-YOUTH-DEVELOPMENT/NEW-YORK-STATE-4-H-SHOOTING-SPORTS



\$25/person
Lunch provided
Registration required by
February 27!

**To register
please contact
your CCE
Educator!**

2026 MARCH DOG MADNESS

MARCH 7TH, 2026

9 am - 4 pm

2026 Workshops include:

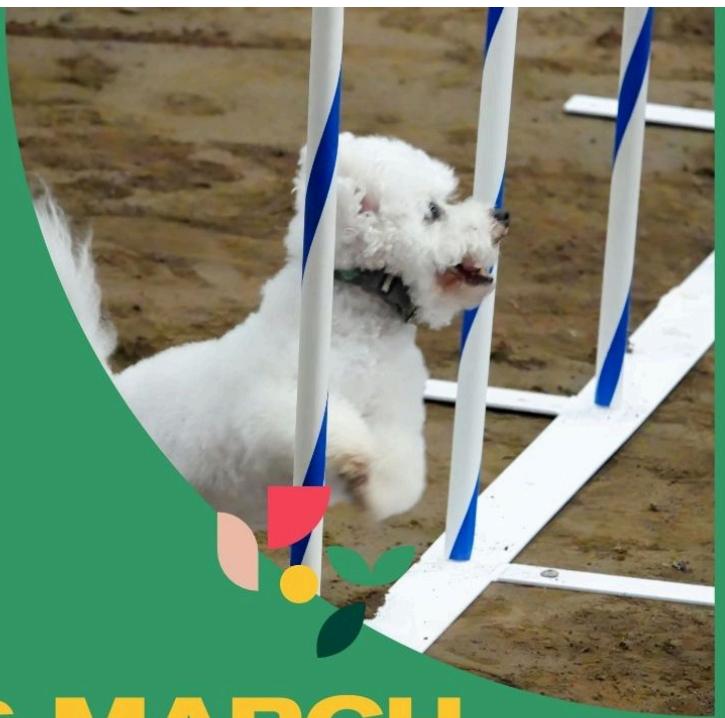
- Pick 2 of the following 3:
 - Canine Reproduction, Responsible Breeding Practices and living with an intact dog!
 - Your Dog, the Scholar: Discovering Canine Thinking Power!
 - Hunting and Sporting Dog: Is your Dog a good candidate?
- Each Participant will attend each of the following:
 - Green Eggs and Ham Agility, Train for Agility Anywhere, Anytime!
 - Understanding Canine Body Language and Applying that Knowledge to your Training.
 - Pawsitive Learning Meeting, 4-H Dog Meeting without a Dog!

For more information, visit
<https://bit.ly/4h66Oak>



For questions contact Brian Aukema at
bja14@cornell.edu

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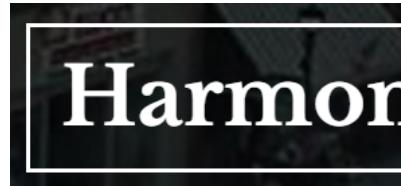


Party for a Cause 2026

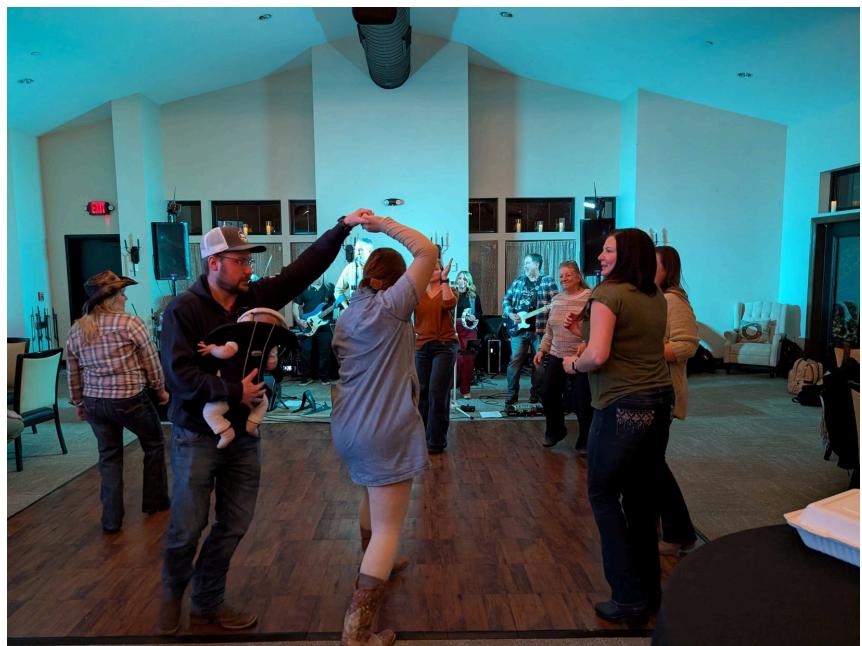
What an amazing night at The Hideaway. Together we raised over \$5,000 to support upgrades at the 4-H Training Center. The weather may have kept some of the crowd away, but those that attended had a blast. A huge thank you to those that braved the elements. Many thanks to Harmony Veterinary Clinic for being our signature sponsor. Electric Rodeo for delivering an amazing show, the Ballston Spa Lions Club for their inclusion, our many sponsors and donors (more thank yous to come), and to everyone who enjoyed a night with and in support of 4-H. We are lucky to have you all!



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BROOKHAVEN
GOLF COURSE





STEM WEEK

PRESENTED BY ROBOVINES

AUGUST 3-7 * 8AM - 12PM
SARATOGA COUNTY 4H TRAINING CENTER
AGES 8-14

**\$250 PER CHILD
INCLUDES T-SHIRT AND
DAILY SNACK**

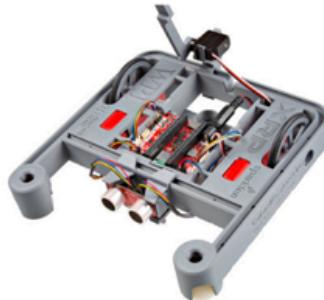
Ages 8-11

- *Learn how to build LEGO SPIKE Prime robot.
- *Learn how to code robot using Scratch.
- *Complete mission on a field
- *Learn STEM through fun and engaging projects each day.



Ages 12-14

- *Learn to design in CAD.
- *Learn to program the robot using Java.
- *Compete in a Custom Robot Game
- *Learn STEM through fun and engaging projects each day.



NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

This is a drop-off program for kids interested in STEM. It is led by youth team members of the RoBovines, an award-winning Saratoga County FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Team, and supervised by their coaches and mentors.

For more information and to sign up, please visit
robovines.org/stem-week.

If you have any questions, please direct them to team@robovines.org.

Horse Communication Clinic with Elizabeth Deluca

Master the Connection: From the Ground to the Saddle

Whether you're looking to fix a specific problem or just deepen your bond with your horse, join us for a comprehensive day of groundwork and under-saddle instruction with exercises in communication. Problem-solving for all disciplines.

Elizabeth Deluca owner of Deluca Equine-Clinton Anderson Ambassador known for her dedication to the relationship and alignment of horse and human. Her training program focuses on horsemanship and psychology-based training between horse and human. Advanced connection and communication exercises are the core of her program.

When & Where

- Date:** Saturday April 4, 2026 (during Riding Dreams 4H Horse Tack Sale)
- Time:** Auditors: WHOLE day, come and go as you please (8am – 3pm)
Afternoon participants: 12:30pm~2:30pm)
- Location:** Indoor (Outdoor if weather allows) Riding Arena
4H Training Center 556 Middleline Rd, Ballston Spa, NY 12020



What She'll Cover

-1st part (12:30pm start): Groundwork-Establishing Connection

*Building respect and softness on the lead. Body language and control and pressure/release cues. Desensitization and confidence building.

-2nd Part: Riding Application & Enhancing Communication

*Translating ground cues to the bit and leg. Improving balance and rhythm with body control.

Registration & Pricing

Participant Type	Cost	Details
Rider	\$125	Includes auditing session of Elizabeth demonstration from 11am-12pm + lunch
Auditor/Spectator	\$20	Watch, learn, and ask questions (Starting at 8am when 4H youth are in their clinic)
Stabling Fee	\$25	On site Day stall / Overnight available, must clean out yourself tools available

Requirements:

- Current Coggins/Vaccination records required.
- ASTM/SEI Certified helmets must be worn while mounted.
- Required to sign liability form day of clinic.
- All breeds and disciplines welcome!
- Need to be able to safely walk and trot**



Optional Items to Bring (if you have, if not some will be able to be borrowed for the day):

- Rope Halter with 12–16-foot lead rope
- Dressage whip



Secure Your Spot

Space is limited to **6 riders** to ensure individual attention.

Contact: Samantha Briggs

Phone: 518-698-1814

Email: shermans@nycap.rr.com

Website/Social: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Riding-Dreams-Saratoga-County-4H-Horse-Club/61585438850627/>



HUGE Riding Dreams 4H Horse Club

TACK SALE!

FREE ADMISSION & DOOR PRIZES!

WHEN & WHERE

- **DATE:** Saturday, April 4th
- **TIME:** 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- **LOCATION:** 4H Training Center
- **ADDRESS:** 556 Middleline Rd, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
- **All indoor shopping (warm & inside)**



SHOP UNBEATABLE DEALS

Browse a massive selection of new and used equestrian items from multiple vendors and club consignment:

- **Saddles:** English, Dressage, & Western
- **Tack:** Bridles, Halters, Girths, & Bits, Training aids
- **Rider Gear:** Clothing, Boots, & Helmets
- **Horse Essentials:** Blankets, Barn Equipment, & Stable Supplies
- **THE FAMOUS FREE PILE!**



REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ON SITE!

VENDORS & ADVERTISING WELCOME!

Clean out your tack room or promote your equine business! **Contact Club Leader Samantha**

Briggs to reserve your space:

- **Text:** 518-698-1814
- **Email:** shermans@nycap.rr.com

Note: No live animal sales permitted, advertising welcome.



SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE

Hosted by: Riding Dreams Saratoga County 4H Horse Club All proceeds from vendor fees, the food booth, and club sales benefit youth development and the education of our 4H club members. Sale ran by youth, by supporting this event you are helping youth develop with skills needed to make this event go!

Shop, Eat, and Support Local Youth!

SAVE THE DATE
4-H Career Explorations
June 30-July 2, 2026
Cornell University
4H NEW YORK

Join the
4-H HORTICULTURE CLUB
Upcoming Meetings:
2/11: CCE Office - Cornell Room
6:00 - 7:30pm
3/11: CCE Office - Cornell Room
6:00 - 7:30pm



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=8dH3vyEeEGz7sk9ZFX4XmMTUTxn4b8.1](https://cornell.zoom.us/j/92527463537?pwd=8dH3vyEeEGz7sk9ZFX4XmMTUTxn4b8.1)

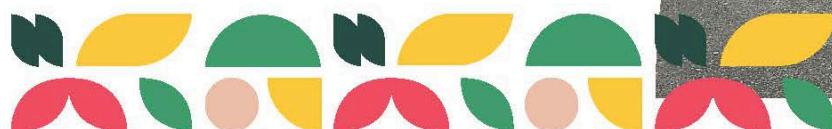
For more information contact Brian Aukema at
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Capital District 4-H HOSTA Tractor Safety Course

Open to youth 14 and older

Youth will learn and practice safe working skills as they apply to an agricultural setting. They will gain hands-on instruction and experience in the safe operation of agricultural equipment and implements.



**Mandatory Zoom
Orientation:
March 12, 2026**

April 6-9, 2026

**This course consists of
written work, farm tours,
guest presenters and
practical application.**

**Participants must complete
all written and in-person
instruction in order to receive
their certification.**

To Register...

Scan:



Visit:

**[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/
4HTractorSafety-2026_241](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4HTractorSafety-2026_241)**

**Or Contact Your County
Cornell Cooperative
Extension Office**



Saratoga County Robotics is in Full Swing

All of the Robotics teams are very busy!!

Robovines FTC team has competed twice so far.. The first competition was in December at John Jay High School. They were part of the Winning Alliance and earned their way to State Regionals in March. They competed again in January at Albany Academies. They were Captain of the Winning Alliance for that competition.

Potential Error FLL team had their competition on January 18th in Albany. They received 1st place in Core Values and advanced to the Regional Finals that will happen on February 7th at RPI

Dark Stalker FLL team will be competing at Shenedowa Midde School on January 31st.

HazMatrix FTC will be competing on February 7th and February 14th.



Ag Literacy Week

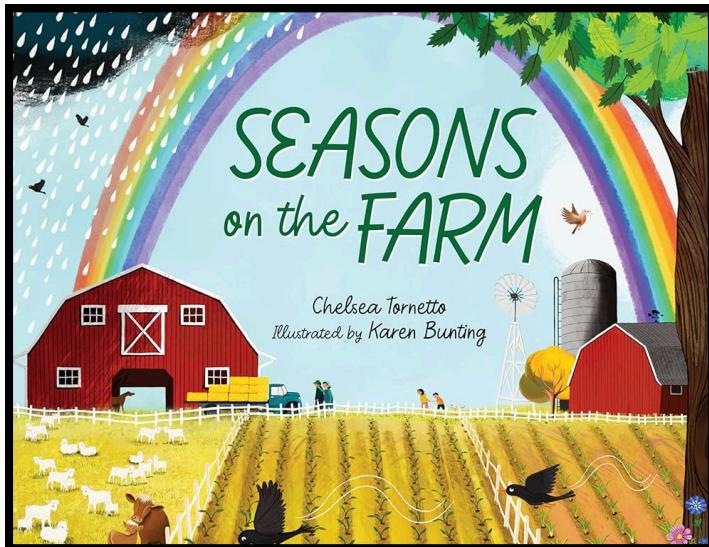
March 16-20, 2026

The selected book for 2026 is **Seasons on the Farm!!**

Saratoga County 4-H will be presenting this book along with an activity to schools in Saratoga county to celebrate Ag Literacy Week!

We are always looking for volunteers to read the book and perform the activity with different classrooms during Ag Literacy Week.

If you are interested please email Kailey, kek255@cornell.edu



Saratoga County 4-H Dairy Calf Scholarship

Open to all 4-H'ers in Saratoga County who are interested in owning a registered calf! A calf award will be given this year. Applicants for the calf MUST meet the following criteria to be considered:

- Member of a Saratoga County 4-H Animal Science Club or willing to join
- MUST have suitable housing facilities for the animal prior to applying
- Be welcome to periodic farm visits
- Show the animal at the Saratoga County Fair 4-H Dairy show
- Have parent/guardian permission
- Agree to breed the calf to a registered sire
- Agree to return a heifer calf back to the scholarship program or a \$750 donation for the purchase of a calf



This is a great opportunity to own a fine pedigree calf! Many Saratoga County 4-H'ers have been involved and benefited from this great opportunity. To apply, you must complete a brief application and write a one or two page essay. Please contact the 4-H office for the application and essay requirements, please call 518-885-8995 or email Kailey at kek255@cornell.edu.



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