

Important Information

NIAGARA COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS *Provided by The Niagara County 4-H Club Sponsors, Inc.*

4-Her's applying for scholarships must be presently enrolled, active Niagara County 4-H members with a minimum of three years exhibiting at the Niagara County Fair. Participating in the county fundraisers is a major component for these awards as is participating in the 4-H Public Presentation program.

High school graduating seniors:

- Plan on attending a college or university in the fall - **eligible for \$1000 scholarship**
- Join the military - **eligible for a \$500 award**
- Enroll in a vocational training program - **eligible for a \$500 award**
- Secure full time enrollment after receiving a BOCES accreditation- **eligible for a \$500 award**

Scholarship's Offered:

Niagara County 4-H Sponsors Scholarship

\$1000

This scholarship is for anyone involved in general 4-H work

Niagara County 4-H Animal Science Scholarship

\$500

An applicant must be a member of the beef, dairy, dairy steer, dog, cat, goat, rabbit/cavy, poultry, swine or sheep program

Bryan J Poss/Arrow Point Farm Memorial Scholarship

\$200

For Members participating in the 4-H Beef program

Walt Ganshaw 4-H Natural Resources Scholarship

\$500

For members active in the 4-H Natural Resources program

John K. Hall 4-H Memorial Scholarship

\$500

Members must be active in general 4-H work. Consideration is given to those furthering their education in agriculture, food production and marketing, history, writing, and community development.

Barb Alt Eggert 4-H Scholarship

\$500

4-H member studying horticulture and/or natural resources

- *Personal interview's will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, and are required. A schedule will be sent to you.*
- *Applications are due by April 1, 2026, to the 4-H Office marked 4-H Scholarships Sponsors Committee, Attention Deb Sweeney.*
- *Do not send in late applications. Do not request letters of recommendations from CCE staff or family members.*
- *You may apply for all scholarships that you meet the criteria for.*
- *If applying for multiple scholarships, complete ONE application and the proper criteria for each. Label the name of the scholarship at the top of the papers.*

TO APPLY visit <https://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/4-h-sponsors-and-scholarships>

College Students can apply for the following scholarships:

The J Gerald York Memorial for college students who are presently enrolled and have completed one semester. **\$500**

The Equine Scholarship is available for college students enrolled in at least their second semester and have participated in the equine program **\$500**

-All College Scholarship applications due by April 1, 2026. No interview is necessary.

Important Reminder for Our 4-H Families

We deeply appreciate our 4-H volunteer leaders who give their time to create high-quality learning experiences for our youth. To help them keep meetings safe and productive, we need everyone's cooperation.

Recently, unsupervised younger siblings/members have caused disruptions during meetings. Please remember:

- **Parents must always supervise their children.**
- **Leaders are not responsible for managing or disciplining children.**
- **If younger siblings attend meetings, close supervision is a must! If this isn't possible, siblings should not attend.**
- **We must minimize disruptions so members can learn and participate.**

Thank you for respecting our leaders' time and helping keep our meetings running smoothly.

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!

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!



Neighborhood Forest
giving trees to children

Neighborhood Forest Project

Beth Kaufman is serving as the point of contact for the Neighborhood Forest Project. If you'd like to get free trees for the children in your life, you can sign up using the link below:

<https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/registration-services/?school=185734>

- Free tree sign-ups are open now through **Sunday, March 15**
- Trees will arrive by **Monday, April 20**

I'll be distributing them to registered participants **during Earth Week (April 22-30)** here at the fairgrounds. Please feel free to pass this link along to anyone you know who might be interested.

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).



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.



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



**Host an International Delegate from July 22-
August 16, 2026. To apply or for more
information click here:**

[International Exchange | NYS 4-H](#)

Workshops

Woodburning

Date: Monday, March 2
Time: 6:00pm
Place: Memorial Room
Ages: 10+
Cost: \$3.00
RSVP: Bonnie Benton at bbonnie2313@gmail.com by February 27th

Space is limited. Bring a small line drawing for something that can fit on a 4 x6 space. Everything will be provided. For specific questions email Bonnie.

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 turn out, will be running two time slots. Please let Iesa know which time slot you prefer when signing up.

Geology Meeting

Lava Rocks and Crystal Formations

Date: Monday, March 30
Time: 5:00- 5:30pm Cloverbuds
5:45-6:15 8+
Place: Memorial Room
RSVP: to Sam Biniecki at 716-957-0672

With the weather thawing, we will begin meeting again to look at how rocks and crystals are formed from lava flows. Reminder, that if you have any rocks, minerals, or fossils that you would like help to identify please bring them with you to the meeting. We will also be discussing fair entries and possible field trip to Penn Dixie once they open for the season.

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 appliquéing 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: Wednesday, March 25  Change of date!
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: April 15, May 20, and June 17

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.



STEM WORKSHOPS

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!

Peeps & Play :

Coding and Crafting Fun w/Chris and Kathy

Date: Thursday, March 19

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Auditorium

Ages: 5-8

Cost: \$5

RSVP: Christina Wright at ckw38@cornell.edu by
Friday, March 13

Youth will paint a 4-H spring doorhanger and try coding with Peeps!

Sphero Battle Challenge (re-scheduled)

Date: Wednesday, March 11

Time: 4:30pm

Place: Training Center Auditorium

Ages: 8+

Cost: \$2

RSVP: Christina Wright @ckw38@cornell.edu by
Monday, March 9

Youth will customize their Sphero Robot and compete to be the last robot in the ring!



Cozy Bowl

Date: Monday, April 13

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Place: Memorial Room

Ages: 8+

Cost: \$1.00

RSVP: by April 6 to Iesa 716-523-4981

Using cotton fabric, thread, and batting, make a microwaveable bowl to put a soup bowl in. All supplies will be provided. Bring sewing machine if you have one and all other sewing tools. Limited to 8 people.

Super Duo Beaded Bowl

Date: Monday, April 27

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Place: Memorial Room

Ages: 11+

RSVP: by April 20 to Iesa at 716-523-4981

This is a fun beaded project using 2 holed beads to make a little trinket bowl. It's not difficult, just takes time. You need to bring a minimum of 16 grams each of super duo beads in 2 colors. When you sign up I will provide more information about getting beads. I will provide other beads for finishing and supplies needed. Limit of 15 people.

Archery (Ages 8+)

Dates: Mondays, March 2, 9 & 16

Time: 5:00pm for beginners and intermediate

6:00pm for intermediate and advanced

Cost: \$5 for all 3 classes

OR

Dates: Friday, March 6, 13 & 27

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

Cost: \$5 for all three classes

RSVP: by March 1 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, March 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.



Junior Master Gardeners (JMG) is a hands-on youth program where kids dig into real science, grow their own plants, explore the outdoors, and build leadership skills — all while having fun. Through gardening, environmental projects, and community service, participants learn how food is grown, how ecosystems work, and how they can make a difference right in their own backyard.

Come to the Greenhouse, Sunday, March 29 between 2:00–4:00 PM. Call Beth with any questions, 716-433-8839 ext. 224. Click on the link to RSVP [Junior Master Gardeners \(JMG\)](#)

Participants will start seeds and learn the basics of how plants grow. We'll cover what seeds need to sprout, how to plant at the right depth, proper watering, light and temperature needs, and how to read seed packets.

Agricultural Activities

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

Dairy Bowl

Date: Tuesday, 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

Swine Meeting

Date: Monday, March 16

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Auditorium

Doctor Sarah Lowry will be a guest speaker at this meeting.

Farm Safety Clinic

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 9:00am– 12:30pm

Place: Training Center

See flyer on page 8 for details.

Equine Happenings

2026 County Equine Educational meetings: 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

2026 Regional Horse Event dates:

Horse Bowl - March 22 (Catt. Co.)

Presentations - March 28 (Erie Co.)

Hippology - April 25 (Erie Co.)

If you are interested in participating in any of these contests but have not been able to attend any of our county meetings, please contact Cheryl Bish

4-H Model Horse Show: Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 10am, Niagara County 4-H Training Center. Open to all NYS 4-H youth including Cloverbuds– both for confirmation and performance classes. If you would like more information or to register please contact Cheryl Bish or Susan Israel.



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* to learn about some of these opportunities.

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.

Dressage Clinic opportunity: again this year the WNY Dressage Association has offered to do a free clinic for youth on Sat., April 18 at the Niagara Fairgrounds. Details can be found on the WNYDA Facebook page.

2026 NIAGARA COUNTY FARM SAFETY CLINIC

Open to 4-H & FFA Members, Farm Families, and the Public

Interactive Safety Demonstrations:

- PTO Safety
- Hydraulic & Loader Safety
- Animal Safety
- Fire Safety
- Lawnmower & General Tractor Safety

SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2026

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Breakfast & Lunch Provided by the Niagara County Legislature

Location: Niagara County Fairgrounds

4487 Lake Ave. Lockport, NY 14094

SPONSORED BY:



PRE-REGISTRATION APPRECIATED FOR LUNCH PLANNING

CONTACT: JOSHUA BIEBER (716) 628-6958



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.

Calendar

Date	Time	Place	Title	Activity
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 2	6:00pm	MEM	Woodburning	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
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	4:30pm	AUD	Sphero Battle Challenge	Workshop
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	AUD	Poultry	Meeting
March 19	6:00pm	AUD	Peeps and Play– Cloverbuds	Workshop
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	5:30pm or 6:45pm	MEM	Beginner Hand Sewing	Workshop
March 23	6:30pm	BR	Cat Club	Meeting
March 25	6:00pm	AUD	Equine 5 Star Testing	Event
March 29	2:00-4:00pm	GH	Junior Master Gardeners	Workshop
March 25	7:00pm	LMR	Entomology	Workshop
March 30	5:00pm or 5:45pm	MEM	Geology	Workshop
March 31	6:30pm	AUD	Sheep	Meeting
March 31	6:30pm	LMR	Sheep Cloverbuds	Meeting
April 11	9:00am	TC	Farm Safety	Workshop
April 11	11:00am	MEM	Embroidery	Workshop
April 13	6:00pm	MR	Cozy Bowl	Workshop
April 13	6:00pm	LMR	Beef Cloverbuds	Meeting
April 13	7:00pm	LMR	Beef	Meeting
April 14	6:00pm	AUD	Poultry Cloverbuds	Meeting
April 14	7:00pm	AUD	Poultry	Meeting
April 15	6:00pm	LMR	Dairy Cattle Cloverbud	Meeting
April 15	6:00pm	AUD	Working Goats Cloverbud & 101	Meeting
April 15	7:00pm	MEM	Entomology	Meeting
April 15	7:15pm	AUD	Working Goats 202	Meeting
April 16	7:00pm	LMR	Swine	Meeting

Date	Time	Place	Title	Activity
April 24	6:30pm	AEB	Rabbits and Cavy	Meeting
April 25	11:00am	MEM	Embroidery	Meeting
April 27	5:00pm	MEM	Super Duo Beaded Bowl	Workshop
April 27	6:30pm	BR	Cat Club	Meeting

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

Staff

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