

On the Move

Oneida County 4-H

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Oneida County

Important Dates

April

- 3: Office Closed - Good Friday**
- 6:** 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting
- 7:** Cloverbud Days - Wild Beginnings
- 8-9:** Discovery Days - Growing Wild & Wilder
- 10:** 4-H Outdoors
- 13:** Horse Anatomy w/ Dr. Julia
- 11:** District Public Presentations
- 15, 22, & 29:** Dog Obedience
- 18:** NYS Horse Bowl - Cornell
- 20:** National Beekeeping Essay Deadline
- 25:** NYS Dairy Bowl - Cornell

May

- 2:** Animal Crackers - Cornell
- 2:** 4-H Outdoors
- 6, 13, 20, 27:** Dog Obedience
- 9:** Rabbit/Cavy Fun Show - Boonville
- 16:** NYS Horse Communications - Cornell
- 16:** Dairy Cattle Clipping Clinic
- 21:** Arena Cleanup
- 23:** Poultry Fun Show - Herkimer
- 3: Office Closed - Memorial Day**

June

- 15:** Arena Cleanup
- 19:** 4-H Horse Clinics
- 19: Office Closed - Juneteenth**
- 20:** Riding Evaluations & Fun Show
- 29:** Pullorum Testing

July

- 5-7:** Cooperstown Jr Livestock Show
- 10:** Arena Cleanup
- 28-Aug 2:** Boonville Oneida Co Fair



Important Information on the Back Page

Oneida County 4-H
Presents

2026 COUNTY FAIR JUDGES

4-H DOG SHOW – BRITTANY AMORE

4-H ENGLISH HORSE SHOW - TARA DEFENDORF

4-H POULTRY SHOW - PHILLIP NESBITT

4-H DAIRY SHOW - SHAUN MERRILL

4-H WESTERN HORSE SHOW - DODIE HOWARD

4-H RABBIT + CAVY SHOW - JENNIFER BURR

4-H LIVESTOCK (BEEF, MEAT GOAT, SHEEP + SWINE)
- JAKE CORNWALL

4-H GYMKHANA SHOW - JAMIE COOLEY

4-H DAIRY GOAT SHOW - GEORGE ANDREW

If you're interested in sponsoring awards or prizes for 4-H shows this summer, please reach out to the following contacts:

For Dairy, Livestock, Small Animals - Contact Casey at cch244@cornell.edu

For Horse - Contact Lisa at lb333@cornell.edu

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2026

ONEIDA COUNTY

4-H SHOW SCHEDULE



Tues, July 28

3 PM 4-H Dog Show

Wed, July 29

9 AM - English, Miniature and Driving 4-H Horse Show
10 AM - 4-H Dairy Show (Jr Animals and Showmanship)
3:30 PM - 4-H Poultry Show
6:30 PM - Costume Contest
7PM - 4-H Barnyard Olympics

Thurs, July 30

9 AM - 4-H Horse Show Western + Ranch
8:30 AM- 4-H Rabbit and Cavies Show
1 PM - 4-H Beef Show
3:30 PM - 4-H Meat Goat Show
4-H Sheep Show
4-H Swine Show
Overall 4-H Livestock Champion
7:30PM - 4-H Activity

Fri, July 31

9 AM - 4-H Horse Show Gymkhana + Mounted Games
10 AM - Open Dairy Show with 4-H Senior Animals
7PM - 4-H Activity

Sat, Aug 1

9 AM - 4-H Dairy Goat Show
4PM 4-H Activity

Sun, Aug 2

No 4-H Activities

NOTES & NEWS

Are you involved with Honey Bees?

The National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition is accepting submissions until April 20th. First prize wins \$750!

Interested? Contact Celeste for more info.

The 4-H New York logo is in the top left corner. The background features silhouettes of people in various active poses. A central green box contains the following text:

SAVE THE DATE
4-H State Teen Action Retreat (STAR)
September 18-20, 2026
Camp Woodland
Constantia, NY (Oswego County)
The 4-H STAR program is open to
4-H members, 13-19 years old.

4-H DISCOVERY DAYS

April 7th 10AM - 12PM

WILD BEGINNINGS
(Ages 5 - 7)

April 8th 10AM - 2PM

GROWING WILD
(Ages 8 - 12)

April 9th 10AM - 2PM

GROWING WILDER
(Ages 8 - 12)

4-H OUTDOOR ADVENTURE WEEKEND

@ 4-H Camp Bristol Hills

Friday, September 18-Sunday, September 20

Registration opens April 1!

Offered by: Youth Nature and Outdoor Environment Team

Cost: \$85 For youth 8 and older

If you participated in the Nature Journaling workshop in November, don't forget to continue those journals for the Boonville Fair!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Let's get a 4-H crew together for **I Love My Park Day on May 2nd**! I Love My Park Day is a chance to roll up your sleeves and show some love for our public lands.

We will have crews for both Delta Lake and Verona Beach State Park depending on registration numbers.

Sign up using the 4-H Outdoors registration.

Cloverbuds and 4-Hers welcome!



4-H Outdoors

Let's get outside! Upcoming events include Amphibians in April and a park clean up in May. Conditionally open for both 4-H members and Cloverbud, please read the registration and contact Celeste with questions.

Events or activities you want to see? Contact Celeste at cmo95@cornell.edu or call at 315-736-3394 x105. Go to the back of On The Move for registration links!



4-H DOG OBEDIENCE

Herkimer + Oneida County

Open to Youth
Ages 8 to 18

WHEN: Wednesdays
4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6,
5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3

TIME:

6pm to 6:45pm

LOCATION:

Herkimer Fairgrounds
135 Cemetery St
Frankfort, NY 13340

Cost: \$25

Registration Deadline:
April 10th

Questions: cch244@cornell.edu



Cooperstown Jr Livestock Show

July 5th to July 7th

Open to 4-H Members

-Beef Cattle

-Dairy Cattle

-Sheep

-Dairy Goat

-Meat Goat

-Swine

Pullorum Testing 2026



DATE: Mon June 29th

TIME: 10am

LOCATION: CCE of Oneida

121 Second St. Oriskany Ny 13322

*Testing required to show at the County + State Fair.



4-H Rabbit + Cavy Fun Show



Saturday, May 9th

Oneida County Fairgrounds

Boonville, NY

Open to 4-H Members and Cloverbuds



4-H Poultry Fun Show

Saturday, May 23rd

Herkimer County Fairgrounds



CLOVERBUDS

Seed Bombs!

You will need:

- Wildflower or other native seeds
- Compost/good soil
- Water
- Powdered clay (find at craft stores or use a clay soil)
- Mixing bowl



1. In a large bowl, mix 1 cup of seeds with 5 cups compost and 2 ½ cups of clay powder.
2. Slowly mix water with your hands until everything sticks together.
3. Roll into firm balls.
4. Leave balls to dry in a sunny spot.
5. LAUNCH! Plant your seed bombs by throwing them where you want flowers!

Ag in the Classroom

SPRING NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

Flower



Caterpillar

Grass

Animal Track

Raindrop

Puddle



Bird

Cloud

Wind

Tree Bud

Mud

Feather



Bee



Clover

Worm

Seedling

GET OUTSIDE & SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND!

Dairy in the Classroom

“Second graders at Kernan Elementary had an excellent time learning about dairy breeds. The class explored the different types of cows and their roles, including the key differences between beef and dairy cows and how they're raised. To wrap up the lesson, students played a fun game moving "cows" to greener pastures before enjoying refreshing chocolate milk.” - Kernan Elementary



This game was created as a visual to demonstrate rotational grazing, when cattle are frequently moved between divided pastures allowing grazing areas time to rest and regenerate.

You can play this at home with just a few supplies!

- 2 paper plates
- 6 - 10 ping pong balls
- A plastic spoon

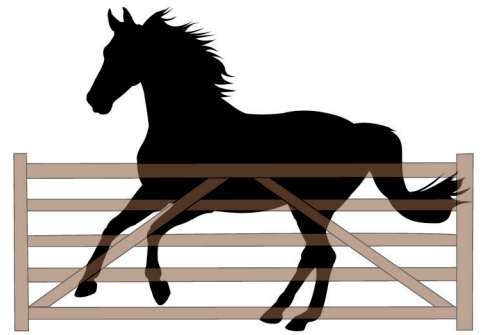
Your goal is to move as many of your ping pong balls “cows” from one pasture to the other using the spoon held with only your teeth.

If you want to make it a challenge use a timer and see how many you can move in 1 minute!



IMPORTANT DATES

ARENA CLEANUP - 6:00pm-8:00pm
May 21st
June 15th
July 10th



**Horse Certificates:
NEW DEADLINE
JUNE 15th!!!**

CHECK OUT THE 4-H LINK TREE on the back of On the Move to register for upcoming horse shows and events! Bookmark it for future use!

NYS 4-H Policy is that all youth riding or driving in county sponsored events and activities must be evaluated on their riding ability. Any 4-H member who is planning on participating in the County 4-H Horse Show at the Boonville/Oneida County Fair and falls into either of the following categories needs to be evaluated:

- Any new 4-H member or Cloverbud
 - 4-H member moving up a riding level (Walk/Trot to Walk/Trot/Canter. Not an Age Level Ex. Junior to Senior Division)
 - Any 4-H member using a different horse/pony than previously evaluated on
- The riding levels are Leadline, Walk/Trot or Walk/Jog, Walk/Trot/Canter or Walk/Jog/Lope. Other evaluation levels include Driving and Ground Skills.**

June 19th 4-H Horse Clinics at the Boonville-Oneida County Fairgrounds
Tentative Plan: Clinic Workshops from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm,
Dinner at 5:30 pm with non-mounted games to follow.
STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

4-H Riding Evaluations & Schooling Horse Show

June 20th at the Boonville-Oneida County Fair Grounds



Riding Evaluation
Registration

Evaluations Start at 7:30am and
Show Starts at 9:00am

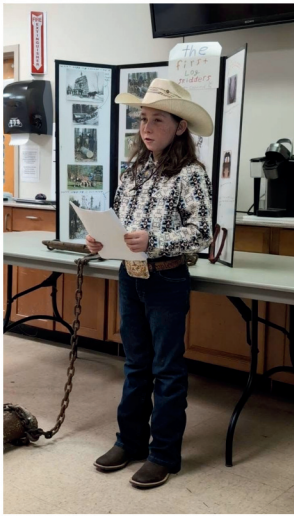
Overcome those show jitters and get
some valuable tips and feedback
from the judge!



Schooling Horse
Show Registration

CLUB NEWS

Club	Club Update
Archery	Have you ever had an interest in archery? Archery club meets weekly, year-round Thursday from 5-6pm. Learn the basic fundamentals or practice your skill. Open to members age 8-18.
Bizzy Bees	The Bizzy Bees wanted to do some community service work. After calling a few animal shelters, they asked us to build a dog agility course.. The group used money fundraised from their bake sale to purchase the supplies and are building from PVC pipes during their meetings. They plan to donate it to Rome SPCA in April.
Cool Cooking Crafters	This past month our club made some boneless Buffalo chicken bites, and also learned about Mexican Hojalata Art.
Foothills Saddle Club	We have been studying hard for Horse Bowl and Hippology the past few months. Now we continue to study for States. With the warmer weather coming we hope to be able to get out and work the horses show season.
Oneida Equine	On March 13th we had 4 members practice their presentations and they were AWESOME! Wyatt- The First Log Skidder- learning about the old ways to skid logs Alida- Magic In Motion- all about Trick Riding Lillian- Horse Communications- All about Feeding your horse and Public Speaking- Rolly Pollies! All kids did great and had us all on the edge of our seats learning! All of our kids did awesome at county level! Alida (first time non clover bud) received 1st blue and is heading to regionals, Wyatt received 2nd blue, and Lillian (first time ever for both presentation events) was blue for PS going on to regionals and red for HC! Great job kids!!
Super Salmons	Super Salmon's is a casual weekly (seasonal) fishing group. We meet to just enjoy the evening and catch and release some fish. This is a time to fish and enjoy the company of others who enjoy fishing. If you are interested in joining us please email our leader Tanya at tbar202004@yahoo.com
Little Boots	For our only meeting in February our members met on the 7 th and created some valentines cards as well as made a valentines yarn wand. Winter weather and illnesses have unfortunately prevented us from meeting again. Evan and John participated in the County Horse Communications, both talking about Horse Brushes.
No Club Update for Feb-March	Teen Council, Rural Rascals, Sugar River Riders, Mystery Riders, Barbwire, Remsen Muddy Buddies



Oneida County Equine



Foothills Saddle Club



Bizzy Bees



Cool Cooking Crafters

 **Dairy Cattle Clipping Clinic** 
with Jess Nolan

Date: Sat, May 16th
Time: Noon
Location: Brabant Farm
Verona, NY



 Please register by May 10 to help us plan a fun and successful workshop.



4-H Registration and Enrollment Links

We are putting all registration and enrollment links in one easy to find spot! All you need to do is use the link or QR Code to get to our Oneida 4-H linktree and voila!

It's a good idea to bookmark this page. That way you won't need to hunt for Facebook posts, emails, or other messages to find the registration link you need.

As we are incorporating the use of Qualtrics for registration/enrollment, the event registration page you may have used in the past is no longer a reliable source for 4-H information.

Any questions? Let us know!

Are we missing a link?
Contact Celeste at cmo95@cornell.edu and I
will add it ASAP.

<https://linktr.ee/Oneida4H>



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