



Franklin County 4-H Quarterly Newsletter


April 2026

Reminder – Enrollment for 2025-26 is past due. If you do not have your enrollments in, get them in ASAP. Unsure? Just ask!

Happenings & Due Dates:

APRIL

➤ Saturday, 4/25

 **Tractor Supply Demo Days** 🌟 *Community Service Opportunity | Earn a Clover!*

- 🕒 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- 📍 Tractor Supply Company, Malone
- Youth can represent 4-H in the community by helping sell cheese, interacting with customers, learning responsibility, and even helping care for chicks 🐔
 - 🌭 Chateaugay Adventurers are cooking hotdogs
 - 🥞 Owl's Head Blue Chickens to host a bake sale
- 🐾 Clubs/members may showcase an animal (adult support required — reach out if interested)

➤ Sunday, 4/26

 **Area Presentations** 🌟 *Earn a Clover!*

- 🕒 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- 📍 4-H Camp Overlook
- Youth practice public speaking, confidence, and communication
- 🔗 **Sign up ASAP:** <https://forms.gle/Se9pguamRyvEGAc09>

➤ Wednesday, 4/29

✅ **Make-Up Area Presentations**

- Can't attend on the 26th? This second-chance option ensures youth don't miss out on presenting and earning a Clover.

MAY

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➤ Wednesday, 5/13

🧹 Fairgrounds Clean-Up for Upcoming Animal Camps

- 🕒 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM (or until finished)
 - Tasks include sweeping the youth building, trash pickup, cleaning bathrooms, barns/arenas, kitchen, fridges, and freezers
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➤ Friday, 5/15 – Sunday, 5/17

🐾 Horse Camp

- 📍 Franklin County Fairgrounds, Malone
 - 📄 Registration closes **May 1**
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🌞 JUNE

➤ 📅 TBD

🐾 Animal Camp or Clinics

- Open to all members
 - Learn more about a variety of animals like dairy, beef, goats, sheep, rabbits, and mini horses
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➤ Tuesday, 6/30 – Thursday, 7/2

🎓 Career Explorations 🌞 *Clovers may be used toward costs!*

- 📍 Cornell University (State Event)
 - Open to NYS youth entering **8th grade and up**
 - **Program Tracks:**
 - **University U:** Grades 8+; campus tours and six departmental workshops
 - **Focus for Teens:** Grades 10+; two days with a selected department (first-come, first-served)
 - 📄 Registration: April 20 – May 15 (or until full)
 - 💰 Cost: \$475 per youth / \$475 per chaperone
 - 🎓 Scholarships available (state scholarship deadline: **May 1**)
 - Cost includes lodging, meals, activities, campus transportation, and a scavenger hunt ice cream treat
 - 🔗 More info: <https://www.nys4-h.org/career-explorations-2026>
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JULY

➤ Wednesday, 7/1

- 📄 Fair Entries & Awards Applications Due — NO EXCEPTIONS
 - 🕒 Office hours: 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM for assistance
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➤ Monday, 7/6

- 👥 4-H PAC Meeting (Program Advisory Committee)
 - 🕒 5:00 PM
 - 📍 Franklin County Courthouse
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➤ Monday, 7/6

- 🔔 Club Update Meeting
 - 🕒 6:30 PM
 - 📍 Franklin County Courthouse
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AUGUST

➤ Saturday, 8/1

- 🏆 Fair Project Judging
 - 🕒 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 - 📍 4-H Building, Fairgrounds
 - Separate food project judging time TBD
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➤ Wednesday, 8/5

- 📦 Fair Booths Deadline
 - Booths must be fully completed with all projects ready for judging
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➤ Friday, 8/7

- 🏆 4-H Awards Ceremony
 - 🕒 6:00 PM
 - 📍 4-H Youth Building, Franklin County Fair
 - Join us in celebrating our 4-H Members, Clubs, and Volunteers for all the amazing work they put in!
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➤ Saturday, 8/8 – Sunday, 8/16

Franklin County Fair

- Show schedules to be posted
 - Theme for 4-H Building: “Take a walk in our shoes”
 - Open to interpretation – example: one club is doing a walk through time while another idea is displaying the places they’ve been with 4-H.
 - A “Clover Hunt” was suggested as an extra activity to get people to see just how far 4-H reaches around the fairgrounds.
 - We need some volunteers to help plan this interactive scavenger hunt!
 - Alcoves are to be sponsored by local businesses or people.
 - Each single space will be for about \$25-50.
 - 4-H office will send out a donation letter and a sponsorship list of who is a usual donor to prevent overreaching. We need your help in finding sponsors to help pay for your well-deserving alcove set-ups!
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➤ Monday, 8/24 – Wednesday, 8/26

4-H Robotics/STEM Camp

-  4-H Camp Overlook
- More information coming soon

OTHER:

- 4-H Teen Council – *Will be starting in September*
 - County-held club for teens to come together, hold their own meetings, decide what projects they want to do, and have a good reason to get together outside of school.
 - Open to all teens ages 13-19 as of January 1st, following the 4-H year.
- Next 4-H get together?
 - Suggested: Ausable Chasms group trip in the fall??
- Suggestions/comments/concerns?
 - Please reach out to Pat or Mikayla!

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- Side note – Mikayla will be out on Maternity leave starting in May and will return early August.
- Clover Program – incentives/merit program for 4-H members
 - “Clovers” can be earned for attendance and participation in county events/volunteer opportunities
 - Office keeps track. Each Clover’s value is at the discretion of the office and the fund.
 - Clovers can be used for:
 - Scholarships for state events such as STAR and Career Ex
 - 4-H Fun Days like going to State Fair, tubing in the winter, etc.
 - 4-H Gear/Prizes (geared towards younger members)
- 4-H Achievement Program
 - Has been updated! Please see the revamped packet with the awards applications and descriptions.
 - 4-H Awards Day is happening this year on 8/7 at the Franklin County Fair to celebrate our amazing members, volunteers, and clubs! Please plan on participating and attending. Pins and rewards will be handed out.