



4-H Highlights

May 2026



Upcoming Events & Deadlines

May

4th- Dog Obedience Begins
8th- Fashion Revue
9th- Teen Council
13th--4-H Horticulture
17th-19th--4-H Capital Days
30th - 4-H Golf Classic

June

1st- Animal Lease Forms Due
10th--4-H Horticulture
24th - Pullorum Clinic
30th - July 2nd - Career Explorations

COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

(for Cattle, Sheep, Goat, and Swine Exhibitors)

A **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** is required for all of the species mentioned in Advance Entry Reminder for County Fair. All animals must be individually identified as outlined in the Animal Health Requirements section of the Exhibitor Handbook. Note that any exhibitor using electronic ID must provide a working electronic reader. Sheep and goats enrolled in the Scrapie Program should have Scrapie ID. For more information on this program, call the USDA Albany office at 518-218-7540. Note that rabies vaccination is required in all species mentioned that are 4 months of age or older on the date of admission to the fair.

Just a reminder about the due date for advanced entries for County Fair - the 2026 deadline is July 6th. Bring your entries directly to the 4-H Office. They can also be mailed to 50 W. High Street, Ballston Spa NY 12020. This applies to all entries for horse, dairy, sheep, goat, dog, poultry, rabbit, cavy, swine, beef, llama, pet care, club exhibits and group action booth.

No late entries will be accepted - no exceptions!

Attention—Animal Exhibitors Leasing an Animal!

Here is the link to the lease form that must be turned in by June 1st. Please choose the correct form based on the animal species you are showing.

<https://ccesaratoga.org/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/fair-forms>



Pullorum Testing



Poultry, other than doves, pigeons, and waterfowl, must be tested annually for pullorum within 90 days of the fair. The Pullorum clinic will be held at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds on Wednesday **June 24th from 10:00AM - 1:00PM** in the Stewarts Show Ring (Cattle barn). There is no cost for this required testing.

Alternatively, the poultry owner may present certification that the birds originated directly from a pullorum clean flock. The flock test must have been done within one year of the fair. Owners with large numbers of birds may also request an on-farm flock test rather than transporting birds to a walk in clinic.

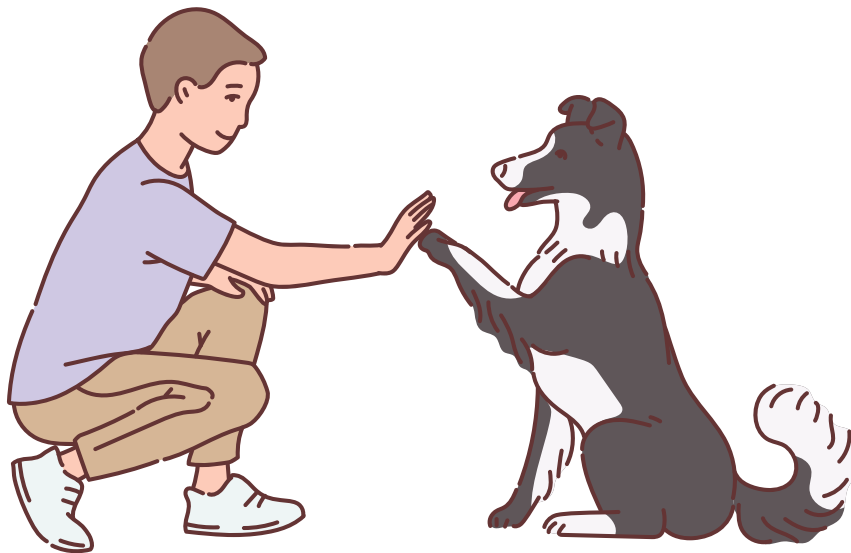
Call (518)321-5002 for more details about on-farm visits.

Canine Training Classes To Begin

Canine Training Classes will begin Monday, May 5th. Special thanks to our volunteer instructors: Colleen Kimble, Marilyn Almy, Sally Snowden, and Zach Boekeloo for teaching our 8-week course.

The first session is an orientation, **please do not bring your dogs.** (except Agility)

Classes are All levels of Obedience and Beginner and Advanced Agility. For more information contact Leland at glb76@cornell.edu



Attention High School Seniors and College Freshmen 4-H Scholarship Opportunities

4-H Scholarship Information will be going out very soon, so please keep an eye out! A variety of scholarships are available, so please consider applying. Applications are due by Monday, June 15th.

For more information about scholarship opportunities, please visit:

<https://ccesaratoga.org/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-1>



2026 4-H Farm and Tractor Safety Program

Six youth from Saratoga County participated in the annual Capital District 4-H Tractor Safety program during their Spring Break. This comprehensive Farm Safety program teaches youth how to safely navigate the risks and hazards associated with working in the agricultural industry. In addition to instruction on operating equipment, such as tractors and skid steers, youth participated in a diverse group of farm tours and presentations from local producers and retailers.

We would like to thank everyone who supported this important program including: Kinderhook Creek Farm (Stephentown), NY Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH), Saratoga Sod Farm, United Equipment Company (Greenwich), Tim Havens with Falls Farm and Garden, H&M Equipment Company, Capital Tractor (Greenwich), Cole and Laurel Gailor with Gailor Ground and Earthworks, and the Washington County Fair.

The Capital District 4-H Tractor Safety program is offered every spring to youth 14 years old and older. Participating counties include: Saratoga, Rensselaer, Washington, Warren, Columbia/Greene, Schenectady, Albany, Fulton/Montgomery and Schoharie. If you would like more information about this program please contact the CCE office at 518.885.8995 or email Leland at glb76@cornell.edu



SAVE THE DATE



Support the 4-H Training Center and Join In the Fun!



4-H Teen Council is a place for all 4-H Teens to come together in a fun and engaging atmosphere. It's a place to build friendships, build skills and become your Best Self! Each month we have a business meeting where we make decisions that support all 4-H programming, followed by fun activities where teens get to make memories that will last a lifetime.

When: Saturday, May 9th

Where: 4-H Training Center (556 Middleline Rd, Ballston Spa)

Who: All 4-H Teens and Friends

The program for May is yet to be determined, but as with all of our 4-H Teen Council Meetings, it's guaranteed to be a lot of fun for all of our 4-H Teens!

The SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR



Daily Show Schedule:

Tuesday

Goat: 1:00pm
Swine: 6:00pm
Pet Care Class: 7:00pm

Wednesday

Dairy Cattle: 10:00am
Sheep: 3:00pm
Rabbit Agility 6:30pm

Thursday

Horse (English): 10:00am
Dairy Judging: 9am
Alpaca: 1:00pm show
Beef Cattle: 4:00pm

Friday

Horse (Gymkhana): 10:00am

Saturday

Rabbit: 9:00am
Poultry: 2:00pm
Goat/ Sheep Obstacle 4:00pm
Rabbit Agility 6:30pm
Young Farmer's Olympics 7pm

Sunday

Master Showman: 9am

It may be hard to believe, but it is time to think about "The Fair." The 2026 Saratoga County Fair will be July 21-26. So, mark your calendar, begin thinking of how you will participate in fair, and note those things (riding evaluation, horse registrations, health checks, Pullorum testing, and shots) that must be done prior to fair.

A key element in participating in Fair is the 4-H Handbook. The Handbook contains everything you need to know on how to exhibit. Handbooks will be available, one per family, at the 4-H Office on June 3rd. There are changes in the book again this year. Take the time to read it, noting rules, regulations, and specific requirements. Do not assume!

Some sections and classes have changed, so make sure you read the book! If you have any questions, please call the 4-H Office before County Fair. No question is too small or bad.

Fair is much more than a week away from home, rides, and cotton candy. For 4-H, it is a unique opportunity to share with fairgoers the great things members have learned and done throughout the year. It really is a great big recognition event for members, leaders, and the 4-H Program. It is also an opportunity for members to complete the project learning process by having their work evaluated by a judge.

These people talk with each member discussing workmanship, techniques, successes, uses and possible improvements of each exhibit.



ROBOVINES



RoBovines Presents Our 5th Annual Pancake Breakfast!

When?
May 31st
8am-11am



Where?
556 Middle Line
Rd. Ballston Spa
NY

Cost- \$8 Per Person

Join us for our 5th Annual Pancake Breakfast!
We will have pancakes, eggs and sausage! All
proceeds help sustain our robotics programs. We
hope to see you there!

Get your tickets now- robovines.org/pancake

To learn more about us, visit robovines.org

Join us for



4-H FASHION REVUE

Have You Made
Something Awesome
with Fabric, Yarn, or
Felt?

Share your creativity at the 4-H Fashion Revue and inspire others. All Fiber Projects Welcome Open to all 4-H Youth. Family and friends welcome to watch the revue

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

JUDGING FROM 5 - 6PM
SHOW STARTS AT 6:30PM

**CCE SARATOGA OFFICE AT 50 WEST HIGH STREET,
BALLSTON SPA**



To Sign up call 518-885-8995 or email glb76@cornell.edu

Attention all 4-H Sewers, Quilters, Knitters, and any youth doing a Fiber Arts project!

4-H Fashion Revue is a great way to exhibit your skills, have your projects evaluated, and connect with other 4-H'ers who have a "Passion for Fashion".

More information about projects, evaluations and exhibiting is available on the 4-H Website at:

<https://ccesaratoga.org/4-h/4-h-forms/4-h-textile-expo>

To sign-up, please call the 4-H office at 518.885.8995 or email Leland at glb76@cornell.edu.



ROBOTICS OPEN HOUSE

**4-H and non 4-H
members.
5-18 year-olds are
all welcome.**

**May 27, 6:30-
7:00pm
Middle Line Rd.
Ballston Spa NY**

**We're looking for youth and adult
volunteers to be a part of our robotics
programs. Whether you're experienced
or completely new, we're happy to have
you join us.**

**You will have the opportunity to
explore all aspects of STEM and
robotics, including building, coding,
designing, teamwork, and problem-
solving. We offer both competitive and
non-competitive programs.**

**Come learn new skills, meet great
people, and help us grow a strong
creative robotics community.**

**If you have questions please contact us at
Team@robovines.org**



Support
The Saratoga
4-H SHARPSHOOTERS

Road to Nationals!

Help the Saratoga County
4-H Sharpshooters compete at



NATIONAL 4-H
SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS!

helps with travel, training,
competition expenses. **Every**
contribution makes a **difference!**

SCAN TO DONATE!

 **venmo**

@Saratoga_4H_Sharpshooters



 **gofundme**



Thank you supporting the
Saratoga 4-H Sharpshooters!

Youth Complete 4-H Shooting Sports Course

The 4-H Shooting Sports Course kicked off in March and wrapped up on April 14th. Throughout the course of 6 weeks, Saratoga County 4-H'ers learned about Shooting Sports Disciplines including Rifle, Air Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, and Hunting, Wildlife and Outdoor Skills. The focus of this course is to develop safe and ethical shooting skills, providing a foundation for further participation in the Shooting Sports.

We would like to thank all of amazing and dedicated 4-H Volunteer Shooting Sports Instructors who make this course happen. Their knowledge and experience provide a quality program year after year.

This course is open to all 4-H'ers 12 years old and older, and our Fall Course will be kicking off in September. If you would like more information about participating in upcoming courses, please email Leland at glb76@cornell.edu



Tournament Special Features

Hole-In-One Contests

- Car from Mangino Buick GMC
- Custom Fit Golf Package from Northway 8 Golf Center
- Price Chopper Grocery Package
 - Texas Roadhouse

Also...

Men & Women's Most Accurate Drive
Men & Women's Longest Drive
Men & Women's Closest to the Pin

50/50

Raffles

Mulligans

Please Note

NO COOLERS

Soft Spikes Only

Appropriate Dress Required

Youth Players Welcome

4-H in Saratoga County

serves over 20,000 youth annually. All proceeds from the 24th Annual Scholarship Golf Classic support 4-H programming through:

Scholarships

Educational Trips

4-H Leader Trainings

Program Development

Hands on Learning Experiences



The 4-H Leaders Association would like to convey our deepest appreciation to all of our 2025 Sponsors and Donors

contact us

518-885-8995

Cornell Cooperative Extension

50 West High Street

Ballston Spa NY 12020

GRS9@CORNELL.EDU



**25th Annual
4-H
Scholarship
Golf Classic**



May 30, 2026

Fairways of Halfmoon

Registration 8:00am

In Carts 9:15am

Shotgun Start

PARTICIPATION

\$140 Per Player

(Registrations are due by May 15th)

Scramble Format
Foursomes encouraged, or can be arranged

- Includes:
- Continental Breakfast
 - Greens Fees ● Cart
 - Give-a-ways
 - Luncheon Buffet



Please make checks payable to
Saratoga County 4-H Leaders
Association. For Promotion in the
program please fill out the following
information and return with payment by
May 15, 2025 to

4-H Leaders Association
50 West High Street
Ballston Spa NY 12020

Individual/Company Name: _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

SPONSORSHIPS

SIGNATURE

\$1200

FREE Foursome, Banner at Registration and Dinner, Full Page Ad in the Program

PATRON

\$800

FREE Foursome, Sign at a Tee Full page ad in the Program

TEE TO GREEN

\$400

Sign at the Tee AND the Green, Half Page ad in the Program

TEE

\$130

Sign at the Tee and name in the program

CART OR TABLE

\$50

Name in the Program Logo on Table or Cart

If you are making an in-kind donation, please specify the item and approximate value: _____

Thank you for your support



ENTRY FORM

Team & Individual Registration:
\$140 Per Player
(Registrations are due by May 15)

Company/ Team Name: _____

1) Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

2) Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

3) Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

4) Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

For secure credit card payments
please go to:

www.sc4h.org/golf

Honoring 40 Years of Service: **Bill Schwerd Retires from** **New York State 4-H Shooting Sports**

After over 40 years of dedicated service, Bill Schwerd is retiring as the New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator, leaving an enduring impact on youth, volunteers, and the 4-H program.

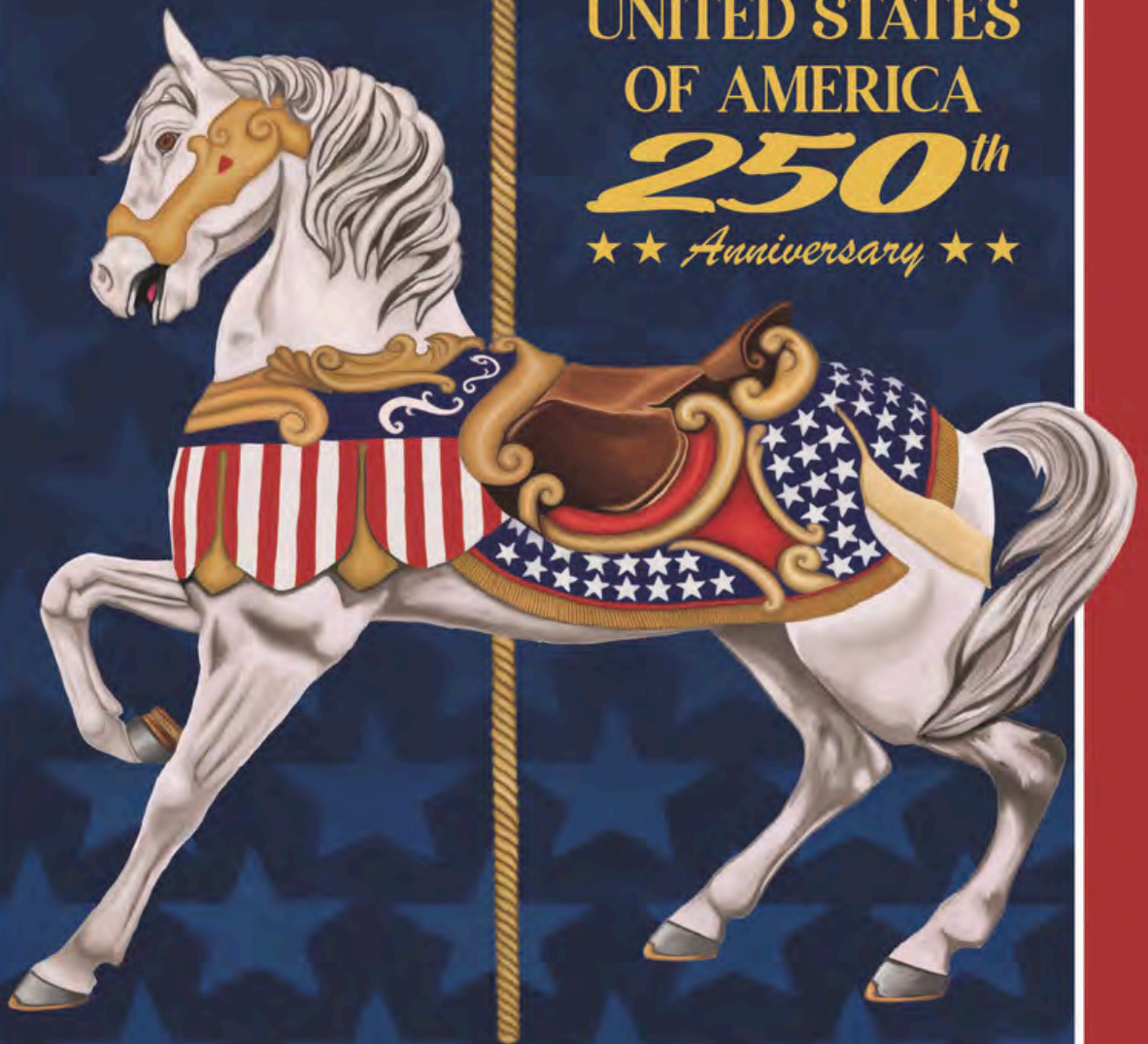
Bill played a critical role in developing both the New York State and Saratoga County 4-H Shooting Sports programs and was a key contributor during the early days of the National 4-H Shooting Sports program. Under his leadership, the program has reached thousands of young people and supported hundreds of trained 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors.

Bill's commitment, leadership, and vision have helped build a strong, safe, and respected program that will continue to benefit youth for years to come. His service is deeply appreciated, and his legacy within 4-H Shooting Sports is lasting and meaningful.



The SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
250th
★★ *Anniversary* ★★



July 21 - 26, 2026

SaratogaCountyFair.org



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.



📣 Calling All Leaders! 📣

🎪 It's Fair Time! 🎪

Interested in entering projects in the fair?
Come learn all you need to know about entering
and helping others succeed!

🌟 What You'll Learn:

- ✅ How to enter the fair
- ✅ Rules, deadlines, and categories
- ✅ Tips for successful entries
- ✅ Where to find forms and resources

📖 Fair book will be available

👤 Who Should Attend:

Club leaders
Youth leaders
Volunteers

Anyone interested in fair participation

📅 Date: May 11, 2026

🕒 Time: 6:00 PM

📍 Location: Schwerd Building

Be informed. Be prepared. Be fair-ready!

A short Leaders Association Business Meeting will follow.

4-H'ers Participate in Turkey Hunting Workshop

On April 11th, 10 4-H members and 8 parents participated in a Turkey Hunting Workshop at the 4-H Training Center, where they learned about turkey behavior, habitat, and calling techniques. The program offered a hands-on learning experience that engaged both youth and adults.

Participants also had the chance to build their own turkey calls to take home. Thank you to all of our instructors, especially Bryan Southard of Sweet Cedar Game Calls, who provided the call-making kits and shared his expertise to make the workshop a success.



2026 CAREER EXPLORATIONS CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, June 30—Friday, July 2

Open to Youth Entering 8th Grade-12th Grade

**Cost Estimate: \$50-\$100, thanks to the generous donations from the
4-H Leaders Association and Teen Council**

Registration is open now! Call our Office at 518-885-8895 or email grs9@cornell.edu.

4-H Horse News

Straight From The Horses Mouth

Important Dates

EVALUATIONS..... Contact Nicolina to Schedule

AG Society Gymkhana Series STARTS May 15th

NYS 4-H Horse Certificate Due to the Office June 1st



Are you ready for the upcoming 4-H Show season?

Do I have all the paperwork I need?

- Valid Coggins / Rabies ?

- Do I have a current 4-H evaluation?

Contact our office to schedule your Evaluations

- Did I fill out the NYS 4-H Horse Certificate?

Is my Equipment Safe?

Do I have leather on my tack that is dried and cracked?

Is my helmet cracked or has damage?

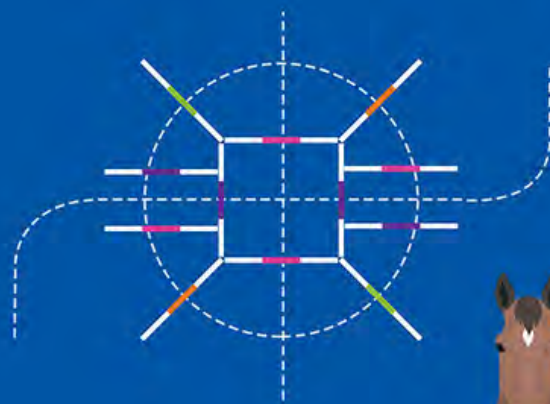
- Does it need to be replaced?

If you have questions contact Nicolina

nvf5@cornell.edu

Training Tips Polework

Petplan Equine



Try this fun groundpole exercise!
English/Wester/in-hand ground poles are great exercise and training for your horse!

NYS 4-H Horse Certificate

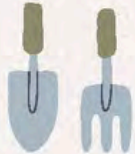
What is this?

The NYS 4-H Horse certificate is a simple form that asks a few things about you and your horse that you will be showing in 4-H events and shows. This form is available at our office or if you contact your 4-H horse educator they will be able to provide that for you.

Why do we need it?

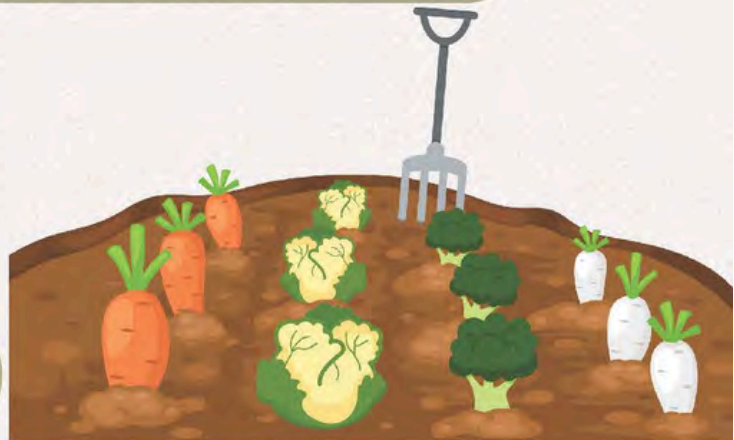
Great question. The biggest thing we use this for is to keep track of who owns or leases the horses they are showing. This is our record keeper for the entirety of NYS 4-H Horse program. There are rules in 4-H that limit the number of leased horses one individual 4-H'er can compete on. **This form is also used in the paperwork required to show at the state fair. ****(So if you think you want to show at the state fair we need to have this!)*******

Are you interested in a community garden plot?



Location: 4-H
Training Center

To reserve your plot contact
Jessica Luse at jmh452@cornell.edu



Do you have a garden or simply love working with plants? Now is the time to experience learning more about plants and their surroundings and have some fun too. Join other 4-H'ers for our Horticulture Training sessions! Participation in this training allows you the opportunity to participate in the County Horticulture contest at County Fair. Come join us for upcoming sessions.



Upcoming Dates: May 13th & June 10th
4-H Training Center

If you are between the ages of 8 and 18 and want to learn a little about some common plants, their identification and culture, as well as some pointers on how to judge plant material, please come join us.

Please RSVP so we can have materials prepared and if you have any questions, please contact Jessica Luse at 518 885-8995 or email jmh452@cornell.edu

40th Annual

Children's Fishing Tournament

Sponsored by Saratoga County • Hosted by the Town of Milton

◀ Saturday, May 9, 2026 ▶

**Saratoga County
4-H Training Center**

556 Middle Line Road
Ballston Spa, NY 12020



FREE
Registration!

- ✔ Open to Saratoga County residents
- ✔ Children ages 12 and under
- ✔ Please bring your own fishing poles and bait

4-H Pancake Breakfast

6:30 AM – 11:00 AM

- ✔ Adults: \$8
- ✔ Children (4-12): \$5
- ✔ Seniors: \$5
- ✔ Children under 4: FREE



2026 4-H Public Presentations

We would like to congratulate and thank all the 4-H members who put the time and effort into participating in this year's 4-H Public Presentations event(s). In total, over 150 youth participated in this year's event(s)

We would like to especially congratulate those members who were chosen to advance to the District event on April 25th

Melody Martin
Sara Bordeaux
Bethany Myatt
Annabelle Carrico
Bree Walcott
Violet Jennings
Brynn Duell
Aakash Kumar
Maxx Schlag





May 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Canine Training	5	6	7	8 Fashion Revue	9 Teen Council Fishing Derby
10	11 Canine Training	12	13 4-H Horticulture	14	15	16
17	18 Canine Training	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30 Leaders Golf Classic

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Teens

Reyna Racaza	Milton
Bella Hanson	Milton

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