



# CLOVER CHRONICLE



## 4-H MISSION

The purpose of 4-H is to foster the well-rounded development of youth, nurturing their physical, mental, moral, and social growth. It aims to help young individuals become competent, committed, and self-assured adults through; project involvement, 4-H events and various positive activities.

In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

## CCE ONTARIO 4-H OFFICE

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
8 AM- 4 PM

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Canandaigua  
NY 14424

[cceontario.org/4-h-youth](http://cceontario.org/4-h-youth)

[4-HCampBristolHills.org](http://4-HCampBristolHills.org)



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# MESSAGE FROM THE 4-H STAFF

April went by in the blink of an eye! I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter and had a wonderful spring break. It is OFFICIALLY time to start thinking about COUNTY FAIR!

Please read carefully through pages 5-7 as there is important dates and information for fair. If your youth are participating in county fair, we have a REQUIRED Fair Clean Up night on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Ontario County Fair grounds. Please let Sarah know if this is a conflict. Getting ready for fair is all hands on deck!

We also please ask for patience during pre fair as the 4-H office is down a staff member and we are working on filling that position.

Fair Entry will OPEN June 1st! We have a worknight planned for June 25th at the CCE Office to help assist anyone having issues with the system. Remember you will need to know your 4-H Online login to enter the system!

Start thinking about your 4-H Club Booth ideas! The theme this year is "Go for the Gold with 4-H"!

Interested in riding on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Float for 4-H this year?

Hosted by the Junior Fair Board  
-More Details to come-

SAVE the DATE!



 -Ontario 4-H

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## 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE EDUCATOR

Canandaigua, NY

Inspire Youth. Teach Agriculture. Build Community

**POSITION FOCUS**

- Lead hands-on 4-H youth programs
- Teach animal science & agriculture
- Plan events and workshops
- Work with community partners

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- ✓ BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR ASSOCIATES & TWO YRS FUNCTIONAL EXPERIENCE
- ✓ YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE
- ✓ STRONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- ✓ FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE


Expected Weekly Hours:  
37.5 hours per week (Full-Time)


Hourly Wage Range: \$20-\$23.70 per hour

**APPLY NOW!**

Website:  
<https://cornell.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/CCECareerPage>

**Questions?**  
email Sarah Wilhelm, 4-H Resource Educator  
sab423@cornell.edu





## SPREAD THE WORD!!

We are looking for candidates for both our Animal Science Educator and Summer Assistant position

### WE'RE HIRING!



4-H Summer Assistant

Canandaigua, NY

- \$16 per hour
- June, July & August
- Flexible Hours
- Support the 4-H Team with summer programming

More Information:  Sarah at sab423@cornell.edu

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# Ontario County 4-H - Calendar of Events 2026 (dates subject to change)



*May*

- Auction - Lamb, Goat and Swine Weigh In
- 2<sup>nd</sup> -**Textile Evaluation & Fashion Revue**
- 9th - Plant Sale- hosted by The Wild Side Club
  - Poultry Processing Tour
- 10th- Barrel Racing Clinic
- 11<sup>th</sup>- JR SUPERINTENDENT APPLICATIONS DUE
- 17<sup>th</sup>- Capital Days
- 19<sup>th</sup> - JR superintendent interviews
- 21st - Stall Set up**
- 24th-25th- Memorial Day Horse Clinic
- 26th-Memorial Day- Office CLOSED
- 31st Sheep Showmanship Clinic

*June*

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Horse Certificates (Blue Sheets) DUE!**
- 6th- Turkey BBQ Clinic
- 7th- Hens, Hares and Hooves Chicken BBQ Fundraiser
- 9th Market Goat Showmanship Clinic- Held in Wayne County
- 12th- Registrations DUE for Pullorum Clinic**
- 13th-Horse Pancake Breakfast
- 14th - Horse Jumping Clinic
- 21st-Horse Chicken BBQ Fundraiser
- 22nd -Pullorum Clinic**
- 25th - Fair Entry Worknight

*July*

- 1-3<sup>rd</sup>- Camp Sampler
- 1st-Horse Health Paperwork DUE**
- 4th Independence Day-CCE Office CLOSED
- 9th- REQUIRED -Fair Clean Up**
- 21st -25<sup>th</sup> Ontario County Fair**

*August*

- 3rd- Roseland 4-H Fun Day
- August 26-September 7- New York State Fair

*September*

- 7<sup>th</sup> Labor Day- Holiday -Office CLOSED
- 18th-20th 4-H Outdoor Adventure Weekend
- 26th Fun on the Farm

*October*

- 1st - 4-H Enrollment Begins**
- 10th Fall Festival- at 4-H Camp Bristol Hills
- ?? Achievement Night Paperwork Due
- ?? Harvest Food Fest Paperwork Due
- ?? Achievement Night 5:30 pm at the Ontario County Fairgrounds-Carriage Barn

*November*

- 1st 4-H Enrollment Due
- ?? Harvest Food Fest (PINY) 9 am
- ?? CCE Annual Meeting
- ?? Livestock Auction Informational Meeting
- November 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office CLOSED

*December*

- ?? Holiday Fun Day
- Dec 24- Jan 3 Winter Break - Office CLOSED

# Ontario County Fair 2026 - 4-H Theme

## Go for the GOLD with 4-H!

### County Fair Important Dates

County Fair will be here before you know it! Here are some important things to be preparing now...

#### Pullorum Clinic

**Monday - June 22nd**

**2:30-6:00 pm**

Location: Ontario

County Fairgrounds



All show poultry at the County Fair are required to have a proof of negative pullorum test. RSVP to Sarah by 12th.

#### Fair Entry Worknight

This is an open night to come and get help with submitting your fair entries.

**June 25th**

**6:00pm-7:00pm**

**Location: CCE Office**

#### Showmanship Clinic Series

Take advantage of these showmanship clinics coming up to prepare for county fair! *Please email Sarah to get registered, sab423@cornell.edu*

**Goat – June 9th at 6pm, Located at: 3425 Cole Rd. Marion, NY 14505.** Emily Smith will be

demonstrating on her own goats. For biosecurity reasons youth are asked to leave their goats home for this clinic, but bring a notebook and questions! If you have specific areas you would like Emily to focus on, please let Paige know ahead of time so she can relay that interest. Youth who are interested in market goats for a future project are welcome to come learn.

#### Junior Superintendent/Teen Leader Program

Be a leader at county fair! This is a fun program for youth ages 11+ to take on leadership roles and make positive changes to the 4-H program. Interested youth should apply by May 11th. More information and application available at this link: [Jr Super Application](#)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Fair Clean-Up**

**July 9th**

**5:30 PM**

**REQUIRED**  
if participating in fair

Please email Sarah at [sab423@cornell.edu](mailto:sab423@cornell.edu) if you have questions or conflicts



**View updated Fairbooks for information about fair schedules, class requirements, etc.**

<https://cceontario.org/4-h-youth/4-h-projects/county-fair>

## Schedule with your vet to complete necessary health paperwork

### Animal Health and Identification Paperwork Checklist

#### **Poultry**

- Negative Pollurum test

#### **Rabbit**

- Ear tattoo

#### **Swine**

- CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection)
- Official USDA RFID tag

#### **Goat**

- CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection)
- Scrapie Tag

#### **Sheep**

- CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection)
- Rabies Vaccine
- Scrapie Tag

#### **Beef**

- CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection)
- Rabies Vaccine
- Official USDA RFID tag
- Negative Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI) test

#### **Dairy**

- CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection)
- Official USDA RFID tag
- Negative Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI) test
- Rabies Vaccine

#### **Horse**

- Rabies vaccination
- Negative Coggins test

#### Horse Certificates

Due June 1st for ANY horse(s) you plan to ride at fair and any backup horses you plan to ride.  
Link to Horse Certificates:  
[Horse Certificate \(Blue sheet\)](#)



### Volunteer Opportunity

The fairboard is starting to work on projects to get ready for fair on **Monday nights and Saturday mornings**. If you would like to help for community service hours, you are encouraged to do so. Our fairboard does so much work to make fair a success and they welcome the help from our members. 😊

**Email Sarah-sab423@cornell.edu if interested!**

#### HORSE Evaluations

Register for a horse evaluation if needed. Evaluations are required for anyone showing a horse at county fair. Email Sarah if you are needing one this year  
[sab423@cornell.edu](mailto:sab423@cornell.edu)

# SAVE THE DATE!

## Horse Stall Set Up

May 21st



### Upcoming Horse Clinics:

Email Sarah to signup!

### Driving Clinic Series

Date: May 4, May 18, June 1, June 15, June 29

Cost: \$75 for full series

### Memorial Day Fun Weekend (Overnight)

Date: 12pm May 24th- 5pm May 25th

Cost: \$30 /youth (additional \$25 per spot camping fee if bringing camper)

### Jumping Clinic

Date: June 14th

Cost: \$15 /youth

### Pattern Practice Series with Lisa Burley @Little Bear Acres

Date: May 6, May 20, June 3,, June 17, July 1, July 15

Cost: \$20 per session

### Open Practices with Gracie Kuhner

Dates: May 14th, June 25th, July 7th, July 17th

Cost: \$10/youth

*Chicken*  
**BBQ**

*Support 4H Horse Program*

SUNDAY JUNE 21ST , 2026 AT 10:30 AM



\$15 for 1/2 chicken dinner w/sides  
Please Pick Up by 1:00 pm please!



Gale-Wyn Chicken BBQ  
Canandaigua Runnings Store

*Pre-Sale tickets being sold by Ontario County  
4H Horse Program club members!*



Ontario County  
4-H Horse Program



# PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



**June 13th**

**8:00 – 10:30 AM**

**\$7**  
Per Ticket

*Come support our  
local 4-H Horse Program!*

*Enjoy pancakes,  
community, and fun!*



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL YOUTH!

# CAMP SAMPLER

Are your children interested in going to  
4-H Camp Bristol Hills?

The 4-H office would love to see more of our club families experiencing the fun of 4-H Camp! 4-H is able offer a *DISCOUNT* to up to 10 youth (must be enrolled in Ontario County 4-H). The cost will be **\$100 per youth** to attend one of the Sampler options below!!

**\*\*NEW!** 4-H Camp Bristol Hills is offering  
Sampler Camps\*\*

These short-and-sunny programs offer a bite-sized taste of camp life, perfect for families who want to take Camp for a test drive. Campers will experience everything they would in our full Day or Progression Camp, just in a three-day splash.



**When: July 1-3, 9:00am-4:30 pm**

**Day Camp Sampler:** 5-7 years old by July 1

Day Camp Sampler groups rotate together through nature, crafts, swim lessons, games, and songs.

**Progression Camp (day camp for 8+)** Sampler: 3rd grade or higher

Progression Camp Sampler, like day camp but gives campers the chance to build their own mini-schedule, choosing from our most popular activities to capture the best highlights of Camp such as crafts, archery, fishing, drama, gardening, critter care, cooking, outdoors survival and so much more!

**Please email Sarah in the 4-H office, [sab423@cornell.edu](mailto:sab423@cornell.edu) if you would like to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!**

**REGISTER BY MAY 15TH!**

**LIMITED SPACE  
-RESERVE EARLY-**



# TURKEY BBQ

## Multi County Clinic

**SATURDAY JUNE 6TH FROM 10 AM - 2 PM**

Held at the Ontario County Fairgrounds  
2820 Co Rd 10, Canandaigua, NY 14424

Taught by state poultry leader MaryAnn Whipple and Ontario County poultry superintendent Richard Lawson

**“Special Guest”**

**National BBQ Champion  
Gracie Dawson**

**Register Here:**

[https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9WvJpZ5U82nJUJ8](https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9WvJpZ5U82nJUJ8)



**Ages 12 & up  
to grill**

All BBQ materials and grills will be provided.

Families are asked to bring a dish to pass for lunch

Clinic will cover how to BBQ a turkey breast, how to get involved at the BBQ contest at county and state fair, and how to prepare for the presentation element of the contest

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# Poultry Processing Clinic

May 9th at  
9:00 am

The tour is held at  
HLW Acres,  
1727 Exchange St Attica NY

Join us for a tour of a poultry processing facility. Youth will learn about how chickens and turkeys are processed. Herman Weber is the processor we use for processing all of our 4-H auction poultry projects. **Lunch will be included**

Please RSVP to Molly Hilderbrant  
[mollyhilderbrant@yahoo.com](mailto:mollyhilderbrant@yahoo.com)  
**if interested in signing up!**





*Support 4-H Club  
Hens, Hares & Hooves*



**SUNDAY JUNE 7TH , 2026 AT 11:00 AM**

\$15 for ½ chicken dinner w/sides

Pre-Sale must be picked up by 1:00 pm please!

-Come visit with our special guest rabbit and chicken friends-

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**Canandaigua Runnings Store**  
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*Pre-Sale tickets being sold by Ontario County  
4-H Hens, Hares & Hooves club members!*



# 4-H NEWS

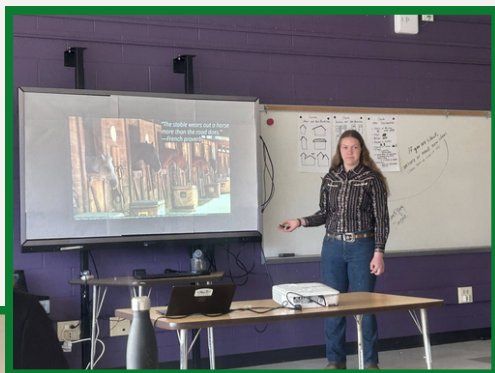
## Congratulations to all who participated!

You all made Ontario County proud!  
Region 2 Public presentations contest.

- Emma Mae White
- Mackenzie Michaelson
- Marylou Sheckler
- Isaac Sheckler
- Grant Prya
- Laramie Pyra (Judges Choice Winner and Top Ten presenter)
- Travis Clark
- Owen Grefrath (Judges Choice Winner)
- Jacklynn Spence (Judges Choice Winner)
- Madelyn Reed
- Addyson Snyder
- Wyatt Boyea (Judges Choice Winner and Top Ten presenter)



**Congratulations to Elena Soberon** who placed  
1st in Senior Individual presentation at the  
Region 2 Horse Communications



Congratulations to  
the **FLX Novice Dairy  
Bowl** team for  
placing 2nd at the  
state contest!



**Mackenzie Michaelson on  
the 1st place Team** for NYS  
Livestock Bowl!!! Required to  
complete an online written  
exam, 65 youth across NYS  
with top 20 to participate in  
the state level.





# 4-H NEWS

## The Wildside 4-H Club

In April our club went fishing at the Seneca Lake State Park outlet. We tried various lures and found that regular worms worked best. All of our members caught at least one fish, with the largest being a Rudd measuring 18 inches & over 3 pounds. We also learned the Rudd are an invasive species. The lake encourages fishermen to dispose of the species when caught. Members also caught small mouth bass, pumpkin seeds, and blue gills.

We are looking forward to our Plant Sale coming up May 9th!



DATE  
**SAT. MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
TIME  
**12:00-4:00 PM**

"The Wild Side" 4H Club is hosting a

# Plant Sale!

Location:  
Melt Ice Cream on Main  
Pheps, NY

**The Perfect Gift for Mom!**

Garden Veggies & Annuals

Email Amelia at [agd72@cornell.edu](mailto:agd72@cornell.edu) before the 1st of the month to get your club news in the next Clover Chronicle!



# 4-H NEWS

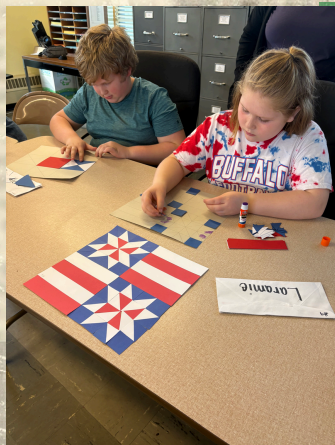
## Western Livestock Wranglers

For our club's yearly community service project we made dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Several of our club members have felt the love that the house provides family while they utilize Golisano Children's Hospital. The food was provided by the Prindle Family Dentistry and the Boyea Owens Family. Our youth made meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and brownies.





# 4-H NEWS



## Spark Club

Our club members learned about barn quilts! We were excited to learn that there is a barn quilt tour in Ontario County. Thank you to Amanda and Luke Pritchard for leading this fun activity!



## Leadership Experience Story



Mason Michaelson - Ontario County 4-Her

I have had the opportunity to join the Animal and Agriculture Leadership Program (AAL). The primary focus of the trips we take is to tour agricultural programs at colleges across the state. On the most recent trip to the Cobleskill campus, we toured their on-site slaughterhouse, livestock building, the milk processing plant, equine center, the diesel technology program, and the fish hatchery. The last campus we tour will be in May at SUNY Morrisville. We will also be touring a farm in the area.

This program is a great experience, and anyone looking to expand their horizons and find a career in ag should consider applying for this program.

# SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

## Fun on the Farm



**LOCATION:**



Lawnhurst Farms  
in Stanely, NY

Congratulations for  
hosting this year!



# SAVE THE DATE



## 4-H OUTDOOR ADVENTURE WEEKEND

### @ 4-H Camp Bristol Hills!

Friday, September 18-Sunday, September 20

Cost: \$85

For all youth  
8 and older!

Registration  
Opens April 1!

Backpacking  
Firebuilding  
Wild Edibles  
Aquatic Life and  
much much more!



Offered by: Youth Nature and Outdoor Environment Team

Cornell Cooperative Extension



**-4-H Career Exploration -  
Tuesday, June 30 – Thursday, July 2, 2026**



Registration information and program information is available on the Career Ex website.  
Online registration form opens April 20 and closes May 15 or when programs are full

There will be two program tracks – University U open to youth entering grades 8 and up and Focus for Teens open to youth entering grades 10 and up. Registration costs \$475 per youth and \$475 per chaperone and some scholarships will be available (scholarship applications are due by May 1).

**Ontario 4-H does offer financial assistance if interested email Sarah [sab423@cornell.edu](mailto:sab423@cornell.edu)**

Registration includes program activities, dorm accommodations, and meals from June 30 dinner through July 2 lunch, as well as bus tickets for transportation on campus and an ice cream treat during the campus scavenger hunt. Please explore the event website to see what is new and returning this year.

**2026 University U Programs: Grades 8 & Up**

- A Universe of All Sizes: Chemical Engineering All Around Us
- AI in Ag & Forestry: Tackling Climate Change with Technology
- All About Me: Learning About Psychology, Learning About Yourself
- Food, Fitness & Futures
- Gelation Station: Engineering Hydrogels for Medicine
- Nanotechnology: Explore the tiny technology that powers our world!
- Plants, People and Place
- Scientific Literacy & AI
- Soil Health Laboratory Tour and Soil Painting Event
- Why you should go abroad during college (and how to do it)

**2026 Focus for Teens Programs: Grades 10 & Up**

- AI Explorers Lab: Prompting, Bias, and Responsible Innovation
- Be a Foodie, Eat the Science
- Be Our Guest: Welcome to Hospitality
- Cornell Equine
- Diverse Futures in Food Systems
- Exploring the Universe: From Planets to Supernovae
- S.O.S., your plant has a message for you!
- What Women Scientists Can Do!
- Where Life and Engineering Meet
- World of Water: Water Resources Research
- Youth Investigators in Action Summit



Thank You!

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