



4-H Highlights

June 2026

Join the Fun With 4-H at the Saratoga County Fair!

4-H is everywhere at the Saratoga County Fair—from the show ring to the 4-H building! It's your chance to showcase your hard work and share 4-H with the public.

The 4-H building is the hub for exhibits, activities, and events—and we need your help to make it shine! Join us for the Fair Work Bee on June 16th to clean, paint, garden, and set up. Want to help? Call 518-885-8995 or email grs9@cornell.edu.



Upcoming Events & Deadlines

June

- 1st - Animal Lease Forms Due
- 1st- Fair Book Available
- 9th - Career EX Orientation
- 13th- Teen Council Meeting
- 16th- Fair Work Bee
- 20th-22nd- National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship
- 24th - Pullorum Clinic
- 30th - July 2nd - Career Explorations

July

- July 6th - Advanced Entries Due
- July 18th - County Fair Judging
- July 21st -26th - Saratoga County Fair

4-H Field Days

A day of fun and learning on an outdoor classroom!

What do you get when you mix Saratoga County elementary students with the 4-H Training Center on a sunny May day?

4-H Field Days!

Each year, Saratoga County schools can attend two events: the Animals, Food, and Agriculture Field Day for grades 1–3, and Environmental Field Day for grades 3–5.

On May 12, 662 students from 33 classrooms across 8 schools enjoyed a hands-on day at the 4-H Training Center in Ballston Spa. With 32 presentations and 26 animal exhibitors, students learned about livestock, pollinators, maple production, and more—even making butter with local dairy youth. Classes rotated through eight sessions, giving students a chance to interact with animals, explore agricultural topics, and better understand where their food comes from.

On May 19, 18 classrooms from 5 schools took part in Environmental Field Day. Experts from organizations like DEC, NRCS, and Saratoga County Soil and Water led activities on topics such as stream health, tree planting, native wildlife, and identifying animals through skulls.

Thanks to great weather and dedicated volunteers, students left with smiles and memorable, hands-on learning experiences. Volunteers truly are the heart of 4-H, making these days both meaningful and unforgettable.





Saratoga County 4-H T-Shirt Pre-Order Form



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Total # of Shirts _____ x \$12 each = _____

Please order at: www.sc4h.org/Shirts

Cash or Checks Payable to CCE Saratoga

Mail or drop off: CCE Saratoga County 4-H, 50 West High Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

T-Shirts will be available for pick up at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds
in the 4-H Building on Judging Day, July 18th.

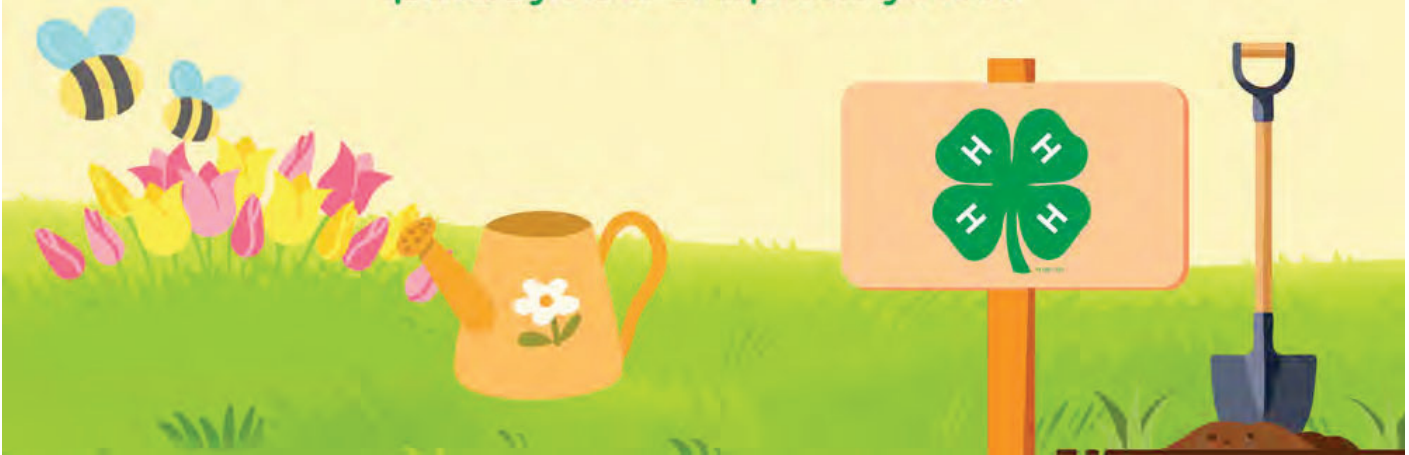
ORDERS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY JUNE 30th!

4-H FAIR WORK BEE

**Tuesday, June 16th
4:00-6:00pm**

**Saratoga County Fairgrounds
162 Prospect St., Ballston Spa**

Join Saratoga County 4-H as we dust off the cobwebs and get the fairgrounds ready for the season! Come help spruce up the 4-H buildings and grounds and make everything shine. Bring along hand tools, buckets, gloves, and anything else that might be useful as we work together to get things in shape. Stick around for pizza at 6:00 and a fun “All Things FAIR” presentation from 4-H staff—perfect for getting excited and asking any questions you have. We hope to see you there!



SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR

CALL FOR

JUDGES

4-H STATIC EXHIBIT JUDGING DAY

SATURDAY JULY 18, 9AM-3PM

**CONTACT LISA AT THE 4-H
OFFICE IF INTERESTED!**

SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 4-H MEMBERS

- June 1st** All animals exhibited at the county fair must have been owned or leased (only 1 leased animal permitted and may not own an animal of the species) and cared for by the exhibitor since June 1st. A statement of ownership from exhibitors must be on file with the 4-H office by June 1st. Forms available at the 4-H Office and online.
- June 1st** Saratoga County 4-H Fair Books will be available at the 4-H Office. Stop by the 4-H Office or have your leader pick up a book, one Fair Book per family, plus exhibit entry sheets and tags.
- July 6th** Deadline for advance entries - this includes all animal entries: horse, dairy, sheep, goat, dog, rabbit, cavy, swine, beef, and llama. Also, pet care, club exhibits, group action booth. Bring to the 4-H Office.
- July 18th** Judging of exhibits at the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds, 9:30 am - 4 pm. This is the face-to-face evaluation of all 4-H projects/exhibits; food, horticulture, clothing, photography, arts and crafts, Cloverbuds, etc. All exhibits remain on display July 21-26. Also, cage set up in the small animal building for chickens, rabbits, and pigs. (Don't bring animals).
- July 20st** 4-H Horse Exhibitors, mandatory meeting @ 6pm at the 4-H Snack Bar at the Fairgrounds
- July 20st** All animals in place on fairgrounds (rabbits must come 10am-12 pm or 4-6 pm)
- July 21st -26th** Saratoga County Fair 4-H Building, 10 am - 10 pm, 8 pm on Sunday
- July 23rd** Chicken BBQ at the Fair sponsored by the 4-H Leader's Association
- July 26th** Animal Exhibits Released 8:00 pm—no earlier, no exceptions!
- July 27th** Pick up static exhibits at the 4-H Building, 9 am - 6 pm

SARATOGA COUNTY 4-H 4-K WALKATHON



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Raise Money!
Earn Prizes!

All Proceeds Benefit the 4-H Training Center!
Tie-Dye T-Shirts, Hotdogs, Games, Fun for All Ages!
Alumni Reunion!
Come see all that the 4-H Training Center has to
offer our community!

Saturday, September 26th
3:30 Registration, 4:30 Start

4-H Training Center
556 Middleline Rd, Ballston Spa

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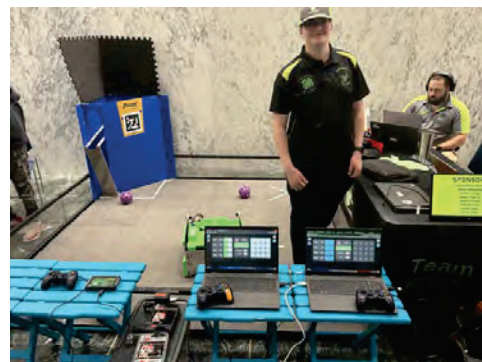
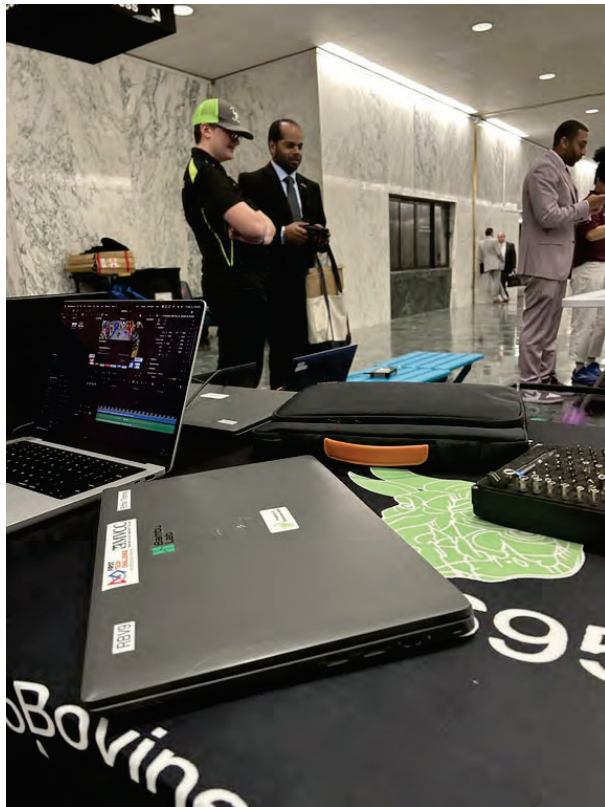
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Master Showman Competition

The Master Showmanship Competition will be held at the Saratoga County Fair on Sunday July 26th at 9:00AM. The Champion showman from the following species will be invited to participate: Goat, Horse (English & Western), Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Rabbits, Cavies, Poultry, Alpaca/Llama, Swine and Sheep. There will be the same judge for all species. A workshop will take place on Friday, July 24th. The workshop will rotate among the animal areas in the competition, demonstrating proper showing techniques and providing information on that animal species. The Animal Ad hoc for each competing species will select the animals to be used in the competition and assign them numbers. Participants will be assigned a number at the start of the competition and will use that number for the duration. The competitors will not be allowed to show animals from their farm. After the competition the points will be tallied and the winners will be announced. The Master Showman will receive a belt buckle and cash prize. If you have any questions please reach out to Jillian, jsp327@cornell.edu.

RoBovines at STEAM Day

Thank you the RoBovines for representing 4-H at the STEAM Day at the NYS Capitol! It was a great day sharing with legislators the 4-H and FIRST partnership. This group continues to amaze us!



JOIN US FOR OUR

FULL MEAL



LEADER'S ASSOCIATION CHICKEN BBQ

ORDER AHEAD AT SC4H.ORG

THURSDAY, JULY 23RD 4 PM TO 7 PM

\$20

**½ CHICKEN, BAKED POTATO, COLESLAW,
ROLL AND BUTTER, A PIECE OF SMITH'S PIE,
DRINK**

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OR PICK UP AT THE SARATOGA COUNTY TRAINING
CENTER - PICKUP AT TRAINING ARE PRE-ORDER
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4-H SNACK BAR WANTS YOU!

Join the Fun at the 4-H Snack Bar!

Calling all 4-H'ers (ages 11+), plus alumni, parents, friends, and family—join the fun at the Saratoga County Fair!

The 4-H Snack Bar is the place for great food, laughter, and teamwork. It's where our 4-H community comes together to build friendships, learn new skills, and support something bigger.

Why help out?

Make friends and have fun

Gain teamwork and work experience

Support 4-H programs, scholarships, and trips

Youth who have received support from Teen Council are encouraged to volunteer for at least 1 shift

Run by the 4-H Teen Council, the Snack Bar depends on volunteers like you to make it a success!

Jump in! Scoop ice cream, serve fries, or help wherever needed—there's a spot for everyone.

Teens interested in being a "Teen of the Day" should email Pam Driscoll at pamdrisc@gmail.com

Sign up today:

<https://signup.com/go/WQqamUT>

Come be part of the action—we can't do it without you!

Calling All 4-H Teens! Join Us for Teen Council on June 13th!

Looking for a fun way to get involved, make a difference, and hang out with other 4-H teens? Don't miss the next 4-H Teen Council Meeting on Saturday, June 13th from 12:00–2:30 PM at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds!

We'll kick things off with a quick business meeting, then jump right into getting the 4-H Snack Bar ready for Fair week—a great chance to work together, get a behind-the-scenes look, and play a big role in one of our most exciting fair traditions.

Why should you come?

Connect with other 4-H teens from across the county

Build leadership and teamwork skills

Be part of something that supports the entire 4-H program

Get involved in fair prep and see your impact firsthand

Bonus: Pizza will be provided for lunch—so come hungry and ready to help!

Bring your energy, ideas, and enthusiasm—we can't wait to see you there and get Fair-ready together!

Friendly Reminder:

Who: Career Explorations participants

What: Trip orientation; complete paperwork review trip details

When: Tuesday, June 9 at 6:00p.m

Where: Cornell Room

Details: Call the office with questions or conflicts, 518-885-8995





Saratoga County 4-H Welcomes Jillian Peek

We are excited to announce that Jillian Peek has joined CCE Saratoga as the new 4-H Animal Science Educator! A native of Schuylerville, she graduated from SUNY Cobleskill Ag & Tech in 2023 with a bachelor's degree in Animal Science and a minor in Agricultural Education.

Animals and agriculture have always been central to her life, with a background in riding, training, and showing horses. She is passionate about helping others learn and grow through hands-on animal science experiences.

Outside of work, Jillian enjoys spending time in the barn with her heart horse, Martha Stewart GCH, and her English Bulldog, Gus. She looks forward to connecting with the community, supporting youth programs, and sharing her love of agriculture and animal science with Saratoga County 4-H.

4-H Leaders BBQ Fundraiser

The Annual Chicken BBQ will be held on Thursday, July 23rd from 4-7pm.

This year's BBQ will have order pick-up at the 4-H Training Center (Pre-Order required) as well as "Eat-In" at the Saratoga County Fair.

Advanced orders can be made at sc4h.org.

There is a lot of work that goes into getting things ready for the BBQ, and you can help! Please call the 4-H office at 518.885.8995 to sign-up to volunteer!

We are also looking for pie sponsors.

A pie sponsorship is \$12, and can be paid by check or cash to the 4-H office or ordered at www.sc4h.org

Checks should be payable to "4-H Leaders Association".

Scholarships Offered by 4-H

All 4-H Seniors and 4-H members in their first year of college should be on the lookout for the 2025-2026 4-H Scholarships. Scholarship applications are due in the 4-H Office by **OR postmarked by Monday, June 15th**. Please contact Greg at the 4-H office at grs9@cornell.edu for more details.

Scholarships are available on the CCE website at www.ccesartoga.org
Click on 4-H then 4-H Forms.

The following scholarships are available: Teen Council offers two \$1000 scholarships - the **Jimmer White Memorial** and the **Sean Reilly Memorial**; the 4-H Leader's Association offers three \$1,000 scholarships - the **Mary Ramsdill Scholarship**, the **Ruth Bull Scholarship** and the **4-H Leaders Scholarship**. **Shooting Sports** offers a \$500 scholarship; Complete details will be listed in the application. Again this year scholarship recipients will be announced and checks presented at Achievement Night.

The 4H Horticulture Club is for those of you who are passionate about plants or just beginning your journey!

Together we will learn fun plant facts, identification, planting techniques, how to judge & submit plants to the fair and competitions, and so much more. Games, trivia, live plants and plant material, and group discussions are part of our monthly meetings. We're not just growing our knowledge of the world of plants; we are growing friendships and connections to our community.



Upcoming Dates:

June 3rd at 6:00pm

Join us at the greenhouse located at the 4-H Training Center

. Do you love to garden or love working with plants? Now is the time to experience learning about plants and their surrounds while having fun. Join us for a fun activity along with learning how to enter into the Saratoga County Fair and about the opportunities of the NYS Fair. RSVP to Jessica Luse at jmh452@cornell.edu

County Fair Exhibitors Handbook

Saratoga County 4-H Exhibitor's Handbook, entry tags and entry forms will be available at the 4-H office on June 3rd. The Handbook is the exhibitor's guide to all aspects of 4-H participation at County Fair. It includes exhibiting, junior superintendents, club opportunities, schedules, rules/regulations and explains the evaluation process.

Due to the size of the book and the costs of postage they will not be mailed. Therefore, the organizational leader or one representative from each club should plan to take responsibility for picking up and distributing the handbook (one per family), entry forms and tags for their entire club

Daily Show Schedule:

Tuesday

Goat: 1:00pm
Pack Goat: 5:30pm
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: 9:00 am
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

Sunday

Master Showman: 9:00am
Dog: 1:00pm

Advanced Entries Due July 6th!

Mark the date in your calendar! All animal entries, group action booths and club exhibits must be pre-entered on an advance entry form and submitted directly to the **4-H Office by July 6th.**

Late entry forms will not be accepted.



ATTENTION ALL



2026 CATTLE SCF

EXHIBITORS

ALL BEEF & DAIRY are

**REQUIRED to have a
Radio Frequency
Identification (RFID)**

'840' tag



**Ear tag WITHOUT RFID is NOT
ALLOWED**

4-H Horse News

Straight From The Horses Mouth

Don't Forget Your Evaluations

If you need to be evaluated, please don't hesitate to reach out to schedule them. And if you're not sure, please reach out to ask!

Email: nvf5@cornell.edu

Call Office: 518-885-8995

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Tips for the show season

Keep your horse up-to-date on vaccines.

Wash your hands often!

Keep sick horses at home. Monitor them for fever, diarrhea and nasal discharge.

over 102 F Call your vet!

Separate and monitor:

- returning horses for
- new horses for

14 days
30 days

Don't share

- Feed or water buckets
- Grooming tools
- Manure forks
- Hay bags
- Tack

Before working with horses kept at home:

- Wash your hands
- Shower
- Change clothes and footwear

Clean and disinfect stalls at the show facilities.

Limit exposure

- Avoid nose-to-nose contact between horses
- Limit the general public's contact with your horses
- Limit your contact with other horses

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Important Dates

4-H Fair books come out**June 1st**

NYS 4-H Horse Certificate **DUE** **July 1st**

4-H Fair Entries **Due to the Office**..... **July 6th**

(Make sure Evaluations are done before the fair!)

What do I need to Show at the Saratoga County Fair 4-H Horse Show?

- Hand in NYS 4-H Horse Certificate to the 4-H Office July 1st
 - Hand in 4-H Fair Entries to the 4-H Office July 6th
 - (Mandatory) 4-H Horse Fair meeting Monday, July 20th 6pm
 - Have current Coggins and Rabies paperwork. (provide when the horse arrives to the fair)
 - *Make sure you are evaluated for the classes you are signing up for.*
- If you have questions, ask!

How do I get involved in Fair if I don't have a Horse to Show?

- Ask about getting involved in the Horse Shows, you can help...
 - Ring Steward
 - Ribbon Runner
 - Arena/Gate Crew
- Help a friend that is showing for the day!
 - Work at the 4-H Snack Bar!
 - Volunteer/help in the 4-H building
- Get a group of 4-H Friends and compete in the Ag Olympics!

Fair Open Horse Show

All 4-H youth are welcome to stay and show in the open horse show at Fair. The open horse show can be done pre-entry or the day of. Open Horse Show runs...

Friday (Night), July 24th Gymkhana Open and 4-H Divisions

Saturday, July 25th, Versatility Horse & Rider Competition (Must be at least 13 Years old to enter Versatility)

Sunday, July 26th, Open English & Western Horse Show.

Separate entry forms and fees for the Open Horse Show events are available through the Fair office/forms.

These can be found at the Saratoga County Fair Website. Click the "Visit the Fair" button- Exabators Tab at the top of the web page - *then click* Department W-Saddle Horses

If you have any questions regarding the Saratoga County Fair and the horse shows, whether that is 4-H or the open shows, please contact Nicolina at nvf5@cornell.edu or call our office at 518-885-8995.



June 2025



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