



JULY 2nd, 2026

Green & Growing

Grounded in purpose, growing in Dutchess County 4-H.
Cultivating curiosity, leadership, and clover pride.

NEW LEAVES ON THE VINE

New this issue:

Fair Entries are LIVE!
Exhibit Hall Awards Night
Livestock Ambassador Program
Dutchess Land Conservancy Scholarship
Poultry Showmanship Clinic
From the Ground Up - Summer Workshop
Meet Same Storey- our new ED

A NOTE FROM THE CLOVER PATCH

Hello Summer!

As we head into summer fair season, Dutchess County 4-H is buzzing with activity! From clinics, contests, and workshops to fair prep, animal projects, and community events, there's a lot happening across our 4-H program in the weeks ahead.

With summer schedules picking up, Green & Growing will be moving to a bi-weekly format for June and July. Once August arrives and fair season is in full swing, the newsletter will return to a weekly schedule to help keep everyone updated on important reminders, deadlines, and events.

As always, thank you for being part of Dutchess County 4-H. We hope you enjoy this edition of Green & Growing, and we can't wait to see all the exciting things our members accomplish this summer!

SEASONS OF 4-H

Save these Dates!

July:

Presentation Results Deadline - July 1st

Next Green & Growing - July 2nd

CCEDC Office Closed- Friday, July 3rd

Multi-species showmanship - July 12th @ DCFG

4-H Day Camp - July 13th - July 16th @ CCEDC

YLS Scholarship Application Deadline - July 15th @ 11:59 PM

4-H Office Hours - July 16th 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Youth Goat Show - July 18th @ DCFG *see post

4-H Office Hours - July 24th 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

4-H Show Fair Entries Close - July 25th @ 11:59 PM

Pollurum testing - July 28th @ DCF

4-H Day Camp - July 28th - July 30th @ CCEDC

August:

CEA Entries Due - August 1st @ CCEDC

Poultry Showmanship Clinic - August 1st @ Orange County
4-H Park

DLC Scholarship Deadline - August 3rd @ CCEDE

Ulster County Fair - August 4th - August 9th

Hudson Valley Renegades Farm & Agriculture Night:

August 13th, 2026

Fair Grounds Set-Up - August 15th @ DCGF 9:00 AM - 11:00
AM

Fair Grounds Set-Up - August 19th @ DCFG 5:00 PM - 7:00
PM

DLC Scholarship Announced - August 21st by email

Exhibit Hall Evaluation Day - August 22nd @ DCFG 9:00 AM

Livestock Skillathon - August 24th @ 4-H Cafe Tent 5:00 PM
- 7:00 PM

Dutchess County Fair - August 25th - 30th

Exhibit Hall Awards Night - August 26th @ 4-H Cafe Tent
7:00 PM

Pasta Dinner - August 28th @ 4-H Cafe Tent 6:00 PM

YLS - August 29th @ Livestock Pavilion 4:00 PM

4-H Barn Bash - August 29th @ Livestock Pavilion
immediately following the sale.

NYS Fair - August 26th - September 7th

Dutchess County Fair Entries Are LIVE! Click Here!

EIS Cards Available

Entering Items in the Exhibit Hall at the Dutchess County Fair this year?

Be sure to complete your EIS Cards.

Digital copies of the cards are available on our website and can also be accessed through the link below. Printed copies are available at the CCEDC Office for anyone who needs one.

👉 [Click Here](#) to print at home!

2026 4-H Fairbook Now Available

The 2026 Dutchess County 4-H Fairbook is now available on our website!

Be sure to review all rules, exhibit information, important deadlines, schedules, and entry requirements as you prepare for this year's Dutchess County Fair.

👉 [Click Here](#) to view the Fairbook!

Early Drop-Off for Exhibit Hall Entries

Can't make it to Exhibit Hall Evaluation Day? Dutchess County 4-H is offering an early drop-off option for members with scheduling conflicts.

Official early drop-off will take place on **Saturday, August 15th** at either the Farm & Home Center or the 4-H Exhibit Hall.

Please note that early drop-off is **available by approval only (by 4-H Staff/Fair Committee) and must be coordinated with 4-H staff or your club leader in advance.** Members

using this option are also required to complete the Early Drop-Off Form, which can be found in the Fairbook, on our website, or **CLICK HERE** to download the document.

Entries dropped off **without prior approval** or a completed form **may not be accepted**.

Questions? Please contact the 4-H office for assistance.

Creative & Expressive Arts Entries Due August 1st

Entries in the Creative & Expressive Arts (CEA) Department must be **dropped off at the Farm & Home Center by August 1st**.

This includes:

- 4-H Record Books
- 4-H Achievement Books
- 4-H Lifetime Achievement Books
- Scrapbooks
- Press Releases, Editorials, or Brochures
- Reflective Essays
- Creative Writing projects, including fiction, nonfiction, comic books, and illustrated stories

If you have questions about whether your project belongs in the CEA Department, please contact the 4-H office.

Barn Bash Award Nominations

Do you know an outstanding 4-H member, volunteer, leader, or supporter who deserves recognition?

Nominations are now open for the annual Barn Bash Awards! These awards recognize the individuals who go above and beyond to support and strengthen the Dutchess County 4-H community throughout the year.

Awards include:

- 4-H'er of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Leader of the Year
- Community Organization of the Year

Submit your nominations using the link below.

👉 **Click Here** to nominate someone

Attention DC 4-H Families: In consultation with Dutchess County Fair management, your 4-H team has determined that insurance and risk management concerns **prevent us from operating the dorms** at the Dutchess County Fair. We are aware that families are planning for summer and wanted to be transparent and forthcoming. Family camping information is available on the Dutchess County Fair website **Camping Forms - Dutchess County Fair** (no tent camping allowed). Thank you for understanding. Let's have a great fair!

4-H Show Entry Office Hours & Record Book Help

Need help with **Dutchess County Fair Entries** or **Record Books**? Stop by during our 4-H Show Entry

Office Hours and a member of the 4-H staff will be happy to help!

Office Hours:

- **Thursday, July 16th | 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**
- **Friday, July 24th | 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

Whether you have questions about entries, Record Books, or navigating the process, we're here to help make fair season a little less stressful.

4-H SHOW ENTRY OFFICE HOURS

AND RECORD BOOK HELP!

**Thursday
July 16th**

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**Friday
July 24th**

4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

*Need help with Fair entries or
Record Books for the Dutchess
County Fair? Swing by the office
and a member of the 4-H staff
will be happy to help!*



CCEDC
2715 ROUTE 44
MILLBROOK

Questions? Reach out to
ccedc4-H@cornell.edu

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Exhibit Hall Awards Night

ENTERED SOMETHING IN THE 4-H EXHIBIT HALL? JOIN US FOR
AWARDS NIGHT TO CELEBRATE YOUR PEERS WORK.

Where:

4-H Cafe (tent
behind 4-H exhibit
hall)

When:

Wednesday,
August 26th,
2026

Time :

7:00 PM -
8:00 PM

Exhibit Hall Awards Night

Celebrate Our Exhibit Hall Youth!

Join us as we recognize the hard work, creativity, and accomplishments of our Dutchess County 4-H members during Exhibit Hall Awards Night!

Whether you entered photography, crafts, foods, sewing, woodworking, science, or any other Exhibit Hall project, this evening is a chance to celebrate all of the incredible work on display.

When: Wednesday, August 26

Time: 7:00–8:00 PM

Where: 4-H Café Tent (behind the Exhibit Hall)

If your exhibit has been selected to represent Dutchess County at the New York State Fair, please plan to attend. State Fair paperwork and important information will be distributed during the program.

We'll also have cookies and lemonade to enjoy while we celebrate another fantastic year of 4-H achievement. We hope exhibitors, families, and friends will join us!

CLOVERS IN THE SUNLIGHT

Congratulations to Our Sundae Contest Winner!

Dutchess County 4-H is excited to **congratulate Emily Burlingame**, winner of the Zoe's Ice Cream Barn & Dutchess County 4-H Ice Cream Sundae Contest!

Emily's winning creation, the Moo-licious Mudslide, was selected after Zoe's Ice Cream Barn staff voted through multiple rounds to choose their favorite entry. Inspired by Emily's love of cows and all things chocolate, the sundae features chocolate ice cream topped with hot fudge, Oreo crumbles, whipped cream, and chocolate-covered pretzels.

The Moo-licious Mudslide will be available at Zoe's Ice Cream Barn from **June 25 through July 19**, and **50% of every sundae sold will be donated to Dutchess County 4-H**, supporting local youth programs and agricultural education.

A heartfelt thank you to Katie and everyone at Zoe's Ice Cream Barn for partnering with Dutchess County 4-H to make this fun contest possible and for giving back to our program. We encourage everyone to stop by, try Emily's delicious creation, and support 4-H one scoop at a time!





GROWING GREEN LEADERS



Eligibility/Requirements

- **High school student entering at least their sophomore year. High school graduates are not eligible.**
- **Have a potential interest in a career in animal science.**
- **Have an interest in pursuing a post-secondary education in agriculture.**
- **Can commit to a weekend program which could be Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday in October, February, April and May/June. Cost \$100 for the year!**

To apply visit:



<https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/nys-animal-and-agriculture-leadership-program>

NYS ANIMAL AND AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

A program designed to give high school students the chance to explore post-secondary agricultural education and career opportunities in the dairy, livestock, and equine industries. Participants will engage in a networking environment through interactions with faculty and students, college planning, and personal development activities. Youth will be introduced to all areas of animal science, gaining insights into the various opportunities within each species and how these can be applied beyond their specific area of interest.

For more information contact:

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| • Jessica Tyson | jms943@cornell.edu |

Program is supported in part by NYS Farm Bureau and Farm Credit East.

To support this program visit: [HTTps://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/livestock-species](https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/livestock-species)



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NYS Animal and Agriculture Leadership Program

Are you interested in a future career in animal science or agriculture? The NYS Animal and Agriculture Leadership (AAL) Program offers **high school students** a unique opportunity to explore post-secondary education and career pathways in the dairy, livestock, and equine industries.

Participants will engage with Cornell faculty, current college students, and industry professionals while building leadership skills, exploring college and career

options, and gaining hands-on experience across multiple animal science disciplines.

Program highlights include:

- Four two-day sessions held throughout the year
- Interactive experiences across multiple animal science disciplines
- Networking and mentorship opportunities
- Leadership, communication, and career planning activities
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Eligible youth must be entering at least their sophomore year of high school and have an interest in pursuing agricultural education or careers. Participants should be able to commit to weekend sessions held throughout the year in October, February, April, and May/June.

Application Deadline: September 1

Program Fee: \$100 per participant for the year

Applicants will be selected based on their essay, demonstrated interest, and a personal reference.

For more information and application details, visit the link or scan the QR code on the flyer, or contact the Dutchess County 4-H office.

NYS YOUTH LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



The purpose of the New York State Livestock Ambassador Program is to inspire and prepare the next generation of Livestock leaders by connecting youth with hands-on experiences, industry professionals, and diverse career pathways in the livestock industry.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ High school students entering 11th or 12th grade
- ✓ Youth with a potential interest in pursuing a career in the livestock industry, including areas such as animal science, veterinary medicine, nutrition, production, processing, and marketing
- ✓ Students interested in building leadership, communication, and professional skills
- ✓ Youth willing to commit to full program participation from December through September, including attendance at all scheduled sessions and events

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Career Exploration
 - Expose youth to a wide range of livestock industry career sectors
- Hands-On Learning
 - Provide immersive, two-day sessions
- Industry Engagement
 - Facilitate direct interaction with agricultural professionals and employers
 - Increase awareness of current industry trends and workforce needs
- Skill Development
 - Equip participants with technical and career-ready skills
 - Emphasize personal and professional competencies
- Personal Growth & Career Preparation
 - Support resume building and goal setting
 - Foster creativity, initiative, and adaptability
 - Encourage networking and working with diverse audiences



To Apply for the program visit:
https://cornell.cel.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0kCh7PG8szqWQTK

For more information contact Brian Aukema at bja14@cornell.edu or 607-254-1208

COST \$100 FOR THE YEAR LONG PROGRAM

NYS Livestock Ambassador Program

Are you interested in a future career in animal agriculture? The NYS Livestock Ambassador Program is now accepting applications!

Designed for students entering **11th or 12th grade**, this year-long program connects youth with industry professionals while **exploring careers in animal science, veterinary medicine, nutrition, production, processing, marketing, and more.**

Participants will:

- Explore livestock career pathways
- Gain hands-on experiences
- Develop leadership and communication skills
- Build professional connections across New York's livestock industry

Applicants should have an interest in agriculture and be willing to commit to the full program, which runs from **December through September**.

Application Deadline: See the flyer for details.

Program Fee: \$100

For more information or to apply, scan the QR code on the flyer or contact Brian Aukema at bj14@cornell.edu.

NYS Fair Junior Superintendents – Applications Open

NYS 4-H is looking for motivated **teens ages 16 and older** to serve as **Junior Superintendents at the New York State Fair!**

Junior Superintendents help create a fun and memorable experience for fair visitors and 4-H families by **assisting in the 4-H Youth Building or working alongside Animal Superintendents**. Responsibilities may include leading activities, helping with evaluations, interacting with the public, and supporting animal exhibits.

This is a great opportunity to gain leadership experience, build workplace skills, make new friends from across the state, and earn a stipend for your time. Applicants should be responsible, flexible, team-oriented, and comfortable engaging with the public in a fast-paced environment.

Positions are available throughout the fair, **August 24 – September 7**, and applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

👉 **Click Here** to apply

Questions? Contact the Dutchess County 4-H office for more information.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

4-H Summer International Exchange



July 23 - August 16



We need families to host Japanese exchange youth this summer!

Requirements:

- Provide a bed for your hosted youth
- Youth may share a room with a host sibling of the same gender and similar age (11-19 years old)

YOUTH AVAILABLE FOR HOSTING:

Minori (15F) - Runner who enjoys games, anime & singing. Wants to practice English and share Japanese games.

Futa (13M) - Anime fan who loves Disney, games & music. Looking forward to exploring new cultures!

Towa (16F) - Loves K-pop, singing, dancing, piano & trying new foods. Ready to make friends across cultures!

Makoto (15F) - Animal lover, artist & guitar-playing singer. Enjoys TikTok, Instagram & anime.

Contact Autumn Lavine for more information:

aml84@cornell.edu

Apply at: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/host-family/application>

Host Families Needed for Japanese Summer Exchange Program

NYS 4-H is partnering with States' 4-H International to **host a delegation of Japanese youth** this summer, and host families are urgently needed.

Eighteen youth and two adult chaperones will visit New York State to experience everyday American life and build meaningful cross-cultural connections. Host families **can be located anywhere** in New York State and **do not** need to be **current** 4-H members.

Families simply provide a welcoming home environment and a bed for their delegate. Delegates

may share a room with a host sibling of the same gender who is between the ages of 11 and 19. No special activities are required—participants are excited to experience the everyday routines, traditions, and activities of their host families.

There are currently seven youth still waiting to be matched with host families. Participants range in age from **13 to 16** and have interests including animals, sports, music, art, anime, robotics, baking, and outdoor activities.

Hosting is a unique opportunity to build lifelong friendships, learn about another culture, and share the 4-H spirit of curiosity, belonging, and global citizenship.

Interested families should contact the Dutchess County 4-H office for more information on how to get involved.

YQCA Grant Opportunities Available for 4-H Clubs

The Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program is offering grant funding to support youth livestock education programs across the country.

With a total award pool of \$20,000, individual grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 are available for projects that promote food safety, animal well-being, and character development within the livestock industry.

Eligible **applicants include 4-H clubs**, FFA chapters, livestock show organizations, and junior breed associations. **Only one application may be submitted per club** or organization **each year**.

Examples of eligible projects include youth workshops featuring YQCA certification, livestock judging clinics,

agricultural education events, curriculum development, and biosecurity training.

Applications are **due by July 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.** CST, with award notifications expected in November 2026.

For complete eligibility requirements and application details, visit: YQCA Grant Program –

 **Click Here!**

Don't miss this opportunity to invest in the next generation of agricultural leaders!

Teen Leaders Wanted at Fair!

Are you 13 or older and looking to earn Premium Points while being part of the action at the Dutchess County Fair? Sign up for a leadership role when completing your fair entries!

Opportunities include:

- **Teen Evaluator:** Saturday, August 22nd | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- **Set-Up Crew:** Sunday, August 23rd & Monday, August 24th | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Official 4-H Volunteer:** Tuesday–Friday, August 25th–30th | 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Participants should report to the Exhibit Hall and wear their 4-H gear.

Teens can earn up to **20 Premium Points** while helping make this year's fair a success!

For more information, see **page 20** of the 2026 4-H Fairbook or contact the 4-H office.

SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

Livestock Sale Scholarship – Applications Now Open

Are you a graduating senior, current college student, or vocational student who has participated in the Dutchess County Youth Livestock Sale?

The 2026 4-H Livestock Scholarship is **now accepting applications!**

Eligible applicants must be Dutchess County 4-H members in good standing **who sold an animal in the Dutchess County Youth Livestock Sale during their junior or senior year of high school.**

Application Deadline: July 15, 2026

Completed applications and supporting materials must be submitted to **dutchess4hsale@gmail.com**.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on **academics, community service, leadership, sale participation, and a personal essay** describing how 4-H has positively impacted their lives.

👉 **Click here** for the application, or find it on our **website**.

Dutchess Land Conservancy Fair Scholarship

The Dutchess Land Conservancy is once again offering scholarships of up to \$250 to help 4-H members participate in the 2026 Dutchess County Fair! Funds may be used for fair-related expenses such as show supplies, grooming equipment, veterinary health requirements, show clothing, fair preparation workshops, and more.

To apply, youth must:

- Be a Dutchess County 4-H member in good standing
- Be at least 8 years old (Cloverbuds are not eligible)
- Be in their second year of 4-H or beyond
- Complete a handwritten essay, budget worksheet, and submit a photo with their application.

Application Deadline: August 3, 2026

Scholarships Announced: August 21, 2026

Awards Presented: During Barn Bash on August 29.

Applications may be **dropped off at the Farm & Home Center** or emailed to **ccedc4-H@cornell.edu**.

👉 **Click Here** to see the application for complete eligibility requirements and essay topics.

THE GREEN FRAME

4-H Poultry Showmanship Clinic



August 1st, 2026

10AM-2pm

Dig into meat bird judging & showmanship! Welcome back, Judge Ryan Zuill!

Open to any 4-H youth from Dutchess, Ulster, Suffolk, Putnam, Rockland, Orange, West Chester, Nassau, Sullivan, & NYC counties!

Register here:



\$15/youth
covers lunch

Orange County 4-H Park
300 Finchville Tpke
Otisville, NY 10963

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Ulster County



4-H Poultry Showmanship Clinic

Whether you're new to poultry or looking to sharpen your showmanship skills before fair, this clinic is for you! Join Judge Ryan Zuill for a hands-on day focused on **meat bird judging** and **poultry showmanship**. Youth will learn proper handling techniques, judging basics, and tips to help them feel confident in the show ring.

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Orange County 4-H Park, Otisville, NY

Open to 4-H youth from Dutchess, Ulster, Suffolk, Putnam, Rockland, Orange, Westchester, Nassau, Sullivan, and NYC counties.

Cost: \$15 per youth (includes lunch)

👉 **Click Here** or register using the QR code or link on the flyer.



4-H SUMMER PROGRAM



JULY 13TH - JULY 16TH



Ages: 8-13



ACTIVITIES:

Hands on learning, arts & crafts, outdoor games, simple cooking, and more!

TIME & PLACE:

CCEDC: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY

Are you 14 or older?
Interested in being a CIT?
Email ccedc4-H@cornell.edu



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Adventure Awaits This Summer!

Looking for a fun way to spend part of your summer? Join us for the Dutchess County 4-H Summer Program, where **youth ages 8-13** will enjoy four days filled with hands-on learning, arts and crafts, outdoor games, simple cooking, STEM activities, and more!

When: July 13-16

Time: 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Where: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County

2715 Route 44, Millbrook

This program is a great way to make new friends, learn new skills, and experience all that 4-H has to offer in a fun and welcoming environment.

👉 **Click Here** to sign up!

Interested in helping? Youth ages 14 and older who would like to serve as a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) are encouraged to contact the 4-H Office at ccedc4-H@cornell.edu.

Dutchess County Youth Dairy & Meat Goat Show

Mark your calendars for the Dutchess County Youth Dairy & Meat Goat Show on Saturday, **July 18th, 2026**, at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY!

This ADGA-sanctioned show is open to youth exhibitors and will feature dairy and meat goat classes, along with baked goods, drinks, and a raffle table throughout the day.

When & Where: **July 18th, 2026 @ DCFG**
Show starts at 9:00 AM

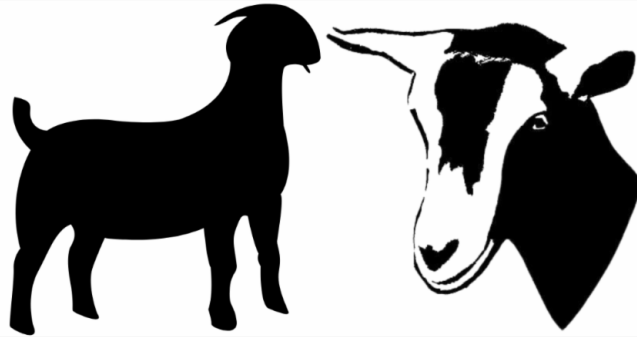
We look forward to seeing exhibitors, families, and supporters there for a great day at the fairgrounds!

👉 **Click Here** to register for the show!

Dutchess County ***YOUTH***

Dairy & Meat Goat Show

ADGA SANCTIONED



SATURDAY JULY 18TH, 2026 @ 9AM

Dutchess County Fairgrounds

Rhinebeck NY, 12572

Baked Goods, Drinks & Raffle Table!

Info, Rules & Online Entries Coming Soon!

Clubs Needed for 4-H Agriculture Night at the Renegades

Dutchess County 4-H clubs are invited to participate in 4-H Agriculture Night with the Hudson Valley Renegades on **Thursday, August 13th.**

This exciting event is a great opportunity to **showcase your club, connect with the community, and share the many ways youth can get involved in 4-H.** Clubs are encouraged to host an interactive table, activity, educational display, or bring animals, if appropriate.

Participating clubs can also use this event as a fundraiser, as a portion of ticket sales purchased through your club's link will be returned directly to your club.

Whether you're looking to raise funds, recruit new members, or simply spread the word about your projects and activities, 4-H Agriculture Night is a fun way to celebrate agriculture and connect with the community.

Interested clubs should complete the participation survey using the link below.

 **Click Here!**



4-H/Agriculture Night

Hudson Valley Renegades vs. Wilmington Blue Rocks
Thursday, August 13th @ 6:35pm

Game Information

- Join Cornell Cooperative Extension and local 4-H Clubs at the Renegades game on Thursday, August 13th!
- Enjoy different interactive tables, animals, and more!
- Portion of the proceeds will go back to your local 4-H Club

Link to Offer:

Scan QR Code for tickets:

[https://www.gofevo.com/
event/4hagriculturalnight
2](https://www.gofevo.com/event/4hagriculturalnight2)



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Hudson Valley Renegades 1500 NY-9D, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 | @HVRenegades | (845) 838-0094

4-H Agriculture Night at the Renegades

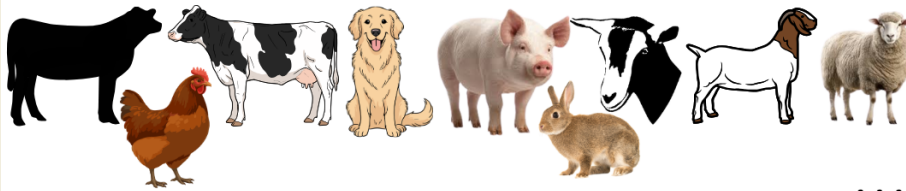
Join us for 4-H Agriculture Night with the Hudson Valley Renegades!

Thursday, August 13
Game Time: 6:35 PM

Enjoy a fun evening at the ballpark while supporting local 4-H programs. The event will feature interactive tables, animals, and activities, and a portion of ticket proceeds will go back to your local 4-H club.

Get your tickets using the link or QR code on the flyer, or
 **CLICK HERE!**

MULTI-SPECIES SHOWMANSHIP & FITTING CLINIC



COME EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE!!!

JULY 12TH, 9AM-4PM

8:30-9am: Registration

9am-12pm: Morning Species (Dairy Cow, Beef Cow, Hogs, Sheep)

12pm-1pm: Lunch (Pizza Provided)

1pm-4pm: Afternoon Species (Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, Dog)

Youth will have the opportunity to learn about 2 species in the morning & 2 species in the afternoon!

Dutchess County Fairgrounds

6636 US-9, Rhinebeck, NY 12572

****All Animals Will Be Provided****

Contact Faith Shultz at fs429@cornell.edu

Multi-Species Showmanship & Fitting Clinic

Looking to build your confidence before fair season? Join us for the Dutchess County 4-H Multi-Species Showmanship & Fitting Clinic on **July 12th** at the **Dutchess County Fairgrounds!**

Youth will have the opportunity to learn hands-on showmanship and fitting skills from experienced presenters while working with a variety of species. Participants can choose two species in the morning session and two species in the afternoon session, making this a great opportunity to expand knowledge, try something new, and prepare for the show ring. Species featured throughout the day include dairy cattle, beef cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbits, and dogs. All animals will be provided.

The clinic will run from **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**, with **registration beginning at 8:30 AM**.

Register by July 1st for your free clinic tee-shirt!

Pizza lunch will also be provided.

This event is perfect for both newer members looking to learn the basics and experienced youth hoping to sharpen their skills before the Dutchess County Fair. Open to any enrolled 4-Her ages 8 and older.

👉 **Click Here** to sign up! Or **Click Here** to download a hard copy registration form.

4-H Clubs Invited to Participate in Millerton 175th Celebration

The Village of Millerton will celebrate its 175th Anniversary next summer with a community fair taking place **July 17–19, 2026**, and local 4-H clubs are invited to participate in the animal portion of the event.

Organizers are currently looking for clubs interested in bringing one or two animals to help create an interactive, educational petting zoo experience on Saturday and Sunday. Youth would have the opportunity to answer questions, interact with the public, and help showcase the many animal projects and opportunities available through 4-H.

If your club may be interested in participating, please reach out to Ann Sartori or the 4-H office for additional information. This is a great opportunity for clubs to fundraise and or table!

Exhibit Hall Evaluators Needed

Dutchess County 4-H is looking for volunteers to serve as Exhibit Hall Evaluators during the Dutchess County Fair on **Saturday, August 22nd, 2026 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.**

Exhibit Hall Evaluation Day gives 4-H youth the opportunity to present projects they have worked on throughout the year and receive supportive feedback in a positive learning environment. Projects may include photography, clothing, baked goods, crafts, educational displays, collections, and much more.

No prior 4-H experience is required—just a willingness to encourage youth and provide constructive feedback. All evaluators will complete a short orientation/training prior to evaluations beginning.

👉 **Click Here** to sign up!

Facility Notices:

CCEDC no longer has an administrative assistant at the front desk. If you need to make or edit a room reservation at the Farm & Home Center, please email **ccedc4-h@cornell.edu**, and a staff member will be in touch to assist you.

Once again, the Farm and Home Center will be an early voting site. **Rooms A & B are unavailable from June 11th to June 21st.**

The Farm and Home Center will be closed for Juneteenth on **June 19th and July 3rd**



Meet Our New Executive Director!

Please join us in welcoming **Sam Storey**, who officially joined Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County as our **new Executive Director!**

Sam brings a wealth of experience in community and economic development and is excited to become part of the Dutchess County community. He'll be working alongside our staff, volunteers, board members, and community partners to continue growing the educational programs and services CCE provides throughout the county.

If you see Sam around the office, at a program, or out in the community, be sure to introduce yourself and

say hello! We look forward to all that's ahead and are excited to have him as part of the CCEDC team. Welcome to Dutchess County, Sam!

2026 NYS County & State Fair Animal Health Requirements

The 2026 NYS County Fairs and New York State Fair Animal Health Requirements are now available online. All animals—whether for competition, exhibition, or demonstration—must meet these requirements to be present at any NYS county fair or the State Fair.

Requirements Document (PDF): **2026 Fair Health Requirements**

No-Cost Poultry Pullorum Clinics (PDF): **Pullorum Clinic Schedule**

Exhibitors should check the NYS Department of Agriculture website for updates on emergency animal disease regulations, as these may change in response to current events.

For full details, visit: **NYS Department of Agriculture – Fairs** and scroll down to “Fair Health Requirements”.

These PDFs can also be shared in fair premium books and with out-of-state exhibitors, vendors, and participants to help ensure a smooth fair experience.

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Media Literacy Education for Children and Youth

Join us for a workshop that will explore how to support the development of media literacy for children and youth in the context of a complex information ecosystem. The workshop will take place on June 11 – 12, 2026 in Washington, D.C. and online.



Save the Date

NYS Shooting Sports State Match

September 11-13, 2026

Bath Rod & Gun Club, Bath, NY

4-H Agri-Business Career Conference

Teens interested in agriculture, business, technology, and leadership are encouraged to save the date for the 2026 4-H Agri-Business Career Conference at **SUNY Cobleskill Ag & Tech!**

This event is open to enrolled 4-H youth ages 14 and older and offers opportunities to explore careers, connect with industry professionals, and meet fellow 4-H members from across New York State.

Conference Dates: October 8–9, 2026

Registration information will be released in July.



Location: 4-H Camp Bristol Hills is located in the Bristol Hills region of the Finger Lakes, just 30 miles south of Rochester.

There is a dining hall with full kitchen amenities is where we will eat our meals and bathhouses with flush toilets are available. Housing: Cabins sleep from 7 to 20 individuals and include bunkbed style cots. Cabins have electric, but no heat and no running water.

Meals will be provided from Friday Dinner through Sunday Breakfast. If you have any dietary considerations please indicate when registering.

Join us for a fun filled weekend!

- Archery
- Backpacking/Hiking
- Geocaching and mapping
- Fire-Building/Shelter Building
- Nature Art
- Cordage making
- Wild Edibles
- Aquatic Invertebrates
- Homegrown National Park
- Outdoor Cooking



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REGISTER HERE



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SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026
4-H OUTDOOR ADVENTURE WEEKEND



@ 4-H Camp Bristol Hills
\$85 per youth
no cost for chaperones
Ages 8+

4-H Outdoor Adventure Weekend

Youth **ages 8 and up** are invited to join the 4-H Outdoor Adventure Weekend at 4-H Camp Bristol Hills! Participants will enjoy a weekend of outdoor exploration and hands-on learning, including activities like archery, backpacking, geocaching, fire-building, outdoor cooking, nature art, aquatic invertebrates, and more. Meals and lodging are included, and there is no cost for chaperones.

Event Dates: September 18–20, 2026

Cost: \$85 per youth

Location: 4-H Camp Bristol Hill

Registration information is available through the event flyer and registration link, or reach out to staff and we can help get you in touch with the right people.

Share Your Love of Dogs at the NYS Fair!

4-H Dog Clubs and individual members are invited to participate in the NYS 4-H Cynology Booth during the New York State Fair.

Help educate fairgoers through interactive displays, games, activities, demonstrations, and more while showcasing all that the 4-H Dog Program has to offer. Clubs and individuals can volunteer for one or more days throughout the fair.

Interested? Contact Kathi Chambliss at **chamblisk@gmail.com** or use the sign-up link below.

Looking for more things to do in Dutchess?

Click Here to visit Destination Dutchess. It's your one-stop guide for events, activities, and adventures happening across Dutchess County.

DON'T LEAF US BEHIND

Have Something to Share?

We love celebrating the amazing things happening across Dutchess County 4-H! If your club has an upcoming event, a community service project, a fundraiser, a fun photo, or a story worth spotlighting, send it our way. We're always looking for club updates, activities, member achievements, crafts, jokes, riddles, and anything that highlights the creativity and spirit of 4-H.

 Send photos, stories, and submissions to:

ccedc4-H@cornell.edu

Thank you for helping us grow a vibrant, connected 4-H community.

We can't wait to see what you're up to next!

– Carolyn, Jim & Brooke

Dutchess County 4-H Team





4-H GROWS HERE

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