



JUNE 18th, 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:

Early Drop Off

CEA Entries

NYS Leadership Program

Jr. Fair Superintendent - NYS

4-H Host Family Needed!

YQCA Grant Opportunity

Teens @ Fair

Scholarship Chance

Presentation Workshop

Renegades Tabling Update

Juneteenth

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!

June:

Wild Edibles Training- June 9th - 10th @ 4-H Camp Owahta

Early Voting (ROOMS A & B Unavailable) - June 11th - June 21st @ CCEDC

Animal Ownership Deadline - June 15th @ 11:59 PM *see post

Juneteenth- Friday, June 19th, CCE CLOSED

ENY Summer Classic - June 19th - June 20th @ DCFG

Dutchess County Fair Entries Open - June 24th

Think Differently Field Day - June 25th @ Bowdin Park

Zoe's Ice Cream Barn Anniversary - June 27th - June 28th

Last Chance Presentation Workshop - June 29th @ CCEDC

4-H Show Fair Entries Open - June 29th

July:

Presentation Results Deadline - July 1st

Next Green & Growing - July 2nd

CCEDC Office Closed- Friday, July 3rd

Multi-species showmanship - July 12th @ DCFG *see post

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

August:

CEA Entries Due - August 1st @ CCEDC

Poultry Showmanship Clinic - August 1st @ Orange County

4-H Park ** more info to follow

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

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

Dutchess County Fair - August 25th - 30th

NYS Fair - August 26th - September 7th

CLOVERBOARD NOTICES

Important Reminders

Public Presentations

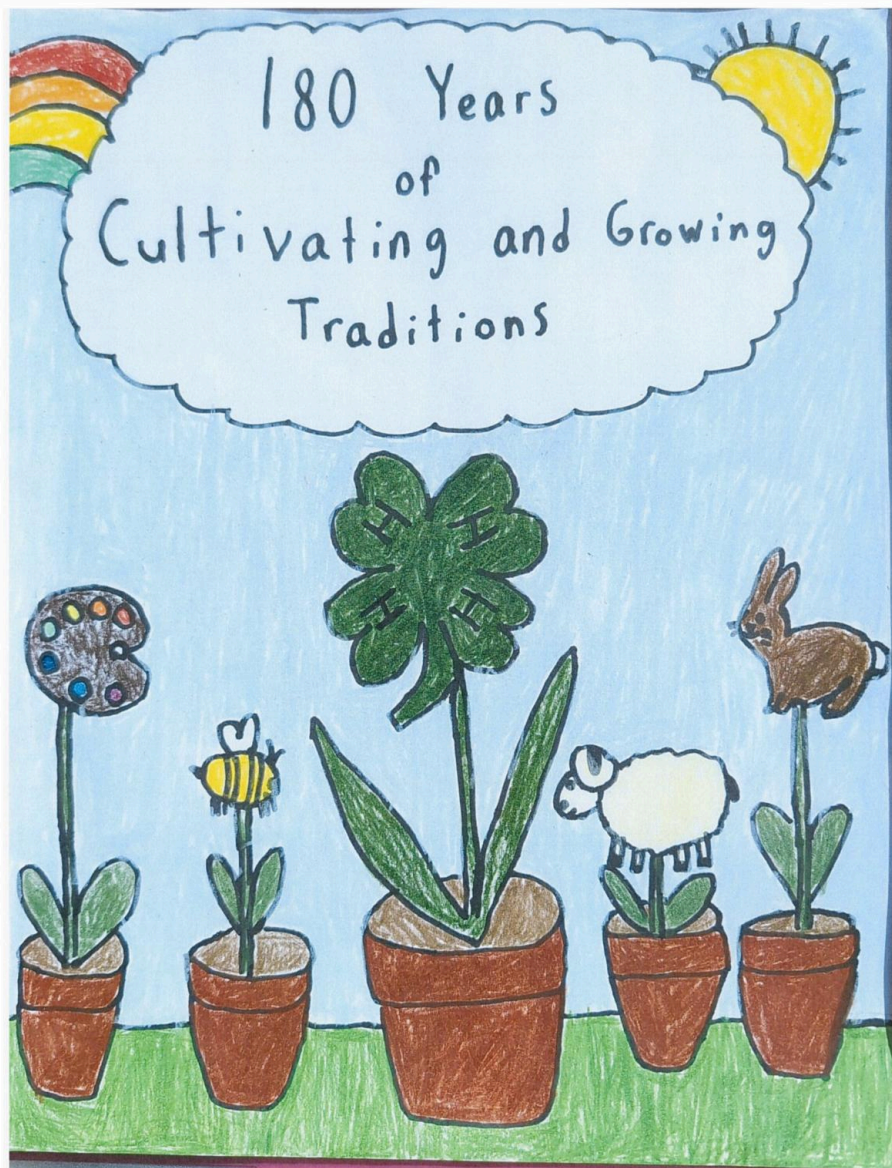
All 4-H Public Presentations must be completed no later than **July 1, 2026**.

Club leaders are asked to submit final scores (both numerical and ribbon color) for each member to the 4-H office.

Fair Entries

4-H Show Fair entries will open **June 29th** and close **July 25th**.

Dutchess County Fair Open show entries will open **June 24th** and close **August 1st**. The 4-H Fairbook and EIS card are available on our **website** and further down in the Newsletter.



Fairbook Cover Contest Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's 4-H Fairbook Cover Contest! We received six creative entries inspired by the Dutchess County Fair's 2026 theme, "180 Years of Cultivating and Growing Traditions."

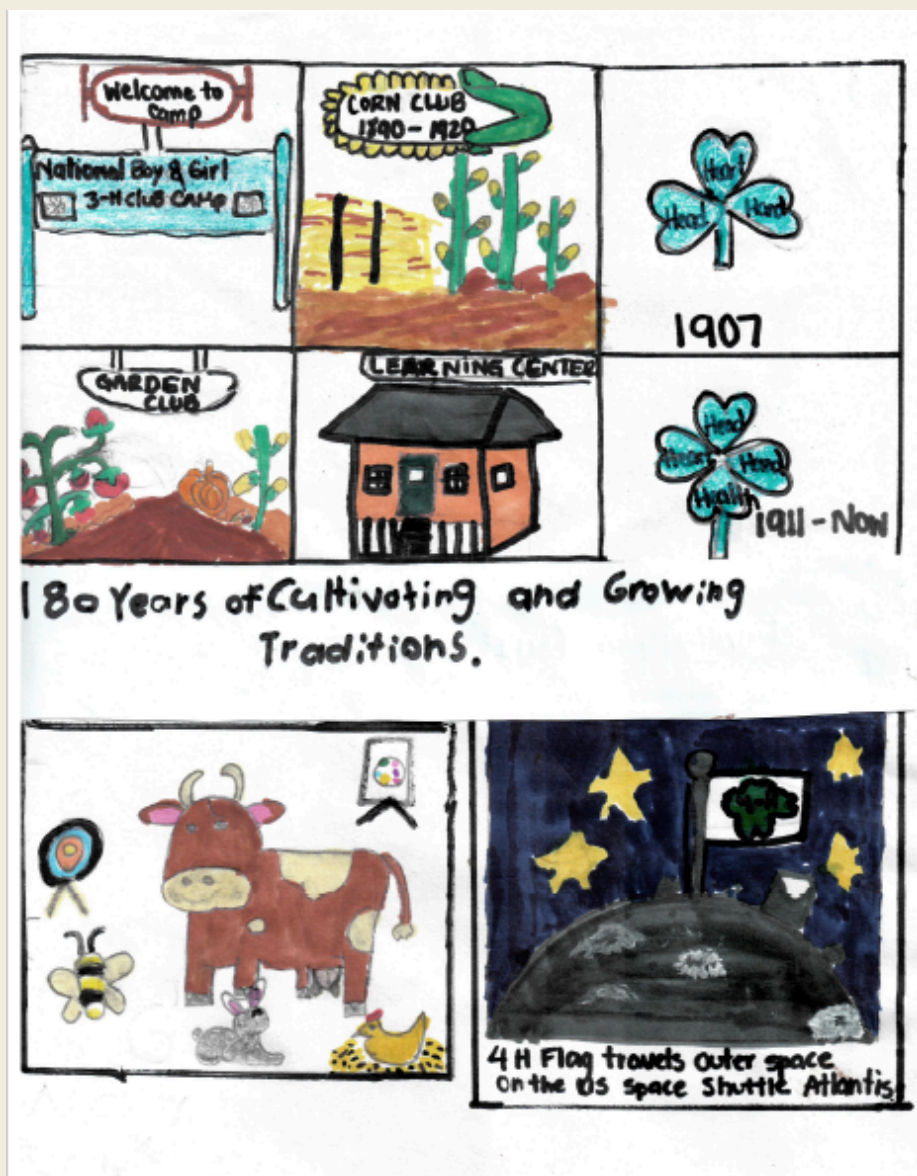
Congratulations to our winners!

-  **1st Place:** Meadow Facchin
-  **2nd Place:** Benjamin Remache
-  **3rd Place:** Isabella Tropea

The winning design will be featured on the cover of the 2026 Dutchess County 4-H Fairbook.

We would also like to thank all of our participants for sharing their creativity and helping celebrate the traditions that make our fair so special.

This year's awards were presented by the Fair Committee in memory of Irene Decker, whose dedication and support of the Dutchess County Fair continue to inspire our 4-H community.



2nd Place: Benjamin Remache



3rd Place: Isabella Tropea

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

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,

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!

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 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.

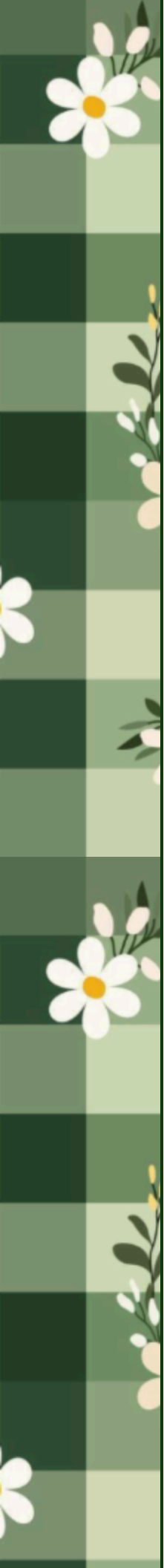
Awards include:

- 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!

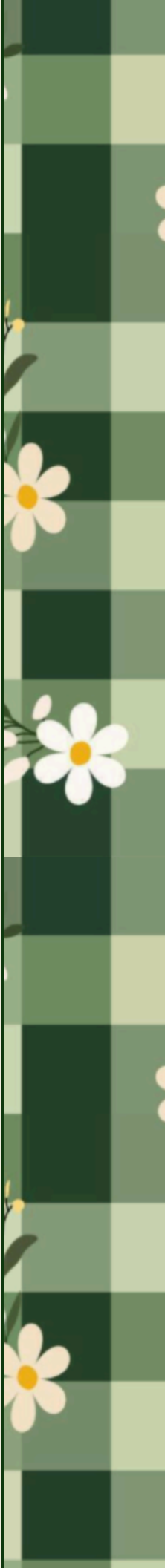
4-H Show Entry Office Hours & Record Book Help

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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CLOVERS IN THE SUNLIGHT

Clovers in the Spotlight: Summer Starts Here!

As another school year comes to a close, Dutchess County 4-H members are gearing up for one of the busiest and most exciting times of the year—summer! Across the county, 4-H youth are preparing for upcoming shows, events, and the Dutchess County Fair. Members with animal projects are spending extra time in the barn, field, and pasture, working with their animals and building the skills that lead to success in

the show ring. Whether caring for dairy cattle, goats, sheep, rabbits, cavy, llamas, alpacas, or other project animals, daily practice and dedication are key.

Summer also means wrapping up record books, completing fair entries, and putting the finishing touches on exhibit hall projects. From photography and creative arts to sewing, cooking, gardening, and public presentations, 4-H members are showcasing the knowledge and talents they've developed throughout the year.

Remember, fair season is about much more than ribbons and awards. It's an opportunity to demonstrate responsibility, sportsmanship, leadership, and the confidence that comes from setting goals and working hard to achieve them.

As you prepare for the busy weeks ahead, don't forget to take advantage of the resources available through the 4-H office, including show entry and record book assistance, workshops, and office hours.

We can't wait to see all of the hard work our members have put in throughout the year come to life at the Dutchess County Fair. Here's to a summer filled with learning, growth, and unforgettable 4-H experiences! Good luck to all of our members as they get ready for show season—we'll see you at the fair!

GROWING GREEN LEADERS



NYS 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE



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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| • Brian J. Aukema | bja14@cornell.edu |
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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)



GROW MAKE SERVE THRIVE

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.

4-H Graduation



Attention Graduating Seniors!

Are you graduating this year? We have a limited supply of 4-H graduation cords, tassels, and sashes available for graduating 4-H members.

If you are interested in receiving one, please contact a member of the Dutchess County 4-H staff as soon as possible. Supplies are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Consider returning your cords after graduation so others can use them.

Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors! We are proud of your accomplishments and wish you the very best in your next chapter.

4-H Pumpkin Project

FREE to DC 4-H members!



Interested in growing pumpkins?! Thanks to a grant from the Millbrook Garden Club, Dutchess County 4-H members can receive pumpkin seeds and instructions to grow several beautiful varieties of pumpkins. Open to all members ages 5-18, please complete this quick registration to receive more information:

https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eGagPrO4FXFBxbw

4-H Pumpkin Program

Interested in growing pumpkins? Thanks to support from the Millbrook Garden Club, Dutchess County 4-H members can receive pumpkin seeds and guidance to grow their own crop—and even learn how to market and sell them.

Open to youth ages 5–18, this project combines gardening, entrepreneurship, and hands-on learning throughout the growing season.

Next steps: pumpkin seeds are being ordered for everyone who completed the survey (but it's not too late to sign up!). Once seeds arrived, seed packets and curriculum will be distributed to all who registered

👉 **Click Here** to sign up/fill out an interest survey

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**.

THE GREEN FRAME

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

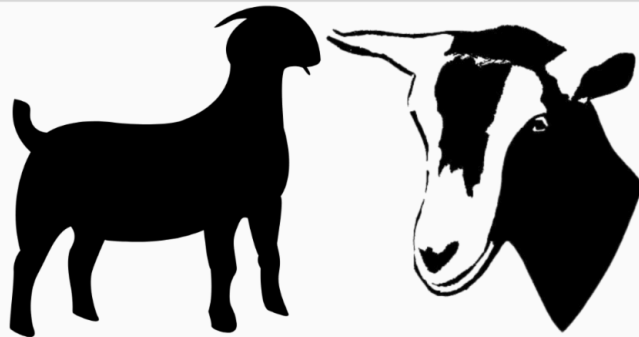
We look forward to seeing exhibitors, families, and supporters there for a great day at the fairgrounds!

👉 **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!

LAST CHANCE PRESENTATION WORKSHOP

STILL NEED TO DO A PRESENTATION?
COME TO OUR PUBLIC PRESENTATION WORKSHOP! THIS IS
YOUR LAST CHANCE TO COMPLETE THIS REQUIREMENT FOR THIS
YEAR

MONDAY, JUNE 29TH

**FARM AND HOME CENTER
2715 ROUTE 44,
MILLBROOK, NY**

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM



**BRING AN ITEM TO
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ABOUT!**



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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

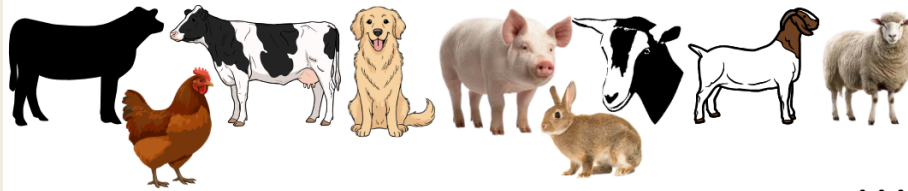
Join us for 4-H Agriculture Night with the Hudson Valley Renegades!

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!

ZOE'S TURNS 10

Lets Celebrate!



SATURDAY JUNE 27TH & SUNDAY JUNE 28TH

The Mobile Dairy Experience is a full sensory exhibit that transports you to the heart of New York dairy farming. With interactive experiences, farm videos, and hands-on learning stations!

Raffle tickets for your chance to win FREE ice cream for a year! 100% of the proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Dutchess County 4-H!

Touch a Tractor
Vendors
Tastings
Animals
Live Music
& More!



Zoe's Ice Cream Barn Turns 10!

Join Zoe's Ice Cream Barn on **June 27th and 28th** as they celebrate their 10th Anniversary with a weekend full of fun, food, animals, music, and community activities!

Dutchess County 4-H is excited to be part of the celebration. The event will feature the Mobile Dairy Experience, vendors, tractor activities, live music, tastings, animals, and more. Raffle tickets will also be available for the chance to win free ice cream for a year, with 100% of raffle proceeds benefiting Dutchess County 4-H.

4-H clubs interested in participating are invited to attend on **Saturday, June 27th from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM** with an educational display, animal exhibit, activity, or demonstration.

Interested? **Click Here** for the form to sign up!

Create the Next Zoe's Ice Cream Barn Sundae!

Dutchess County 4-H members are invited to participate in the Zoe's Ice Cream Barn 10th Anniversary Ice Cream Flavor Contest!

Youth are encouraged to create and submit their own original ice cream sundae idea by coming up with:

- A creative sundae name
- Flavor and topping ideas
- A short description of what inspired the creation

The winning sundae will be featured at Zoe's Ice Cream Barn from June 25th through July 21st in celebration of National Ice Cream Day, with a portion of each sundae sold supporting Dutchess County 4-H youth programs.

Entries Due: June 12th

Winning Flavor Announced: June 19th

Submit entries to: **zoe@zoesicecreambarn.com**

Click Here for the form to enter!



Dutchess County 4-H & Zoe's Ice Cream Barn 10th Anniversary.



Ice Cream Flavor Contest

To celebrate 10 sweet years of Zoe's Ice Cream Barn, we're teaming up with Dutchess County 4-H to create a special anniversary ice cream sundae! The winning sundae will be served at Zoe's from June 25th through July 21st, National Ice Cream Day, and a portion of every sundae sold will be donated back to Dutchess County 4-H to support local youth programs and agricultural education.

Dutchess County 4-H members are encouraged to submit their best ice cream sundae ideas! To enter, come up with a creative flavor name, describe the flavor and toppings and tell us what inspired your creation. The winning sundae will be made fresh at Zoe's and featured as our official 10th Anniversary sundae!

First & Last Name: _____

Age: _____

Name of Ice Cream Sundae:

Describe Your Sundae:

(What does it taste like? What's your toppings? What will it look like?)

What inspired your sundae?

Submit entries by June 12th

Return entries to: zoe@zoesticreambarn.com

Winning flavor announced by June 19th

FIELD NOTES

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

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.



Happy Pride Month!

Dutchess County 4-H is proud to celebrate and support a community where everyone belongs.

Recognize * Restore * Celebrate



In honor of the Juneteenth Holiday; the CCEDC Offices will be **CLOSED** on **June 19th, 2026**. Dutchess Co. Cooperative Extension staff will resume their duties on **Monday, June 22nd, 2026**.



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Happy Juneteenth!

Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and serves as a time to recognize, reflect, and celebrate freedom, resilience, and the ongoing pursuit of equity.

Regular office hours will resume on Monday, June 22, 2026.

THE WANDERING VINE

Media Literacy Education for Children and Youth Workshop

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will host a workshop exploring media literacy education for children and youth in today's complex information landscape. The workshop will focus on supporting young people as they learn to evaluate and engage with media responsibly and thoughtfully.

Workshop Dates: June 11–12, 2026

The workshop will take place in **Washington, D.C. and online**. Those interested in youth development, education, and digital literacy are encouraged to learn more.

👉 [Click Here to see the Agenda](#)

👉 [Click Here](#) to register!

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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.

2026 National 4-H Index Study

4-H youth ages **13–18** are invited to share their experiences in the 2026 National 4-H Index Study. This short online survey (about 15 minutes) helps measure the impact of 4-H and ensures youth voices are represented in shaping future programs.

Deadline to participate: July 1, 2026

Youth will receive the survey link directly—please encourage participation, as every response helps strengthen 4-H programs locally and nationwide.

👉 [Click Here](#) for the Survey

LGBTQIA+ Considerations Training

Community members and volunteers are invited to attend a free LGBTQIA+ Considerations Training led by Dr. Chris St. Germain, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health.

June 18, 2026

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

DMH - 230 North Rd., Entrance #1, Poughkeepsie, NY

This training offers an opportunity to learn more about creating supportive, inclusive environments and strengthening understanding within our communities. Registration is required, and space is limited to 30 participants.

👉 **Click Here** to Register



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.

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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