



JULY 31st, 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:

Set Up & Clean Up
Fair Spirit Week
Fair Week Schedule

A NOTE FROM THE CLOVER PATCH

Fair Blast Fridays Are Here!

August has arrived, and that means the countdown to the Dutchess County Fair is officially on! Over the next few weeks, our 4-H program will be busy

preparing exhibits, practicing showmanship, completing record books, decorating displays, and getting everything ready for Fair week.

To help you stay on top of important deadlines, reminders, schedules, and last-minute updates, Green & Growing will return to a weekly schedule throughout August as our Fair Blast Friday edition.

Whether this is your first Fair or your fifteenth, we're excited to celebrate all of the hard work you've put into your projects this year. Here's to a fantastic Fair season—we'll see you on 4-H Hill!

SEASONS OF 4-H

Save these Dates!

August:

CEA Entries Due - August 1st @ CCEDC

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

DLC Scholarship Deadline - August 3rd @ CCEDC

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

September:

State Fair Drop-Off - August 31st - September 2nd @ CCEDC
**only for those who have an item that was Selected for State.

Big E - September 18th - October 4th

Red Hook Hardscrabble Day - September 19th ** more
information to follow

October:

CCEDC Fall Festival - October 3rd @ CCEDC

CLOVERBOARD NOTICES

Dutchess County Fair Entries Are LIVE!
[Click Here!](#)

**EIS Cards
Available**

Entering Items in the
Exhibit Hall at the

**2026 4-H
Fairbook
Now Available**

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!

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!

Exhibit Hall Evaluation Day Sign-Ups

It's time to sign up for
Exhibit Hall Evaluation
Day! If you plan to
enter projects in the
Exhibit Hall at the
Dutchess County Fair,
be sure to reserve your
evaluation time.

Evaluation Day:
Saturday, August 22

Location: Exhibit Hall
on 4-H Hill, Dutchess
County Fairgrounds

Save the Dates: Fair Set-Up & Clean-Up

It takes teamwork to
prepare for and wrap
up the Dutchess
County Fair! Every 4-H
club is required to
provide at least two
members to complete
one of the assigned
set-up or clean-up
tasks.

**Set-Up & Clean-Up
Days:**

- Saturday, August
15

👉 **CLICK HERE** to
sign up for your
evaluation time.

Questions about your
entries, project
categories, or
Evaluation Day?
Reach out to the
Dutchess County 4-H
staff—we're happy to
help!

- Wednesday,
August 19
- Monday, August
31 (Fair Clean-Up)

👉 **CLICK HERE** to
sign up for your Set-Up
Task.

Thank you for doing
your part to help make
the Fair a success!

ticket/wristband pick up



WHEN:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

WHERE: CANINE TENT, OUTSIDE OF THE 4-H EXHIBIT HALL

LIVESTOCK: 4-H CHILD/EXHIBITOR WILL RECEIVE A
WRISTBAND AND 2 BOOKS OF 6 TICKETS PER FAMILY.

NON-LIVESTOCK: (I.E., EXHIBIT HALL DEPARTMENTS,
GENERAL INTEREST, SHOOTING SPORTS, CANINE) 4-H
CHILD/EXHIBITOR WILL RECEIVE A **WRISTBAND** AND **1 BOOK**
OF 6 TICKETS PER FAMILY.

BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR TICKETS SECURE, AS **NO ADDITIONAL TICKETS**
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED. TICKETS/PASSES/WRISTBANDS WILL **NOT BE**
REPLACED IF LOST OR STOLEN.

4-H LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WILL **NOT** RECEIVE
ADDITIONAL TICKETS FOR OPEN LIVESTOCK ENTRIES.



Fair Admission Tickets & Wristband Pick-Up

If you are exhibiting at the Dutchess County Fair, don't forget to pick up your **4-H admission wristbands and tickets** before the fair begins! All 4-H members, leaders, official volunteers, and eligible family members must pick up their passes during one of the designated distribution times. Tickets and wristbands will be **distributed from the Canine Tent**, located just **outside the 4-H Exhibit Hall**.

Pick-Up Dates & Times

Saturday, August 22 | 12:00 PM–3:00 PM

Sunday, August 23 | 12:00 PM–5:00 PM

Monday, August 24 | 4:00 PM–5:00 PM

Important Reminders

- A **parent/guardian or pre-designated adult** must sign for and collect all tickets and wristbands.
- Wristbands and tickets **cannot be replaced if they are lost or stolen**.
- If someone else will be picking up your family's tickets, a completed Ticket/Wristband Pick-Up Form **is required**.

👉 **CLICK HERE** for the Ticket/Wristband Pick-Up Form.

Please note: You **do not** need to complete this form ahead of time if you are picking up your own tickets and wristbands. The form will be available to sign when you arrive. The downloadable form **is only for** families authorizing another adult to pick up their tickets and wristbands on their behalf.



MASTER SCHEDULE



EVERYDAY:

7:00 am 9:00 am Breakfast

10:00 am National Anthem and Honor Guard

Tuesday- Friday:

9:30 am Flag Brigade

11:00 am 4-H Photo Spot

12:30 pm 4-H Photo Spot

3:00 pm Club Action Booth

SUNDAY

AUGUST 23RD

MONDAY

AUGUST 24TH

7:30 am

Poultry Show Check-In

8:00 am

Hogs can begin to arrive - Must be in place by 7pm on Sunday

9:00 am

Poultry Show - *Barn 31*

Dairy Cattle, Meat Goats, and Dairy Goats can begin to arrive

12:00-4:00

Exhibit Hall Set-Up

Wristband/Ticket Pick-Up - *Exhibit Hall*

3:00 pm

Sheep can begin to arrive

8:00 am

Dairy Cattle must be in place

12:00-4:00

Teen Set-Up - *Exhibit Hall*

4:00-5:00

Wristband/Ticket Pick-Up - *Exhibit Hall*

5:00 pm

All Goats must be in place

Market Hog & Market Goat Weigh-in

5:30 pm

4-H Livestock Skillathon - *Livestock Pavilion*

6:00 pm

Exhibitor BBQ

TUESDAY

AUGUST 25TH

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 26TH

9:00 am

4-H Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship - *Barn 26*

4-H Poultry Breed Standard show - *Barn 31*

Jackpot & Market Steer Weigh-in

9:30 am

Junior Goat Show - *Tent 28*

10:00 am

4-H Dairy Showmanship & Breed Show - *Livestock Pavilion*

1:00 pm

Open Meat Goat Show - *Tent 28*

4:00 pm

4-H Hog Showmanship & Market Show - *Barn 38*

4:30 pm

4-H Canine Agility, Rally & Costume - *Tent 20*

5:00 pm

Market Lamb Weigh-in

9:30 am

Open Goat Show - *Tent 28*

4-H Rabbit & Cavy Breed Show - *Barn 26*

Rabbit Livestock Weigh-in - *Rabbit Livestock Sale Class*

10:00 am

4-H Sheep Show - *Barn 38*

(Lamb Livestock Sale Class)

2:00 pm

Junior Beef Show - *Livestock Pavilion*

4:00 pm

(Beef Livestock Sale Class)

5:00 pm

4-H Beef Showmanship - *Livestock Pavilion*

6:00 pm

Fashion Revue - *Tent 28*

4-H Market Hog & Gilt Show - *Barn 38*

(Hog Livestock Sale Class)

7:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Awards Ceremony

- *Exhibit Hall*

THURSDAY AUGUST 27TH

8:00 am
Ag Forum - *Livestock Pavilion*

10:00 am
4-H Canine Grooming & Handling - *Tent 20*
4-H Canine Obedience - *Tent 20*
Open Sheep Show - Meat Breeds - *Livestock Pavilion*

11:30 am
Open Dairy Show - Brown Swiss - *Livestock Pavilion*

1:00 pm
4-H Meat Goat Show - *Tent 28*
(Goat Livestock Sale Class)
Rabbit & Cavy Costume Class - *Tent 26*
Rabbit & Cavy Award Ceremony - *Tent 28*

2:00 pm
Open Dairy Show - Guernsey - *Livestock Pavilion*

3:00 pm
Open Dairy Show - Ayrshire - *Livestock Pavilion*

5:00 pm
4-H Beef Steer & Heifer Show - *Livestock Pavilion*

7:00 pm
Goat Costume Class - *Tent 28*
Sheep Costume Class - *Barn 38*

FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH

9:00 am
4-H Dairy Goat Show - *Tent 28*
4-H Dairy Goat Showmanship - *Tent 28*
Open Dairy Show - *Holstein - Livestock Pavilion*

10:00 am
Open Sheep Show - *Barn 38*
Wool & Natural Colored Breeds

1:00 pm
Poultry Costume Class - *Barn 31*

2:00 pm
Beef Youth Showmanship - *Livestock Pavilion*

2:30 pm
Open Beef Show - *Livestock Pavilion*

4:00 pm
Wool Garments & Leadline Classes - *Barn 38*

5:00 pm
Open Swine Show - *Barn 38*
Mannequin Modeling - *Exhibit Hall*

6:00 pm
Pasta Dinner - *Exhibit Hall*

7:00 pm
Dairy Showmanship - *Livestock Pavilion*

SATURDAY AUGUST 29TH

9:00 am
Little Britches Showmanship - *Livestock Pavilion*
Dairy Youth Showmanship - *Livestock Pavilion*

10:00 am
4-H Goat Obstacle Course - *Tent 28*

11:00 am
Parade of Sheep Breeds - *Barn 38*

1:00 pm - Livestock Pavilion
Dairy Costume Class
Steer Costume class

1:30 pm
Livestock sale Set Up - *Livestock Pavilion*

4:00 pm
Youth Livestock Sale - *Livestock Pavilion*

***Once the sale is over**
Barn Bash - *Livestock Pavilion*

SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH

10:00 am
Master Showmanship - *Livestock Pavilion*

12:00 pm
Hog Costume Class - *Livestock Pavilion*

12:00 pm
4-H Elite Showmanship - *Tent 28*

12:30 pm
Grand Champion Costume Class (All SPECIES)

2:00 pm
Parade of Dairy Champions - *Livestock Pavilion*
Beef & Dairy Herdsman Award - *Livestock Pavilion*

3:00 pm
Stick Pony Rodeo - *Livestock Pavilion*

5:00 pm
Exhibit Hall Pick Up
Animal walk off

6:00 pm
Animals Released

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!
AUGUST 24TH- 29TH



2026 Dutchess County Fair Master Schedule

Looking for a quick overview of everything happening during Fair week? Check out the 2026 Dutchess County Fair Master Schedule for important show times, contests, activities, special events, and reminders throughout the week.

Keep a copy handy so you don't miss your favorite events or important deadlines!

[CLICK HERE](#) to download a copy

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!



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 :

6:00 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: 6:00–8:00 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!

4-H FAIR SPIRIT DAYS

Monday August 24th - Sunday, August 30th



Blue Ribbon Day

Wear blue to celebrate striving for your best.



Tie-Dye Tuesday

Show off the shirts everyone made



Western Wednesday

Cowboy hats, boots, bandanas, denim.



Throwback Thursday:

Old fair shirts, old club shirts, previous fair sweatshirts, past show shirts.



Favorite Animal Friday

Dress inspired by your favorite livestock species (cow print, sheep, goats, chickens, llamas, etc.) or wear species shirts.



Barn Buddy Day

Match with a friend, sibling, or even coordinate with your animal's colors!



Green Out Day

Wear as much green (or 4-H green) as possible



4-H Livestock Skillathon

Looking to test your knowledge? Join us for our 4-H Livestock Skillathon!

Winners to be announced at Barn Bash Saturday, August 29th.

- 📅 Monday, August 24th 2026
- 🕒 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- 📍 Behind the 4-H Exhibit Hall in the Café tent



Dairy/Meat Goats



Rabbits/Cavy



Llamas/Alpacas



Poultry



&



Horse

PREMIUM PICK UP



WHEN: sunday; 4:00 pm -
 august 30th 7:00 pm

WHERE: cafe tent outside 4-h
 exhibit hall

don't forget to stop by the canine tent on
the last day of the fair to pick up your
premium check from the 4-h staff!

if you're unable to pick up your premium
during the fair; please stop by the ccedc
office to collect it before december 31. any
premiums not claimed by january 1 will be
considered a donation to the dutchess
county 4-h general fund.



CLOVERS IN THE SUNLIGHT

The Countdown to Fair Is On!

The Dutchess County Fair is just around the corner, and after months of hard work, preparation, and anticipation, the countdown is officially on! Whether you're exhibiting livestock, showcasing a photography project, modeling a handmade garment, or displaying a quilt in the Exhibit Hall, now is the time to put the finishing touches on your project and get ready for an exciting week.



Fair preparation looks a little different for everyone. Livestock exhibitors are making sure their animals are healthy, practicing showmanship, packing supplies, and reviewing the show schedule. Members with Exhibit Hall projects are adding those final details, checking that entry forms are complete, and preparing their work for judging. No matter what project you're bringing to the Fair, remember that every exhibit represents the time, dedication, and skills you've developed throughout the year.

As you prepare, don't forget to double-check important deadlines, arrival times, and any required paperwork. Creating a packing list ahead of time can help ensure nothing gets left behind, and taking a few moments to review the Fair schedule can make the week run much more smoothly. Most importantly, remember to get plenty of rest, stay hydrated, and take time to enjoy the experience.

The Dutchess County Fair is about much more than ribbons and awards. It's a chance to celebrate your accomplishments, connect with friends, meet new people, and share your projects with thousands of fair visitors. Every member has a story to tell, and the Fair is the perfect opportunity to showcase not only what you've created, but everything you've learned along the way. We can't wait to see all of your hard work on display. Best of luck to all of our exhibitors, and 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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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.

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_0kCh7PG8szgWQTK

For more information contact Brian Aukema at bjal4@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.

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–28th | 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

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



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

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County

August 1st, 2026
10AM-2pm

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





Cornell Cooperative Extension 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.

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: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/4hagriculturalnight2>

Scan QR Code for tickets:



   

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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!**

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 has an administrative assistant at the front desk! However If you need to make or edit a room reservation at the Farm & Home Center, please continue email **ccedc4-h@cornell.edu**, and a staff member will be in touch to assist you.

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.

THE WANDERING VINE



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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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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