



CLOVER CHRONICLE



4-H MISSION

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

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

CCE ONTARIO 4-H OFFICE

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8 AM- 4 PM

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NY 14424

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4-HCampBristolHills.org



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MESSAGE FROM THE 4-H STAFF

Time to put Dates on your Calendar! As we prepare for the next 4-H year to begin, please pay attention the upcoming dates in this Clover Chronicle and be putting them on your calendar. There are lots of great programs/events coming up!

Our parent/volunteer kickoff meeting will be Monday, September 21st at 6pm at the CCE office. Please come share your thoughts and ideas for the upcoming year! The past couple years, discussions from this meeting have resulted in the creation of the dog program and the return of the textile showcase. We want to get your feedback on what you would like to see from the office this year. :)

National 4-H Week is October 4th -10th this year. The NYS 4-H program is doing two themed days to correspond with it:

- 🍀 Go Green Monday – October 5: Show your 4-H spirit by wearing green, lighting up your community, and joining landmarks across the country in going green!
- 🍀 Thankful Thursday – October 8: Celebrate and recognize the volunteers, educators, leaders, parents, and staff who make 4-H possible.

The 4-H office will be making several posts to celebrate national 4-H week and we would encourage you to share on your personal Facebook pages. :)

Achievement Night is coming up on October 27, and we want to make sure every 4-H member gets credit for the learning, service, leadership, and experiences they have been part of this year! Blank forms and directions can be found at this link: [Cornell Cooperative Extension | 4-H Achievement Night](#) Please help us spread the word to start thinking about your portfolio. 4-H Achievement Portfolio is more than paperwork—it is a record of what you have accomplished. Taking a little time now to document your projects, events, community service, leadership, and other activities gives you something valuable to look back on later.

We hope more youth will participate this year! We have had such a wonderful year, lets finish it out strong!



-Ontario 4-H



Ontario County 4-H -Calendar of Events

2026 (dates subject to change)



September

-August 26-September 7- New York State Fair

- 7th Labor Day- Holiday -Office CLOSED
- 18th-20th 4-H Outdoor Adventure Weekend
- 21st Kickoff Volunteer Meeting
- 26th Fun on the Farm
- 29th Fair Superintendent Recap Meeting

October

-1st - 4-H Enrollment Begins

-4-10 National 4-H Week

- 12th Achievement Night Paperwork Due
- 24th Fall into Canandaigua (community event)
- 27th Achievement Night 6:00 pm at the Ontario County Fairgrounds-Carriage Barn

November

-1st 4-H Enrollment Due

- 2nd Harvest Food Fest Paperwork Due
- 3rd CCE Annual Meeting
- 7th Pumpkin Smash Event
- 14th Harvest Food Fest (PINY) 9 am
- 16th New Leader Training 6 pm CCE Office
- ?? Livestock Auction Informational Meeting
- November 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday – Office CLOSED

December

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

January

- 15th Public Presentations Training

February

- 2, 5 & 6 Public Presentations- various times



Fall Programs & Events

4-H Outdoor Adventure Weekend

Registration is open for the 4-H Outdoor Adventure Weekend, September 18–20, 2026, at 4-H Camp Bristol Hills.

Youth ages 8+ will enjoy a weekend of hands-on outdoor experiences, including archery, hiking, geocaching, outdoor cooking, fire, and shelter building, and more. Cost is \$85 per youth; chaperones attend at no cost.

Please share with youth and families who may be interested! Ontario County will offer a small scholarship: please reach out to Sarah sab423@cornell.edu before registering if interested!

[Register for Outdoor Adventure Weekend](#)

Come join us for a wonderful retreat and learning experience!

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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kal64@cornell.edu



REGISTER HERE

[HTTPS://CCC.ORG/ONTARIO-COUNTY/4H/WILDLIFE-PRESENTATION/](https://ccc.org/ontario-county/4h/wildlife-presentation/)
ORG/EVENT-65709-43



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Where: CCE office

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Youth Volunteer Opportunity

Junior Fairboard

is seeking new members!
If interested reach out to

Julie Maslyn

juliemaslyn13@gmail.com

BY VOLUNTEERING WITH 4-H, YOU

help build stronger communities



teach the next generation valuable knowledge and skills



create better connected communities



increase civic involvement



make the 4-H program possible



have the opportunity to grow personally



become a mentor to youth



break down social barriers to make all feel welcome



Fall Programs & Events continued.....

Fun on the Farm/Open House – September 26th

We are looking for 4-H clubs to participate in Fun on the Farm by bringing animals, hosting activities, and sharing information about their club!

To avoid stretching clubs too thin, we will alternate Fun on the Farm and our Fall Festival Open House each year. Since this is a Fun on the Farm year, we will not hold a Fall Festival this fall; it will return next year.

Because Fun on the Farm will serve as our 4-H open house this year, we encourage as many clubs as possible to participate. Prospective 4-H families will be invited to attend and learn about available clubs and opportunities.

Ways your club can participate:

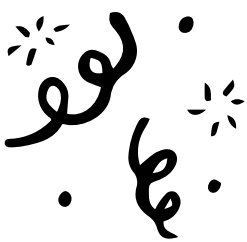
Bring animals for the petting zoo
Host a club information/recruitment table
Lead a craft, game, or hands-on activity
Or all of the above!

To sign up for a club table, bring animals, or lead an activity
Contact Taryn at tjb322@cornell.edu



**Lawnhurst Farms
in Stanely, NY**

**Congratulations for
hosting this year!**



**Tuesday, October 27th at 6pm
Carriage Barn –Ontario County Fair Grounds**

Paperwork Due October 12th

Achievement night is the night where we recognize 4-H'ers for all the wonderful things they have done throughout the year! It is a fun night and also a great way to document your 4-H journey. 4-H'ers need to fill out portfolios about their activities over the course of the year to be eligible for achievement certificates and mastery awards. Adults can also nominate for Essential Element awards for growth in a specific area.

We will be having a potluck dinner!

Use this link to sign up for a dish to pass: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094BA9AF2CA3F85-65237034-2026>

More information and forms can be found at this link: [Cornell Cooperative Extension | 4-H Achievement Night](#)
NEW this year: Volunteer of the Year nomination forms– Vote for your favorite volunteer

Fall Programs & Events continued.....

Harvest Food Fest (PINY)

Saturday, November 14th

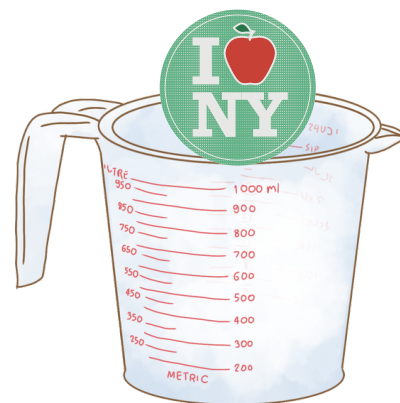
This is where youth participate in a silent food demonstration that is appropriate for all ages and abilities. Youth can pick any recipe of their choice BUT they must use at ***least 1 cup of locally grown New York State product*** in the recipe. They also fill out a planning sheet that helps them learn how to analyze the nutritional content of their meals. Please find the information that you need on the Harvest Food Fest page on our website and reach out to Sarah or Amelia with any questions about this event.

Registrations are due by November 2nd.

More information can be found here:

[Cornell Cooperative Extension](#) | [Harvest Food Fest](#)

Don't forget your
local NY Ingredient!

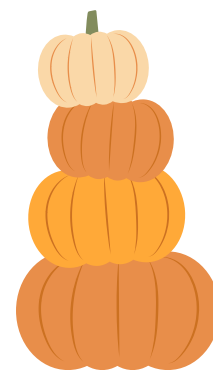


Pumpkin Smash Event

Looking for youth volunteers

November 7th from 8AM-11AM

Cooperative Extension in partnership
with Ontario County Sustainability



CCE will be hosting a pumpkin collection event where participants can come out to recycle their pumpkins or smash them! The goal of the event is to get people thinking about composting and keeping organic material out of the landfill.

Email Jacob Maslyn, jlm563@cornell.edu if interested in volunteering at the 2nd annual Pumpkin Smash!

Looking for volunteers to do some of the following jobs:

- Supervise smashing areas
- People will come with pumpkins to smash, your job will be to make sure participants are doing so safely and with the proper gear.
- Ensure pumpkins are cleaned up
- Picking up pumpkin material from the grounds after smashing has happened.
- Other small jobs as necessary

Looking to have at least 10 volunteers on hand ranging from teen youth to adults.

Join Us!



Ontario County 4-H has clubs with openings and some new clubs starting! Reach out to the 4-H office if interested!

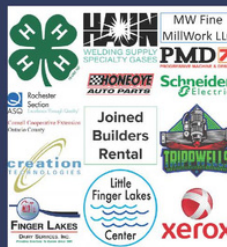
JOIN FINGER LAKES ROBOTICS 4H CLUB

AGES 13 - 18 YEARS OLD

SUITS 3951

Have Fun Learn New Skills Build & Program a Robot
Learn CAD on Computers Make 3d Printed Parts
Drive in Robot Competitions Team Building
Problem Solving Make New Friends

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SPARK CLUB

6PM-7PM

ONTARIO CCE OFFICE

10/13/26

11/10/26

12/08/26

01/12/27

02/09/27

03/09/27

04/13/27

05/11/27

06/08/27

MORE INFO

Email Taryn at tjb322@cornell.edu
or Jessie Chandler at
applesforteacher@yahoo.com

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Rooted Together

4-H CLUB

GROWING SKILLS, CONFIDENCE, AND COMMUNITY—
together!

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

2026-2027 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

Friday, September 11, 2026	Friday, April 9, 2027
Friday, October 9, 2026	Friday, May 14, 2027
Friday, November 13, 2026	Friday, June 11, 2027
Friday, December 11, 2026	Friday, July 9, 2027
Friday, January 8, 2027	Friday, August 13, 2027
Friday, February 12, 2027	Friday, September 10, 2027
Friday, March 12, 2027	

MORE THAN MONTHLY MEETINGS!

Throughout the year, we'll also enjoy:

- OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
- EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS
- COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- ANIMAL & AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES
- HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS
- SPECIAL FAMILY EVENTS
- LEADERSHIP & LIFE SKILLS PROJECTS

Watch our Facebook group and email for additional dates and event details!

New members are always welcome!
Come grow with us through hands-on learning, community service, leadership, animals, nature, gardening, crafts, cooking, and unforgettable adventures!
Be rooted. Be kind. Be you.

TOGETHER, WE GROW STRONG ROOTS AND BRIGHT FUTURES!

LOCATION: Kitchen Meeting Room
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF ONTARIO COUNTY
480 N. Main Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424

OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 5-19 | ALL ARE WELCOME | FUN ♥ FRIENDS ♥ LEARNING ♥ LEADERSHIP



CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to all youth who participated in County Fair 2026 & Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who made it all possible!!



2026 YOUTH EXHIBITORS

In the **4-H exhibit hall** at the fair, **231** unique and creative projects could be found ranging from horticulture to recycled crafts, to woodworking and many others.

- 9 **beef 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 21 beef cattle
- 27 **dairy 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 50 dairy cattle
- 11 **goat 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 27 goats
- 24 **horse 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 24 horses
- 28 **poultry 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 100 birds
- 30 **rabbit 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 114 rabbits
- 12 **sheep 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 29 sheep
- 11 **swine 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 17 hogs
- 3 **pet show 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 3 animals
- 6 **dog 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 5 dogs.
- Livestock Auction, we had **28 total 4-H exhibitors, selling 37 lots**

Thank you to our **5 Junior Superintendents** who assisted in various barns!





CLUB NEWS

4-H Sampler Camp

We had six 4-H club members attended the 4-H Camp Bristol Hills Sampler Camp this year and had an awesome time! We encourage other 4-H club youth to take advantage of our local camp in the future!



Tractor Supply- Animal Day

Thank you to Rosie Smith for helping organize a fun day at the Canandaigua Tractor Supply for their Animal Day. Our community has such great opportunities to spread the joy of 4-H and TS is a huge supporter :)



NEW Rooted Together

Our newest club participated in Happy Tails Free Adoption Event, they raised \$115 and donated a portion of their proceeds to Happ Tails to support the animals in their care. We are very proud of the children for working together and giving back to our community!



Amanda & Tina

 Rooted Together 4-H Club
Ontario County 4-H

Agriculture • Homemaking •
Leadership • STEM • Community
Service • Inclusion

 rootedtogether4h@gmail.com
[Rooted Together 4-H Facebook page](#)





CLUB NEWS

Between the Lakes



On Thursday, Aug.13, members of Between the Lakes 4H Club & some of their families put together health kits to go to Honduras. In February one of the moms, Staci Hooker, will go on a medical mission trip with Healthy Ninos. The team will ship their supplies in October. Each person they care for will be given one of these kits. The group made 200 kits. Afterwards, there was ice cream treats to enjoy.



4-H International Exchange

The Fitzgerald Family hosted an exchange student this summer and had a great time showing him around our area!

Enjoy the pictures below



NYS 4-H Statewide Events



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October 8-9: Agri-Business Career Conference

Please join us for the 49th Annual 4-H Agri-Business Career Conference, held at SUNY Cobleskill! Below you will find links to the packet with information about the event, as well as an additional link for registration.

Informational Packet: <https://canva.link/abc-conference-registration-packet-2026>

Registration: https://cornell.cal.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6KEDx8iRx750rcy

Contact Kyle Yaccobucci with any questions at ky292@cornell.edu

SAVE THE DATE.....

STAR 2026 registration is officially open and will close out on September 7, 2026. The fee to attend is \$175 for youth and chaperones, which includes 2-night stay, food, and activities.



Contact Sarah if interested
sab423@cornell.edu
<https://www.nys4-h.org/star>



4-H STAR
 State Teen Action Retreat

learn, lead, and make a difference
www.nys4-h.org/star



Cornell CALS
 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences



SAVE THE DATE
2026 Cornell
Sheep and Goat
Symposium

Cornell University
 Ithaca, NY

October 23 - October 25
 More information to follow



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.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0kChZPG8szqWQTK

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

COST \$100 FOR THE YEARLONG PROGRAM

Thank You!

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