

Congratulations!



Congratulations to our new 4-H Royalty, Adeline Atwater and Mariana Martin, crowned at the Fair Closing Ceremony. Thank you Hannah Verratti & Eliana Reis for serving as 4-H Royalty this past 4-H year.

From left to right: Adeline, Eliana, Hannah, and Mariana.

Looking forward to their official coronation at the October 2, 2026 Achievement Night Awards Ceremony!

4-H Open Enrollment

New & Returning 4-H youth members—sign up for 4-H between OCTOBER 1—NOVEMBER 30, 2026

HOW TO ENROLL: Only paper forms accepted (NO online option again this year)

- Option 1: Stop by CCE Niagara and fill out paperwork in person (copies available at front desk)
- Option 2: Fill out paperwork at your October/November club or animal species meetings; forms available in the training center; seal enrollment form in envelope with your cash or check payment; drop in the front foyer of CCE Admin, white 4-H lock box. It will be retrieved the next morning by staff!
- Option 3: Print a paper copy out online at home, fill out, mail in with check or drop off to office. If you come after hours, you can leave it in the front foyer locked drop box. A link to our website where you can print paper enrollment forms will be available by October 1.
- Option 4: Enroll at 4-H Achievement Night on Friday, October 2, or at the 4-H Open House on September 24
- Pay \$30 enrollment fee, per youth, due at time of submitted enrollment form (check, cash, or credit card)
- ***Do not submit enrollment forms without payment, forms will not be accepted without payment***

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

Enroll
between
Oct. 1 -
Nov. 30

Enrollment
paper forms
only; no
online option

Turn in en-
rollment
packet & \$30
enrollment
fee to office

Receive email
confirmation
once enrollment
is entered &
approved

Questions about enrollment or
need help?
716-433-8839
x243 (Stacey); x241 (Heidi);
x239 (Shea); x232 (Chris)



**Only paper enrollment forms accepted (Same process as last year)
More enrollment details on the next page.**

4-H Open Enrollment

...4-H Youth Enrollment...

- Opens October 1, 2026 (But we will have enrollment forms available September 24 at Open House). Enrollment forms will NOT be ready before 9/24/26).
- Paper Enrollment Forms Only. You will not be going online to sign up for 4-H on a computer or website.
- Paper enrollment forms will only be accepted with all completed materials turned in at the same time: completed and legible enrollment form + signed consents (included in the enrollment packet) + \$30 enrollment fee payment
- The consent form will NOT be separate from your enrollment form, it will all be together in the enrollment packet
- Who can enroll? Youth ages 5-18. "4-H Age" goes by whatever your age is as of January 1. Must be at least 5 years old by January 1, 2027. Must be 18 or under by January 1, 2027. (But may turn 19 after January 1, 2026.)
- Please note you cannot pay enrollment fees online with credit card. Credit card payments can only be made in person at the CCE office. Cash and checks can be mailed in or dropped off with your enrollment paperwork.
- After November 30, enrollment fees increase to \$35
- Animal Science Members MUST ENROLL by January 4, 2027—no exceptions. (If you wish to show animals at fair).
- Reminder: Whatever e-mail you write down on your enrollment paperwork, will be the e-mail you will use to sign onto Fair Entry at fair time to enter exhibits and animals.
- NEW this year: Parent/Guardian must sign an adult code of conduct when enrolling/re-enrolling your child/children.

4-H OPEN HOUSE

NIAGARA COUNTY 4-H

THURSDAY 9/24/26

5:00-7:00PM

4-H TRAINING CENTER

CORNELL COOP. EXTENSION OF NIAGARA
4487 LAKE AVE. LOCKPORT, NY



QUESTIONS ABOUT OPEN
HOUSE? CONTACT:
SHEA MASSE
SEM347@CORNELL.EDU

- Free Event
- Youth ages 5-18
- No RSVP necessary
- Learn about 4-H
- Meet club & program leaders
- Meet 4-H Staff
- Hands-on activities
- 4-H Q&A
- Ice Cream Social
- Enroll for the new 4-H year



4-H Clubs & Animal Programs—would you like to table at the 4-H Open House to promote your group or club? Provide a demonstration, a craft, bring an animal, or other hands-on activities. If so, please let Shea Masse know so we can reserve a table for you!



NIAGARA COUNTY 4-H

VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENT

NEW VOLUNTEERS: FIRST TIME ENROLLING

Who should attend?

- An adult that did not attend the volunteer orientation & training in 2025
- An adult that would like to run a club, lead a workshop, lead a 4-H activity, work independently with 4-H youth

What to expect?

- Attend a 1-hour mandatory volunteer orientation
- Complete volunteer enrollment paperwork
- Sexual Harassment Training Video
- Presentation from 4-H office (i.e. Overview, expectations, housekeeping, volunteer opportunities, Q&A)
- Background Check

How to sign up?

- Choose ONE of the following dates listed below
- RSVP to Stacey - ssh85@cornell.edu
- Friday, November 13th at 10:00am in the Board Room, OR
- Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30pm in the LMR

Note: Adults will not be able to enroll at the office without attending a volunteer orientation. Yes, you can still volunteer with 4-H without attending the orientation yet, but please RSVP so we know which date and time you will be joining us.

If you are not sure if you should attend based on your type of volunteer work or involvement with 4-H, please double check with Heidi Feltz—hmk3@cornell.edu or 716.433.8839 x241



NIAGARA COUNTY 4-H

VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENT

RETURNING VOLUNTEERS ~ DROP IN REFRESHER

Who should attend?

- An adult that did attend our volunteer orientation in 2025 and was enrolled for the 2025-2026 4-H year

What to expect?

- Complete volunteer enrollment paperwork
- Sexual Harassment Training Video
- Quick update on any new procedures & 4-H/CCE updates
- Come by any time during the refresher open enrollment volunteer time slot listed
- Expect to stay around 20 minutes
- Background Checks for those who need it (due every 3 yrs)

How to sign up?

- Choose ONE of the following dates listed below
- RSVP to Stacey - ssh85@cornell.edu
- Monday, Nov. 9, stop by any time between 7-8pm (LMR)
- Friday, Nov. 13, stop by any time between 10am-12pm (Memorial Room)
- Wed. Nov. 18, stop by any time between 4-6pm (LMR)

Note: Adults will not be able to enroll at the office without attending a volunteer orientation or refresher. You can still volunteer with 4-H without attending the orientation yet, but please RSVP so we know which date and time you will be joining us.

Workshops with Iesa Erck

Class sizes are limited

Danish Woven Heart

Details: With two pieces of felt and some simple weaving, add a handle to make a cute heart basket to hang. All supplies will be provided. Due to the possibility that this is a popular class, I am holding two separate classes. Please pick one date when you RSVP.

Ages: 5 and up

Dates & Times Offered: Monday, October 5, 6:00-7:30pm
or Tuesday, October 6, 6:00-7:30pm

Place: Memorial Room

Cost: \$3 per youth

RSVP: Iesa 716-523-4981 by September 28



Pajama Pants

Details: For those who want to go to the next level with their sewing, let's make a pair of pajama pants. They are a great beginner clothing project. This will take a minimum of two sewing sessions. Previous experience sewing is required. Bring the following: sewing machine, (there are a few machines to borrow) sewing tools (i.e scissors, pins, seam ripper, and measuring tape etc.) For fabric we will discuss when you sign up. Note that these classes will be on Saturdays. If you can't make both classes please don't sign up. An adult must be present with the child. (Sewing experience not necessary for adult).

Ages: 8 and up

Dates and times: Saturday Oct. 10 & Saturday Oct. 17 ****Must attend both classes**** 11:00AM-1:00PM

Place: Memorial Room

Cost: Discuss with Iesa when you sign up (for fabric)

RSVP: by Oct. 7 to Iesa 716-523-4981

Key Fob

Details: This is a beginning sewing class. The first part of the class will be on parts of the machine and practicing sewing on paper following on the lines. Then we will make the key fob. Fabric and mechanics for key fob supplied. Please bring sewing machine if you have one, but there are a few to use. Also bring fabric scissors, pins, seam ripper, etc.

Ages: 5 and up (an adult must be present with child)

Date and time: Monday, October 19, 6:00-8:00pm

Place: Memorial Room

Cost: \$2.00

RSVP: by Oct. 12 to Iesa 716-523-4981

Embroidery Covered Sewing Box

Details: To all sewists and embroiderers, make a decorative box and add felt contents. The first day is for the covered shoe box. Please bring shoe box with lid & 1 and 1/4 yards of fabric. Please don't use directional fabric, pattern will be upside down on some of box. If there a lot of bright graphics on the box, a fabric with a dark background is best. Also bring fabric scissors and pins. I will supply rest of what is needed.

Ages: 8 and up

Date and time: Saturday, October 24, 11am-1pm

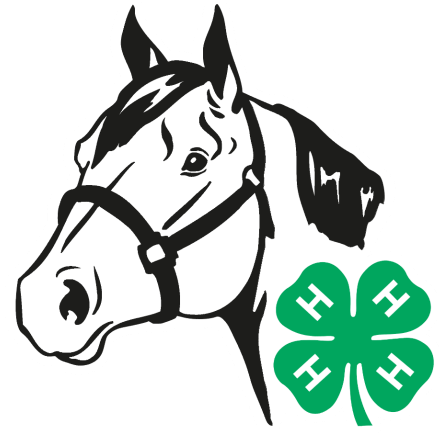
Place: Large Meeting Room

Cost: \$2.00

RSVP: by Oct. 17 to Iesa 716-523-4981

EQUINE HAPPENINGS

- ♦ Inter-county Horse Shows: information and entry forms are available on the CCE website or Niagara Co. 4-H Equine facebook page. Get your teams together for fun filled weekends. Miniature Horse Inter-county is Sept. 26/27. Big Horse Inter-county is Oct. 10/11. Questions: Cheryl Bish 716-439-4499 or CKRFARMS@aol.com
- ♦ Equine Year end Awards Dinner: Friday, Nov. 6, **by Reservation ONLY**, Youth: \$15 each and Adults \$18 each. Dinner, awards, basket raffle. Doors open at 5:45 PM, buffet starts serving at 6:30 PM. For Reservations: CKRFARMS@aol.com or 716-439-4499.
- ♦ Fair follow-up: do you have suggestions for the Fair Sportsmanship awards? Can be a beginner, junior or senior horse exhibitor that exhibited outstanding sportsmanship during the fair. Contact Cheryl Bish - ckrfarms@aol.com with person's name and why you think that they deserve one of these awards.
- ♦ Do you know a Niagara Co. 4-H horse member who is a senior member, participates in a variety of horse related 4-H activities: showing, educational, etc. then nominate them for the 2026 Niagara Co. 4-H Horseman of the Year. Contact Cheryl Bish - ckrfarms@aol.com with their name and reasons why.
- ♦ MODEL HORSE SHOW: Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026 - classes for Cloverbuds, 4-H'ers and Open. Not sure what you are doing? No problem, we will help you. Or just come watch to learn for next time. See flyer or contact Susan: pitcrewsue@verizon.net. This will count as 1 educational meeting towards qualifying for the 2027 Niagara Co. Fair Horse Show. For flyer and entry form, please see our website: <https://cceniagaracounty.org/4-h-youth/4-h-programs/4-h-equine-program>



Feline Friends 4-H Cat Club

New members welcome!

Open to all 4-H youth, ages 5+

All meetings start at 6:30pm and are on Monday nights.

Meeting Dates:

Sept 28 - Memorial Room

Oct 26—Board Room

Nov 23—Board Room

Dec 14—Board Room

Jan 25—Board Room

Feb 22—Board Room

March 22—Board Room

April 26—Board Room

May 17—Board Room

June 14 - Board Room

Questions about the cat club? Alexandra Kuhns

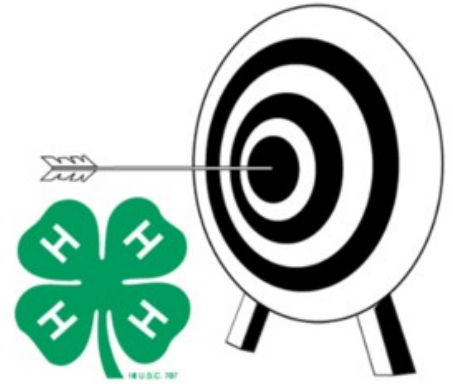
alexandrakuhns@gmail.com



4-H ARCHERY

Archery Club is looking for a few youth volunteers from our intermediate/advanced classes to be friendly advocates and provide demonstrations at 4-H Open House, Thursday, Sept. 24, from 5-7pm in the Ag. Ed. Building. Please email sheridanauge@gmail.com if you would like to sign up and volunteer at open house.

4-H Archery will be starting back up soon. Please check back in the October Clover Scene for future dates.



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING

Adult Volunteers & Teens: Are you interested in becoming a shooting sports 4-H instructor? To help teach archery to Niagara County 4-H youth? And depending on interest, possibly other shooting sports disciplines.

Start the season with new skills, strong leadership development, and practical hands-on learning at the NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Workshops. The Workshops offer volunteers the opportunity to become certified 4-H Shooting Sports Level 1 Instructors and help introduce youth to one of the safest and most rewarding lifelong outdoor activities.

Workshops may feature the following disciplines (offered with a minimum of five participants each): Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, and Hunting & Wildlife. Participants may certify in one discipline per workshop. All equipment is provided.

Each workshop is built around positive youth development, focusing on safety, confidence, personal growth, and the fun of mastering new skills. Instructors play a vital role in helping youth build responsibility, connect with the outdoors, and discover a lifelong hobby.

Niagara County is hosting a shooting sports training workshop. You would need to attend BOTH dates, Friday evening, and Saturday morning/afternoon—September 25 & 26. Meals will be provided. It will take place in our Agriculture Education Building. Upon completion, you will be certified to teach/instruct and assist with Niagara County 4-H archery & shooting sports classes. There is no fee for you to attend.

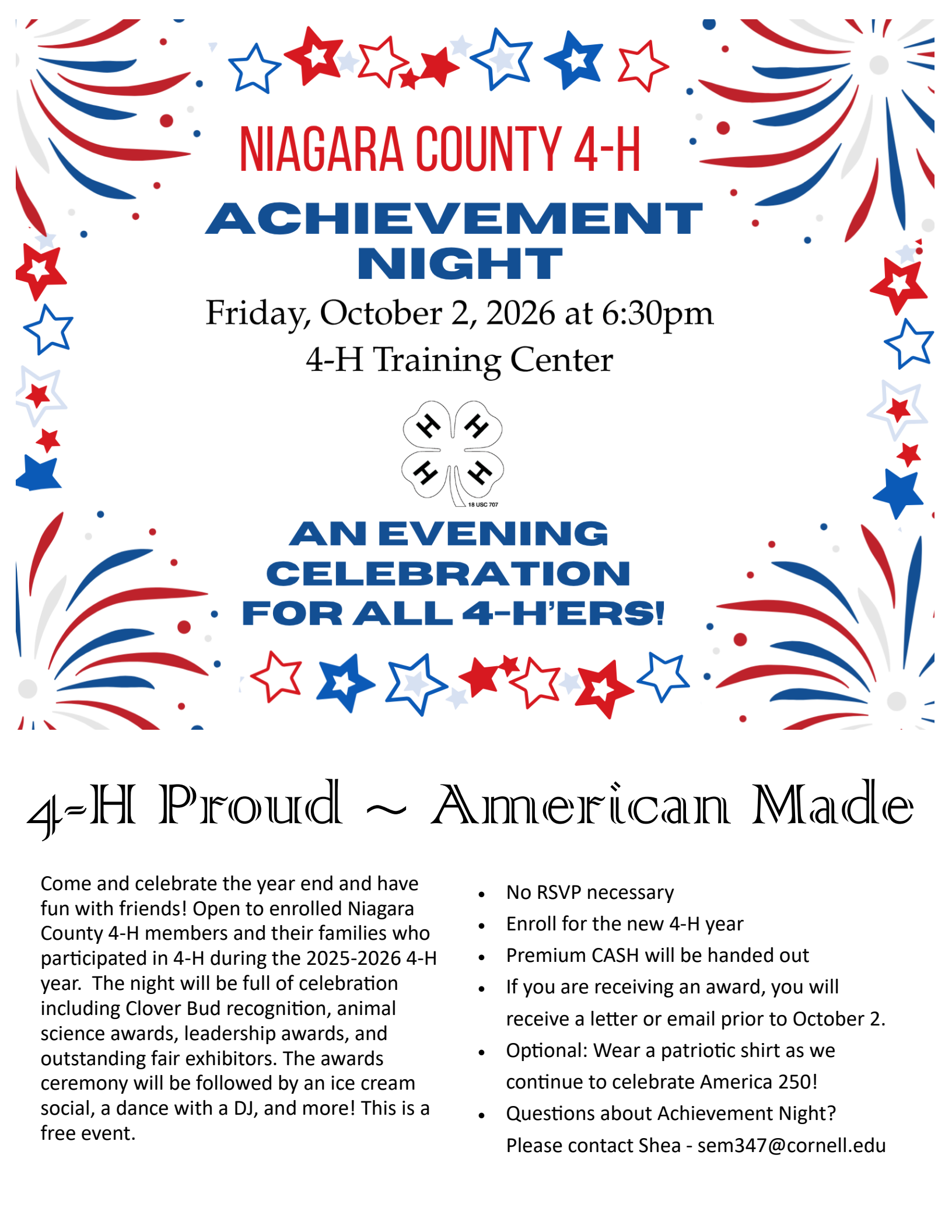
If you are interested, please contact Heidi Feltz—hmk3@cornell.edu

(Please note, if there is not enough interest, this training event will be cancelled)



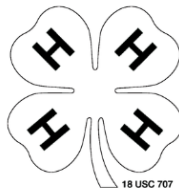
National & New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Program Core Concepts

- Safety
- Ethical Development
- Personal Responsibility
- Family Involvement
- Lifetime Recreational Skills
- Life Skills Development



NIAGARA COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Friday, October 2, 2026 at 6:30pm
4-H Training Center



**AN EVENING
CELEBRATION
FOR ALL 4-H'ERS!**

4-H Proud ~ American Made

Come and celebrate the year end and have fun with friends! Open to enrolled Niagara County 4-H members and their families who participated in 4-H during the 2025-2026 4-H year. The night will be full of celebration including Clover Bud recognition, animal science awards, leadership awards, and outstanding fair exhibitors. The awards ceremony will be followed by an ice cream social, a dance with a DJ, and more! This is a free event.

- No RSVP necessary
- Enroll for the new 4-H year
- Premium CASH will be handed out
- If you are receiving an award, you will receive a letter or email prior to October 2.
- Optional: Wear a patriotic shirt as we continue to celebrate America 250!
- Questions about Achievement Night?
Please contact Shea - sem347@cornell.edu



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 4-10, 2026 ~ Want to celebrate?

- Set up a 4-H display or poster at school or store front; table at a community event
- Wear your 4-H gear and clothing!
- Shout out a 4-H'er or share your 4-H story/project on social media (Tag us! @NiagaraCounty4HProgram)
- Adults 18 and up: Become a 4-H Volunteer or offer to lead a workshop, guest speaker, etc.
- Send a thank you card to your leader, a 4-H mentor, or volunteer who has inspired you or helped!
- Attend the 4-H Open House on September 24. Let 4-H staff know if there is a display or demo you would like to set up.
- Have another idea? Want to do something else? Let us know! sem347@cornell.edu
- Send us pictures of how you are celebrating National 4-H Week! sem347@cornell.edu
- NYS 4-H is also rallying around two key days:

+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.

Be sure to tag @National 4-H and use **#4HBeyondReady** and **#National4HWeek** so we can celebrate alongside you! **Here's a challenge for you during the month of September:**



National 4-H Week Clover Hunt Challenge!

Can you find a 4-H clover somewhere unexpected?

Celebrate National 4-H Week by looking for a 4-H clover in an unexpected place—or make your own!

Your clover could be:



Made out of food



Made with clothes



Made with your hands



Found in grass, leaves, or nature



Spotted in a rock or another object



Created with art supplies



Or anywhere else you can imagine!

How to Participate

1. Find or create a 4-H clover.
2. Take a picture of it.
3. Send your picture to sem347@cornell.edu by September 28th.
4. Include your name and 4-H club with your submission.

*Best clover submission will also be
awarded & recognized at October 2nd
Achievement night!*

We will choose a few of our favorite and most creative clovers to be featured!

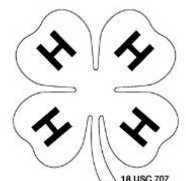
Get creative, have fun, and show us where you can find 4-H! 

By submitting a photo, you give Niagara County 4-H permission to share the photo in the Clover Scene and/or 4-H social media.

Thank you 2026 Niagara Co. 4-H Livestock Auction Buyers

Advocate Wealth
Alex & Katie Kammerer
Aurora Machine
American Concrete
AMO Trucking
Besroi Roofing & Siding
Beyer Trucking
BH Land & Snow
Brett & Heather Rhinehart
Britt's Slaughter House
Buds View Acres
Cavlee Development
Clyde's Feed
Craig Heidemann
Creekside Electric
Day Six Veterinary Services
Dave Page & Family
Dennis Sobieraski
Diverse Technologies
Donna Eick Catering
Donner's Grove
Drum Oil & Propane
DWB Enterprises
DWC Mechanical
EDF Renewables
Empire Excavating
Erie Niagara Insurance
Fleet Maintenance Inc.
Greg's U-Pick Farm
Half Baked Cookies
Hartland Abattoir
Hebeler Sales & Service
HLW Acres
HMP Builders, Harry Illenz
Hurtubise Tire
Jack Frost Dewitt Food Brokers
Jim & Candy Hockwater
Jeff Barker
Jennifer Newton
JIKA Farm - Kay Garner
Kelkenberg Farm of Clarence
Kenworth Northeast
Ketch Swiss, Nick & Shana Ketch

Kevin & Cynthia Barker
Lattimer Outdoor Living
LL Berghorn Farm
Magic Mist Auto Wash
Maria Ohol
Matthew Page
Matthew Spoth
McCollum Farms
Michael Meyers
Mike Smith Buick & GMC
Moley Magnetics
Niagara Frontier Equipment
Niagara Implement
Occasions by Osteria
Panek Farms
Parco Building Systems
Pariso Logistics
Paul T. Fournier Enterprises
Purdy Neat Place Farm
Rockwell Acres
Relco Systems
Rolling Pin Custom Cake Shop
Royal Heart Dairy, Seib Family
Russell Farms
S&S Fleet Solutions
Serenity Baumgart
Stevenson True Value Hardware
Stahl Bros.
The Old Farmstead, Price Family
Tim & Sam Taylor
Verratti Farms
W.H. Rhinehart
Wendt's Propane & Oil
Western New York Energy
Williams Plumbing
Willow Creek Farm
Woodmaxx
Ziemendorf Farms



Master Showmanship 2026



From left to right: Erica Smith-Dairy Goats; Bella Muck-Dairy Cattle; Caleb Jowdy-Meat Goats; Hannah Verratti~4-H Royalty; Eliana Reis~4-H Royalty; Brooke Zglinicki-Beef Cattle; Lyla Kelkenberg-Swine; Ava Marino-Sheep

Congratulations!

*Grand Master
Showman Winner:
Erica Smith
(left)*

*Reserve Master
Showman: Lyla
Kelkenberg (right)*



Calendar

Date	Time	Place	Topic	Type
Monday Sept. 7	HAPPY LABOR DAY ~ OFFICE IS CLOSED ~ HOLIDAY			
Thursday Sept. 17	5:30pm	LMR	Dairy Cattle Cloverbuds	Meeting
Tuesday Sept. 22	6:00pm	Aud	Poultry Pizza Party	Must RSVP
Thursday Sept. 24	5-7pm	Aud & LMR	4-H Open House	Event
Friday Sept. 25	TBA	Ag. Ed.	Shooting Sports Training	Archery
Saturday Sept. 26	TBA	Ag. Ed.	Shooting Sports Training	Archery
Sunday Sept. 27	5:30pm	Aud	Sheep Pizza Party	Must RSVP
Monday Sept. 28	6:30pm	MEM	Cat Club	Meeting
Tuesday Sept. 29	6:00pm	Ag. Ed.	Dog Program	Meeting
Tuesday Sept. 29	7:00pm	Aud	Dairy Cattle	Meeting
Friday October 2	6:30pm	Aud	Achievement Night	Event
Monday October 5	6:00pm	MEM	Danish Woven Heart	Workshop
Tuesday October 6	6:00pm	MEM	Danish Woven Heart	Workshop
Tuesday October 6	6:00pm	Ag. Ed.	Dog Program	Meeting
Saturday October 10	11:00am	MEM	Pajama Pants, Part I.	Workshop
Tuesday October 13	6:00pm	Ag. Ed.	Dog Program	Meeting
Tuesday October 13	6:00pm	Aud	Poultry Cloverbuds	Meeting
Tuesday October 13	7:15pm	Aud	Poultry (ages 8+)	Meeting
Saturday October 17	11:00am	MEM	Pajama Pants, Part II.	Workshop
Sunday October 18	9:00am	TC	Hallow Whinny Model Horse Show	
Monday October 19	6:00pm	MEM	Key Fob	Workshop
Tuesday October 20	6:00pm	Ag. Ed.	Dog Program	Meeting
Tuesday October 20	7:00pm	Aud	Dairy Cattle	Meeting

<https://www.facebook.com/NiagaraCounty4HProgram>

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Room Key

Administration Building-BR (Board Room), ADMIN (Administration Building), MEM (Memorial Room)

Training Center- TC (Training Center), AUD (Auditorium), LMR (Large Meeting Room)

Out Buildings- SHOW (Showring), BARN (Animal Species Barn), MB (Merchants Building), GH (Greenhouse), Ag. Ed.-Agricultural Education Building, TBA- To Be Announced,



**Northeast
Herd
4-H Club
at the
drive-in
movies.
They saw
Toy Story 5!**

Staff and Key Leaders

Interim-Director	Amanda Henning	433-8839 x234	app27@cornell.edu
4-H Resource Educator	Heidi Feltz	433-8839 x241	hmk3@cornell.edu
4-H Community Educator	Shea Masse	433-8839 x239	sem347@cornell.edu
4-H Community Educator	Stacey Johnston	433-8839 x243	ssh85@cornell.edu
4-H Community Educator	Christina Wright	433-8839 x232	ckw38@cornell.edu

AREA	LEADER	PHONE	EMAIL
Archery	Sheridan Auge	560-3196	sheridanauge@gmail.com
Auction	Randy Librock	445-5252	RandyL@relcosystems.com
Beef	Kathie Librock	417-4944	rklibrockfarm@yahoo.com
Cats	Alexandra Kuhns		alexandrakuhns@gmail.com
Dairy Cattle	John Sweeney, Jr.	795-9257	mapleviewdairy@gmail.com
	Matthew Sweeney	531-3728	msweeney@royhart.org
Dairy Goat	Kaitlyn Verratti	957-0245	krstefanie1@gmail.com
Dairy Steer	Kevin Luckman	550-2795	Kaluckman@verizon.net
Dogs	Dawn Keough	940-7677	kerikkelsi11@aol.com
Entomology	Toby Mansfield	597-4438	bigwigkim@aol.com
Equine	Cheryl Bish	439-4499	ckrfarms@aol.com
	Karen Randall	439-1865	karen.randall@sodexo.com
Meat Goat	Abby Sparks	628-3132	alcriswell1804@aol.com
Poultry	Kate Handrich	796-5720	kheschke@gmail.com
Rabbit/Cavy	Brenna Stoelting	474-7302	b.stoelting13@gmail.com
Robotics/STEM	Christina Wright	433-8839 ext. 232	ckw38@cornell.edu
Sheep	Stacey Johnston	433-8839 x 243	ssh85@cornell.edu
Swine	Darrin Berghorn	860-7417	bergy571@aol.com
Working Goats	Helen Rowlands	535-7115	hrishell65@aol.com
Woodworking	Jay Krull		2016papaduke@gmail.com

Reminder: Please send meeting room reservation requests to
cceniagareservations@cornell.edu

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