



4-H Steubenite



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National 4-H Week!

October 4-10, 2026

Building a ready generation in a world of change.



The fact is young people need us now. Today's youth are the largest generation at risk, lacking foundational life skills and key abilities for the workplace. We need to prepare young people with the skills to be ready for work and life—to be Beyond Ready. 4-H's programming and Beyond Ready initiative teaches youth skills the classroom doesn't always guarantee—resilience, adaptability and lifelong personal growth. The only organization with a scientifically proven approach to preparing youth, 4-H's collaborative network delivers best-in-class impact. The Beyond Ready initiative will extend this impact from 6M youth reached annually to 10M by 2030!

The Beyond Ready brand and message architecture was created to engage and inspire youth, educators, volunteers and 4-H professionals. Instilling confidence and resiliency, the Beyond Ready initiative is dedicated to empowering youth in body and mind with programming and opportunities that shape youth into their full, authentic selves.

Research has proven that participation in 4-H has a significant positive impact on young people. Recent findings from the Tufts University *4-H Study of Positive Youth Development* indicate that, when compared to their peers, young people in 4-H are:

- Nearly 4 times more likely to contribute to their communities
- Two times more likely to pursue healthy behaviors
- Two times more likely to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs outside of school time.
- 4-H, the largest youth development organization in the world, is a community of seven million young people across the globe learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. In the U.S., 4-H programs are implemented by the 109 land grant universities and the Cooperative Extension System through their 3,100 local Extension offices across the country. Overseas, 4-H programs operate throughout more than 50 countries.
- Learn more about The Steuben County 4-H Program at www.putknoughtowork.org or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/steuben4H/>

How will you help? Here are a few ways you can be involved during National 4-H Week:

- Consider partnering with a local business/organization to create a poster that highlights 4-H. Posters can be organized by 4-H clubs, families, or a group of 4-H Friends
 - Celebrate 4-H Week by wearing your favorite 4-H attire (t-shirt, hat, etc.)
 - Consider updating your Facebook or Instagram Photo to something 4-H related
- Consider sharing a few of your favorite 4-H stories with your family or friends throughout the week

4-H On Display

Each club is being asked to set up a 4-H Club Display during National 4-H Week October 4-10. Once again this year, we will have staff look at the displays and decide which one is an outstanding display and that club will be recognized with a special award at Achievement Night. Impact, visibility, and accuracy will all be considered when evaluating the displays.

NEW posters are available for loan for indoor use only. Contact the office if you'd like to borrow these at any time throughout the year! Please let Jenny know where your club's display is set up will be by September 30th:

jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-664-2576.

October						
National 4-H Week October 4-10						
-Dog Obedience Classes Tuesdays 5pm-6pm						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Fabric Pumpkins @CCE	5	6	7	8 ABC	9 TRIP	10 CCE Farm Trail Day
11	12 Columbus Day Office Closed Rainbow Macrame @ CCE Office 4-6pm	13	14	15	16	17 Achievement Night
18	19 4-H Cheese & Beef Stick Orders & Payment Due	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween

November Dog Obedience Classes – Tuesdays 5pm-6pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Election Day Office Closed	4	5	6	7 Basket Making Class @ Dormann Library
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day Office Closed	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 4-H Beef and Cheese Pick-up @ Civil Defense 10am-5pm	19 4-H Program Advisory Committee Mtg.	20	21 Maker's Market
22 Pumpkin Flower Arranging Class	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 Wreath Making Class
29	30					

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Holiday Hangout
13	14 Re-Enrollments Due to Exhibit @ 2027 4-H Showcase	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed	25 Merry Christmas Office Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January- Ownership Deadlines (Due January 1) & ID Papers (Due January 2) for Market Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Small Frame Beef Steers, Dairy Steers & Dairy Feeder Steers (Class #2)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Year Office Closed!	2 Market Beef and Dairy Steer ID Due!
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Office News

STAY UPDATED BY CHECKING THE FOLLOWING !!

Website: www.putknowledgegetwork.org

Click on the 4-H Youth Development Tab! New items are appearing on the web site frequently. We will keep you informed of upcoming events and changes by posting them on the web site as soon as we get them.

Steuben County 4-H Facebook Page

A Facebook page has been created for Steuben County's 4-H Program. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/steuben4H!!

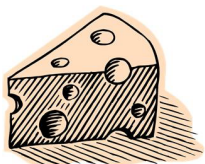
****MONDAY MEMOS****

Don't forget to check your email for the bi-weekly Monday Memos! You will automatically start receiving these once your enrollment form is turned into the office! If you aren't receiving them, be sure to check your spam/junk folder or notify the 4-H Office!

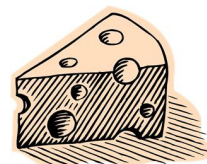
ENROLL NOW!

It's that time of year!!! With school just beginning, it's the perfect time to promote your local 4-H club to encourage and introduce new youth to all the great opportunities 4-H has to offer! From Home Economics to Animal Science,

Robotics to Community Service, and Public Speaking to Gardening – there's a project for everyone! Nationally, over 6 million youth belong to 4-H! Here, in Steuben County, we offer local and county-wide 4-H clubs, afterschool 4-H opportunities, connections to 4-H camps and statewide 4-H activities. New York State also offers an opportunity for youth to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. at the National 4-H Conference Center each year for a week-long, hands-on leadership and citizenship training!



4-H Fall Fund Raiser: 4-H Cuba Cheese & Wilson Beef Farms Snack Sticks & Golden Ages Cheese Curds



**PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME THE ORDER IS SENT OR BROUGHT TO THE OFFICE
ORDERS DUE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 19th by 4:30pm**

When your members are selling the products, have them collect the money. When your order is sent or brought to the office, have one check or money order made payable to CCE-Steuben for the products. Your club will be issued a check with the club's profit when you pick up your order on November 18th.

- **By Monday, October 19th:** Leaders consolidate individual member orders into one club order and complete the form showing **all members** that sold and the **total amount each sold**. **Include payment** and mail or deliver to the CCE Office to reach us by 4:30 p.m. October 19. **NO PHONE, EMAIL OR FAX ORDERS ACCEPTED**
- **Wednesday, November 18:** **Delivery/ Pick-up Day-** Cheese and Snack Sticks will be delivered Wednesday, November 18th to the Civil Defense Building @ 7220 Route 54, Bath, NY. The truck will be unloaded and the cheese and snack sticks sorted by item.
- **Leader or club representative can pick up club orders** at the Civil Defense Building from **10:00 - 5:00 p.m.** Each leader **will use your club's order sheet to collect the club order**. **NOTE:** If the leader is not able to come to Bath by 5:00 p.m., they must send a representative (parent, etc.).
- CCE does not have refrigerated storage to keep the products. Once the products have left the office they may **not** be returned.
- 4-H Clubs and Independent Members who do not pay the \$75.00 family enrollment must participate in the Steuben County Cuba Cheese and/or Wilson Beef Farms Snack Sticks Fundraiser and sell at least \$75.00 per 4-H member to be eligible for reduced rates on 4-H Award Trips. If a 4-H member does not sell \$75.00 worth of product and they are chosen for an award trip they will be expected to pay 50% of the cost of the trip except for the Junior Award Trip and the Career Exploration trip to Cornell University where they will be expected to pay 100% of the cost of the trip.

For more information including order forms and brochures contact the CCE Office.

Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clover Fundraiser

November 27- December 13

SPREAD THE WORD to encourage folks to visit their local Tractor Supply store (Bath, Hornell, Painted Post) to purchase a paper clover at checkout!

Tractor Supply began our partnership with 4-H in 2010 since then has raised over \$20 million through the Paper

Clover fundraiser. The campaign has impacted over 80,000 students throughout the country by providing them with hands on learning experiences through projects in STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement.

100\$ of the funds raised through the Paper Clover fundraiser directly benefit 4-H and the kids and teens they work with – 90% of donations directly support 4-H youth in the county and the remaining 10% supports national 4-H programming.

Remember to turn in your incentive forms and CCE Steuben will award top “selling” club with \$50!

Let us know if your club is planning to set up. We will Showcase you on Facebook!



2026 4-H Awards Program

ALL 4-H members, leaders and parents are cordially invited to attend the 2026 4-H Awards Program. Members will receive recognition for their accomplishments during the program year. Leaders will also be recognized for their volunteer support and dedication and 4-H Showcase premium money will be distributed.

WHEN: Saturday, October, 17 2026

Social Time & Distribution of 4-H Showcase premium money – 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Dinner -6:00 p.m.

RSVP for Dinner by October 13(Dessert to Pass)

Awards Ceremony – 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: \$12.50 each



Reserve Dinners Online:

**WHERE: Howard Community Building
(7481 Hopkins Rd. Avoca, NY)**

Each club/Independent Member is asked to bring: A wrapped gift to be used as a door prize which we will be selling tickets to benefit the Steuben County 4-H Activity Fund.

All 4-H families have a role in making this year's annual awards program a success! **Sponsorships are vital to the continuation of our 4-H programs and awards.** Please consider sponsoring an award for a deserving 4-H member at this year's award program and contact Jenny at 607-664-2300 or jmg422@cornell.edu or return the enclosed form by **Friday, October 9.** Your support is greatly appreciated and allows us to be able to continue to offer quality programming to our youth!!

Friend of 4-H Award Nominations

The Steuben County 4-H Program recognizes at the 4-H Awards Program an individual and business to be selected as Friends of 4-H for excelling in their dedication to the Steuben County 4-H Youth Development Program through the years and have earned the respect of 4-H families and leaders, as well as the community. **If you would like to nominate an**

individual or business please send your nominations to the CCE Office by Monday, October 5. Please indicate why you think this individual or business deserves this award.

Behind the Scenes Award

This award is supported by the Steuben County 4-H Cake Auction and is presented to a 4-H member during the Awards Program. This award is presented to a 4-H member that has done a lot of work “Behind the Scenes”, and may not have received recognition. This is not only for work done at the 4-H Showcase but throughout the 4-H project year. **If you would like to nominate a 4-H member please send your nominations to the CCE Office by Monday, October 5 .** Please indicate why you think the 4-H member deserves this award.

Steuben County 4-H Subcommittees

4-H Horse Advisory Committee

The 4-H Horse Advisory Committee provides input to the staff about the needs of the program and the youth it serves. Join us via Zoom on **Tuesday, October 13th** to begin planning the 2026-2027 Program Year! This committee meets a few times a year. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact Jenny Groen at 607-664-2576/ jmg422@cornell.edu for the zoom link.

4-H Small Animal Advisory Committee

The 4-H Small Animal Advisory Committee will be meeting **Wednesday, November 4** to begin planning for the 2026-2027 Program Year. This committee typically meets a few times a year and provides input on activities and program needs related to the Small Animal Species (Poultry, Waterfowl, Rabbits & Cavy). If you are interested in attending, please contact Jenny Groen at 607-664-2576/ jmg422@cornell.edu

4-H Livestock & Dairy Advisory Committee

The 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee will be meeting via Zoom on **Wednesday, October 28** to begin planning for the 2026-2027 Program Year. This committee typically meets a few times a year and provides input on activities and program needs related to the Livestock and Dairy Species. If you are interested in attending, please contact Steph Waters at 607-664-2571/ sah399@cornell.edu

2027 Market Beef/Dairy Steers & Beef Heifer Identification/Ownership Online Entries Due

January 1, 2027: Ownership Deadline for Market Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Small Frame Beef Steers, Dairy Steers & Dairy Feeder Steers (Class #2)

January 2, 2027: Identification Information, Photos & Quality Assurance Forms Due online via FairEntry for Market Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Small Frame Beef Steers, Dairy Steers & Dairy Feeder Steers (Class #2)

These entries must be completed, in order to be eligible to enter these market animals in the 2027 4-H Showcase

Market Heifers shown in market beef classes are not eligible for beef breeding classes & must follow the same rules and regulations as market steers.

YQCA Certificate must be included with Fair Entries Due by July 1, 2027

New York Farm Bureau Offers Scholarships to Students Who Plan to Pursue an Ag-Related Future



New York Farm Bureau is encouraging high school seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career, in some way connected to the diverse agricultural industry to apply for the New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship. Scholarship awards are \$1,500 for first place, \$1,200 for second, and \$1,000 for third.

Students applying must have a family Farm Bureau membership or a Student Farm Bureau membership. Students are required to complete an application on the NYFB website, and submit a brief 300-500 word essay discussing an issue facing agriculture in their county, explaining how they think NYFB can support members who may deal with this issue. We suggest that they visit the NYFB website www.nyfb.org to learn more about Farm Bureau.

The application deadline is March 1. For scholarship information and the application please visit <http://nyfb.org/programs/promotion-education/scholarship>



County Public Presentations for 2026-2027

Question: What helped you, as a 4-H member prepare most for the adult world?

Answer: "Completing Public Presentations! Since it prepared me to organize information and be able to get up in front of a group at work, in the community or at a club meeting and feel comfortable."

-ALL 4-H members ages 8 & up are **REQUIRED** to participate in the Public Presentation Program (In order to receive project completion).

-Cloverbuds are **strongly encouraged** to do a presentation, but it is not mandatory.

-There are two options for public presentations, the **County & Club Level**

-County Level: Present your public presentation to local volunteer judges.

-Club Level: Present your public presentation at a Club Meeting where your club leader will be the judge.

-The Club Presentation is meant to be just a "stepping stone" for a year or two, and then the member needs to attend at the county level.

-All Members (except Cloverbuds) giving presentation at the county level will be considered for district level presentations.

-Club presentations do not give public presentation award trip status to members.

Information on preparing for presentations is on the web. If an individual or a club would like help with any part of the public presentation process, please contact the 4-H office. Arrangements can be made to give you or your club the help that is needed.

WATCH MONDAY MEMO FOR DATES!!!

Dairy Quiz Bowl

-Open to ANY Steuben County 4-H Member

-Interested in participating & forming a team to compete at the county and/or district level? Please reach out to Steph at 607-664-2571 or sah399@cornell.edu

The *primary objective* of 4-H Dairy Bowl Contests is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H dairy project to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail.

The Dairy Bowl Program is designed to encourage youth to increase their dairy knowledge through study and preparation for the contest. Youth learn life skills as they prepare for contests - critical thinking, decision-making, problem solving, communication skills, listening skills, speaking skills and independent thinking. They experience the value of teamwork, character building, and goal setting. Youth gain knowledge in dairy nutrition, milk quality, herd health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and all cattle breeds.

Novice Contest

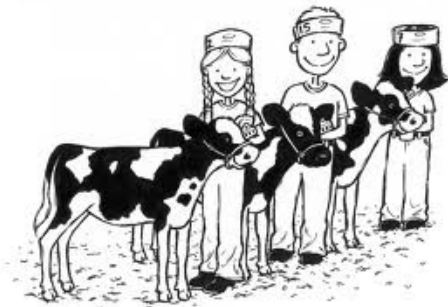
Team members may be 8 - 10 years old with some experience or 11 - 13 years old with no previous district contests experience.

Junior Contest

9 years to 13 years old

Senior Contest

14 years to 18 years old



H member and their parent, grandparent, leader, etc. who is interested in learning how to dairy judge.

Please NOTE: **Cloverbud members 5-7 years old** (as of 1/1/27) who are interested in learning how to dairy judge may participate **only if they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who is at least 21 years old.**

Why should I do dairy judging? Dairy Judging teaches you the essentials of being a dairy cattle judge.

Dairy Judging

-Open to ANY Steuben County 4-H Member

-Interested in participating? Please reach out to Steph at 607-664-2571 or sah399@cornell.edu

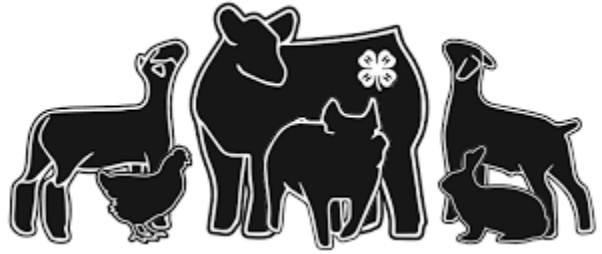
It will help you understand what to look for when choosing your show animal and how/why the judges place the animals at a dairy show.

If there is enough interest in the Steuben County 4-H Dairy Judging Program, there will be a Dairy Judging Contest at the Steuben County 4-H Showcase. There are various dairy judging opportunities across the state! Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities!

Livestock Judging and Livestock Skillathon

What is Livestock Judging?

Livestock judging is the process of ranking four animals (beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats) of one class from top to bottom based on criteria such as bone structure, muscle, body capacity, body composition, performance.



Livestock Judging develops the following life skills:

critical thinking, organization, time management, public speaking, self confidence, self motivation, team building and competition.

Livestock Judging is a fun way to learn about beef cattle, sheep, swine and meat goats! Livestock Judging allows 4-Hers to get involved, compete, and make new friends. **You don't have to own Livestock to participate in Livestock Judging.** 4-H members 5-18 years old are eligible to participate and parents/volunteers/coaches are needed. **Cloverbud members 5-7 years old** (as of January 1, 2026) who are interested in learning may participate **if they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who is at least 21 years old.** If you are interested in volunteering to help assist with livestock judging or if you are interested in giving Livestock Judging a try, please contact Steph at 607-664-2571 or sah399@cornell.edu

What is Livestock Skillathon?

The objectives of the Livestock Skillathon contest is to provide youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in livestock judging, demonstrations, care and exhibition of animals into one activity. This is also an opportunity for youth even if they have no opportunities for livestock ownership to learn about the importance of beef, sheep, swine and goat and their products to the environment and economy. Livestock Skillathon consists of 3 parts; a written quiz, identification and team questions. Common topics include nutrition, health, breeding, management, genetics and current industry topics. Participants may be asked to identify retail meat cuts, livestock feeds, and breeds, evaluate cuts of meat and hay or wool samples and complete a quality assurance exercise. Team participation is required in a quality assurance exercise, evaluation of livestock feeding and performance information and an animal breeding or marketing scenario and exercise. Livestock Skillathon instills ethical values, good sportsmanship and product evaluation skills. Livestock Skillathon recognizes youth for their total involvement in and comprehension of the livestock industry.

Livestock Skillathon is a really fun way to learn about beef cattle, sheep, swine, and meat goats! Livestock Skillathon allows 4-Hers to get involved, compete, and make new friends. 4-H members 5-18 years old are eligible to participate and parents/volunteers/coaches are needed. **Cloverbud members 5-7 years old** (as of January 1, 2026) who are interested may participate **if they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who is at least 21 years old.** If you are interested in volunteering to help assist with Livestock Skillathon or if you are interested in giving Livestock Skillathon a try, please contact Steph at 607-664-2571 or sah399@cornell.edu

look forward to hearing from you!

Watch Monday Memo for practice dates starting in December! If anyone is interested in being a Guest Speaker or being a Coach, please email Steph at sah399@cornell.edu!

Steuben County Shooting Sports Classes

Youth are invited to come and learn the art of shooting sports. We have archery, air rifles, and air pistol coming up, with 22 and shotgun coming in the spring. Spots are limited, so get registered today. If you have any questions or if you need help registering, please reach out to Anne at 607-664-2300 option 0 or amz65@cornell.edu.

A poster for Steuben County Shooting Sports Classes. At the top, a yellow banner with a green 4-H clover logo in the center reads "SHOOTING SPORTS" and "LEARN BY DOING". To the right is a red circular logo with "CCE" and "STEBEN" below it. Below the banner, a horizontal line with four numbered circles (1, 2, 3, and an empty one) hangs from. Under each number is a colored banner: yellow for 1, orange for 2, green for 3, and blue for the empty one. The yellow banner lists "Basic Archery" on Oct. 18 and Oct. 25, 1p-4p, for ages 8-18, \$5. The orange banner lists "Basic Air Rifle" on Nov. 1 and Nov. 8, 1p-4p, for ages 9-18, \$10. The green banner lists "Basic Air Pistol" on Dec. 6 and Dec. 13, 1p-4p, for ages 10-18*, \$10, with a note "*must of taken air rifle". The blue banner says "All events to be held at the Bath Rod and Gun". At the bottom left, it says "Space is limited for each class. Any Questions please reach out: amz65@cornell.edu". At the bottom right, it says "Must be a registered 4-H member. Not registered? Ask me how". The background is a grassy field under a blue sky.

SHOOTING SPORTS
LEARN BY DOING

CCE STEUBEN

1
Basic Archery
Oct. 18 1p-4p
Oct. 25 1p-4p
Ages: 8-18
\$5

2
Basic Air Rifle
Nov. 1 1p-4p
Nov. 8 1p-4p
Ages: 9-18
\$10

3
Basic Air Pistol
Dec. 6 1p-4p
Dec. 13 1p-4p
Ages: 10-18*
*must of taken air rifle
\$10

All events to be held at the Bath Rod and Gun

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Not registered? Ask me how

Archery Oct 18 & 25 1-4p
<https://form.jotform.com/262426095302149>

Air Rifle Nov 1 & 8 1-4p
<https://form.jotform.com/262425624991160>

Air Pistol Dec 6 & 13 1-4p
<https://form.jotform.com/262426586063158>

We are looking for Volunteers who enjoy the outdoor and want to help teach our youth. You can reach out or fill out an interest form:

<https://form.jotform.com/260193010561142>

STEBEN COUNTY 4-H
IS
**SEEKING
VOLUNTEER
INSTRUCTORS**



Interested or have questions?
Reach out 607-664-2568 or
email: amz65@cornell.edu

-Do you enjoy the outdoors?
-Do you enjoy working with Children?
Come teach youth about the amazing activities they can do outdoors!

Discipline 4-H offers youth:

- Archery
- Air Rifle
- Air Pistol
- Shotgun
- Muzzle Loader
- Hunting, Wildlife and Outdoor Skills

Volunteers must:

- be able to pass background check
- Complete the 4-H instructor course

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Steuben County

2026 Free Fishing Days

Feb 15-16, June 28-29, September 27, November 11



In an effort to connect more people to the sport of fishing, each year, there are several opportunities to fish free in New York State! During those four days, anyone can fish New York State waters, and no fishing license is required (normally required for anyone 16 years and older). The general public can tap into the fun and relaxation of fishing, especially those who might not otherwise get the chance. All anglers are encouraged to take a friend

and aquatic ecology. Each of DEC's nine regions can sponsor up to four free fishing events per year. Most free fishing events occur during the period

fishing. With all that the sport has to offer, some are bound to get hooked. Since no license is required, it is the perfect time to take a friend or relative fishing.

In addition to the June Free Fishing Days weekend, there are a number of "Free Fishing Events/Clinics" held in various locations across the state. Free Fishing Events are DEC sponsored events (such as family fishing clinics) where participants can learn about fish identification, fishing equipment and techniques, fisheries management, angling ethics

Seeking Adult Volunteers for the 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program

The National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) is a project of Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture (HOSTA) for youth ages 14 and 15. Subjects covered include general agricultural safety, tractor and equipment operation, and highway transportation. Youth 14 and 15 are certified after successfully passing a fifty-question written knowledge test and successfully passing both an operating skills test and a pre-op/driving test.

The Steuben County 4-H Program is seeking to expand our current program. We need adult volunteers to become trained online in National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation in order to become an instructor and help instruct local youth. Adults must complete a current background check with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County. Please contact Ainsley if you're interested!

The Hazardous-Occupation Order for youth under 16 makes it unlawful to hire or even permit without pay any youth under the age of 16 to participate in any work activities listed as hazardous, unless:

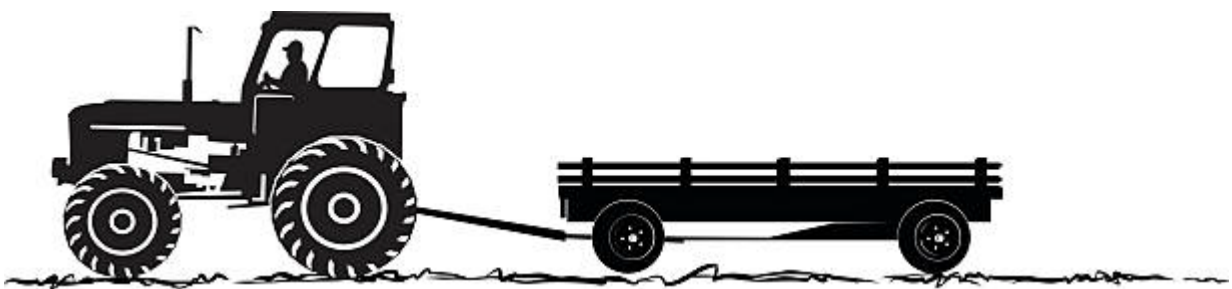
1. The youth is employed, either with or without compensation, by their parents or legal guardian, **or**
2. The youth 14-15 years old has a training certificate which provides an exemption from certain hazardous work activities.
3. The Tractor and Machinery Operation Program allows for youth under the age of 16 who successfully completes the program to engage in agricultural work activities below if they are 14-15 despite the fact the activities are listed as "agricultural work activities classified as hazardous for youth under 16".

Tractor Operation - This training allows youth who successfully complete requirements to: operate a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower, or connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from such a tractor. Equipment

Operation - This allows youth who successfully complete requirements to operate or assist to operate the following equipment: hay mower, hay baler, forage harvester, forage blower, feed grinder, crop dryer, auger conveyor, the unloading mechanism of a non-gravity type self-unloading wagon or trailer, corn picker, cotton picker, grain combine, power post-hole digger, power post driver, a non-walking rotary tiller, potato digger, or mobile pea viner. This includes starting, stopping, adjusting, feeding, or any activity involving physical contact associated with the operation of the equipment listed. Youth must have satisfied all the requirements for the Tractor Operation and must have completed a total of at least **24 hours of instruction**.

More information about the program can be found at <https://extension.psu.edu/national-safe-tractor-and-machinery-operation-program>

If there are any youth wishing to take the tractor course, please email Steph at sah399@cornell.edu to be placed on a list.



2026-2027 Horse Show Requirement



4-H Members Participating in the Horse Project Please Note: Members must **participate in one county level or beyond Horse Educational Event** (i.e. Public presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, or Horse Judging) or attend alternate “educational events” and do a one-page written report on what they saw and learned to receive educational credit **to be eligible to participate in any Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows. CLOVERBUDS ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT.**

Public Presentation Credit - Horse members will receive credit towards showing if they give a public presentation on a horse related topic at the **county** event **or** by completing a **club level** presentation and turning in the evaluation form with a summary/outline of the presentation.

County Level Credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology - For a Horse member to receive county level credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology they **must attend at least 3 of the practice sessions.**

Regional Credit – To receive regional credit 4-H members must participate in the regional contests.

Horse Bowl & Hippology

Horse Bowl – is a fast-paced, fun, horse knowledge competition that uses buzzers and can be more easily compared to game show Jeopardy. There’s a wide range of topics covered including: basic grooming, genetics, tack and equipment, riding, stable management, breeds, history, etc.! Contestants are split by age/experience levels: Novice – 8 & 9 years old OR 1st year up to 14; Junior – 10-13 years of age; Senior – 14 and up. Juniors and Seniors are eligible for the State Competition if they receive qualifying scores at the Regional Contest. County practices will be set up if there is enough so PLEASE contact Jenny at the 4-H Office if you’d like to participate!

Hippology – is a slightly slower paced, hands-on horse knowledge competition where youth rotate through various stations. These stations include: slides, written test, horse judging, tack ID, breeds, nutrition, parasites, confirmation, and team problem (JR/SR only). The levels for this competition are the same as Horse Bowl: Novice – 8 & 9 years old OR 1st year up to 14; Junior – 10-13 years of age; Senior – 14 and up. Juniors and Seniors are eligible for the State Competition if they receive qualifying scores at the Regional. County practices will be set up if there is enough so PLEASE contact Jenny at the 4-H Office if you’d like to participate!

Watch Monday Memos for dates starting in November!! If anyone is interested in coaching or being a guest speaker for our practices, please contact Jenny – jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-664-2576



Upcoming Events



EQUINE CAREER DAY

Horse loving students are invited to join us and a variety of equine professionals to learn about many careers in the equine industry.

Refreshments will be provided.

Space
Limited

RSVP
Please



9:00A-12:00P
October 12th, 2026



Call us for more information
585-226-5560



Location
Henderson Equine Clinic
4229 Fowlerville Rd, Avon



Visit our website to RSVP
www.hendersonequineclinic.com



FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CLASS

Date: November 22, 2026
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: CCE Steuben Office
20 E. Morris Street Bath, NY
Current Member Cost: \$10

MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENT FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON
(SIMILAR TO PICTURES SHOWN)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
QUESTIONS: 607-664-2571 OR SAH399@CORNELL.EDU
Cornell Cooperative Extension | Steuben County



4-H EVERGREEN WREATH WORKSHOP

NOV. 28TH 2PM

CIVIL DEFENSE BUILDING
7220 STATE ROUTE 54
BATH, NY

MAKE AND DECORATE YOUR OWN EVERGREEN WREATH JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY!
ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED, BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN DECORATIONS TO TRULY PERSONALIZE YOUR WREATH!

OPEN TO 4-H YOUTH OF ALL AGES
\$10/WREATH

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Flower Arranging Register Here:
<https://form.jotform.com/262706156787165>

Wreath Class Register Here:
<https://form.jotform.com/262705686798174>



Let's get together

4-H Holiday Hangout

Sewing | Woodworking | Baking
Painting | Community Service

12 | DEC | 1-6 PM
HOWARD COMMUNITY CENTER

Register Early and Save!

JOIN US FOR HOURS OF HOLIDAY MAKING AND FUN! THIS IS A DROP-OFF EVENT. WE WILL HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOUTH OF ALL AGES!

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Holiday Hangout Register Here:
<https://form.jotform.com/262713444364053>

Past Events

2026 Steuben County 4-H Showcase

Steuben County's 4-H Summer Showcase was a huge success! Not only were exhibits qualified and selected for the New York State Fair, but exhibitors, family members and spectators were thrilled with the location, schedule and atmosphere citing the sense of safety, security and camaraderie. We are looking forward to next year!

For photos and a recap video visit: <https://putknoughtgetowork.org/youth-development/4-h-summer-showcase>

Master Showmanship Winners:

Beef- Trinity Daley
Cavy – Aimee Hurd
Dairy Cattle – Evelyn Button
Dairy Goat – Karoline Dininny
Meat Goat – Addison Corey
Rabbit – Alice Hargrave
Sheep – Trinity Daley
Swine – Alice Hargrave
Poultry – Alexis Hurd
Market Hog – Karoline Dininny
Market Poultry – Madeline Slayton
Market Goat- Audrey Waters
Market Rabbit- Natalie Brewer
Market Lamb- Keegan Folckemer
Market Beef- Lincoln Vetter
Dog- Best Jr. Handler – Madeline Slayton

Grand Champion Market Animals:

Grand Champion Beef- Lincoln Vetter
Grand Champion Market Turkey- Wyatt Chase
Reserve Champion Market Turkey- Addison Brewer
Grand Champion Market Chicken Pen- Addison Brewer
Reserve Champion Market Chicken Pen- Addison Brewer
Grand Champion Market Rabbit- Natalie Brewer
Reserve Champion Market Rabbit- Natalie Brewer
Grand Champion Market Meat Goat- Audrey Waters
Reserve Champion Market Meat Goat- Audrey Waters
Grand Champion Market Lamb- Lincoln Vetter
Reserve Champion Market Lamb- Isabelle Folckemer
Grand Champion Market Hog- Lincoln Vetter
Reserve Champion Market Hog- Abigail Harrison

Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champions:

4-H Supreme Champion Dairy Goat- Karoline Dininny
4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Goat- Abigail Place
4-H Supreme Champion Dairy- Joshua Place
4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy- Evelyn Button
4-H Supreme Champion Gilt- Alice Hargrave
4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Gilt- Alice Hargrave
4-H Supreme Champion Sheep- Trinity Daley
4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Sheep- Trinity Daley
4-H Supreme Champion Meat Goat- Audrey Waters
4-H Reverse Supreme Champion Meat Goat- Raelyn Wheaton

4-H Supreme Champion Beef Heifer- Trinity Daley
4-H Reverse Champion Beef Heifer – Wyatt Chase

Grand Champion Baked Goods:

Grand Champion: Maddux Wager
Reserve Champion: Claire McKinley

Rabbit Champions and Reserves:

Best Commercial Breed – Alice Hargrave
Reserve Commercial Breed – Sophia Brown
Best Fancy Breed – Dryden Dickerson
Reserve Fancy Breed – Addison Brewer
Best Pet- Jason Cross
Reserve Pet – Payton Adriaance
Champion Market – Natalie Brewer
Reserve
Best in Show – Dryden Dickerson
Reserve in Show – Alice Hargrave

Cavy Show

Best in Show – Isabelle Folckemer
Reserve Best in Show – Alexis Hurd

Poultry Champions and Reserves:

Best Standard Breed Exhibit – Jedediah Casler
Reserve Standard Breed Exhibit – Austin Bush
Best Bantam Exhibit – Mya Walker
Reserve Bantam Exhibit – Landen Greenwood
Best Waterfowl Exhibit- Alexis Hurd
Reserve Waterfowl Exhibit- Alexis Hurd
Champion Market Chicken – Addison Brewer
Reserve Champion Market Chicken – Addison Brewer
Champion Market Turkey – Wyatt Chase
Reserve Champion Market Turkey – Addison Brewer
Best in Show – Mya Walker
Reserve in Show – Alexis Hurd

Dog Versatility High Point Award: Madeline Slayton
Dog Versatility Reserve High Point: Payton Adriaance

Horse High Point: Raelyn Wheaton
Horse Reserve High Point: Madeline Slayton

Steuben County 4-H @ NYS Fair

Congratulations to all our youth who had exhibits at the 2026 New York State Fair! Steuben 4-H was well represented in various animal shows, animal science knowledge contests and with exhibits in the youth building. We are very proud of all of our youth contestants and representatives.







