



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

cceontario.org/4-h-youth

4-HCampBristolHills.org



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MESSAGE FROM THE 4-H STAFF

October already! September flew by with the start of school, State Fair wrap ups, volunteer kick off for the new 4-H year and Fun on the Farm! Thank you to all our 4-H youth and volunteers who put time into promoting 4-H during such a wonderful community event!

October will not be short of thanking you all for your hard work during the 4-H year! We have National 4-H week, Achievement night and the Kick off of the new 2026/2027 4-H year, In this issue you will find all the information needed to participate in events coming up in October.

First up, please remember re-enrollment for 4-H begins **after October 1st**. What does that mean for you? All 4-H youth and volunteers must re-enroll in 4-H online every year to be considered “active” in the new year. We will be sending out directions with links to complete the Release Waivers, 4-H Online re-enrollment and how to pay your annual fee. Please watch your emails. This must be **done by November 1st for all re-enrolling members!** New Members have until January 1st to enroll to be able to participate in county fair.

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, let's 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

- 4th Wreath Making Class 6 pm
- Dec 24- Jan 3 Winter Break – Office CLOSED

January

- 15th Public Presentations Training

February

- 2, 5 & 6 Public Presentations- various times





**Must re-enroll
by Nov 1st!**

Youth

After November 1st, there will be a **late fee of \$10** for reenrollments. New members can enroll at any time with no late fee. Please find the enrollment directions on our website.

[Cornell Cooperative Extension | 4-H Enrollments](https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cRYy68Hn5472lzU)
(cceontario.org)

- 1 **Complete ALL 4-H Release Forms**
https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cRYy68Hn5472lzU

-Volunteers who have enrolled children can enter their name as an adult volunteer on the same release form.

- 2 **Complete Registration- 4-H Online System**
Go to register:
<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

DO NOT Create a new account

-If you need to reset your password do so now, then go to Member List once in and click "enroll now" for each participant you plan to re enroll, this includes volunteers!

- 3 **Complete PAYMENT**
\$25 per youth, \$50 for 2 siblings, or \$65 per family (3 or more youth) and can be paid via check, cash, or PayPal.

Volunteers do not pay a fee.
Paypal: ontario@cornell.edu
Venmo: @CCE_Ontario



Volunteers

We will send out emails to all volunteers with detailed instructions. All volunteers will need to enroll just like the youth and also watch a brief sexual harassment training video. **Every three years, we need to do a new background check.** Amelia will be in touch to help you complete the requirements needed for this 4-H year.

You can find volunteer paperwork and resources at this link:

[Cornell Cooperative Extension | 4-H Volunteers](https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cRYy68Hn5472lzU)
(cceontario.org)

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<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Sign-in or reset your password using the email you use for 4-H correspondence – **DO NOT create a new account.**

(The important thing to remember is that if you have registered as a 4-H volunteer in the past, you already have an account on 4-H online – even if you have never accessed it before.)

Volunteers do not pay a fee

Fall Programs & Events



YOU DESERVE TO BE HONORED!
ALL 4-HERS SHOULD ATTEND!

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



**JOIN TARA
DEFENDORF**

**TO LEARN HOW TO
JUDGE HORSES!**



**GREAT CHANCE TO LEARN
MORE
ABOUT WHAT A JUDGE IS
LOOKING FOR.**



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24TH
AT 2PM**



**LOCATION:
HERITAGE CHRISTIAN
STABLES IN WEBSTER**



**EMAIL SAB423@CORNELL.EDU
TO REGISTER**





Granger Homestead Tree Decorating



You are invited to design and display a holiday tree. Your item will be donated & displayed throughout the festival November 13 – December 5.

There is no entry fee for exhibitors. You may participate as an individual, a family, with friends, as an organization or a business. Decorations can be traditional or carry a theme. The possibilities for creativity are endless, and participants find decorating the Homestead great fun.

Deadline to register to be included in the printed program is October 23rd.

Some decoration details to keep in mind:

- Trees can be of any size but must be artificial. The tree and decorations must be donated to the winner of your tree in the silent auction.
 - ALL entries must be donated.
- Mantels and hanging displays will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.
 - Hand-crafted jewelry entries will be displayed in a locked glass case.
- Businesses–If you are unable to donate a full display or basket, please consider donating a gift certificate of items for inclusion in a themed basket curated by the Festival of Tress committee.

The 2026 event will run from Friday, November 13th–Saturday, December 5th.

Register Here:

<https://form.jotform.com/262384642812156>

Fall Programs & Events continued.....

Canandaigua Fall Community Event Opportunities:

Fall Into Canandaigua

Saturday, October 24, 2026 11am-3pm

South Main Street in Downtown Canandaigua

Contact us at (585) 396-0300 or bidevents@downtowncanandaigua.com

*All assigned booth locations will be emailed the week of October 19th with set-up information.

Deadline for receipt of this application is October 9, 2026

Register Here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZ7udRdi0NZiV5qj8o3HavmBTE5kXMHL4l65zmtlm5DHD9BQ/viewform>

Trunk or Treat at Outhouse Park

Where: Richard P. Outhouse Memorial Park and Motion Junction
Playground

When: October 24th, 2026 from 2pm-4pm



Contact Greg at the Town of Cananadaigua-parks and recreation
greg.reynolds@townofcanandaigua.org



**SAVE
the DATE**



HORSE

EDUCATIONAL SERIES

OFFERED HYBRID VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON.

NOVEMBER 19TH 7 PM	GRACIE KUHNER HORSE SENSE
DECEMBER 17TH 7 PM	GRACIE KUHNER EQUINE NUTRITION
JANUARY 14TH 7 PM	TESS BERGFJORD MUSCLE GROUPS
FEBRUARY 11TH 7 PM	DONNA WALKER BREEDS AND FOUNDATION SIRES
MARCH 20TH 1 PM	KATHY BLISS PARASITES



PARENTS AND
VOLUNTEERS
WELCOME TO ATTEND!



EMAIL
SAB423@CORNELL.EDU
WITH QUESTIONS.



ADVANCED
REGISTRATION
REQUIRED.

Youth Volunteer Opportunity

Junior Fairboard

is seeking new members!
If interested reach out to

Julie Maslyn

juliemaslyn13@gmail.com

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!



NEW!

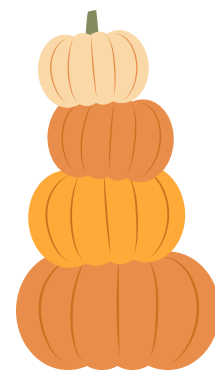
**Online Registration
Coming Soon!**

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!

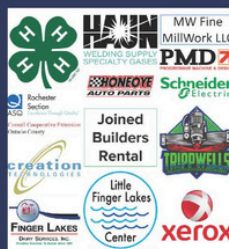
JOIN FINGER LAKES ROBOTICS 4H CLUB

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

SPONSORED BY:



CONTACT: MIKE AT
FINGERLAKESROBOTICS@GMAIL.COM



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

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

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!

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



CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to all youth who participated in NYS Fair 2026!

Ontario County 4-H youth proudly represented their community at the 2026 New York State Fair, demonstrating outstanding skills, leadership, and dedication through participation in a variety of competitive and educational events.



2026 NYS FAIR YOUTH EXHIBITORS

A total of 27 Ontario County 4-H members participated in this year's State Fair, exhibiting projects and livestock in areas including:

Beef
Dairy
Pigs
Poultry
Rabbits
Horse
Livestock Judging
Livestock Skillathon,
Dairy Challenge
Dairy Judging
Poultry Science
Avian Bowl
Rabbit Skillathon
Lego Challenge
Fashion Revue
Cupcake Showdown
Dog Photography
Poetry Contest
Public Presentations
Poultry BBQ
and Produced in NY.



The youth that participated are Owen Grefrath, Laramie Pyra, Grant Pyra, Addison Snyder, Kaelynn Hanggi, Gideon Hanggi, Tyler Roorda-Compton, Emmett Smithling, Samantha Smithling, Zoey Richwalder, Catherine Worden, Emily Worden, Elena Soberon, Mackenzie Michaelsen, Charlie Rodas, Madelyn Reed, Maggie Schaertl, Wyatt Boyea, Tessa Cull, Kova Kuhner, Savannah Trammel, Danae Brocklebank, Marylou Sheckler, Madison Glaude, Alyssa Vangalio, Isabelle Robinson, Kacie Michaelsen, Miles Merkley, and Addilyn Hooker.



CLUB NEWS



What has your club been up to? We want to hear from you - club activities, community events, interesting things you learned- Spread the Word!



Email Amelia at agd72@cornell.edu before the 1st of the month to get your club news in the next Clover Chronicle!

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



Thank You!

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