Cornell Cooperative Extension
Washington County

Dear New Member and Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to Washington County 4-H. We are thrilled to have you join us!

The 4-H program equips youth with the skills they need to succeed by focusing on four essential pillars: STEAM, Agriculture, Healthy Living, and Civic Engagement.

- **STEAM**: Sparks curiosity with hands-on experiences in science, technology, engineering, art and math through activities like coding, robotics, and environmental conservation.
- **Agriculture**: Connects youth with sustainable farming practices, urban gardening, and food systems, fostering a deeper understanding of where our food comes from.
- **Healthy Living**: Promotes mental and physical wellness with cooking classes, fitness challenges, and stress management techniques, encouraging a balanced lifestyle.
- **Civic Engagement**: Inspires young people to take action in their communities, lead service projects, and address local issues, shaping tomorrow's changemakers.

Through these pillars, 4-H shapes well-rounded, impactful leaders who are ready to make a difference.

Enrollment forms need to be completed fully to become an enrolled 4-Her. (If you are planning to participate in horse projects involving working with a live animal, please request the Equine Acknowledgement Risk form from the 4-H office).

The annual fee is $5.00/member or $10.00/family. If you are joining as an individual member, please include payment with your enrollment form. If you are joining a club, please discuss with the club leader about payment.

Please direct enrollment questions to Hannah at har56@cornell.edu or 518-290-2302. Enrollment occurs annually beginning October 1st.

4-H connects youth to hands on learning opportunities that help them grow into competent, caring, contributing members of society. We are excited to have you a part of the program.

Sincerely,

Hannah Rosen

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Please keep this letter for your records

Community Service

One of the core goals of 4-H is helping members become engaged, responsible citizens, and a big part of that journey is giving back through community service. When 4-H members take part in community service, they not only improve the world around them, but they also gain new skills, build character, and develop empathy for others.

Why Community Service Matters in 4-H

Community service helps 4-H members:

- **Build Character and Compassion**: By helping others, youth learn about the importance of kindness, empathy, and understanding.
- **Learn Responsibility and Leadership**: Taking on projects—big or small—encourages responsibility, dependability, and leadership.
- **Connect with Their Community**: Community service projects help 4-H members become active in their communities and foster a sense of pride and belonging.
- **Strengthen Skills for the Future**: From teamwork to planning and problem-solving, service projects provide hands -on experience with skills that will benefit them in all aspects of life.

We have scheduled events throughout the year that you can volunteer for.

Food Booth:

Antique & Flea Market (Spring and Fall), Fair Week (August), Wool & Arts Festival (Fall)

Prep Days- Get the booth ready for events (Spring, Summer)

Youth Building:

Work-Eat-Play Days -Get the building ready for Fair Week (Summer)

Initial:_____

Photo and Image Release

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Washington County (CCE) is granted permission to use and/or publish my or my child's photograph(s) or image (including audio, film, digital image or any other media) for educational purposes, including on its website, in newsletters, publications, marketing materials, etc., for promotion of CCE and CCE programs/ services. I also grant CCE the right to distribute, display, broadcast, exhibit, and market said photograph(s), either alone or as part of a finished production, for commercial or non-commercial purposes as CCE or its employees and agents may determine. This includes the right to use said photograph(s) for promotion or publicizing any of these uses.

I understand that I/my child/ward are not being compensated in any way for the use of our images and that I/we do not have approval over the final product in which it appears. I hereby release CCE and all persons acting under its permission or authority from any and all claims or liability arising out of use of our images. This release shall bind our heirs, guardians, assigns, and legal representatives.

Initial:_____

Monitoring and Supervision of Minor during Virtual Learning

I promise to provide a suitable non-public place, like my home, for my child to participate in the Program sessions and understand that Cornell University encourages parents to have someone over eighteen (18) years of age present or nearby my child during all Program sessions and for the entirety of each session. I further understand and acknowledge that, based on the fact that the Program sessions are occurring via web-conference or other online platform, neither Cornell University nor their faculty, staff, students, and volunteers are responsible for monitoring or supervising my child during the Program sessions. **Initial:_____**

Please keep this form for your records

Acknowledgement of Risk Form – 4-H Member

This form must be completed to participate in 4-H clubs and related activities.

This form may be completed during 4-H enrollment for the full program year for 4-H activities and events designated below at the club, county, state and national level.

I hereby apply for my child to participate in the 4-H club and/or activity to be conducted by the designated Cornell Cooperative Extension Association and acknowledge as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my child's participation in the 4-H club and activities and my child's participation in said 4-H club and all its activities and use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness or death and damage to personal property. I understand other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other causes may cause these risk and dangers and I hereby accept these risk and dangers.

My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age of **5 by January 1st of current 4-H year and in Kindergarten,** which is required to participate in all 4-H activities.

Initial:_____

4-H Member's Code of Conduct

1. I will respect the rights and feelings of all the members, leaders and guests of my 4-H club.
2. I will not use anyone else's things without permission.
3. I will cooperate with all reasonable requests made by the leaders and other adults who help at my 4-H club and project meetings.
4. I will come to 4-H meetings and activities on time and participate in the planned program even when an activity is not my favorite.
5. I will not use or bring to any 4-H meeting or activity any illegal drug, alcoholic beverage or tobacco product.
6. I will not bring to any 4-H meeting or activity any gun, knife or anything else that could be used as a weapon, unless it is required for a project, class or activity. (I understand that my leader or the instructor will give me a written list of equipment when such items are needed.)
7. When I choose to participate in county, district, state or national 4-H activities I will obey the special rules that apply to those activities.

I promise to obey this Code of Conduct _____

(Member's signature)

Please keep this form for your records

4-H New Enrollment Form - Youth

(This form & $5.00 fee must be received to 4-H Office by **May 1** of current 4-H Year)

Washington County

Club: ☐ Independent ☐ Club Name: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I. ___

Gender: _____ Birthdate: _____/_____/_____ Preferred Name:_____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip:_____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Phone # (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

☐ I give permission for direct phone contact with my child ☐ I give permission for direct email contact with my child

Other 4-H Memberships: _____Year In 4-H: _____Youth Leader: (Y/N) _____Shirt Size:_____

Race (circle all that apply): 1) White 2) Black 3) Alaskan/Am. Ind. 4) Asian 5) Hawaiian/Pac. Island 6) White and Black 7) White and Am. Ind. 8) Black and Am. Ind. 9) White and Asian 11) Hispanic Not listed, please specify _____

Residence (circle one): 1) Farm 2) rural/10,000 3) Town/10-50,000 4) Suburb/ 50,000 5) City / 50,000

Primary Contact Information

Primary Contact Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I. ____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Send Mailing: Yes / No

Best Number to Reach You : (___) _____ - _____ E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____ (optional)

Legal Guardian: Yes / No ☐ I am the emergency contact

Complete only if emergency contact is different than primary contact listed above.

Emergency Contact Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I. ____

Best Number to Reach You : (___) _____ - _____

Current Military Status: [ ] N/A [ ] Active Duty [ ] Retired [ ] Reserve [ ] National Guard

Branch of the Service: [ ] Army [ ] Air Force [ ] Marine [ ] Navy [ ] Coast Guard

Do you require an accommodation for a disability to participate in this program? _____

_____ I give permission for the 4-H office to use a photograph of my child for publicity

_____ I do not want the 4-H office to reveal my name, address, or phone number as part of public record or list.

Member Signature: _____ Leader Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to the 4-H Office

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Please confirm you have initialed:

☐ Community Service

☐ Photo Release

☐ Monitoring and Supervision of Minor during Virtual Learning

☐ Acknowledgement of Risk Form – 4-H Member

☐ Code of Conduct

I promise to obey this Code of Conduct _____

(Member's signature)

By signing this form, I agree it is my intention to have my child participate in all 4-H Activities and I have read and affirm the Community Service, Photo & Image Release, Acknowledgement of Risk, and 4-H Member's Code of Conduct, for regular 4-H members for 4-H Program Year: October 1, ____ – September 30, _____and I understand and accept the risks involved.

This shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators and executors. Any claims or disputes arising out of my child's participation in the activity shall be venued in the Supreme Court of the State of New York of the County where the County Extension office is located.

I am at least twenty-one (21) years of age and I am the legal parent/guardian authorized to sign this document on behalf of the child(ren) named herein.

PARTICIPANT'S NAME (print) _____

_____I do not want the 4-H office to reveal my name, address, or phone number as part of a public record or list.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN NAME (print): _____

FAMILY EMAIL:_____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

This form will be kept on file until participant reaches age 21.

Please return this form to the 4-H Office