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On the Move

Oneida County 4-H

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Important Dates

December

7: Oneida County 4-H Dairy & Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting
8: Cookie-a-thon
12: Handmade Holidays
24-25: Office Closed - Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
31: Office Closed - New Year's Eve

January

1: Office Closed - New Year's Day
7: Art in the Bucket Registration Closes
18: Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February

15: Office Closed - President's Day
16-18: Tractor and Machinery Certification Course
19-21: Winter Round Up - Amboy
20: Horse Bowl Practice
27: Horse Bowl Practice

March

6: Horse Bowl Practice
6: Regional Dairy Bowl
13: Horse Communications & Public Presentations
15-19: Ag Lit Week
20: Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest

WE ARE HIRING!

Ag in the Classroom Educator

The Ag in the Classroom Educator serves as a member of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County's 4-H Youth Development Program to assist with the implementation and evaluation of educational programs and activities. The Educator is responsible for promoting program objectives and plans in the 4-H Youth Development Program with an emphasis on Ag in the Classroom.

The Educator will coordinate and deliver established Ag in the Classroom curriculum to foster awareness, understanding, and appreciation of how food and fiber is produced, how people eat, and how people live by helping teachers, students, and their communities learn about and engage in agriculture and food systems. Students will also work to develop an understanding of careers in agriculture. The Educator will utilize established curriculum in program work to help youth understand the connections between agriculture, the environment, and people. This position will coordinate programming and activities to foster the program with community leaders. The Educator will assist 4-H staff with summer programing as necessary.

- This is a full-time (37.5 hrs./week), benefits eligible, non-exempt position.
- Compensation is $23.00 per hour.
- Required: Bachelor's degree or Associate degree and at least 2 years of transferable experience.
- Paid time off includes 12 Vacation days, 15 Sick days, 4 Personal days, 12 Holidays, and 2 Floating Holidays annually.

Scan to the QR Code to learn more or to apply!

Notes & News

Handmade Holidays

When: Saturday, December 12th
Time: 9:30 - 11:30AM
Where: CCE Office; 121 Second Street, Oriskany
(alternate location will be provided if needed due to construction)
What: Candles

Cookie-a-thon

Make your best cookie recipes to be judged by the 4-H and CCE staff! Cloverbuds and 4-H Members welcome!

4-Hers will not be present for judging - cookies will be dropped off at the CCE Office prior to December 8th.
Please read all guidelines on registration!

Art in a Bucket returns!
Registration is open!
This year's theme:
Around the world



WE NEED READERS!

Volunteer leaders (and 4-H Teens!) March 2027 is Ag Lit Week. Consider being a volunteer reader for K - 3rd grade classrooms to bring agricultural learning to Oneida County students! Registration in the linktree.

Start thinking about Public Presentations in March!

Public presentations will be held Saturday, **March 13, 2027.**
Registration opens December 1st!

Celeste will be on maternity leave starting the end of February until late May. Jenn will be taking over many of my responsibilities including: Public Presentations, Ag Lit Week, Discovery Days, and Farm Fest

Events or activities you want to see? Contact Celeste at cmo95@cornell.edu or call at 315-736-3394 x105.
Go to the back of On The Move for registration links!

Tractor and Machinery Certification Course

The Safe Tractor + Machinery Operation Program is open to youth ages 14 and over. We invite and encourage all farm and non-farm youth who will be working on or around machinery to participate in the program. Youth between 14-15 years of age are required by law to hold this certification in order to work with or around machinery. Watch our Facebook page for Registration.

SAVE THE DATE: Feb 16th to 18th at the Clinton VFW



DAIRY BOWL practice



Starting in January!

Regional Contest: March 6th

Oneida County 4-H Dairy & Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2026
7:00–9:00 PM
CCE Oneida County Office

4-H parents and volunteers are welcome!
Join us as we plan dairy, livestock, and small animal programming for the 2026–2027 4-H year, including educational clinics, workshops, 4-H shows, County Fair activities, and more!

Your ideas and feedback are important as we work together to provide great opportunities for our 4-H youth!
RSVP Required by December 3rd!

Please email Casey at cch244@cornell.edu to RSVP. If you have any topics or suggestions you'd like added to the meeting agenda, please include those in your email.

2026 Achievement Day Ice Skating







The CCE Oneida 4-H team was proud to recognize Brianne Willson at our annual dinner as a Friend of CCE for her dedication to youth education and continued support of 4-H programming.

As an educator, Brianne understands the importance of providing young people with meaningful, hands-on learning experiences that go far beyond the classroom! She is dedicated to connecting students with opportunities to explore new interests, expand their knowledge, and become engaged members of their communities, reflecting the heart of the 4-H mission.

We are grateful for her partnership and the positive impact she continues to make right here in Oneida County.



Outstanding Award Recipients

Personal Development - Lillian Pincott

Animal Science - Sabrina MacIntosh

Creative Science - Emmelia Smith



Pasta Snowflakes



Materials:
Uncooked pasta (many shapes!)
White Spray Paint
Ribbon or String (optional)

Equipment:
Parchment Paper (or waxed paper)
Glue Gun

Instructions:

1. Gather your supplies and materials.

2. **Arrange the pasta in a snowflake shape.**
Place parchment or wax paper on your working surface. This will allow you to easily peel the glued snowflake off when you're finished. Arrange the pasta on the parchment paper to make the center of the snowflake. Remember, snowflakes have 6 points. It might be easier to create a pasta design on the parchment paper first before gluing it together.

3. Once you're happy with your snowflake design, **pull the outside pieces away from the center and then glue together one piece at a time!**

4. **Once the glue has completely hardened, spray paint the pasta snowflake white**. Add one coat of paint to each side of the snowflake. Allow to dry, and add another coat if necessary.

5. **Add a length of ribbon or string** and knot it in place to hang the pasta snowflake as an ornament

WINTER DAY TREATS

G M F W T T M Y E R M O H S E
U B F H R C H O C O L A T E W
R Z J I E M W S U N R S J F D
P T H P A P F T M E T N G B X
N X F P T X U D X Z I O U A K
I N I E C P Z P C T S W T N R
W W Q D P U G E X C C Z R B H
K F S C L X G N A Q E S P T C
M K C R Y V A L W P Y A F E S
I O N E C O L C R Z D Z Q U O
L R D A R C Q J F S U G A R B
K R H M S W W I N T E R W Y P
C A C D B J L C J O X V Z T K
R W X W B F H T U Z D D Q K M
E X H K F E G L E R L M K Z P

YOUR WORDS
Whipped cream • Chocolate • Sugar
Milk • Treat • Winter • Snow

During this time of year the Dairy in the Classroom Program visits Elementary Schools across Oneida County to learn how dairy products are processed before they land on our grocery store shelves. Students also have the opportunity to make their very own homemade whipped to top their hot chocolate.

Hot Chocolate

Add your ingredients to a pot

4 cups of Milk
1/4 cup Cocoa Powder
1/2 cup Granulated Sugar
Pinch of Table Salt
Splash of Vanilla Extract



Heat your hot chocolate until completely heated through.

Whipped Cream

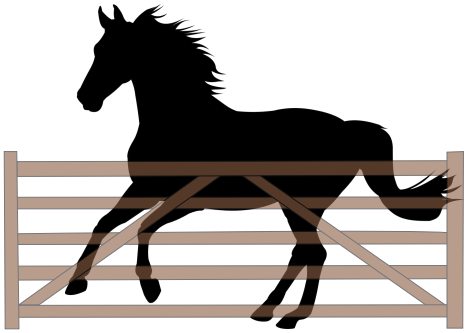
Ingredients you will need

1 cup of Heavy Whipped Cream
2 tablespoons of Powdered Sugar
½ teaspoon of Vanilla Extract



Add your ingredients to a bowl mix with hand mixer or whisk until your whipped cream peaks. This means your product will look glossy and when you lift up your whisk the peak stands straight up without curly.

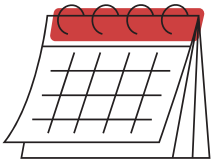
HORSE PROGRAM UPDATES



NEW STAFF!

Hello everyone! My name is Madi Engel, I am the new horse program lead for Oneida County. I work at CCE as an agricultural educator, but come to you all with an extensive background in equine management. I grew up in the foxhunter world but have since dabbled in a little bit of everything, including breeding Morgans at my alma mater (UConn, go huskies!), backing young horses in Northern Ireland, and hunter showing with my TB gelding, Murphy (pictured ♥). I'm looking forward to working with 4-H this year, it's gonna be a fun one!





SAVE THE DATE

County Dates:
4-H Horse Communications - March 13, 2027

Regional Dates:
Regional 4-H Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest - March 20, 2027
Regional Horse Communications - TBD

State Dates:
NYS Horse Bowl - April 10, 2027
NYS Horse Communications - May 15, 2027
NYS Hippology - TBD
NYS Horse Judging - TBD

Join the Horse Advisory Committee!

We'd love to hear your voice!

Interested? Contact Madi at mee67@cornell.edu

More info to Come!

HORSE SHOWING WITH 4-H

A great, affordable way to have fun with your horse and show off your skills! Opportunities for 2027:

4-H Riding Evaluations & Fun Horse Show - Boonville Oneida County Fairgrounds Date TBD

Boonville Oneida County Fair Show - July 27 - Aug 1, 2027

Great New York State Fair Show - Aug 25 - Sept 6, 2027

HORSE BOWL PRACTICES

Interested in competing in the Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest? Want to learn more about horses from the pros? Come to practice!

2027 Dates - Feb 20 , Feb 27 , March 6
Speakers and locations TBD!

2027 WINTER ROUND-UP!

February 19th-21st in Williamstown, NY

Oswego County 4-H Winter Round-Up is a weekend for learning about horses, equine-related activities, food, and fun with friends. The weekend is spent without your horse counterpart and will help you get to know fellow equestrians from Oswego County and beyond!

All youth that attend must have a Chaperone. Chaperones are very important to Winter Round-Up and do need to make a commitment to attend the weekend.

Signups are not yet open for 2027, please keep an eye out on CCE Oswego County's website!



DO YOU WANT TO SHOW AT THE FAIR?



4-H Horse Program Requirements

Showing a Horse at the Oneida County Fair

Keep this checklist handy to make sure you meet the requirements and pay attention to the deadlines!

_____ Enrolled as a 4-H member or Cloverbud by May 1st

_____ County Level Horse Communication (***March 13***) OR Participate on a Horse Bowl/Hippology Team at the Regional Contest (***March 20***)

_____ 1 Hour Volunteer Requirement – Benefitting the Oneida County 4-H Horse Program (consider Arena Cleanup at the County Fairgrounds!)

_____ Ground Skills/Riding Evaluations Completed* at Schooling/Fun Show at the County Fairgrounds**

*Remember, you only need to complete a new Riding Evaluation if you are showing a new horse or moving up a riding level (Example: Walk/Trot to Walk/Trot/Canter)

** If there is a conflict with the evaluation date please inform the 4-H Office and an alternate date/location can be arranged!

June 1st Deadline:

_____ Horse Certificate

_____ Copies of Rabies and Coggins

July 1st Deadline:

_____ Fair 4-H Horse Show Entries (Available Online)

_____ Stall Registration with $50 Refundable Deposit per Horse (If Applicable)

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4-H Registration and Enrollment Links

We are putting all registration and enrollment links in one easy to find spot! All you need to do is use the link or QR Code to get to our Oneida 4-H linktree and voila!

It's a good idea to bookmark this page. That way you won't need to hunt for Facebook posts, emails, or other messages to find the registration link you need.

As we are incorporating the use of Qualtrics for registration/enrollment, the event registration page you may have used in the past is no longer a reliable source for 4-H information.

Any questions? Let us know!

Are we missing a link?
Contact Celeste at cmo95@cornell.edu and I will add it ASAP.

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