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LightsOn! Afterschool Celebration at Ryder Elementary School

The Extension Connection 4-H After School Program at the Ryder Elementary School will celebrate *LightsOn Afterschool!* on Thursday, October 21, from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. with games, refreshments, and a special talent show. Parents, teachers, students, and community members are invited to tour the program and participate in the activities.

LightsOn Afterschool! is celebrated nationwide on the third Thursday of October to call attention to the importance of afterschool programs for America's children, families and communities. At the Ryder School this year the 4th and 5th grade students will host their own carnival with games they have created in the afterschool program. A talent show will feature students' abilities to entertain. The students will also conduct a craft and bake sale, supporting their community service project to contribute to Schoharie County Community Action Program's holiday food baskets and toys for children.

LightsOn Afterschool! will also be celebrated at the Golding Elementary School 4-H Afterschool Program and the Schoharie Central School 4-H Afterschool Program on the same afternoon with activities for parents, students, teachers, school administrators, and community members. Call Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County at (518)234-4303 or 296-8310 for further information.

In America today, 1 in 4 youth -- 14.3 million children – are alone and unsupervised after school. Afterschool programs keep kids safe, help working families, inspire learning, and provide opportunities to help young people develop into successful

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adults. *LightsOn Afterschool!* is a project of the Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that all children have access to quality, affordable afterschool programs.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County provides equal program and employment opportunities. Accommodations for persons with special needs may be requested by contacting Cornell Cooperative Extension prior to the celebration.

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