

Schoharie County 4-H

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## Public Presentations 2008

**Date: Monday March 31,  
5, 6 or 7 pm Extension Center in Cobleskill**

Registration Deadline is Monday March 24. Register by calling the Extension Center at 518-234-4303 or 518-296-8310.

### General Guidelines:

The most important part of public presentations is simply making the effort. Presenters are evaluated based on their age and level of experience. No matter whether this is your first presentation or your 50<sup>th</sup> presentation, practice is always important.

### Presentation Length

**Cloverbuds:** ages 5-8: It is recommended that cloverbuds do a very simple demonstration with 2 or 3 steps. For example, how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Cloverbuds are evaluated for participation only, but will be scored and evaluated based on age and experience. Cloverbuds are expected to make a presentation between 3 and 5 minutes.

**First Time Presenters-** presentations should be at least 5 minutes but no more than 15 minutes.

**Experienced Presenters-** Presentations must be at least 5 minutes, but it is expected that experienced presenters over the age of 9 will speak for 8 – 15 minutes.

### Presentation Categories:

**Demonstration-** the presenter shows and explains how to do or make something. A demonstration may be done as a team (no more than 2) but each presenter must have a speaking role and play a significant part in the demonstration.

**Illustrated Talk-** the presenter uses visual aids such as a poster, clothing, equipment or an animal. Illustrated talks may not be done as a team.

**Formal Speech-** the presenter aims to persuade, motivate, or inform the audience without the use of visual aids. The speech is written in the presenters own words, however quotations, poetry, or other imagery may be incorporated into the speech.

**Recitation-** the presenter delivers a piece of pre-written material using vocal inflection, and body language to deliver the piece. Notes are permitted but it is expected that the piece be memorized.

**Dramatic Interpretation-** the presenter(s) deliver a re-enactment of a piece of scripted material. Props should be simple and minimal. Dramatic Interpretations may be done as a team of 2 presenters but each presenter is evaluated.

### A Note on Your Appearance:

Your dress can say just as much about your topic as your presentation. Clothing should be neat and 4-H appropriate. No flip flops (except as part of a costume), no halter or spaghetti strap tops. All presenters are evaluated for appearance so make sure yours is neat and appropriate for your topic.

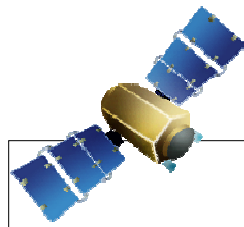
# UpComing Events

Kidz Expo	3/1	Empire Plaza, Albany
Regional Dairy Quiz Bowl	3/8	Golding MS Cobleskill
Dairy Discovery	3/38-29	Cornell University
March Dog Madness	3/15	Cornell University
Cooking Challenge finals	3/29	Extension Center
NanoDay	3/30	Cornell University
Public Presentations	3/31	Extension Center
Veg Marketing Gardener Mtg	4/2	Extension Center
Regional Horse Quiz Bowl	4/5	Albany Co.
Ag Literacy Day	4/8	Various
Vet School Open House	4/12	Cornell University
Animal Crackers dairy and rabbit	5/3	Cornell University
Veg Marketing Tour and Tomato Pickup	5/10	Golub Headquarters, Rotterdam



## 4-H Price Chopper Vegetable Marketing Program

Learn about growing and marketing fresh vegetables. Golub (Price Chopper) supplies the seeds and plants and the market for up to \$500 worth of vegetables. Last chance for registration. Call the 4-H office for your entry form. Registration forms must be received by the 4-H Office no later than Monday, March 3.



## NEW!!! Geospatial Science Projects

Do you know what GPS means? Have you heard about GIS too? Are you interested in geocaching, GPS, computers, mapping and the outdoors? Then keep reading.

4-H has a new program to introduce youth to GPS (Global Positioning Systems) and GIS (Geographic Information Systems)



through a unique community mapping project.

Youth who join this initiative will head for the great outdoors with handheld GPS Units to collect data and then use GIS Software to create maps of recreational areas in Schoharie County.

Orientation meetings will take place around the county in March. To get your name on the list call Eileen at the 4-H Office at 518-234-4303.

Geospatial Science is new field with career applications that range from community planning, wildlife and natural resource management, law enforcement, and precision agriculture.

To find out more about 4-H projects that are already underway, go to:  
<http://nys4-hcommunitymapping.pbwiki.com/>

# Dog Program News

## Dog Club Meeting March 13

The Dog Club is reorganizing and looking for members who are interested in:

Dog obedience, dog sports (such as agility or rally O), volunteering at the Animal Shelter or other activities that are related to dog. If you are interested, we will be holding an organizational meeting on Thursday, March 13 at 7pm at the Extension Center. If you are interested but cannot make this meeting, please call the 4-H Office at 518-234-4303.



## March Dog Madness Sat. March 15 Cornell University

March Dog Madness is an annual conference for adult and teenage 4-H volunteer leaders. Workshops engage participants in science based information training. Current animal health, animal behavior, industry trends and youth development issues are addressed.

March 2008 topics  
Agility Course Design  
Public Courtesy - What is Good Pet Behavior  
Herd Dog Training - Getting Started  
Club and Afterschool Dog Activities You Can Teach  
Dog Show Rules  
Nutrition & the Canine Athlete  
Cynology Booth Planning  
Developing Youth in the Dog Club Context  
Earthdog Training  
Beginner Flyball  
Closing - Sled Dog Demonstration

The fee for this program is \$15.00. Scholarships are available. Registration Deadline is Wed. March 5. Contact Eileen at the 4-H Office for more information.

## Take Your Dog to Camp

Coming in June: 4-H Camp BARK-I-Tunk. Hosted by Delaware County 4-H and Camp Shankitunk. Open to all 4-H youth ages 8 and up and their well behaved dogs. Registration deadline is April 30. Stay tuned to the next edition of the Chronicle for more information. Activities include: Dog Bowl-know your dog trivia and test your knowledge; Paw Print painting-your dog will paint a one-of-a-kind t-shirt for you! Training with local obedience and agility trainers; Dog Games-Musical Sits, Scavenger Hunt, Campfire and more. Contact the 4-H Office for more information.



## Nanotechnology @ Cornell University: A Hands-on Experience for Scientists of all ages!

This is a day long event designed to introduce students of all ages to the research taking place at Cornell and the Ithaca Region. There will be a series of hands on activities designed to explore the world of nanotechnology, middle & high school laboratory experiences, family friendly lecture series and much more. In this one day, you will have the opportunity to see the diversity in nanotechnology as well as the impact of nanotechnology on your everyday life. Duffield Hall is the center of nano-related research at Cornell. Take this opportunity to talk with researchers in the field of nanotechnology and have a peek in the cleanroom.

**Middle School and High School Labs- Students in grades 6—12 are invited to participate in laboratory experiences designed to expose them to various aspects of nanotechnology research specifically the tools and methods used by nanotechnologists to research in-organic and biological materials. Pre-registration with permission slip required at [www.nbtc.cornell.edu](http://www.nbtc.cornell.edu).**

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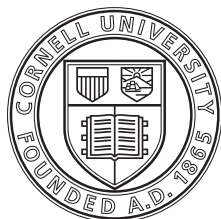
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## **Cabin Fever Cooking Challenge CHANGE OF DATE**

The 4-H Cabin Fever Cooking Challenge has been rescheduled. The date for the finals and awards has been re-scheduled for Saturday March 28. The Cooking Challenge is open to youth ages 8 and up. The top prize is \$50.00 plus a set of cooking equipment. The entry deadline is February 29. Please call or stop by the 4-H Office for an entry form.



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