

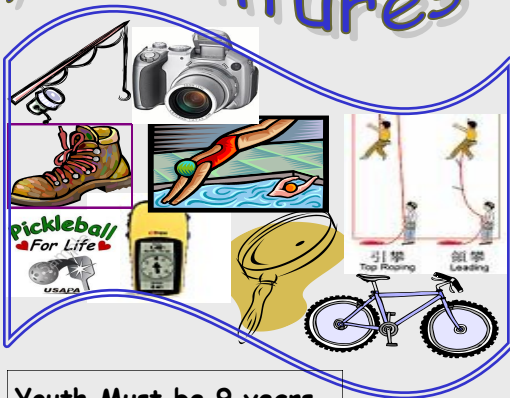
Schoharie County 4-H

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April Adventures



Youth Must be 9 years
old as of Jan. 1, 2011

April 18 - 21

Monday: NYS Power Authority (everyone participates in every activity)

am ice breakers and team building

pm archery, fishing, air rifle laser shot, rock climbing wall

Tuesday: Clark Sports Center, Cooperstown

am (pick a track. Each track can accommodate 10 youth)

Track A: photography: underwater (in the pool), and outdoor

Track B: hiking/geocaching to Natty's Bump

Track C: mountain biking

Track D: beginner kayaking (in the pool)

pm (everyone) Swing By Choice/Flying Squirrel (everyone)

Wednesday: Extension Center/Landis Arboretum/Cobleskill Bowling Center

am (pick Track A or B)

Track A: cooking (pizza and fun snacks); tie dyeing at the Extension Center

OR Track B: geocaching/forestry at the Landis Arboretum

pm Everyone goes bowling in the afternoon

Thursday: Duaneburg Community Center/Schoharie River Center

Everyone participates in every activity

Learn to play Pickleball swimming river ecology hiking

Cost: for the 4 day Adventure is \$60.00 per youth. Full and partial scholarships are available upon request. All registrations should include payment or voucher. **Checks should be made payable to CCE Schoharie County.** Registration Deadline is April 1 or when the program is filled.

Registration Materials are Available from the 4-H Office

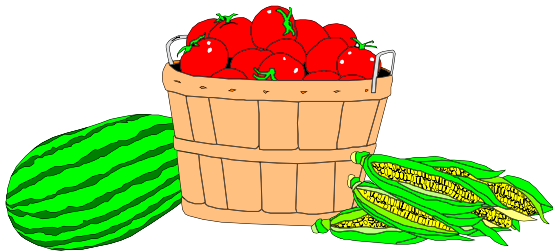
What's Coming Up



March Dog Madness Adult & Teen Leader Training Morrison Hall, Cornell University Saturday, March 19

Take the Lead (or leash) and Make a Difference in Your Community

Research on canines and cancer detection in humans, Vet panel on general health and current topics, working with shy and timid dogs, back to basics (showing), out of the Pits (pit bull rescue) and much more. Cost is \$15 payable to the Schoharie 4-H Office. Call 518-234-4303 to register.



Spring Fever Day

Saturday, March 19, 9 am to 3 pm at the Extension Center

Free soil testing, Container veggie gardening, top ten weeds and what to do about them, perennial gardening for sun and shade, Pruning trees and small fruits. Cost is \$10.00 per person or \$15 per family. Register by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Family Garden Day

Saturday, April 9, 9-11AM at the Extension Center. Cost is \$10.00 per family

Gardening with children can be as simple or as complicated as you wish to make it. For the kids themselves, it can be an exciting adventure and experiment. Gardening can also be a great teaching tool and result in loads of satisfaction. For both kids and adults, it is an acceptable way to play with dirt! Family Garden Day at Cooperative Extension can serve as a starting point for both novice and experienced gardening families. Come join us to learn how to get your garden off to a good start this year.

8:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

9:00 a.m. Seed Starting (Adults & Children) - Participants will choose and plant vegetables and ornamental seeds (perennials/annuals/herbs) in a starting tray and take home. Class led by Carol Bodnar and Brenda Sayward, Master Gardeners.

10:00 a.m. Decorate Pots and Plant-a-Plant (Children) - Use paint and creativity to turn an ordinary flower pot into a one-of-a-kind plant home. Class led by 4-H Educator/Master Gardener, Leslie Rigley and Master Gardener volunteers.

10:00 a.m. Soil pH Testing: Reading Results and Making Adjustments; Vegetable Garden Planning; Perennials Divisions (Adults) - Class led by Brenda Weaver, Carol Bodnar, and Beth Gray, Master Gardeners.

To register or for more information, call Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County at (518) 234-4303 or 296-8310 or email schoharie@cornell.edu.

**Annual Cornell Vet School Open House, Cornell University
April 9, 2011. Doors open to the public from 10am to 4pm**

Tentative schedule of activities! Events, Demos and Tours

Virtual Hospital Tours and Presentations: (James Law Auditorium) * Ultrasound demos throughout the day * Equine Treadmill* Canine Agility* Police Dog demonstration* Underwater Treadmill for Small Animals.* Animal Pathology "Show-and-Tell" Learn gross anatomy and what happens when organ systems fail with a Cornell veterinary pathologist. **Lectures:** Topics will include public health issues, zoonotic diseases, pet emergencies and first-aid. Meet with Vet School representatives to discuss your academic preparation for Vet School.

**Eastern NYS Regional Poultry School Saturday, April 16, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
CCE of Albany County, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY**

Sponsored by: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, Schenectady County Farm Bureau, Cornell Farm and Erika Marczak

This event is open to all youth, 4-H members or non-members, and their parents/chaperones. All participants are encouraged to bring a bird in good health and free of parasites to participate in the fun show. Birds must be brought in carriers that they will be comfortable in all day, as cages and water cups will not be provided. If you cannot bring your own bird or borrow one, we can provide one for you.

8AM: Registration starts and birds can be brought to the fun show area.

9AM to Noon: Educational sessions to include incubation, embryology, how to prepare a bird for show, what can be expected at a show, fitting and showmanship.

Noon to 1PM: Lunch - Youth prepare birds for the fun show. Lunch will be bring your own; we will also have pizza and soda available for a reasonable price.

1PM: Fun Show - Youth will get a chance to exhibit their bird!

For pre-registration and more information, contact Event Coordinator Erika Marczak at (518) 441-9870 or marczake@hotmail.com

**Horses and Goats BFF
4-H Animal Crackers, May 14, 2011, Cornell University**

Registration Deadline is May 2.



Horse Topics: Basic Loop : Healthy Hides, Hair, & Hooves Hay Now!! Like that Build – What is conformation? Hold Your Horses – Learn the basics about bridles and bits. **Intermediate Loop:** Learn to read the body language of horses. Healthy Horses. Learn from a farrier what you can do to make your horse's hooves healthy, different hoof care options, and when to have your horse's "feet" done. Picking Up on Polo- Learn more about the game from the Cornell University Polo Team.

Goat Topics: Basic Loop Explore the insides of a fistulated cow, examine goat cuds and become a hay judge! Learn to do a health check to make sure your goat is ready for hiking. Here Come the "Kids" - This is your chance to maneuver a kid through the pelvic cage for a safe delivery, learn to tube feed a weak kid, and get ready for kids! Get creative and make your very own label for marketing goat products! Learn what to include when selling breeding stock or soap as compared to meat or dairy products.

Intermediate Loop · Worm Watch – Come grab a microscope and FAMACHA chart. Learn to monitor goats for parasites and keep them healthy. Form & Function – We'll handle dairy, fiber, and meat goats to see how production is influenced by conformation. Learn what meat cuts correspond to different parts of the live goat. Unraveling Reproduction – Be a mad scientist while you examine the parts of a goats' reproductive tract and figure out their functions in the world of animal breeding. Web Food – You can use the internet to check your goats' food choices. Create feed diets using the Langston Goat Feed Formulation Program on the web.

Animal Crackers is designed for 4-H members between 9 and 14 years old but any 4-H member is welcome to attend. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Register by calling the 4-H Office at 518-234-4303.

What's Coming Up

Ella Scott was learning about lumber during Career Explorations, 2010.



Career Explorations Registration is Available Save the Date: June 28, 29, 30

Career Explorations is a three-day event for youth on the Cornell University campus. The purpose of this program is to provide youth with exposure to academic fields and career exploration, to develop leadership skills, to provide hands-on experience in a college setting and to introduce you to Cornell University. The event is made up of two grade specific tracts:



University U for youth entering grades 8 - 9 and Focus for Teens for youth entering grades 10-12

Registration is due to the 4-H Office no later than April 15. Some programs have a limited registration, so sign up early.

Not sure what Career Explorations is all about? Come to the Interest Meeting on Monday, March 28 at 7 pm at the Extension Center, or call Eileen at 518-234-4303.

Schoharie 4-H Members at 2010 Career Explorations. From bottom row: Morgan Kraemer, Ella Scott, Katie Jaqueway, Stephanie Henzler, Hannah Motschmann, Hannah Bowersox, Rachel Baldwin, Cooper Bowersox (horizontal), Debbie Baldwin, chaperone.



NYS 4-H Forestry Weekend June 3-5, 2011 at 4-H Camp Owahta, Cortland County

Join youth from across the state for a weekend of forestry activities, fun, and competition. This three-day event is for youth aged 10 and up (and staff and volunteers) interested in learning more about forests, and to select the NYS team that will go to the 2011 National 4-H Forestry Invitational (must be 14-19 for the national event).

The Forestry weekend activities include:

- Tree identification
- Night hikes and more
- Geocaching
- Tree measurements
- Map reading
- Nature games
- Compass usage
- Insects and diseases

Cost: \$35 per person includes food, materials, and cabin lodging. (A \$95 value!). Come as a team or as an individual. The top four qualifying youth will be selected to go to the National Invitational.

Come Learn; Come Compete; Come and Have Fun! Experience not necessary. (unless you'd like to go to Nationals!). For more information or registration materials, please contact the Schoharie 4-H Office.

Registrations are due by May 25.

Scholarships

New York State Guernsey Calf Award Application



Sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of encouraging those who do not presently own Guernseys to become involved with the Guernsey Breed. Applicants must be between the ages of 9 and 15 (as of January 1, 2011) and cannot presently own a Guernsey. Applications are due by April 1. To obtain a copy of the application contact the 4-H office or email the Guernsey Breeder youth advisor, Christel Axtell at Axtell7@juno.com.

New York Ayrshire Club Calf Scholarship



The program offers the opportunity to a youth who has demonstrated the interest and ability to develop the calf to her fullest potential. Youth must be age 8 to 15 (as of January 1, 2011) and cannot already own more than 2 Ayrshire or 2 registered animals of another breed. Youth must have the facilities to raise the calf and be willing to show the animal. Applications are due by March 31 and the winners will be announced at the Spring Carousel Sale. To obtain a copy of the application, contact the 4-H office or call Tracy Haynes at 315-399-7494.

4-H Project Resources Available for Loan from the 4-H Office:

To borrow any of the resources on this list you should contact the 4-H Office at least one day in advance. Some kits will require a \$10 deposit payable when you pick up and will be refunded when kits are returned in good condition.

Project Guides and Resources

Skills for Life Series: We have Skills for Life sets of project guides for just about any animal project, woodworking, electrical science, and more.

Project Samplers: Quick and easy activities to get a club or member started in a new project area. Samplers are available for Sewing, Cooking, Cloverbuds.

Storey Guides: guides for raising various animal species. We have poultry, rabbit, beef, sheep, goats.

Kits:

Bunny in a Box: everything you need to know to get started with a 4-H rabbit project

Electrical Science: includes circuit boards, clips, bulbs, wiring, resistors and tools needed to learn about current and electricity. Project Sheets are available for building a lamp or a quiz board.

Power of the Wind: (deposit required) learn about generating electricity by building wind powered turbines. Kit includes motors, rotors, electrical clips, batteries, amp/volt meters.

Paper Recycling: make your own paper using old scraps of paper. Kit includes blender, screens, sponges and dishpans.

Geospatial Science/geocaching: (deposit required) includes 10 GPS receivers with instructions, extra batteries and items for geocaching.

Incubators: for hatching poultry.

Aquatic Safari: equipment and lesson materials for investigating invertebrates living in ponds or streams

Sewing Machines: deposit required plus you must check with Leslie about operating instructions prior to borrowing.

4-H Has Been Cooking This Winter

The 4-H program has featured cooking as the project area for January. One January 17, eleven 4-H members cooked up fun during Kids Can Cook Safely. The day-long workshop revolved around the theme of poultry and eggs with members making dishes that included eggs and chicken. Youth compared the cost and quality of homemade pancake mix versus boxed mix, learned how to safely handle and cook eggs for a pancake and scrambled eggs breakfast. For lunch youth made healthy oven baked fries and microwaved chicken nuggets. Members also made a recipe book to collect recipes and use as a fair exhibit.

On Saturday, January 29 eleven youth competed in the 4th Annual Cabin Fever Cooking Challenge. 15 dishes in three categories were entered and evaluated by volunteer judges. The top three dishes were awarded gift certificates. Congratulations to: Sylvi Diamond who placed third with her texas sheet cake, Brandon Maddon who placed second with Hershey Kiss mice, and for the second year in a row, the top winner was Paige Roberts with her apple dumplings. Great job everyone. Thank you to volunteer evaluators, Jen Torgerson, Angie and Betty Adamovich, and JoAnn Diamond.



Cooking Challenge participants from left to right: Megan Kimball, Jon MacMillan, Ella Scott, Bridget Cipperly, Sylvi Diamond, Kathryn Cipperly, Marrisca Madden, Brandon Madden, Shannon Vogt, Paige Roberts, Mathilda Scott.

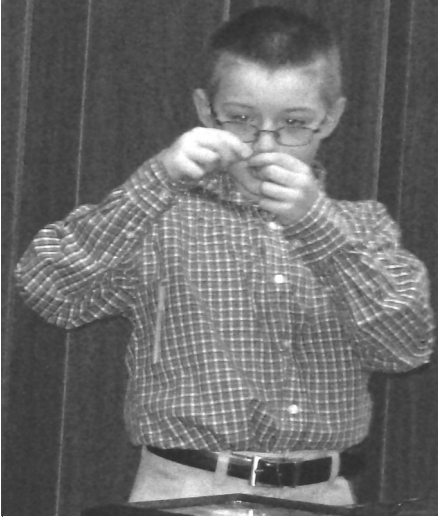


Sydney Dymes was flipping out over the pancakes during Kids Can Cook Safely.



Dog Biscuits and Kitty Cookies were part of the menu during the 4-H Winter Workshop Called Critters and Crafts held on February 23. Eleven members also created and sewed their own stuffed animal and made cat toys.

Great Job Presenters



Brandon Madden talked about fishing during his public presentation

Congratulations to all 4-H Members who participated in Schoharie County 4-H Public Presentations on Saturday, February 12. 26 members and cloverbuds gave prepared speeches, illustrated talks, demonstrations, and recitations. Congratulations to Maria Karasavidis who received the top score and won \$100.00 for a camp scholarship.

Other presenters were: Jack Ballard; Alex Imperi; Chris Imperi; Alexandria Lincoln; Robert Barrett; Amber Wyckoff; Leah Wyckoff; Kelsey Burton; Kayla Stanton; Madelynn Badger; Alex Karasividis; Ella Scott; Devin Prokop; Abby DeSormeau; Chris DeSormeau; Adam Stanton; Tilda Scott; Mike Dahl; Virgil George; Taylor George; Samantha Hauenstein; Brandon Madden; Cody Sears; Justin Ryan; Shannon Sears;

Thank you to the volunteer evaluators: Earl Van Wormer; Nancy Brumaghin; and Maria Dykeman. What a great day.

Club News

Krafty Kidz and Cloverbuddies have been meeting on the second Sunday of each month for crafts and cooking projects. In December we made gingerbread houses, in January we made old fashioned toys such as a tumbler out of an empty egg shell and cup and ball out of wooden parts and string. In February we made our own valentine cookies from scratch.

NEWS FROM CRITTER FUSION: In Critter Fusion we are doing lots! We have new officers for 2011. They are President: Ella Scott; Vice President: Mathilda Scott; Secretary: Katerina Weingarten, Treasurer: Gideon Whitaker; Reporter: Caleb Whitaker and Madelynn Badger.

This year, Critter Fusion brought our animals and marched in the Christmas Parade (in Cobleskill). Our theme was "Waiting for Christmas". We marched as shepherds with our animals on that cold December night. I thought it was a lot of fun. The group brought a cow, goats, sheep and chickens. I think we will do it next year!

We are planning for public presentations. This past month some of the boys and girls went to the Quiltbug in Esperance. We were taught how to sew "Hotdog Pillow Cases." That was really fun. To prepare for our yearly animal calendar, we visited a professional photographer who specializes in animals. She taught us how to stage our pictures and clean up the pictures using cropping methods. We are in the process of putting together our "Animals of Critter Fusion" calendar for 2011. We are looking forward to a busy spring of new babies, fairs and lots more!

4-H Dog Obedience Class

Class will begin in late April and run through the end of June. Class schedule is still being finalized but is scheduled to begin on April 26 with Orientation at the Extension Center (no dogs) and classes will tentatively begin on May 3. Call the 4-H Office for more details.

The 4-H Chronicle is published monthly by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie County. 4-H members, club leaders and volunteers are encouraged to submit activity reports by the 15th of each month. Submissions can be emailed to Schoharie@cornell.edu or mailed or hand delivered to 173 S. Grand St. Cobleskill, NY 12043

Your 4-H Staff

Eileen McGuire–
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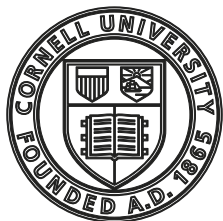
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ATTENTION ALL 4-H CLUB REPORTERS (and Club Leaders)

The next edition of the 4-H Chronicle will feature the each of the 4-H clubs. Please send us an article about your club, that includes your club name, your officers, members and leaders, the activities and projects your club has been working on, and any events or community service projects that your club is involved with.

Articles should be sent to Eileen no later than April 8. You can send articles by US mail, email (em96@cornell.edu), or hand deliver. Photos are also welcome. If you email photos, please send them as an attachment, not within the message.

We look forward to telling everyone how great our 4-H clubs are. If you have any questions, please call Eileen.



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