

Schoharie County 4-H

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Public Presentations

**Please Note Date Change: Saturday, February 11 starting at 10 am
Register by calling the 4-H Office (518) 234-4303 no later than Friday, February 6.**

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 50th 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. It is recommended that you pick up a copy of the Public Presentations Guide from the 4-H Office.

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 presenter's 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.

The Monologue- My 4-H Story- Spend an easy 5 minutes telling us about your 4-H career. Presentations may include visual aids or slides as needed.

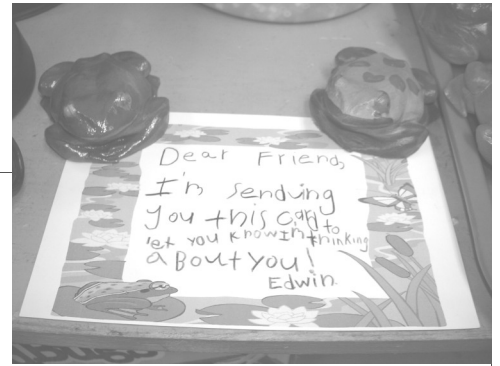
A Note on Your Appearance:

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BLUE RIBBON WINNERS!

The top blue ribbon presenter(s) are eligible for a scholarship of up to \$75. Scholarships may be used for any 4-H event including Camp Shankitunk, April Adventures, or 4-H Mini Day Camp during the 2012 4-H year.

Club News



The Extension Connection 4-H Afterschool Program at Ryder Elementary School

Middle School students at ASP formed the Handy Helpers club to be peer mentors for younger ASP members. As Handy Helpers, students volunteer one half hour everyday to help younger members with homework room, playground activities, games in the cafeteria and community service projects. Service projects have focused on families within Schoharie County who have been impacted by the floods. Students painted and delivered 75 polyurethane Frogs of Hope with notes of encouragement to students in Schoharie. Students also raised money from bake sales to purchase holiday gifts for families, sewed Christmas stockings and made over 75 ornaments to be donated to families who lost their homes in the floods. The Stockings and holiday gifts were donated to families living in Middleburgh with the help of Middleburgh Elementary School guidance counselor, Mrs. Howe.



Milkin' Maniacs decorated a tree for the Festival of Trees in Cobleskill.

Critter Fusion

In November we went on a field trip to Southwind Farm. They had unique breeds of animals such as sheep that could have up to 6 horns. Another unique animal was the Guernsey goat. They have blonde hair and the goats on the farm are the only purebred Golden Guernsey goats in the United States. We all had a lot of fun and even got ice cream afterwards. We welcomed two new members, Zoe Stinson and Dakota Germain.

Submitted by Katerina Weingarten,
Club Secretary.

NYS 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Program

The NYS 4-H Foundation believes in the need to provide dedicated, hardworking youth with an opportunity to obtain an advanced degree and distinguish themselves in productive careers that will benefit society. The NYS 4-H Foundation and generous sponsors are pleased to provide scholarships to members for their accomplishments as a result of 4-H experiences. Eligible applicants must be enrolled 4-H members who have been active with 4-H for at least one year, and who are enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited university, college or technical school. **Applications require a letter of recommendation from the local 4-H office and must be RECEIVED by the NYS 4-H Foundation no later than February 15, 2012.**

Complete instructions and application materials can be found online at <http://www.nys4hfoundation.org> or by calling the Schoharie 4-H Office at 518-234-4303. Please request a letter of recommendation from the Schoharie 4-H Office no later than February 10. Contact us if you have any questions.

4-H Capital Days

A delegation of youth representing 4-H members from across New York State will expand their knowledge of state government when they travel to Albany, New York on March 5 and 6th, 2012 for the Annual 4-H Capital Days Event. Delegates will learn about career opportunities in government as they tour state agencies, participate in legislative discussions, and visit with their Legislators. They will also get an opportunity to tour the Capitol and visit the Corning Tower and NYS State Museum. Youth must be at least 14 years old as of January 1, 2012 to participate in Capital Days.

The Capital Days program runs from 8:00 am Monday, March 5 through approx. 2 pm Tuesday, March 6. Delegates can choose to commute to Albany on each of these days or stay overnight at the conference hotel in Albany. The cost is \$100 per youth who must provide a chaperone. Scholarships may be used to attend this event. If you are interested in attending this program and have questions please contact Eileen or Leslie at the 4-H office at 518-234-4303 or 296-8310. The Registration deadline is February 3, 2012.

What's Coming Up

4-H Fundraising Planning Meeting: Monday, January 9 at 7 pm at the Extension Center. Call Eileen at 518-234-4303.

Cloverbuds Can Cook Too! Monday, January 16 at the Extension Center. Simple recipes especially for cloverbud aged youth ages 5 (kindergarten) to 8 (second grade). Choose either the morning session (9:30 to noon) or afternoon (1 to 2:30). Parents are invited to stay and help. Cloverbuds will learn to make a simple snack, a microwave lunch and a no cook dessert. The fee is \$5.00 per child. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, January 12.

Horse Leader Meeting: Thursday, January 19, 4 pm at the Extension Center.

Horse Quiz Bowl Orientation Meeting: Friday January 20, 7 pm at the Extension Center.

Open to youth ages 9 and up who are interested in horses, equine science and the thrill of competition. Team members do not need to be enrolled in a horse club to participate. We will be organizing teams at this meeting so if you cannot make it, but are interested in playing, you should contact the 4-H Office prior to January 18.

Krafty Kidz is looking for new members. The next club meeting is Sunday January 22, 2 pm at the Extension Center in Cobleskill. Creating Dreamcatchers is the scheduled craft. Krafty Kidz is open to youth ages 8 (3rd grade) and up. Please call Margo Kyes at 207-333-2366 if you are interested in joining this club.

Price Chopper Vegetable Marketing Program: Applications are available starting February 1. Applications are due back to the 4-H Office by March 1.

Mark Your Calendars!!! Schoharie County Public Presentations: Saturday, February 11, 10 am -?
Registration materials will be available after January 3 from the 4-H Office.

April Adventures: Tuesday April 10 through Friday April 13. Registration will be available around March 1.

Cornell Vet School Open House: Saturday April 14. at Cornell University. No registration is required, no fee is required.

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

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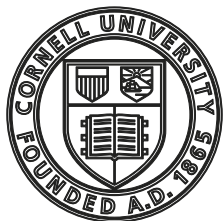
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Happy Holidays from the 4-H Office



Have you sent your re-enrollment form to the 4-H Office?

After January 1st, there is a \$5.00 late fee for all re-enrollments.



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