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Enrollment is OPEN!

NEW MEMBERS: Interested in joining 4-H? Youth must be age 5 as of January 1, 2026. Click here to enroll.

RETURNING MEMBERS: Please note, you MUST re-enroll every year! Please be sure to update all of your youth's information (age, grade, address, email, etc.). If you are re-enrolling more than 1 youth, YOU MUST ENTER EACH YOUTH SEPARATELY! Re-enrolling 1 youth does not automatically re-enroll all of your youth.

For more information on how to enroll, please feel free to contact Carol at 845-344-1234, Ext. 243 or cm798@cornell.edu.



Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County is partnering with the New York Blood Center to host a blood drive on Monday, November 9, from 9 AM to 3 PM! Your donation can make a lifesaving difference for someone in need. Take a little time out of your day to give back to your community!

Sign up today! Click here and use sponsor code #66967.

Donor Reminders:

- Eat well and stay hydrated before donating.
- Bring a photo ID.
- Donors must be 17 or older, or 16 with a parental consent form.
- Meet minimum weight requirements and be feeling well on donation day.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3 Beginner Archery Food, Body, & Movement	4	5 STEM Explorers Beginner Archery	6	7
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4-H Monthly Challenge - November 2026

Get Creative! Design a LOGO that showcases 4-H!

Limit 5 colors - Use pencil, markers, paint, or digitual tools

UPLOAD PHOTO HERE TO BE ENTERED IN THE MONTHY DRAWING



If you're interested in community service, collaborating on projects, and working as a team to run activities, then Teen Council is for you!

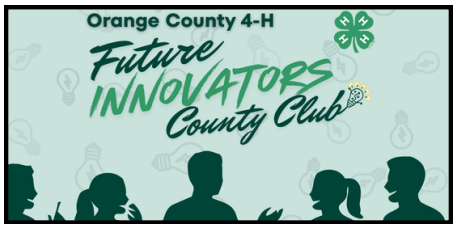
What to Expect & What's Expected:
* Attend monthly meetings * Attend the monthly 4-H Fun Night * Participate in county presentations

An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30 pm at the CCE office. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact DeAnna at 845-344-1234 or ds2285@cornell.edu.



Join us for a hands-on outdoor adventure where nature becomes our art studio and our materials! Come out to the Education Center & 4-H Park in Otisville on Saturday, November 14 at 10:00 am.
Explore and observe nature through an artist's eyes
Learn about natural colors, patterns, and textures
Create art using natural materials and nature-inspired techniques
Practice creativity, problem-solving, and observation
Develop a greater appreciation for the natural world.
No previous art experience is needed - Just bring your curiosity and creativity!!

Click Here to Register!



If you're not familiar with 4-H, then this is the perfect place to start your 4-H journey. Members will take part in activities that encourage creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork while building confidence and real-world skills. For Ages 8+. Meets monthly on Tuesdays at the CCE Office in Middletown

Next Meeting November 17th @ 6:30 pm

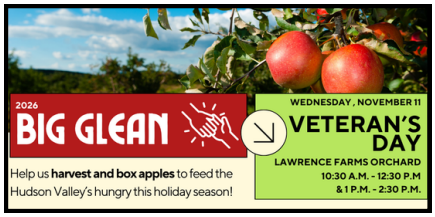
Click Here to Register



Join us for a night full of fun, games, snacks, community service projects, and more! Starting November 20th at 6:30 pm at the CCE office.

If you would like more information, please contact DeAnna at 845-344-1234 or ds2285@cornell.edu.

For Ages 8+



Wednesday, November 11, 2026
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM / 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Come harvest with us! We will be picking and packing apples at Lawerence Farms Orchard! The gleaned apples will be delivered to local food pantries, soup kitchens, and community organizations across Orange and surrounding counties.

This year we will be working in two shifts. The morning shift will run from 10:30am-12:30pm. We'll head back to the parking lot to take a break for lunch and start picking again from 1-2:30pm. If you chose to stay the whole day, make sure to bring your own lunch and sign up for BOTH shifts!

Click Here for Important Information

Click Here to Register!



Join Orange County 4-H for a fun and fast-moving beginner painting class for young artists ages 8 and up! Participants will explore their creativity through functional art, learning to paint on fabric and create something uniquely their own. Choose a piece to paint in class or bring a wearable item to personalize. No previous painting experience is necessary — just bring your imagination and enthusiasm!

Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.
Saturday, November 21 at the CCE Office

Fee: $5 for 4-H members, $10 for non-4-H members.

Click Here to Register!

RAPP
Relatives As Parents Program

4-H Youth volunteers needed!

We are looking for a few youth to help out at the RAPP Holiday Party. The event will be held on Saturday, December 5th, at the CCE office in Middletown. We need help with setup, food setup/distribution, running a craft, photography, and cleanup.

Click Here to Volunteer!



Make Your Herd and Voice Count!
The National Swine Registry and National Pork Board are partnering with Stratovation Group, a pro-agriculture market research firm, on a first-of-its-kind project to quantify show pig industry demographics in order to help drive long-term strategic initiatives. This information will help shape future programs, resources, and support for exhibitors and breeders nationwide.
We're asking exhibitors, breeders, families, and industry participants to take a confidential 15–20-minute survey. All responses are anonymous, and participants will be entered for the chance to win major incentives:

- Trailer spot (~$3,500 value)
- $2,000 Buyers Credit at any NSR Sale
- Traeger Grill (~$1,000 value)
- $750 cash
- $500 cash

For this study to accurately represent the show pig industry, we need participation from as many industry participants as possible. Every response helps us build a more complete and accurate picture of the survey.

Click here to take the survey.



LEAD THE RETREAT...SHAPE START 2027!

STAR 2027: May 7-9, 2027, at Camp Woodland in Constantia, NY

Ready to take your leadership to the next level? NYS 4-H is looking for teen leaders (ages 13-19) to join the State Teen Action Retreat (STAR) Planning Committee, a statewide team of teens and adult partners who design and run one of NYS 4-H's premier youth voice events.

As a committee member, you'll choose an adult partner and help bring the NYS 4-H STAR program to life. From planning the weekend to developing a series of 6 roundtable discussions, your input will shape the event and the participants' experiences!

This year's theme is "Your Journey STARts Here!" a reflection of the leadership skills you will develop and hone as part of our team! Together, you and the planning team will use the vehicle of the 6 Cs of Positive Youth Development to inspire thoughtful and interactive activities for your participants as you explore what it means to be a good leader.

What you'll gain:

- Real leadership experience, plus facilitation and public speaking skills
- A strong resume builder
- Friendships with teens from across New York
- The reward of watching your ideas help teens and adults build confidence, competence, and connection

The Youth Commitment: Attend a winter planning retreat (likely in January or February 2027), participate in monthly Zoom calls with the planning team, and about 25-30 hours of work planning a series of 6 interactive roundtables for you to facilitate during the retreat.

The Adult Partner Commitment: Sign up alongside the partnered teen to assist with and attend roundtable planning, monthly planning team meetings, the winter planning retreat, and STAR weekend. The adult partner will need to be or become a CCE approved 4-H volunteer, and you should reach out to your county's 4-H educator for the appropriate approval process.

Fresh ideas and new voices keep STAR exciting, so whether you're a seasoned 4-H teen leader or ready to step up for the first time, we want to hear from you. Apply today and help build the best teen leadership weekend in New York!



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