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4-H Newsletter

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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.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 4-H ENROLLMENT OPENS!	2 Stargazing at the Park	3
4 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	5 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	6 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	7 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	8 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK Discovery Den	9 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	10 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
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4-H Monthly Challenge - October 2026

National 4-H Week October 4-10

* Wear 4-H gear *

* Invite a friend to a 4-H Activity *

* Share your 4-H Story with someone *

Snap a photo of yourself celebrating 4-H week and share it with us.

UPLOAD PHOTO HERE TO BE
ENTERED IN THE MONTHLY
DRAWING





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

Information Meeting October 20th @ 6:30 pm

[Click Here to Register](#)



The Orange County 4-H Beginner Archery Program is designed for middle and high school youth who are new to archery and interested in learning the fundamentals in a safe, supportive environment.

The program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at the Education Center & 4-H Park 300 Finchville Turnpike, Otisville.

The cost is \$65 per youth.

[Click Here to Register](#)



Youth will explore the connections between food, health, movement, nature, and community through hands-on activities. Participants will learn about food labels, mindful eating, healthy cooking, movement, and the benefits of spending time outdoors.

October 20, 27, and November 3rd at the CCE Office in Middletown. Ages 8-12

The cost is \$45 for 4-H members and \$50 for non-members

[Click Here to Register](#)

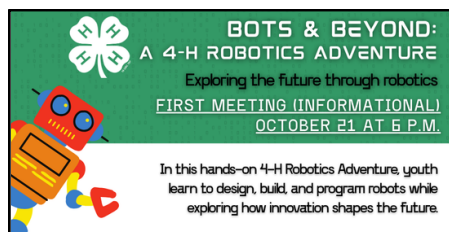


Join the 4-H Cloverbud Barnyard Buddies to learn more about caring for livestock! Activities include live animal interactions, farm visits, and fun, hands-on activities! Starts October 13th!

Space is limited!

Parental Supervision Required
\$10/4-H members
\$20/non-4-H members

[Click Here to Register](#)



In this hands-on 4-H Robotics Adventure, youth learn to design, build, and program robots while exploring how innovation shapes the future.

The first meeting will be an informational meeting on October 21st at 6:00 P.M. and you must register to attend. After that, it will continue monthly on Wednesdays. This is for youth 8+ and space is limited.

[Click Here to Register](#)



Welcome to the world of Orange County 4-H STEM – where imagination meets innovation, and young minds are empowered to explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics! For youth Ages 8+.

Join us at our informational meeting on October 22 at 5:30 P.M. at the CCE office in Middletown. You MUST register to attend.

[Click Here to Register](#)



Attention Homeschoolers Age 5+!
Meet friends, build skills, and do hands-on learning!

Arts/crafts - community service - cooking - field trips - gardening - healthy living - leadership - photography - public speaking - recordkeeping - STEM - County and State events - projects and awards

Interested in joining or want more information?
Contact Leah at lbr72@cornell.edu.



Members will meet new friends and participate in arts/crafts, STEM, gardening, healthy living, public speaking, field trips, and more!
Ages 5-7 (older siblings welcome)

Interested in joining or want more information?
Contact Leah at lbr72@cornell.edu.



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+

I pledge
my HEAD to clearer thinking,
my HEART to greater loyalty,
my HANDS to larger service,
and my HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country and my world.





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!](#)

JOIN THE 4-H TEEN COUNCIL TODAY!

Your Voice
Your Ideas
Your Impact



Empowering Teens Through Leadership Opportunities

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.



Celebrate National 4-H Week!

Oct. 4 - 10, 2026

National 4-H Week brings together 6 million youth, 3,300+ Extension educators, 500,000 volunteers, and 35 million alumni to celebrate the incredible impact of 4-H and preparing young people to be Beyond Ready for life and career.

Now Open!

Missed us at the fair? You still can get your
4-H Swag! T-shirts, hats, bags, and more!

[Click Here to order!](#)



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