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4-H Newsletter

September 2026

CCE Orange County & Orange County 4-H would like to congratulate the show champions during this year's 4-H Farm & Family Fair! Please see the list below.

DOG

Obedience

Beginner A: Ireland T.
Beginner B: Addison F.
Beginner C: Olsen T.
Novice: Marianna M.

Rally

Novice A: Allie L.
Novice B: Addison F. (Bailey)
Advanced Novice: Addison F. (Hunter)

SHEEP

Master Showman: Samantha P.
Reserve Master Showman: Hannah W.

Romney Breed

Grand Champion Ram: Zeus shown by Samantha P.
Grand Champion Ewe: Jane shown by Samantha P.

Borderleicester Breed

Grand Champion Ram: Leonard shown by Hannah W.
Grand Champion Ewe: Leisel shown by Hannah W.

Dorsett Breed

Grand Champion Ram: Beast shown by Andrew G.
Grand Champion Ewe: Auroa shown by Raymond G.

Tunis Breed

Grand Champion Ewe: Phoenix shown by McKinley M.

All Other Breeds

Grand Champion Ram: Pickles shown by Kahlianne M.
Grand Champion Ewe: Peaches shown by Easton M.

Supreme Champion Ram: Zeus shown by Samantha P.
Supreme Champion Ewe: Leisel shown by Hannah W.

POULTRY

Master Showman: Bradley U.
Reserve Master Showman: Emily M.
Grand Champion Hen: Salmon Faverolle shown by Emily M.
Reserve Champion Hen: Leghorn shown by Bradley U.

DAIRY

Master Showman: Hannah W.
Reserve Master Showman: Silas W.

Guernsey Breed

Grand Champion: Pistachio exhibited by Hannah W.
Reserve Grand Champion: Alice exhibited by Silas W.

Jersey Breed

Grand Champion: Marvel shown by Ayden L.
Reserve Grand Champion: Cherry shown by McKinley M.

Holstein Breed

Grand Champion: Diamond shown by Silas W.
Reserve Grand Champion: Noel Shown by Gloria G.

Supreme Champion: Diamond shown by Silas W.
Reserve Supreme Champion: Noel shown by Gloria G.
Honorable Mention: Marvel shown by Ayden L.

HORSE

Master Showman Junior: Abbie F.
Master Showman Senior: Melanie S.
Senior Champion: Viola T.
Senior Reserve: Melanie S.
Junior Champion: Abbie F.
Junior Reserve: Bailey B.
Novice Combined Champion: Sadie H.
Walk/Trot/Jog Champion: Ashlynn S.
Walk/Trot/Jog Reserve: Parker B.
High Point Dressage: Melanie S. (Sr.) & Abbie F. (Jr.)
Gymkana: Bailey B.
Royal Brinessa: Juliette T.
Ernie Youngs: Melanie S. (Sr.) & Abbie F. (Jr.)



Come celebrate the best of fall with a fun-filled day on the farm! Bring the whole family to meet friendly farm animals, enjoy hayrides, explore tractors, shop local vendors, and experience hands-on activities while celebrating the traditions of local agriculture. Discover where your food comes from, connect with the farmers who grow it, and create unforgettable memories together.

17 Saturday, September 26 🕒 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 📍 Sprucegate Farm, 302 Wallkill Road, Walden, NY 12586 (☁️ Rain Date: Saturday, October 3)



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. Through fun and experiential learning, youth will build confidence, try new foods and activities, and develop healthy-living skills they can share with their families.

[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.



Interested in joining 4-H? Enrollment/Re-Enrollment opens **October 1st**! Youth must be age 5 as of January 1, 2026.

Please note, you **MUST** re-enroll every year! Please be sure to update all of your youth's information (age, grade, etc.) and any other changes (address, email, etc.). If you are re-enrolling more than 1 youth, YOU **MUST** ENTER EACH YOUTH SEPARATELY!

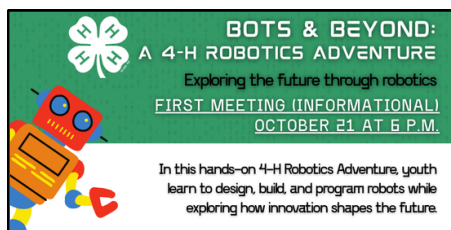
For more information on how to enroll, please feel free to contact Carol at 845-344-1234, Ext. 243 or cm798@cornell.edu.



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](#)



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](#)



The 4-H Thrive on Stage Theater Program gives youth ages 8–12 the opportunity to explore acting, performance, creativity, and self-expression in a fun and supportive environment. No previous theater experience is needed!

October 24 - May 8 from 10:00–11:30 a.m. at the CCE Orange County Office
\$40 for 4-H Members, \$50 for Non 4-H Members

[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](#)



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](#)



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)

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Saturday, September 26 - Help count the species at the Smith Clove Road Passive Recreation Area (271 Smith Clove Road, Woodbury, NY). Learn how to be a Citizen Scientist! You can take this skill home to your own backyard, and help Woodbury have an inventory of its plants and wildlife!

Pre-register by scanning the qr code and downloading iNaturalist.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Bountiful Harvest Outdoor Adventure	19 Outdoor Adventure
20 Outdoor Adventure	21	22	23	24	25	26 Open House on the Farm
27	28	29	30			

4-H Monthly Challenges

Throughout the year, many 4-H members participated in monthly challenges promoting healthy living, community service, public speaking, gardening, cooking, artistic expression, photography, and STEM exploration. Participants completed activities, built valuable life skills, and were presented with a certificate for their participation. Each month, one winner was randomly selected from all entries to receive the grand prize. Congratulations to all members who participated in these monthly challenges.

November Wicked For Good – Community Service Challenge

Winner: DJ G. Prize: AMC Movie Tickets

December Cooking Challenge

Winner: Ariel G. Prize: Cooking/Baking Supplies

January Wellness Challenge

Winner: Silas W. Prize: Activity Tracker Watch

February Art Challenge

Winner: Hazel S. Prize: Art Supply Kit

March Public Speaking Challenge

Winner: Lucas R. Prize: Mini Karaoke Machine

April Planting Challenge

Winner: Chao H. Prize: Mini Hydroponic Growing Kit

May Photography Challenge

Winner: Harrison B. Prize: Vlogger Camera and Video Kit



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

Join us for our 4-H

Achievement Celebration

 Saturday, October 17th
2-4 pm

 Education Center & 4-H Park
300 Finchville Turnpike Otisville, NY

[Click for the Orange County
4-H Awards Information](#)



Now Open!

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

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