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PROJECT JUDGING INFORMATION

It's that time of year again! Project judging will be held in-person on Saturday, July 18th from 10 am to 3 pm at the Education Center & 4-H Park in Otisville.

Judges leave at 3:00 PM – please plan accordingly based on the number of project entries you are bringing (e.g., Arriving after 2:00 PM with 5 projects does not leave sufficient judging time). Judging lines terminate promptly at 3 pm.

If you cannot make it to Project Judging on July 18th, you MUST contact DeAnna to make other arrangements.

Be sure to fill out tags for each exhibit that you plan to enter (see General Interest Showcase Book page 30 for Cloverbuds and page 31 for 4-H tags).

Every member must also fill out an Entry List detailing each of the entries being submitted on Project Judging Day (Project Judging Book pages 28-29, see example page 28 for details!)

Monetary premiums will be awarded for eligible project entries! However, for a member to be eligible to receive a premium at the Fair and to qualify for awards, they must meet the following criteria.

- Enrolled by April 1st of the current year.
- Enter their **4-H Record Book & Activity Report** OR the **Yearly Member Record Book** in the Fair on 4-H Judging Day. Please visit our website (www.cceorangecounty.org) to download these files.
- Complete a 4-H Speaking Experience (county presentation, animal communications, club presentation, or an office chat) before the Fair.
- Participating in one County Activity or County Experience.

Please do not hesitate to contact DeAnna Sardella-Matthews at 845-344-1234 or ds2285@cornell.edu with any questions or concerns.

[Click here for the 4-H Member Project Judging Book](#)

ANIMAL SHOWING INFORMATION

[Click here for the 4-H Animal Showbook](#)

If you are planning to exhibit poultry at the Country Fair this year, please note that pullorum testing is **REQUIRED**. Poultry pullorum testing will be hosted at the Education Center & 4-H Park in Otisville on Thursday, June 18th at 5 pm. Please check with NYS Ag and Markets Fair Health Requirements ([link below](#)) for additional information. Thank you!

[Click Here for More Information](#)

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4-H Pollinators Program

Saturday, June 13th

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

10:00 a.m.



The 4-H Pollinators Program engages youth in hands-on learning about the vital role pollinators (bees, butterflies, and other insects) play in our ecosystems and food systems. June 13, 10 am, at the Park. For youth 5+. Cost: 4-H Members Free / Non-4-H Members - \$5.00. [Click here for more information.](#)



4-H Camp Clover is a fun, hands-on summer experience where youth learn, grow, and thrive. Rooted in the nationally recognized 4-H Positive Youth Development framework, Camp Clover offers enriching weekly themes and opportunities for campers to build confidence, make friends, and discover their Sparks. For more information, please visit our website (www.cceorangecounty.org/4-h-camp-clover). Scholarships available.



Join us at the first annual 4-H Farm & Family Fair in Otisville, NY! July 24, 25, 26! From youth exhibits and livestock to interactive games and demonstrations, craft and food vendors, there's something for everyone to enjoy. We hope to see you this Summer! [Click Here for More Information!](#)



ORANGE COUNTY 4-H OWL MEET & GREET

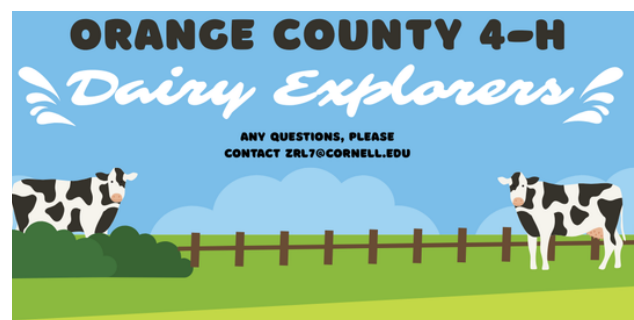


at the
Education Center & 4-H Park
300 Finchville Turnpike
Otisville, New York

Saturday, June 20 @ 10 am

Whooooo wants to learn about live owls?

Join us for another day with Dr. Laura and some of her feathered friends! FREE Event! Registration is required, and you MUST be a 4-H member. [Click Here to Register!](#)



Milk and dairy products are New York State's top agricultural commodity! Want to learn more about where milk comes from and meet the cows that make it? Orange County 4-H is hosting a 5-week Dairy Explorers program at local dairy farms! Cost: \$30/youth. [Click here for more information.](#)



Welcome to the 2026 Great Extension Duck Derby! Join us on Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 3:33 PM at the 4-H Farm & Family Fair, 300 Finchville Turnpike, Otisville, NY for an exciting community event supporting local youth programs and nonprofit organizations. All proceeds benefit the 4-H Farm & Family Fair and other local nonprofit organizations through Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County.

Sponsor a racing duck for your chance to win fantastic prizes while cheering on hundreds of ducks as they race toward the finish line. Prizes include: 1st Place: \$500 / 2nd-5th Place: \$20 each / Last Place: \$20

Duck sponsorship tickets are:

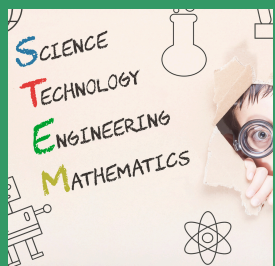
1 Duck for \$5 / 5 Ducks for \$20

[To sponsor a duck and for more information, click here.](#)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 2026

	1 Future Innovators Bright Buds Tie-Dye at the Park	2 Int. Archery	3	4 Int. Archery	5 Discovery Den Clover Cubs	6
7	8 Dog Program	9 Int. Archery	10 Show Whites Exchange	11 Int. Archery	12	13 Dog Show Pollinators Make your own Sewing Box Cancer Walk
14 Horse Schooling Show	15	16 Teen Council Dairy Explorers Barnyard Buddies	17	18 STEM Club Pullorum Clinic	19 Fun Night OFFICE CLOSED	20 Owl Meet & Greet
21	22	23 Livestock Learning Night Dairy Explorers	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Dairy Explorers				



4-H Monthly Challenge - STEM

- Build a Rube Goldberg machine
- Create an engineering design (bridge, tower, or invention)
- Conduct a STEM experiment
- Use household or recycled materials whenever possible
- Test, improve, and document your process
- Share your project during Fair Judging at the 4-H Park





STAR (State Teen Action Retreat) is a premiere youth voice opportunity, open to youth ages 13-19, modeled after the National 4-H Conference. STAR is a fun-filled weekend which helps to invigorate 4-H programming across NYS and showcases positive youth development, experiential learning, agriculture, sustainable food systems, STEM, and civic engagement workshops. Roundtables are modeled after the 4-H pillars and help youth to do a deep dive in the topics outside of the hands-on workshops. We also have a community service, keynote speaker, dinner/dance and ice cream social.



4-H's Long-reaching Effects
Compared to other youth, 4-Her's are:

- 4x** more likely to contribute to their communities
- 2x** more likely to be civically active
- 2x** more likely to make healthier lifestyle choices

Now Open! **Get your 4-H Swag now! T-shirts, hats, bags, and more!**

[Click Here to order!](#)

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