


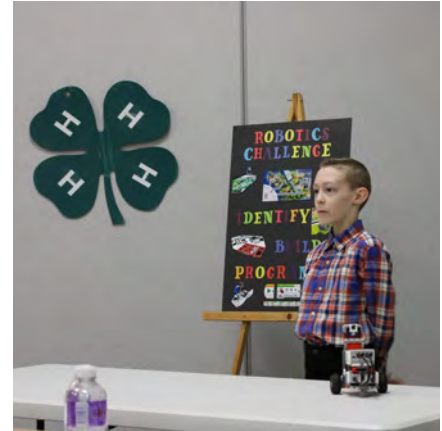


# 4-H Highlights

February 2024 

## 4-H Public Presentation Day Saturday, March 2nd

9am - 3pm  
Cornell Cooperative Extension Office  
50 W. High St., Ballston Spa, NY



Public Presentation Day is a nationally recognized element of the 4-H Youth Development Program. This public speaking event is one of 4-H's most beneficial and rewarding experiences. It is the program most often credited by 4-H alumni as having given them an edge above their peers in high school, college their adult careers.

*Make ups will be in person on March 6th (4:00-7:00pm). Forms are available now.  
Both in office and online at the following link:*

[Cornell Cooperative Extension | 4-H \(ccesaratoga.org\)](https://ccesaratoga.org)

### Upcoming Events & Deadlines

#### February

5th - PP Day Training  
10th - 4-H Teen Party at Saratoga Strike Zone  
13th - 4-H Horticulture Training  
22nd - 4-H Project Day  
23-25th - Shooting Sports Instructor Training

#### March

2nd - Public Presentations  
4th - Vet Science Begins  
5th - 4-H Shooting Sports Course Begins  
6th - Public Presentations Make up  
9th - District Horse Bowl  
9th-10th - Teen Council Lock-In  
11th - District 4-H Dairy Bowl  
14th - Tractor Safety Orientation  
18th - 22nd - Ag Literacy week

# 4-H Horse News

## Straight From The Horses Mouth

### Important Dates

Horse Movie Night : EQUUS “The Story of the Horse”..... February 2nd

Horse Short Course: 1 of 3 ..... February 7th

Horse Short Course: 2 of 3 ..... February 21st

Horse Short Course: 3 of 3 ..... March 6th

**RSVP by February 5th**

Email Robin at rc926@cornell.edu

Tack Clean Out ..... February 19th

RSVP to nvf5@cornell.edu by Feb.15th

County Horse Communication / Presentations ..... March 2nd

Regional Horse Communication / Presentations ..... April 27th

Regional Hippology Competition ..... April 27th

**Hippology will start right after Regional Horse Communications**

### Horse and Riding Evaluations

Below are the following dates and times for the 2024 4-H Horse evaluations.

**Saturday, February 17th**

8am— 12pm

**Friday, March 15th**

5pm— 9pm

**Saturday, April 6th**

8am—12pm

**Saturday, May 4th**

8am—12pm

**Tuesday, May 7th**

5pm—9pm

**Saturday, May 25th**

8am—12pm

If you would like to or need to evaluate with your horse this year you will need to contact our educator to schedule your evaluation for one of the dates above.

If there are no sign ups for that days evaluations it will not be held. You will need to RSVP ahead of time. Evaluations can be done on a 1 on 1 basis when a special circumstance arises. This will be determined between the educator and the 4-H'er / Guardians.

### FAQ's

#### **Do I need to evaluate with my horse?**

You only need to evaluate with your horse if any of the following apply to you.

- You got a new horse.
- You are wanting to compete in a new division.

Example: You were a W/T and this year you want to W/T/C.

- You want to ride a new discipline.

Example: I am already evaluated for English JR., but this year I want to also show Wester JR.

You need to be evaluated with each horse you will be entering or competing with at any 4-H show.

You need to be evaluated to....

- Do Gymkhana
- Do in-Hand classes
- Ride English or Western
- Drive

#### **How do I know what I am Evaluated for?**

If you don't know contact our office and ask the 4-H Horse Educator. They will be able to look that up and let you know.

**4-H Horse Educator:** Nicolina Foti

**Contact:** nvf5@cornell.edu

**Call:** 518-885-8995



# 4-H HORSE Short Course

**LEARN SOMETHING NEW  
OR  
TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE**



**"A Bit of Knowledge"  
February 7th**

We will be learning how bits function while seeing different types of bits that are used in all disciplines



**"A Field Guide to Toxic Plants to  
Horses" February 12th**

We will be looking at a variety of common plants that are toxic to horses. How to identify them and identifying the symptoms in horses.



**"Confirmation" March 6th**

We will learn how to identify confirmation markers in horses. Both good and bad!

**RSVP**

**by**

**February 5th**

## EVENT INFO

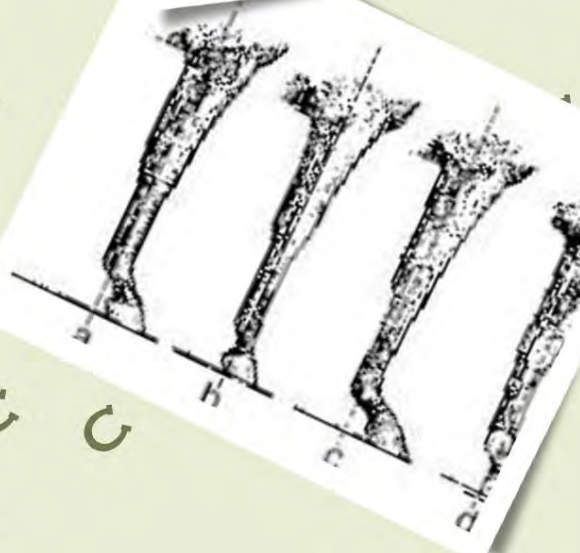
This is a series of educational classes with some hands on learning.  
All classes will be located at the CCE Office.

📍 50 West High St. Ballston Spa NY

🕒 Start 6:00 pm

🌐 RSVP to Robin at [rc926@cornell.edu](mailto:rc926@cornell.edu)

📞 RSVP to 518-885-8995







# Public Presentation Day

## Saturday, March 2nd

9am-3pm (Make-Up March 6th)  
Cornell Cooperative Extension Office  
50 W. High St. Ballston Spa, NY

### Resources:

The Saratoga County guidelines for public presentation demonstrations are in the office. They include step by step instructions for preparing a demonstration, making a poster, cooking tips, sample evaluation forms and more. The documents are also found online at [www.ccesaratoga.org/4-H](http://www.ccesaratoga.org/4-H).

### Registration

*Registrations are due  
in the office on  
Friday, February 16th*

*A 4-H'er must do two  
demonstrations before  
moving onto a different  
type of presentation.*

### Teen Assistants:

4-H members 13 years of age and older who are *presenting or interviewing* are invited to be teen assistants for the day. Serve as an evaluator, room host or help with other aspects of the program.

### Make-up Day

Make-up day for Public Presentation will be March 6th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, CCE Office. It is available to those who cannot make it on the 3rd, due to extenuating circumstances

## Annual Scholarship Golf Classic Celebrating 23 Years!

Save the date!!



### 4-H GOLF CLASSIC

The 23rd Annual Golf Classic has been set for June 1, 2024. This year the classic is at Fairways of Halfmoon. **The shotgun start is scheduled for 9:00 am**, with registration at 7:30am and will conclude with a delicious buffet lunch and an awards ceremony. Last year we reached our goal with well over 100 golfers. Our goal for 2024 is to have over 125 golfers and raise over \$15,000. Based on last year's success and with your help, we are confident we can reach this goal this year. All proceeds from the golf classic go directly back into the 4-H Program via the 4-H Leaders Association. The Association then provides scholarships, funding for educational programs, and hands on learning opportunities for the 4-H Volunteer Leaders. Want to get involved? We are always looking for new sponsors, donors, raffle items and things to be placed in our participant goodie bags! Or, just come out to play and enjoy a day of golf in support of Saratoga County 4-H. Be on the lookout for upcoming articles in highlights on how you can support the 4-H Scholarship Golf Classic and 4-H or contact Greg at the 4-H office.

## **Market Auction Meeting**

The next market auction meeting will be February 26th, at 6:00pm at the 4-H Office. All 4-H members should turn in their letter of intent. Spring time is quickly approaching, which means it is time to start selecting or purchasing your animals. We are looking forward to our 3rd annual Saratoga County 4-H Market Auction and we hope you are too!

This is a great way for 4-H members who raise livestock animals to raise money for other livestock projects or to put it towards their future in the agricultural industry. For more information on our Market Auction visit our website:  
<http://ccesaratoga.org/4-h/saratoga-county-4-h-market-auction>



# Leader Spotlight!

## **Meet Colleen Kimble!**

I first heard about 4-H when I was a college student at Cornell. I had a work study opportunity to be a program assistant for the Shooting Sports program (I never knew such a thing existed!). I was surprised at how much 4-H offered, and wished I had been a 4-H'er! I appreciated that girls and boys were together in the clubs, and the range of activities available was impressive- there is something for everyone. One of my favorite memories during that time was of the occasion where I led a club in an under-served community on a fishing trip. Most of them had never held a fishing rod before, so I spent a lot of time baiting hooks and untangling lines. One youth found a salamander, and he asked if it was ok to touch it. I picked it up and they all huddled around the salamander in my hand, and some cautiously touched it while others looked on. We talked about amphibians and their habitat for a bit, then released the little critter. Maybe none of those kids remember that day, maybe some do, but that moment has stayed with me.

My own kids were in the "On The Mark" archery club, and I enjoyed co-leading the club, even though occasionally it seemed like a big commitment in time. I watched the 4-H'ers grow and mature over the years and that felt satisfying to me. And we all know archery rocks anyway, so it was a good way to spend evenings with some great kids.

I no longer have a club, but I enjoy teaching archery during the 6 week courses and at the February instructor training. I also found a 4-H niche teaching dog obedience classes in the summer. Plus I get to teach adults in the classes as well!

If I had a nugget of advice, I'd say the impact a 4-H leader can have may not be apparent at the time, but you may have influenced a youth in a good way. Take a moment to listen to them, because they can teach you too.





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## **Beginner Shooting Sports Course**

Meets Tuesday Evenings  
March 5th-April 16th (Excludes April 2nd)

Youth will learn the basics of Air Pistol, Archery, Muzzleloader, Rifle and Shotgun, and Hunting and Wildlife, with a focus on Safety, Ethics and Personal Responsibility

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Open to Youth 12 Years Old and Older

Sign-Up at:

[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/SC4HShootingSportsSpring2024\\_241](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/SC4HShootingSportsSpring2024_241)  
or Contact Leland at [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu) for More Information

### **DEC Summer Camps** **Limited Scholarships Available**

Registration for the 2024 DEC Summer Camps opens on March 24th. Thanks to the generosity of the Saratoga County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and the Saratoga County Council of Fish and Game Clubs, we have a limited number of sponsorships to send youth to the 2024 camps.

For more information on DEC Summer Camps, please visit:

<https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/summer-camps>

For more information on the sponsorship process, please email Leland at [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu)





# 2024 NYS 4-H LIVESTOCK SUMMIT

JANUARY 24TH TO FEBRUARY 24TH @ 7 P.M.  
VIA ZOOM

- January 24th - AgVocating for your Market Animal  
Eileen Jenson, New York Animal Agricultural Coalition
- January 31st - Getting it Done at Home!  
Tracy Dendinger, Champion Choice Camps
- February 7th - Swine Health  
John Heins, National Pork Board
- February 21st - Animal First Aid  
Kate Perz, Suffolk County Farm and Education Center Educator
- February 28th - Where is that Steak From?  
Jessica Waltemeyer, NYS Extension Small Ruminant Specialist

To Register: <https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvcOGvpjgiHNO-OmN6ENgjxt8vWMfIVYiG>

For more information contact Brian Aukema at [bj14@cornell.edu](mailto:bj14@cornell.edu)



# 4-H Eclipse Party

Monday, April 8th  
2:30-4:30pm  
4-H Training Center  
556 Middleline Rd, Ballston Spa

Eclipse Glasses Provided

Join Saratoga County 4-H as  
we take in the  
2024 Solar Eclipse at the  
4-H Training Center!



4-H  
Horticulture  
Training

## *Agriculture*

Has the gardening bug bitten you yet? Do you have a garden or love working with indoor plants? Now is the time to experience learning more about the plants and their surroundings and have fun doing it. Join other 4-H'ers for our Horticulture Training sessions!

Participation in this training allows you the opportunity to participate in the county Horticulture Judging Contest at the county fair and could perhaps put you on a team to represent Saratoga County at the NYS Fair. If you want to learn more about plants, their identification and culture, as well as how to judge plant materials, please come to our monthly training sessions.

### Up-Coming Dates:

February 13

March 12

April 9

May 14

Mark your calendar today and plan to join us at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you have any questions, or to register for the first time, please contact Jess Holmes at 518-885-8995. Hope to see you there!



4-H TEEN COUNCIL  
PRESENTS

4 - H



ALL TEENS  
ARE INVITED!

\$10

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

6-8PM

Bowling, Pizza, Bumper Cars  
Saratoga Strike Zone

RSVP TO [GLB76@CORNELL.EDU](mailto:GLB76@CORNELL.EDU)



## **The Fred Sanders Award for 4-H Youth**

Fred Sanders grew up showing cattle at the Saratoga County Fair. His individual successes propelled him to show at several fairs and included trips to the NYS Fair where he had his share of memorable times. In a tribute to his 60 years of showing cattle and his passion to see youngsters involved in showing at the fair, a continuing "Fred Sanders Award" was established to begin with the 2012 Saratoga County Fair.

Fred had a passion for showing cattle and enjoyed watching the local 4-H'ers showing their cattle at the fair. Each year, in his honor, the winner's name will appear on a wall plaque in the Saratoga County Fair Office as well as a \$250 cash award and an individual plaque presented in the show ring to the Saratoga County 4-H'er who garners the highest points total from the following:

### **Preferred:**

**5 Points:** Awarded to 4-H'ers who participate in a minimum of 5 County Dairy Bowl practices as either a participant or teen coach.

**2 Points:** Awarded to 4-H'ers who participate in judging class at the Saratoga County Fair.

**10 Points:** Awarded to any Saratoga County 4-H'er who participates on Public Presentation Day/Make-Up Day in March.

**5 Points:** Awarded to 4-H'ers who create an educational poster or display that falls under Dept. 12-General Animal Science, Section A, Class 6- Posters illustrating and animal science topic in the Saratoga County 4-H Fair Book.

**1 Point:** Awarded for every Dairy Club meeting/activity attended.

### **Required:**

Points Awarded for participation in **Fitting and Showmanship** at the Saratoga County Fair:

**10 Points: Blue Danish Score**

**7 Points: Red Danish Score**

**4 Points: White Danish Score**

Additionally, points will be awarded for **each** of the following classes in **Dept. 1, Section H of the 4-H Fair Book**.

**Class 1:** Best Bred and Owned by exhibitor (all breeds competing together)

**Class 2:** Daughter Dam

**Class 3:** Exhibitors Herd (all breeds competing together and herd may be split by breeds)

**3 Points: 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**2 Points: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**1 Point: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**\*In the event of a tie, there will be a question asked for the tie breaker.**

**For the 2024 year, the point system will be in effect as of January 1, 2024**



## Teen Update

### Attention All 4-H Teens!

4-H Teen Council is a great way for our older 4-H members to connect with other teens from across the county, develop leadership skills, and make meaningful contributions to their community. Teen Council is a place for teens to have their voice heard, make important decisions, and overall have a great time with friends.

We hope that all Teens will join us for 4-H Teen Night on February 10th at Saratoga Strike Zone from 6-8pm. Bowling, Bumper Cars and Pizza will be provided. Cost is \$10.

**What:** 4-H Teen Night

**When:** Saturday, February 10th  
6:00-8:00pm

**Where:** Saratoga Strike Zone  
32 Ballston Ave,  
Saratoga Springs  
**RSVP to [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu)**

**What:** Teen Council Business Meeting  
And Lock-In

**When:** March 9-10

**Where:** 4-H Office,  
50 W. High St,  
Ballston Spa, NY



**Date: May 3rd-5th 2024**

**All 4-H Teens Welcome!**

### 4-H Teens: Mark your calendars for 2024 STARR on May 3rd-5th

This statewide 3-day event brings together 4-H teens from all across New York so that they can develop leadership skills, learn new projects and most importantly make new 4-H friends.

Registration and workshop materials are not available just yet, but past years have seen projects related to: Animal Care, STEM, Outdoor Education, Performance Art and Shooting Sports.

We will release more information when it is available, but if you know that you would like to sign-up or if you have any questions, please contact the 4-H office.

Please email Leland at [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu) with any questions about the 2024 STAR Leadership Program.

# 4-H Tractor Safety

STARTING  
MARCH 14TH

REGISTER AT



SCAN ME

OPEN TO YOUTH  
14 AND OLDER



## 2024 4-H Tractor Safety

Saratoga County 4-H would like to welcome all area youth who are 14 years and older, to participate in the 2024 Capital District 4-H/HOSTA Tractor Safety Program.

This program is a great opportunity for youth who currently work on farms or around machinery, those who will be seeking employment on a farm or anyone who would just like to learn more about farm and machinery safety. Participants will gain hands-on experience with a variety of equipment including tractors and implements, skid steers and chainsaws. They will also visit a variety of agribusinesses, and receive HOSTA certification upon successful completion of the program.

The orientation for this years event will be via Zoom on March 14th at 6:00pm.

Cost is \$30 per participant. For more information please call the CCE Office at 518.885.8995 or email Leland at [glb76@cornell.edu](mailto:glb76@cornell.edu).

To sign-up, please visit:

[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4HTractorSafety-2024\\_241](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4HTractorSafety-2024_241)

IT'S SEW MUCH FUN!

## 2024 4-H PROJECT DAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

9AM-12PM (CLOVERBUDS)--9AM-2PM (8 AND ABOVE)

5-7 YEAR OLDS  
NO-SEW PILLOW



8 AND ABOVE  
LAP BACK PILLOW

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH!

REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://REG.CCE.CORNELL.EDU/4HPDSEW\\_241](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4HPDSEW_241)



# Saratoga County Robotics is in Full Swing!

Our 4-H Robotics Program is off and running for 2024!

All 3 competitive teams have competed at least once. Our FLL team, **Potential Error**, recently competed in robot games and judging at Shen High School. They were able to advance to the FLL championship for the Hudson Valley region which will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> at RPI!

**RoBovines FTC team** has competed twice. First at John Jay High School in Hopewell Junction where they won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place Inspire Award, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Think award and the 1<sup>st</sup> place Connect award and were then defeated in the finals in robot game. They moved on from this competition to the Excelsior Region Championship in Utica on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Their second competition was at Albany Academy, where they again won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place Inspire, 1<sup>st</sup> place Control and were captain on the finalist alliance. They have one more qualifier at Clarkson University on February 3<sup>rd</sup> before heading to champs!

**HazMatrix FTC team** has competed once out at MVCC in Utica. They won 2<sup>nd</sup> place Think and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place Design award. They made it to the semi-finals as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place Alliance. They will compete again on January 28<sup>th</sup> at Broadalbin-Perth High School.

A third Saratoga County FTC team is in the process of forming. We look forward to seeing what they bring next year. If you are interested in any of the robotics offered by Saratoga County 4-H, reach out to [robovines.org](http://robovines.org)



## Saratoga County 4-H Dairy Calf Scholarship

Open to all 4-H'ers in Saratoga County who are interested in owning a registered calf! A calf award will be given this year. Applicants for the calf must meet the following criteria:

- ☐ Member of the Saratoga 4-H Dairy Club or willing to join
- ☐ Have suitable housing facilities for the animal
- ☐ Welcome periodic farm visits
- ☐ Show the animal at the Saratoga County Fair 4-H Dairy show
- ☐ Have parent/guardian permission
- ☐ Agree to breed the calf to a registered sire
- ☐ Agree to return to the 4-H calf program the first heifer calf born from this award calf or a heifer calf of "like quality"

This is a great opportunity to own a fine pedigree calf! Many Saratoga County 4-H'ers have been involved and benefited from this great opportunity. To apply, you need to write a one or two page essay. The essay should include:

- ☐ Why are you interested in the calf
- ☐ What are your responsibilities on your farm or farm where you work
- ☐ Why do you feel you are worthy of this animal
- ☐ How would you develop this calf to her fullest potential?
- ☐ What other activities and interests do you have?

Essays must be received in the 4-H Office by Friday April 12th. If you have any questions, please contact the CCE Office or email [rjl287@cornell.edu](mailto:rjl287@cornell.edu).



# Dairy Club





# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 <i>PP Day Training 6:00pm</i>	6	7	8	9	10 4-H Teen Night 6-8pm
11	12 4-H Golf Classic <i>Committee Meeting</i>	13 4-H Horticulture <i>Training 6:30-8:00PM</i>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 4-H Project Day	23 4-H Shooting Sports <i>Winter Instructor Workshop</i>	24 4-H Shooting Sports <i>Winter Instructor Workshop</i>
25 4-H Shooting Sports <i>Winter Instructor Workshop</i>	26 <i>Incubation Begins Market Auction Mt 6pm</i>	27	28	29		

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Shane Larkin	Mechanicville
Ann Haden	Ballston Spa
Teri Harrington	Gansevoort

#### **Teens**

Henry LaBarge	Milton
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