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## Monroe County 4-H Mighty Monday to highlight Alpaca Farming & Fiber Arts Area youth are invited to this hands-on workshop

In collaboration with Seneca County 4-H program, Monroe County 4-H is pleased to offer area youth the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in fiber arts, and to meet a local alpaca farmer. Robin Houseworth, Seneca County 4-H Educator and Alpaca Farmer with Cabin View Alpacas, will share her knowledge about and experience with alpacas, and what is involved in the daily life of an Alpaca Farmer.

Youth will gain hands-on experience as they begin to create two types of weaving projects using alpaca fibers. Youth will begin their projects during the workshop and finish on their own time. For this workshop, fiber art kits will be available at no cost to youth participating. These kits will contain materials needed for the weaving creations and sample of alpaca fleece. In addition to a fiber arts kit, participants will need tape and scissors on hand.

Registration for the program is required and kit numbers are limited. Youth ages 5 – 18 are welcome, youth ages 5 to 7 should participate with caregiver support. Register by Friday, March 5 via one of the links below. The program will be delivered via Zoom. To register to pick up your kit in Monroe County: https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event\_registration/main/events\_landing.cfm?event=4H\_alpacas\_226

Registered youth and families may pick up the fiber arts kits at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County Office (2449 St, Paul Blvd, Rochester NY 14617) during the week prior to the event.

To register to pick up your kit in Seneca County: https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event registration/main/events landing.cfm?event=4Halpacasfibera rt 245

Kits will be available at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office of Seneca County (308 Main Street Shop Centre, Waterloo, NY 13165). Kits picked up at the Seneca County Office are funded by the Sharon Nelson Fund.

4-H Youth Development is offered through Cornell Cooperative Extension. It is a worldwide youth development program open to all youth, ages 5 to 19, who want to have fun, learn new skills, and explore the world. In return, youth who participate in 4-H find a supportive environment and opportunities for hands-on or "experiential" learning about things that interest them. Learn more at <a href="http://monroe.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth-development">http://monroe.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth-development</a> or <a href="http://senecacountycce.org/4-h-youth-development">http://senecacountycce.org/4-h-youth-development</a>.

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