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4-H True Leaders

The national Grow True Leaders campaign kicked off on April 11th! This campaign—meant to empower youth to share their voices and show that their skills are making a difference in their communities—will run through the end of 2016 and includes three calls to action: Shout, Share, and Support. The “Shout” portion of this campaign runs April through June.

You may have seen our Facebook page, where we have been busy acknowledging all of the wonderful things our 4-H youth have been up to these past few weeks. (If you don’t currently “like” our Facebook page, please do so! The address is as follows: <https://www.facebook.com/4HMonroeCounty>.) If you’d like to be shouted out on our Facebook page, please send a photo along with a description of what’s going on in the photo to Tara Defendorf-Kuba, at tld4@cornell.edu!



4-H Career Explorations

Attention 4-H members entering grades 8–12! The 2016 4-H Career Explorations Conference will be held June 28–30, 2016 at Cornell University. Career Ex is a great opportunity for you to experience life on campus, explore how your 4-H projects can lead to careers, and meet new friends!

Dates: June 28–30, 2016

Location: Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Cost: \$250 per person

Registration: Closes June 1st

Program Tracks:

University U: Teens entering Grades 8 and 9

Focus for Teens: Teens entering Grades 10–12

[Click here](http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/Information-for-Youth-and-Chaperones.aspx) to view the Career Explorations Program website with a complete listing of program tracks and event information. Program tracks will fill up quickly, so make sure to register early! Contact Tara Defendorf-Kuba at tld4@cornell.edu ASAP if interested!

The 4-H Pledge

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking.

I pledge my **HEART** to greater loyalty.

I pledge my **HANDS** to larger service.

I pledge my **HEALTH** to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

Awesome Equine and Dairy 101

Do you desire a career that involves equine or dairy? Awesome Equine 101 and Awesome Dairy 101 will expose you to many aspects of the equine and dairy science industries, respectively, while you experience the life of a college student! Scientific principles are presented in a concise and easy-to-understand format for the 4-H high-school-age equine or dairy enthusiast.

Dates: June 3rd and 4th, 2016

Location: Morrisville State College

Student fee: \$100

Chaperone fee: \$75

Registration: Closes May 13th

[Click here](http://cceschoharie-otsego.org/events/2016/06/03/2016-awesome-equine-dairy-101) (cceschoharie-otsego.org/events/2016/06/03/2016-awesome-equine-dairy-101) for more information! Contact Tara Defendorf-Kuba at tld4@cornell.edu ASAP if interested!



Tractor Supply Company Spring Clover Campaign

Our Spring Paper Clover Fundraiser with Tractor Supply Co. took place from April 13–24. Special thanks to members of the K-9 Kids and the Posh Ponies for manning tables at the Brockport and Honeoye Falls stores.



It's Fair Time!!!

Monroe County Fair

This year's Monroe County Fair will be held from August 4–7, 2016, in Northampton Park in the town of Ogden. Come and enjoy a variety of exhibits and concessions as well as a kids' fun zone and rides. 4-Hers can participate in any open shows with their animal and non-animal exhibits!

Also, don't miss the K-9 Kids competing in the 4-H Dog Show at the fair on August 5th!



New York State Fair



Come to the New York State Fair! This year, the New York State Fair runs from Thursday, August 25 through Labor Day—Monday, September 5.

For 12 days, youth from around New York are invited to attend Fair as representatives of their county Cooperative Extension and 4-H offices. The 4-H Youth Building is located near Gate 4 close to Indian Village and the birthing barn.

The Fair highlights the best of 4-H, positive youth development, and New York itself through a focus on agriculture and animal care, public presentations, renewable energy, health and fitness, robotics, teen leadership, and more!

State Fair affords youth in 4-H with opportunities to display exhibits or offer presentations that demonstrate what they have learned, enhance individual learning and skill development, receive recognition or participate in invitationals based on county or district achievement, learn and recognize standards of quality, learn and apply research-based subject matter, promote public awareness of the 4-H Youth Development program, and have fun!



2016 Lilac Festival

The 2016 Lilac Festival is being held in Highland Park from May 6–15. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County and Monroe County 4-H will be at the festival on the 7th and 8th in the Home and Garden tent. The festival always draws a huge crowd, so plan on taking a shuttle in from MCC and giving yourself plenty of time to get where you're going! Looking forward to seeing you there!



Poultry Palooza

Join us in the Kennedy Building at the Genesee County Fairgrounds in Batavia on Saturday, June 4th, for Poultry Palooza! All youth ages 5–19 are welcome to attend! (Youth ages 5–8 must have a parent present.) Four workshops will be held: Poultry Basics, Health, Showmanship, and Eggs. Bring your own bird, and have it tested for Pullorum-Typhoid following the workshop. Pullorum-Typhoid certificates are required to show at the county and state fairs, so this is the perfect time to have your bird tested! Lunch will be provided, or bring your own if you'd rather!

Dates: Saturday, June 4th, 2016

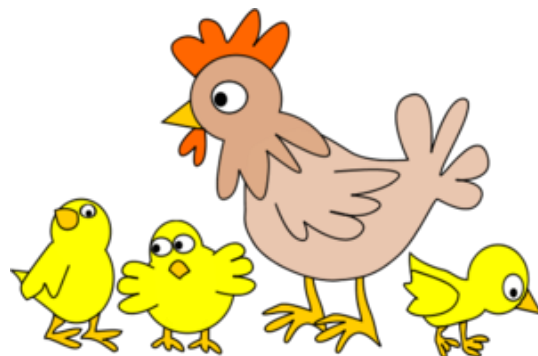
Location: Genesee County Fairgrounds, 5056 East Main Street Road, Batavia

Student fee: \$10

Registration: Closes May 23rd

For a link to the complete brochure as well as information regarding how to register, please visit

<http://genesee.cce.cornell.edu/events/2016/06/04/poultry-palooza>.



Summer Camps!

The school year is winding down, and it's time to start thinking about summer camp! 4-H Camp Wyomoco and 4-H Camp Bristol Hills both offer overnight and day camp options. Make new friends while enjoying the great outdoors! See the camp websites for more information.

4-H Camp Wyomoco

2780 Buffalo Road

Varysburg, NY 14167

TEL: (585) 786-2251

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wyomoco4hcamp@cornell.edu

<http://wyomoco.cce.cornell.edu>

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Canandaigua NY 14424

TEL: (585) 394-3977 - Ext. 435

FAX: (585) 394-0377

<http://www.4-hcampbristolhills.org>



Club News

K-9 Kids

The K-9 Kids had a busy winter and fall! In November, we learned about dog skeletal bones and organs. Three of our members were recognized at Achievement Night for the hard work they put in last year! We also made stuffed dog toys with squeakers to enter at the county fair next year. We had a good time with Dog Bowl and we learned about the seven different dog groups and different breeds. We finished up the year making dog biscuits at our Christmas Party!

In January, we started dog obedience classes at Gayle Persons Dog Training Academy. We had a fun Dog Demo on March 12th during which we showed off our obedience skills. We finished obedience training in March and started rally obedience in April!

In February, seven of our members participated in Public Presentations! We demonstrated our wonderful public-speaking skills in front of a panel of judges.

April was a busy month! We participated in the Tractor Supply Clover Campaign by selling clovers at our local Tractor Supply Company on Saturday, April 16th. Proceeds from the Clover Campaign directly benefit our Monroe County 4-H clubs! We also participated in Pick Up the Parks at Seneca Park on April 23rd. This was our 5th year participating in this rewarding community event!

We are looking forward to a fun late spring and summer!



Calendar

This is a tentative list of 4-H related dates.

This calendar is subject to additions, deletions and further changes.

May

- 6th–15th: Lilac Festival; Highland Park
- 15th: NYS 4-H Horse Communications
- 15th–17th: 4-H Capital Days; Albany NY
- 30th: CCE offices closed

June

- 3rd–4th: Awesome Equine and Dairy, 101; Morrisville State College
- 4th: Poultry Palooza; Genesee County Fairgrounds
- 17th: Presentations celebration for youth who participated in public presentations this year
- 18th: 4-H Gymkhana Horse Show; Mariah Meadows
- 28th–30th: Career Explorations; Cornell University

July

- 4th: CCE offices closed

August

- 4th–7th: Monroe County Fair; Northampton Park
- 20th: NYS 4-H Dog Show, NYS Fairgrounds
- 25th: NYS Fair begins

September

- 5th: Last day of NYS Fair
- 5th: CCE offices closed



Announcements

- Congratulations to Anya K. and Clara W., who will be representing Monroe County at the 4-H Horse Communications Contest at Cornell University on May 14th!
- Our 2016 Urban Fellow will be starting on May 18th! He will help provide 4-H STEM programming to our local libraries and community centers!
- Welcome to Kristie Dorman, our new 4-H Administrative Assistant at CCE of Monroe County. Kristie will be helping Tara Defendorf-Kuba with some of the 4-H office duties so that Tara can focus more of her efforts on community outreach and growing our 4-H program!





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We hope that you are enjoying the Monroe County 4-H Herald. This newsletter is brought to you as part of the educational program provided by the Monroe County Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Program.

We invite you to send us any submissions for the newsletter. Please forward any club happenings, program information or suggestions to Tara at the 4-H Office by the 10th of the month. We will do our best to include submissions.

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults by connecting kids with Cornell University.



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