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Save the Snowpeople!
Monroe County 4-H Youth Development Promoting Active Living and Learning
Throughout the Winter

Monroe County 4-H Youth Development has launched **Save the Snowpeople**, a challenge that encourages families to get active throughout the winter via outdoor explorations and activities in Monroe County Parks.

Youth participants are special agents on a mission to save the snowpeople—now an endangered species as climate change makes our winters warmer and shorter.

Geared to families with children ages 5-19, **Save the Snowpeople** invites families to complete five activities in five different Monroe County Parks before April 1. Those completing the challenge can enter to win grand prizes. Grand prizes include \$100 Wegmans Gift Cards (courtesy of the Ontario Beach Park Program Committee) and \$100 in Rochester Public Market Gift Token packages (courtesy of Friends of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County).

Monroe County 4-H will host two free guided winter walks that offer participants opportunities to complete two of the five activities. Be sure to register for these great experiences.

Tuesday, February 22: **Twosday 2-22-22 "2-EET 2-EET! Guided Bird Walk** at Mendon Ponds Park Meet at 2:22 p.m. at entrance to Wild Wings, 27 Pond Road, Honeoye Falls 14472. More information can be found at:

<http://monroe.cce.cornell.edu/events/2022/02/22/twos-day-bird-walk>.

Saturday, March 19: **Conifer Clamber** at Black Creek Park

Meet at 10 a.m. at 3835 Union Street, North Chili 14514.

Exact meeting site at park will be relayed to registrants via email.

<http://monroe.cce.cornell.edu/events/2022/03/19/4-h-conifer-clamber>

Families can register for both free events at <http://monroe.cce.cornell.edu/events>

"While hibernation is tempting for many of us during our upstate New York winters, we need to exercise our bodies and minds year-round to be our healthiest and happiest," said Andrea Lista, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County. "So bundle up the kids, head to your county parks, and save the snowpeople!"

For full information, including the *Save the Snowpeople* registration link and the downloadable *Save the Snowpeople* mission guide, visit www.tinyurl.com/savethesnowpeoplechallenge. Hard copies of the Mission Guide are available at the CCE-Monroe Office, 2449 St. Paul Blvd. The office is open Monday thru Friday, 9am to 3pm.

The Monroe County 4-H Program is offered through Cornell Cooperative Extension to the youth of Monroe County. 4-H 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.



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