



4-H Steubenite



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October/November/December 2011

2011 Citizenship-Washington Focus Trip Attendees

Lindsey Draper, Independent member, and **Megan Rosko**, Outsiders 4-H Club member, attended the 2011 Citizenship-Washington Focus Trip (C.W.F.) on July 3-11, 2011. CWF is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19 that takes place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center just miles from Washington, DC. CWF provides 4-H youth with opportunities to explore, develop, and refine their community and civic engagement skills to be outstanding leaders in their communities. Through hands-on educational workshops, and sightseeing tours in the “living classroom” of Washington, D.C., youth learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it, and how they can apply the leadership and citizenship skills they learn during CWF when they return home. Every summer, thousands of young people participate in the program, which provides opportunities for them to:

- strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills on a national level
- understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders
- exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds.
- experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, DC.

CWF participants enjoy:

- a behind-the-scenes look at our nation's capital and the chance to meet Members of Congress
- motivational speakers, workshops, and assemblies that increase individual commitment to citizen involvement and build lifetime skills for success
- activities that encourage new and lasting friendships
- an enthusiastic staff of young adults that work directly with them

Participants are immersed in the culture and history of Washington through onsite workshops at its most spectacular sights. Destinations include, but are not limited to:

- The Capitol
- Mount Vernon
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Presidential and war monuments and memorials
- Smithsonian museums

The week's signature event called “Nightview” is a spectacular evening tour of our nation's most historic sites.



Upcoming Events

October

October 29 – Insectapalooza, Cornell University, Ithaca, Comstock Hall 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

November

November 1 - Robotics Workshop, Chemung County Fairgrounds DEC Log Cabin 6-7:30 p.m.

November 3 - Robotics Workshop, Schuyler County Human Services Complex.

November 4 – Registration due to CCE-Wayne for Photography Focus Workshops on November 12

November 5 - 4-H Awards Program, 6:30 p.m.

November 8 - Robotics Workshop at the Chemung County Fairgrounds DEC Log Cabin from 6-7:30 p.m.

November 10 - Robotics Workshop, Schuyler County Human Services Complex

November 11 – Veteran’s Day, CCE Office Closed

November 12 – Photography Focus Workshops, CCE Genesee County, Batavia

November 12 - General Public Presentations at N. Cohocton, 9:00 noon

November 15 – Adult workshop Fall table Centerpiece 6 p.m. County Office Building

November 15- Robotics Workshop at the Chemung County Fairgrounds DEC Log Cabin from 6-7:30 p.m.

November 17 – 4-H Cheese arrives pick up between noon-6 p.m.

November 17 – 4-H Program Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

November 17 - Robotics Workshop, Schuyler County Human Services Complex

November 18 – NYS Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship Due www.nyfb.org

November 22 - Robotics Workshop at the Chemung County Fairgrounds DEC Log Cabin from 6-7:30 p.m.

November 24 and 25 – CCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving

November 29 - Robotics Workshop at the Chemung County Fairgrounds DEC Log Cabin from 6-7:30 p.m.

December

December 1 - Robotics Workshop, Schuyler County Human Services Complex

December 5 – Payment for cheese orders due to CCE Office

December 8 - Robotics Workshop, Schuyler County Human Services Complex

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4-H Program Committee

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December 14 - Adult workshop How to make a boxwood tree 6 p.m. County Office Building

December 26 – Happy Holidays, CCE Office Closed

January

January 1 – Ownership Deadline for Market Beef and Dairy Steers

January 2 – CCE Office Closed. Happy New Year

January 3 – **Members must be Re-enrolled to participate in 2012 Steuben County Fair**

January 9 – Dairy Quiz Bowl and Dairy Judging interest form due to the CCE Office

January 9 – Registration due for the 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Program

January 9 - Market Beef and Dairy Steer I.D. Forms due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

January 16 - CCE Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 16 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., County Office Building

January 23 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., County Office Building

January 30 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

February

February 1 – Swine Picture judging contest entries due to CCE office and NSR.

February 6 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

February 13 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

February 15 – NYS 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Deadline – www.nys4hfoundation.org

February 17 – Public Presentation registration due for February 25

February 18 – JP's North Tack Auction and Sale, Empire Livestock, Bath, NY Noon-Preview, Auction-1:00 p.m.

February 20 - President's Day, CCE Office Closed

February 20 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

February 25 - General Public Presentations, County Office Building, Bath 9-noon & 1:00-4:00, Horse Public Presentations, County Office Building, Bath 1:00-4:00

February 27 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

March

TBA – March Dog Madness, Cornell University

March 4 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, (driving test) location TBA, 1- 4 p.m.

March 5 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, Written Test, County Office Bldg, 7:30 -9:30 pm

March 5-6 - NYS Capital Days Award Trip, Albany

TBA – Tentative Region II Horse Extravaganza (Horse Bowl & Hippology contests), Midlakes School

March 10 – 4-H Expo

March 11 - Snowdate Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, (driving test) location TBA, 1- 4 p.m.
March 12 - Snowdate- 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, Written Test, County Office Bldg, 7:30 -9:30 pm
March 12 - Pheasant Chick Order Due to CCE Office
March 17 – Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, CCE Ontario County
March 19 – Registrations due for 4-H Garden Meeting
March 19-23 - National Ag Week and New York Ag Literacy Week
March 22 – Hoard’s Dairyman Judging Contest Deadline
March 23-24 - Dairy Discovery Award Trip, Cornell University
March 27 – 4-H Spring Garden Meeting, Steuben County Fairgrounds, Masonic Building, Bath
March 31 – District Public Presentations and Region II Horse Communications (Tentative)

April

TBA – Market Chicken Orders Due to CCE Office
April 9 Registration and \$5 registration fee for NYS Animal Crackers due to CCE Office
April 13-15 - STARR Retreat, NYS Fairgrounds

May

May 1 – First day to get Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for all NYS Fairs including Steuben County
DO NOT WAIT!
May 1 – **New Members** must be enrolled to participate in 2012 County Fair
May 4 - H Clothing Revue
May 5 – NYS Animal Crackers (Dairy Cattle, Dog) Cornell University
May 12 – Tentative County Dairy Judging Tour
May 28 – Memorial Day – CCE Office Closed



Office News

CCE Steuben Facebook Page

A Facebook page has been created for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County. Like us on facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/ccesteuben> or you can go to www.putknowledgetowork.com and click under Timely Topics.



Remember to elect a Choose Health Officer in your 4-H Clubs this fall! The Choose Health Officer will keep the Health-H front and center in your club and encourage the members to be physically active all through the year. This can also be used for independent families. How-to booklets for the leader (parent) and Choose Health Officer are available to help club or independent members be active and eat healthier. Contact Loree for more information

4-H Expo Instructors Needed

4-H Expo, a day of workshops and activities for 4-H leaders, parents and club members of all ages is coming in March. There are workshops in all 4-H project areas such as natural resources, environmental education, nutrition and foods, animal science, horse, dog, textiles and clothing, crafts, and club management. The workshops are assigned a learning level so the classes will be fun for the age it was intended. The levels are: Cloverbuds (5-7 years), level A (8-12 years), level B (13-19 years) or level C (4-H leaders). 4-H leaders can attend any workshop so they can gain new project ideas. Participants will be informed as to what supplies are needed for each project or if the supplies are being provided by the instructor and the cost that will be charged. The brochure with the class descriptions and sign-up sheet will be available early in January, so watch for it on the web or in the mail.

Instructors are needed for the 1 hr. classes/workshops for all ages. Classes are need in all project areas of 4-H. If anyone has ideas to share and/or would like to teach a class, please contact Loree at the 4-H office by the end of November.



Public Presentations for 2011/2012

When former members of 4-H are asked what helped them the most in preparing for their adult years, the answer was doing public presentations. The reason for this is that it prepared them to organize information and be able to get up in front of a group at work, in the community or at a club meeting and feel comfortable. With this in mind the 4-H Program Committee decided that everyone in 4-H should do a presentation each year whether it is at the county or club level.

ALL Regular 4-H members ages 8 and up are required to participate in the public presentation program to receive project completion. Cloverbuds are strongly encouraged to do a presentation but it is not mandatory. In addition to the County presentations there is another option, that of presenting at a Club Meeting and being “judged” by one of the leaders of the club. The Club Presentation is meant to be just a stepping stone for a year or two, then the member needs to attend at the county level.

Information on preparing for presentations was given to leaders in the registration packet for the 4-H year and is also on the web. **If an individual or a club would like help with any part of the public presentation process, please contact the 4-H office. Arrangements can be made to give you or your club the help that is needed.**

Fall General Public Presentation Day -

Fall Public Presentations will be held in North Cohocton Methodist Church on Saturday, November 12, 2011 from 9:00am – Noon. Registrations are due to the 4-H office on Friday, November 4th.

If you are a new club or new to public presentations, you are welcome to come to N. Cohocton and watch the presenters.

Winter General and Horse Public Presentation Day -

The next opportunity to do public presentations will be on **Saturday, February 25, 2012 at the Steuben County Office Building**. General presentations and horse will be done on the same day. Check below for more information.

General Presentations: All topics except horse. Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 pm-4:00 pm.

Horse Presentations: All presentations with a horse topic. Time 1:00-4:00 only.

Summer General Public Presentation Day -

The summer General public presentation event will be in the **Youth Building at the Steuben County Fair on Wednesday, August 15, 2012**. This will also include "Produced in New York" presentations.

All members except cloverbuds giving presentations at the county level in November or February will be considered for district level presentations. Also club presentations do not give public presentation award trip status to members.

Insectapalooza



Insects - from the good to the bad to the bugly - will be on display at Cornell University during the 8th annual Insectapalooza Insect Fair on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Comstock Hall on the Cornell University campus. The cost of entry is less than a cup of coffee: \$1 per person.

Insectapalooza is an interactive, hands-on experience that features hundreds of live insects, spiders, and other fascinating arthropods. This year there are many new exhibits and popular favorites like the live Butterfly room, Arthropod Zoo, and Pollination room. Insectapalooza is fun and educational for children, teens, and adults of all ages.

The annual, one-day insect fair is hosted by the Department of Entomology at Cornell. "The Good, The Bad, and the Bugly" theme reflects the countless ways that insects interact with people and impact our lives - for better or for worse.

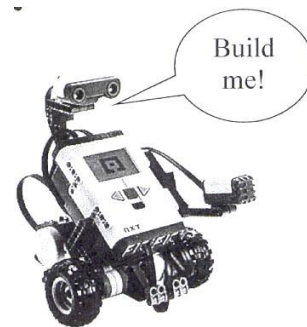
We have plenty of parking for cars and buses. For more information see:

<http://entomology.cornell.edu/cals/entomology/news/insectapalooza-2011.cfm>

We hope to see you there! Dr. Linda S. Rayor, Department of Entomology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, LSR1@cornell.edu, (O) 607 255-8406

Regional 4-H Robotics Program

Choose your location and embark on an adventure with Virtual, Junk Drawer and NX Robotics. Open to all youth ages 9-14 years old in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and Tioga Counties. Each class is limited to 15 on a first come first serve basis. The Robotics workshop will be held on November 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at the Chemung County Fairgrounds DEC Log Cabin from 6-7:30 p.m. OR on November 3, 10, 17, December 1 and December 8 at the Schuyler County Human Services Complex. Pre-registration is required by calling Roger Ort at 607-535-7161 or email him at rlo28@cornell.edu



2011 NYS Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum

The 2011 Volunteer Forum is scheduled for Friday evening, November 18 and Saturday, November 19, 2011 or you can attend only on November 19. This Conference will provide volunteers and teens 13 years old and older and staff who are working with youth the opportunity to learn new skills, explore new resources hands-on and network with 4-H leaders, other volunteers and staff from around NYS. Saturday November 19 will include 3 workshop sessions. Workshop 1 is in interactive panel presentation to include 4-H project stations. Workshop Session 2 choices are Planning and Delivering Good Program for your 4-H Club; Explore Science Fun with the 4-H Science Toolkit; or Animal Science: Exploring the opportunities with Ohio Learning Labs and Skillathons. Workshop Session 3 choices are 4-H Hands on Gardening; Food, Culture and Reading Together; Working with Youth with Challenging Behaviors; 4-H Robotics: Engineering for Today and Tomorrow; or Essential Elements of 4-H Youth Development Clubs. Registration form and payment is due November 4 to CCE Schuyler County. For more information and the registration form visit

<http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/get%20involved/Pages/VolunteerTrainingOpportunities.aspx> or contact Kim at the CCE Office at 607-664-2306.

Photography Focus Workshops



There will be photography focus workshops for 4-H members ages 10 and over and leaders on Saturday, November 12 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County Office in Batavia. The cost is \$15 per participant for each session. These workshops will be taught by Monroe Payne, Award-winning photographer and NYS 4-H Photography Evaluator. Session 1 Beginning Photography from 10 a.m. – noon is a basic shooting and composition workshop with only a small amount of time spent on “presentation” for competition. Participants need to know how to use the camera in automatic mode to capture an image and how to download the image into a computer.

Session 2 is Composition and Presentation from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Session 2 will focus heavily on composition and finishing the image and then mounting for presentation, winding up with creative framing. Participants need to know how to operate their camera past point and click, and they must have an idea of how to operate computer editing software. Registration is due by Friday, November 4 to CCE Wayne County For a registration form go to <http://www.putknowledgetowork.com/Documents/4h/2011/photogfocusworkshops.pdf> or contact Kim at the CCE office

Adult Horticulture Workshop

Tom Cortright will be conducting 2 horticulture workshops for adults at the County Office Building in Bath at 6 p.m. for \$15 each. The first workshop will be on November 15 on how to make a fall centerpiece for your table and on December 14 on how to make a boxwood tree. Please register to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County at 607-664-2300. Registration is limited to first come first serve. You can register for one or both workshops.



2012 Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship

Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship is sponsored by The New York Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee. This scholarship is open to 2012 High School Seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career in some way connected to the diverse agricultural industry. Candidates may live or work on a farm or be involved with agriculture via any avenue. Family Farm Bureau membership or Student Farm Bureau membership is required but can be found at www.nyfb.org. **The application with a school photo, not computer image, (wallet size head and shoulder shot) is due in November 18, 2011 to the New York Farm Bureau.** Scoring will determine the County Winners as well as the District Winner. Check the following website for an

application: www.nyfb.org and look under Farm Essentials, then Promotion & Education and then Promotion & Education Essentials or call NYS Farm Bureau at 1-800-342-4143 for an application or contact the CCE Office.

4-H Awards Trip Committee

The 4-H Awards Trip committee will be meeting in October at the County Office Building to choose 4-H members for the Capital Days, STARR, Career Exploration Trip, Cornell University; Agribusiness Career (ABC) Trip, Cobleskill; and Citizenship-Washington Focus are based on the 4-H members Senior Summary Reports. The awards trip committee meets once a year. If you are not already on the committee and are interested in serving on this committee contact Kim Randall at the CCE Office or at ksb3@cornell.edu.

New York State 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

The NYS 4-H Foundation and generous sponsors are pleased to provide scholarships to members for their accomplishments as a result of 4-H experiences, and to support future educational goals.



Scholarship Application procedures. Download the application and follow the instructions carefully.

<http://www.nys4hfoundation.org/programs/foundation-programs/opportunity-scholarship-program/>

Applications can be sent electronically as an attached file to esearle@nys4hfoundation.org or mailed to NYS 4-H Foundation, 248 Grant Ave., Suite II-A, Auburn, NY 13021. The application and all required materials are to be postmarked or date-stamped **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2012**. Notification of scholarship awards will be made in June.

Please note that a Steuben County 4-H staff person must review and sign all scholarships applications that are submitted from Steuben County youth. If you applied last year or this is your first time, we encourage you to take the time to fill out the application forms.

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated personal growth and development through 4-H projects and activities
- Held leadership roles in 4-H and other organizations
- Active in community or public service activities
- Sense of direction in future educational goals
- Academic record
- Applicant must be eligible for 4-H enrollment. Youth who have reached their nineteenth birthday before January 1, 2012 are not eligible to apply for scholarships.
- Applicant must have been a 4-H member in New York State, or participated in a Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program for at least one year.
- Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited university, college or technical school.
- Applicant must have a current grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale unless otherwise stated for specific scholarships.

Distribution procedures.

Awards will be distributed upon completion of the first semester of enrollment at the university, college or technical school. Prior to receiving the scholarship award, recipients will need to provide the NYS 4-H Foundation office:

- A collegiate or technical school academic transcript for the completed academic term showing a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or academic good standing on another scale.
- A copy of current term fee slip or other document that confirms continued enrollment at the university, college or technical school.

Announcement of Scholarship recipients will be at the NYS 4-H Career Explorations Program June 26-28, 2012.

2011-2012 New York State 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Winner announced

Congratulations to Erica Freeman was one of eight 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship winners for 2011-2012. Erica completed her 8th year as a 4-H member from Steuben County. Throughout 4-H, Erica has focused much of her time in the areas of equestrian arts and fine arts and crafts. While riding horses has always been a hobby for Erica, she has honed her skills as a competitor through 4-H Quizbowl matches and horse shows. As the Quizbowl Team Captain, she led her team to participate in the Eastern National competition in Kentucky. She also led her Hippology team as top senior individual at both regional and state levels. Erica's community service includes maintaining the county fairgrounds, raising money for cystic fibrosis with her 4-H club, and pursuing community service projects through her school's National Honor Society. Erica's art awards at both the Steuben County Fair, and the New York State Fair, include high premiums and best of show. Complementing her 4-H experiences, Erica is the President of her high school Debate Club and Secretary of her school's National Honor Society. As a member of her school's "Academic All Stars," she is clearly on the path to achieving her goal of becoming an attorney. With her commitment to public service and equal opportunity, she will begin this journey at Cornell University, where she will study Industrial and Labor Relations in the fall.

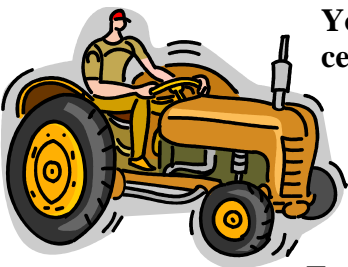
4-H Office Policy!!!

Any items, (Awards program, Fair items, etc.), left in the 4-H Office over 60 days from the date you are notified will be disposed of as the 4-H Staff deems reasonable. You will receive one phone call or email notification. It will be noted on each item the date that you were notified. Please make sure items are picked up, for you or your club, in a timely manner.

Checking The Web!

It is very important that everyone is checking the web site, www.putknowledgetowork.com and then click on 4-H Youth Development on a weekly basis as new items are appearing on the web site daily. We will keep you informed of upcoming events and changes by posting them on the web site as soon as we get them.

4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program Offered



Youth who will be 14 and over as of March 1, 2012 can take the course for certification. Participants who want to earn their certification must pass both the written exam and the driving test. **The cost for this course is \$15.00 for 4-H members to cover the cost of materials and is payable to CCE by Monday, January 9th with the enclosed registration form or the registration form that can be found on the website at www.putknowledgetowork.com and click on 4-H Youth Development and then click on other programs or by contacting Kim at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2306.**

Non 4-H members are eligible to take this course but in addition they will need to complete a 4-H enrollment form as an independent member by Monday, January 9 which is found on the above website and pay the \$5.00 4-H enrollment fee.

The Hazardous-Occupation Order for youth under 16 makes it unlawful to hire or even permit without pay any youth under the age of 16 to participate in any work activities listed as hazardous, unless:

1. The youth is employed, either with or without compensation, by their parents or legal guardian, or
2. The youth 14-15 years old has a training certificate which provides an exemption from certain hazardous work activities.
3. The Tractor and Machinery Operation Program allows for youth under the age of 16 who successfully completes the program to engage in agricultural work activities below if they are 14-15 despite the fact the activities are listed as "agricultural work activities classified as hazardous for youth under 16".

Tractor Operation - This training allows youth who successfully complete requirements to: operate a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower, or connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from such a tractor.
Equipment Operation This allows youth who successfully complete requirements to operate or assist to operate the following equipment: hay mower, hay baler, forage harvester, forage blower, feed grinder, crop dryer, auger conveyor, the unloading mechanism of a non-gravity type self-unloading wagon or trailer, corn picker, cotton picker, grain combine, power post-hole digger, power post driver, a non-walking rotary tiller, potato digger, or mobile pea viner. This includes starting, stopping, adjusting, feeding, or any activity involving physical contact associated with the operation of the equipment listed. Youth must have satisfied all the requirements for the Tractor Operation and must have completed a total of at least **24 hours of instruction**.

The schedule for the course is as follows:

There will also be three Sunday Sessions from 1-4 p.m. with the locations to be announced. Two of the sessions will be for more hands on learning and the last session will be for the driving test.

Mondays, January 16, 23, 30 7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, South Conference

Mondays, February 6, 13, 20, 27 7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, South Conference

Monday, March 5 (written test) or March 14 (written test date if one of the above sessions end up being cancelled due to weather)

Tentative Sunday, March 4 or March 11 TBA (driving test) location to be announced 1- 4 p.m.

NYS 4-H Youth Development Animal Crackers Program

Saturday, May 5, 2012 with the focus for 2012 on Dairy Cattle and Dogs

The annual Animal Crackers program provides New York youth with fun hands-on science-oriented learning experiences on Animal Science topics which feature the unique facilities and staff of Cornell University.

When/Where: This Saturday workshop is held every May on campus (Morrison Hall) for 4-H members interested in learning more about their favorite livestock, companion or pet animal species; emphasis on different species groupings and activities varies annually. The program is geared to 4-H members involved in animal science projects.

Who: 4-H project members (suggested age range 9-12) are strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperones). However, all youth 9 and up are welcome. Participants will get to meet Cornell faculty and students, learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with professional producers, industry experts, and more! Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group.

Why?: Animal Crackers participants have the unique opportunity to experience hands-on activities in a university setting, explore career options in animal science, and expand their knowledge through scientific inquiry.

How?: Please contact Kim at the CCE Office at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-664-2306 if you are interested in attending. Registration is due by Monday, April 9th to the CCE Office. **Cost?:** The cost of \$5.00 per person is due to CCE-Stauben to cover basic handout and occasional presenter expenses.

Participants must bring their own lunch and drinks. The closest place to purchase food is a 5 minute drive from campus.

Each year an opening presentation kicks off the event with a welcoming statement or remarks related to the annual theme. Livestock production themes are usually offered in even years and Horse programs are rotated in odd years. A noon-time demonstration and closing program is also typically featured.

Workshop presenters and topics are selected by a planning committee that looks at trends and current issues. Youth input on topics is also solicited through statewide advisory committees and educator feedback.

More information will be found at <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/crackers/index.html>

Examples of some of the fun things participants have experienced in the past... The Cornell Raptor Program, ultrasound technology, Herding dogs at work, Disc dogs in action, barrel racing, driving, poop soup, and more...

Summer Youth Program

Amber Tietje, 2011 4-H Summer Assistant, did various activities and projects with 203 youth from area summer recreation programs including Addison, Campbell, Corning, and Hornell.



Livestock

2012 Market Beef Identification Forms and Information

In 2012 both beef and beef/dairy cross steers and heifers can show in the market beef class. Heifers shown in market beef classes are not eligible for beef breeding classes. Market heifers must follow the same rules and regulations as market steers.

Market Beef and Dairy Steer Identification Forms are due to the CCE Office **by Monday, January 9, 2012 no later than 4:30 p.m.** 2012 Market Beef and Dairy Steer Identification Forms and Information are now available on the web at

www.putknowledgetowork.com

Please note that this year ID forms will NOT be accepted without photos attached, correct identification filled in and leader signatures. ID forms do not enter your animal in the fair.



Dairy



Dairy Quiz Bowl

The *primary objective* of 4-H Dairy Bowl Contests is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H dairy project to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. It is also hoped that these contests will prove to be an educational experience for both participants and spectators. The Dairy Bowl Program is designed to encourage youth to increase their dairy knowledge through study and preparation for the contest. Youth learn life skills as they prepare for contests - critical thinking, decision-making, problem solving, communication skills, listening skills, speaking skills and independent thinking. They experience the value of teamwork, character building, and goal setting. Youth gain knowledge in dairy nutrition, milk quality, herd health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and all cattle breeds.

Age of contestants is as of January 1, 2012.

Novice Contest

Team members may be 8 - 10 years old with some experience or 11 - 13 years old with no previous district contests experience.

Junior Contest

9 years to 13 years old

Senior Contest

14 years to 18 years old.

Dairy Quiz Bowl Schedule Location TBA – Jan. – March (5 practice sessions)

Saturday, March 17 Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, CCE Ontario County Office
The Finger Lakes District will send a junior and a senior team to the state competition at Cornell University. The Finger Lakes District junior and senior teams will be composed of the top four individuals with the 5th place as the alternate in each division.

If you are interested in participating in Dairy Quiz Bowl please return the enclosed interest form by Monday, January 9, 2012. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering as a coach please contact Kim at 607-664-2306 or at ksb3@cornell.edu.

Many 4-H dairy members have enjoyed Dairy Quiz Bowl so plan to be a part of the 2012 Dairy Quiz Bowl.

Dairy Judging



What is Cow College? Cow College is another name for Dairy Judging.

Who can attend cow college? Any 4-H member and their parent, grandparent, leader, etc. who is interested in learning how to dairy judge. Please NOTE: **Cloverbud members 5-7 years old** (as of January 1, 2012) who are interested in learning how to dairy judge may participate **only if they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who is at least 21 years old who will be accompanying them the entire time.**

Where is cow college held? Cow college is held in the barn at different farms around the county (dress warm and wear appropriate foot wear because you will be in the barn or at times outside depending on the weather!)

When is cow college? Cow college is (5) five Saturdays during February, March, and April. Each session runs from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Why should I go to cow college? Cow college teaches you the essentials for being a dairy cattle judge. It will help you understand what to look for what choosing your show animal. It will also help you understand why the judge places your animal the way he does at county fair or any other dairy show.

What happens after the five (5) cow colleges? There is a county dairy judging tour in May (Tentatively May 12). 4-H families (4-H members including cloverbuds and adults) are encouraged to judge. There will be several judging trips throughout the summer that selected 4-H members will be invited to attend. 4-H members can participate in the Dairy Judging Contest at the Steuben County Fair. There is the State Dairy Judging Contest at the NYS Fair where 4-H members (8-18 years old) will be selected as members of the 3 possible Steuben County Teams:

A Team – 4-H members will need to give oral reasons as part of the contest.

B Team – 4-H members will not give oral reasons as part of the contest.

C Team – youth 8-10 as of January 1, 2012 or any youth 13 and under as of January 1, 2012 who have not previously competed in the dairy judging contest at the State Fair. 4-H members will not give oral reasons as part of the contest.

Dairy Judging Schedule Dates and Locations to be announced (5 Saturdays 1-3 p.m. Feb. – April)

Many 4-H members have enjoyed dairy judging so plan to be a part of the 2011 dairy judging program.

If you are interested in participating in Dairy Judging please return the enclosed interested form by Monday, January 9, 2012



2012 Horse Show Requirement

4-H Members Participating in the Horse Project Please Note: Members must **participate in one county level or beyond Horse Educational Event** (i.e. Public presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, or Horse Judging) or attend alternate “educational events” and do a one-page written report on what they saw and learned to receive educational credit **to be eligible to participate in any Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows.**

Public Presentation Credit - Horse members will receive credit towards showing if they give a public presentation on a horse related topic at the county event or by completing a club level presentation and turning in the evaluation form with a summary/outline of the presentation.

County Level Credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology - For a Horse member to receive county level credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology they **must attend at least 3 of the practice sessions.**

Regional Credit – To receive regional credit 4-H members must participate in the regional contests.



Past Events

Special Recognition From the NYS Fair

When exhibits in the youth building at the New York State Fair go above and beyond “excellent”, they receive special recognition. Those from Steuben County that were purple rosette winners were: Kelienna Weatherwax, Textiles and Clothing; Gabriel Barone and Moriah HerrNecker, Textiles and Clothing; Luke Gilson, Jill DeWispelaere, Denise Schubmehl, Foods and Nutrition. Brad Sick received the “People’s Choice Award” for his photo “Waiting” in the New York State 4-H Dog Photography Contest

District 6 NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs (NYSAAF) Scholarship Winners

Steuben County Agricultural Society has announced the winners of the District 6 NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs scholarship. Isaac Oman, son of Bob and Wendy Oman of Campbell and Taylor Wade, daughter of Lyle and Jeanne Wade of Canisteo, were chosen as the first ever \$1,000.00 scholarship winners from Steuben County. Isaac completed his 10th year as a 4-H member in the Outsiders 4-H Club and Taylor completed her 7th year as an independent 4-H member. Isaac and Taylor exhibited many years at the Steuben County Fair. Isaac, a graduate of Campbell-Savona is attending Alfred State School of Technology in the Heavy Diesel Program. Taylor, a graduate of Canisteo-Greenwood is attending Alfred State College majoring in Marketing. We applaud Isaac and Taylor for their award and being fine representatives for Steuben County and the NYSAAF.



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