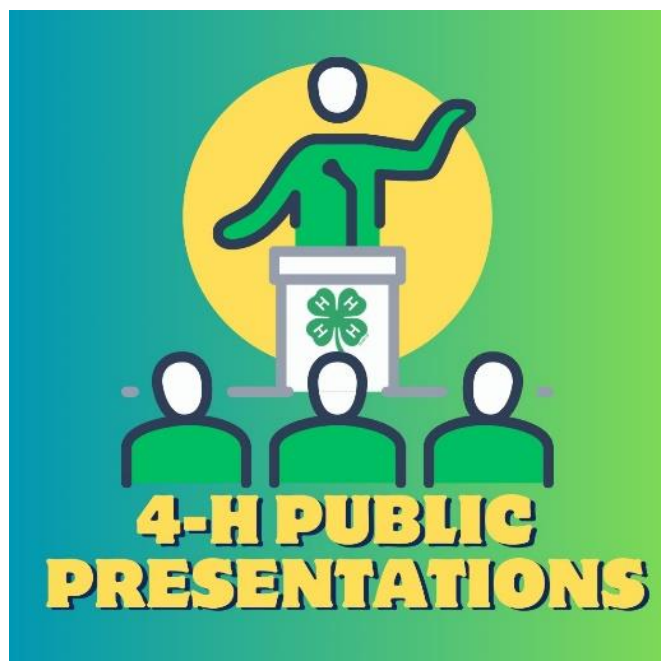




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It's Public Presentations Time!

4-H Public Presentation Days are a time when youth can practice their public speaking skills and gain confidence through positive encouragement. Youth that show livestock at the fair are required to complete a public presentation. All Erie County 4-H members are invited and encouraged to sign-up and participate in Public Presentations, regardless of club/independent member status or age.

All first- and second-year presenters are encouraged to do a presentation that has a poster. Learning the basics of a presentation in the first couple years will make an excellent presenter in the future. We remind our older youth who want to do a power point presentation, to be comfortable with setting up your electronic devices, without the assistance of an adult, and feel confident when using the devices to present.

Thursday, February 1 from 6-9pm – Revive Wesleyan Church (McKinley Campus)

Wednesday, February 7 from 6-9pm – Harlem Road Community Center

Thursday, February 15 from 6-9pm – Revive Wesleyan Church (McKinley Campus)

Saturday, February 17 from 9am-2pm – Revive Wesleyan Church (McKinley Campus)

Saturday, February 24 from 9am-2pm – Revive Wesleyan Church (McKinley Campus)

District Presentations*: Saturday, March 23 from 9am-4pm – Location TBD

*The top-scoring 10% of Erie County youth will be invited to move forward and present at Districts

Location Addresses:

West Seneca Community Center: 1300 Union Rd, West Seneca, NY 14224

Revive Wesleyan Church (McKinley Campus): 4999 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg, NY 14075

Harlem Road Community Center: 4255 Harlem Rd, Amherst, NY 14226

Important Information

4-Hers Giving a Public Presentation!



- Look out for a yellow postcard in your mailbox- this will let you know what time you're presenting
- Please arrive 15 minutes before your time *block*. Four youth are scheduled each time block. Showing up early to your time block will give you time to check-in and be ready to present if a spot opens up. This helps presentations run efficiently and smoothly
- **Familiarize yourself with the rubrics before presenting!**
 - There are different rubrics for the different types of presentations. The rubrics are available on our CCE Erie 4-H website under the "Public Presentation Resources" tab. Find rubrics in the green box on the right-hand side of the webpage.
 - <https://erie.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth-development/public-presentation-information-and-resources-for-participants-and-evaluators>
- For youth giving a food demonstration- look over the food demo specific resources on our website
- You are welcome to watch and listen to other 4-Hers presentations before or after your presentation. Show your support for your fellow 4-Hers!
- If you'd like to be a youth volunteer, you can earn community service hours. Email mgw76@cornell.edu to sign-up to volunteer.
- For those using a PowerPoint- many of you stated in registration that you will be bringing laptops that are able to connect to an HDMI cord. All youth giving a PowerPoint should, in addition to bringing their laptop, bring their presentation on a USB drive (or email to mgw76@gmail.com) in the event of technical difficulties.
- For youth giving interviews- you must turn in your completed application materials (resume, cover letter or essay, application) at least 2 weeks before your presentation date. Materials can be mailed to CCE Erie (21 S Grove St, East Aurora, NY 14052) or emailed to mgw76@cornell.edu
- Have fun! Presentations are a wonderful way to grow your confidence and public speaking skills, while teaching about a topic that you think is interesting!

Email mgw76@cornell.edu with any questions regarding presentations

Public Presentations & Community Service!

CALLING ALL ERIE COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS! JOIN US FOR A COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT!



Revive Wesleyan Church is collecting food for their food pantry.

This is the church that hosts us for some of our Public Presentation Days. We'd like to organize an Erie County 4-H community service project of food donations to Revive Wesleyan.

What food should I bring?

Visit Revive Wesleyan's sign-up link to look at food options:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DABA82BA0F8CF8-food2#

Note: You do **NOT** need to "sign-up" online. This is just a list to give you ideas of what to bring

*A food item not listed online, but that the food pantry appreciates, is cookies!

How do I participate?

On any day that Public Presentations are taking place at Revive Wesleyan, bring non-perishable food items to the church.

Dates and times:

- Thursday, February 1 from 6-8pm
- Thursday, February 15 from 6-8pm
- Saturday, February 17 from 9am-1pm
- Saturday, February 24 from 9am-1pm

Not giving a Public Presentation but still want to participate? No problem! Bring food items to Revive Wesleyan (McKinley Campus) during any of the dates and times listed above. After dropping off your food, you're welcome to hang out and watch your fellow 4-Hers present!

Contact mgw76@cornell.edu with any questions regarding food donation



ERIE COUNTY 4-H

PRESENTATION PREGAME

WEST SENECA COMMUNITY CENTER
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 FROM 6-7:45 PM



- PRACTICE GIVING YOUR PRESENTATION
- RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM EVALUATORS
- LISTEN TO OTHER PRESENTATIONS
- ASK QUESTIONS!

TO REGISTER:
EMAIL [MGW76@CORNELL.EDU](mailto:MGW76@cornell.edu)

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – RESOURCES

Resources available for youth and evaluators on the
4-H page of our website:
erie.cce.cornell.edu



<https://erie.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth-development/public-presentation-information-and-resources-for-participants-and-evaluators>

WANTED: Public Presentation Evaluators

Would you like to be involved in one of Erie County 4-H's most influential programs for youth?? Join our Public Presentations evaluator team!!

We are looking for volunteers who enjoy working with youth and are interested in helping them improve their public speaking skills. Evaluators would need to attend at least 1 presentation day (weeknight and weekend options). No experience needed- we'd love to see new faces! Training will be provided, and you can request to be paired up with an experienced evaluator.



****We are also looking for a few volunteers who have experience conducting interviews! ****

If you would like to help our youth thrive in public presentations, please contact Maddie (mgw76@cornell.edu or 716-652-5400 x 130)

4-Hers - We need YOU!

Public Presentations!



We are looking for 4-H members who would like to learn more about public presentations while gaining *community service hours* that can be used for school or other requirements. There are a couple of roles you can fill during any of our Public Presentation Days:

- **Runner-** Carry public presentations evaluation forms from presentation rooms to the tally room (you don't actually need to "run" 😊)
- **Junior Evaluator-** Sit with evaluators and learn what they are looking for to give out "5"'s to a presenter. This may help you learn what to work on for your own presentation! This is also a great way to meet and interact with fellow 4-Hers while learning about some cool topics.
- **Junior Room Host-** Introduce a presenter to their audience and their evaluators

Youth are welcome to volunteer for a couple of hours (when they aren't giving their presentation) on the same day that they sign up to present. Youth are also welcome to sign up to help on a day that they are not presenting.

To sign-up, please indicate you'd like to help on your presentation registration online form, or email mgw76@cornell.edu

Calling all 4-H Volunteers and Club Leaders!

The 4-H Office is hosting an Erie County 4-H Volunteer Mixer on March 12, 2024 at 6pm at the Roycroft Power House in East Aurora. We've heard from club leaders that they want to know where our "experts" in 4-H are. For example, who can teach their club about photography? Sewing? Woodworking? Who has a farm that their club can visit? We also hope this will connect volunteers who are willing to share their skills with a club to visit and do so.

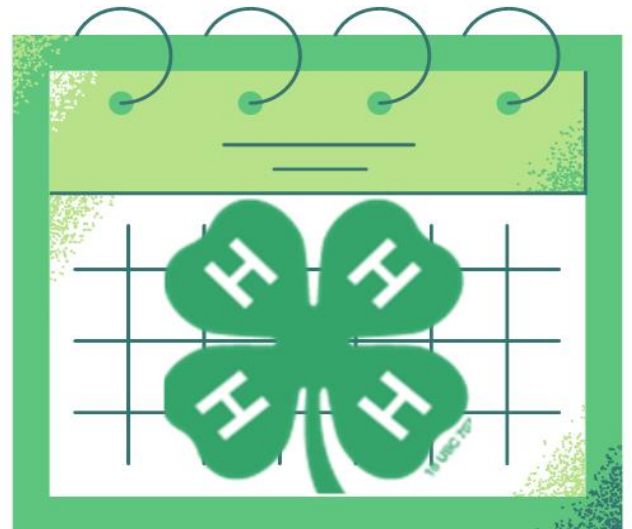
- ✓ Please save the evening of March 12 on your calendars and contact Maddie with any questions mgw76@cornell.edu or 716-652-5400 x130



General 4-H Calendar Snapshot for 2024

This list is a work in progress and will be updated in each 4-H Monthly Newsletter.
Please contact Maddie with any questions (mgw76@cornell.edu or 716-652-5400 x 130)

- ✓ January 24 – Monthly Workshop (Food Demonstration)
- ✓ January 25 – Public Presentation Pregame
- ✓ January 31 – Monthly Workshop (Shaker Stools Part 2)
- ✓ February 1 – Public Presentation Day
- ✓ February 7 – Public Presentation Day
- ✓ February 15 – Public Presentation Day
- ✓ February 17 – Public Presentation Day
- ✓ February 24 – Public Presentation Day
- ✓ February 27– Monthly Workshop (STEM Night)
- ✓ March 9 – Monthly Workshop (Sewing part 1- tentative date)
- ✓ March 12 – 4-H Leader and Volunteer Mixer
- ✓ March 19 – Food in Community Launch Meeting (Zoom)
- ✓ March 20 – 4-H Alumni Meeting
- ✓ March 23 – District Public Presentation Day
- ✓ April 13 – Monthly Workshop (Sewing part 2- tentative date)
- ✓ April 25 – Glads for 4-Hers Meeting
- ✓ May 3 – Textile Revue (Tentative date)
- ✓ May 15 – 4-H Alumni Meeting
- ✓ May 19-21 – Capital Days
- ✓ June 26-28 – Career Explorations
- ✓ July 17 – 4-H Alumni Meeting
- ✓ August 7-18 – Erie County Fair
- ✓ August 11 – Talent and Fashion Show
- ✓ August 13 – Chef Challenge
- ✓ August 18 – STEM Challenge
- ✓ August 21-September 2 – New York State Fair
- ✓ September 30 – Last day of 2023-24 4-H year



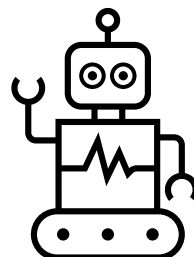
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4-H STEM Night

Tuesday, February 27th - 6:00-7:30pm

Roycroft Power House, 39 South Grove St.



Experience a wide range of hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math activities led by 4-H educators, volunteers, and teen leaders! Learn about electricity, robotics, and much more!

All ages welcome.

Sign up by e-mailing Sara at sej57@cornell.edu.



Join Teen Ambassadors in 2024

Calling all 4-H members ages 13 to 18!

Deadline January 26th!

Are you looking to:

- Build your confidence, meet other 4-Hers from Erie County, and bring the community together around food?
- Do you need community service hours for school?
- Do you want something to add to your resumé for college applications?

Then the 4-H Erie County Teen Ambassadors is the place for you. We will be holding monthly meetings, with a mix of virtual and in-person meetings, starting in February. Together as a group, along with adult partners, we will be planning a series of events called "Food in Community" that will benefit Erie County 4-H.

Apply here: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/teenambassadors2024_214



Scholarships and Financial & Assistance Opportunities

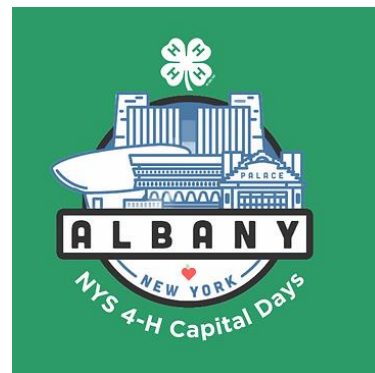
Please check our website for more scholarship opportunities,
we will post them as they become available.

[4-H Scholarship and Financial Assistance Opportunities Page](#)

NYS 4-H Capital Days May 19-21, 2024 – Who wants to learn about and experience our New York State government firsthand? NYS 4-H Capital Days is open to all youth grades 9-12. We will spend 2 full days at your NYS Capital experiencing the Assembly, Senate, Court of Appeals, and many state agencies (Dept of Ag, Education, Health, DMV, Parks and Recreation, Corrections), learning about career opportunities and how a bill becomes a law along with time to meet with your legislature and senator and work with other 4-H members from across the state.

Applications are due by January 30, 2024, and can be found on our website.

Interested? Apply today! Contact Tammi at tlk6@cornell.edu with any questions.



**4-H RESOURCE
ALERT!**

Are you a club leader looking to add new activities
to your meetings?

Independent Member looking to try something
new?



Check out this *free* resource!

Utah 4-H has a webpage that has FREE curriculum to download. The curriculum covers over 80 different topics, and each curriculum booklet includes multiple activities. These booklets also connect the topics and activities to the “Experiential Learning Model” which encompasses the “Learn By Doing” aspect of 4-H that helps youth thrive.

For free curriculum, visit this link or scan the QR code:

<https://extension.usu.edu/utah4h/discover>





Livestock Notes

January 2024

Welcome 2024!

Attention all the livestock youth who show pigs, lambs, chickens, turkeys, market rabbits, meat goats and steers.

Please register for the Marketing Workshops at
<https://forms.gle/WycPBeGK5JV3ZB2q9>

Workshop sessions will be at the Ag Discovery Center at the fair on:

- Tuesday, January 23
- Monday, February 12
- Wednesday, March 6

All youth selling must attend at least 2 of the 3 workshops being offered and participate in the dinner on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, along with the submission of 2 bidder forms. Mark your calendar now to attend the workshops and learn about the details.



We need more Volunteers – parents and youth: I know many of you are not yet in auction mode, parents I would like to invite you to be a part of the auction

support system. There are many ways you can help support our youth to make the auction a success.

Here are a couple ways:

- Join the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction Roundup committee – help with the planning of the event on April 17.
- Lend your support at the fair to be a book runner at the auction.
- Lend your support at the fair to oversee the entrance and exit gate for the auction ring.
- Lend your support at the fair to assist with the bidder refreshment table.

The list goes on – did you see something at the 2023 auction that you felt needed to be improved or changed? Join the committee to help us give our bidders a five-star experience. Email Tammi to be added to the planning committee list at tlk6@cornell.edu

Livestock Calendar Snapshot

contact Tammi with questions

tlk6@cornell.edu

* Represents an addition

- January 23– Marketing Meeting #1, 6:30 p.m. ADC at the fairgrounds.
- January 25 – Public Presentation Pre-Game 6 pm
- January 27 – County Horse Bowl 9:30 am contest
- January 29 – Llama/Alpaca Orientation-zoom 6:30 pm
- January 30 – Dairy, Working, Meat Goat Orientation – 6:30 pm, Powerhouse
- February 1 – Horse Communications & Public Presentations @ Revive
- February 7 – Public Presentations @ Harlem Rd
- February 12 – Marketing Meeting #2, 6:30 pm ADC at the fairgrounds.
- February 15 – Public Presentations @ Revive
- February 17 – Public Presentations @ Revive
- *February 20 – Poultry meeting (2024 chicken and turkey orders taken) 7 pm at the Powerhouse.
- February 22 – County Dairy Bowl 7pm
- February 24 - Horse Communications and Public Presentations @ Revive
- *February 26 – Bits & Bridles 7pm, Powerhouse
- March 1 – Beef Rope Halter video due
- March 2 – District Dairy Bowl, Pioneer
- March 2 – County Hippology
- March 2 – March Dog Madness, Cornell
- *March 4 – Swine Orientation, 6:30 pm Powerhouse
- March 6 – Marketing Meeting #3 6:30 pm at the ADC fairgrounds
- March 9 – Regional Horse Bowl
- March 9 – March Dog Madness – Cornell
- *March 11 – Sheep Orientation 6:30 pm Powerhouse
- *March 15 - Bidder Dinner RSVP due for 4-H participants
- March 23 – District Public Presentations
- March 18-22 – Ag Literacy Week
- March 23 – District Public Presentations
- *March 29 – Bidder RSVP closes online
- *April 5 – Bidder forms due to 4-H office
- April 6 – Regional Horse Communications
- April 13 – State Horse Bowl, Cornell
- April 17 – Bidder Dinner – 4-H/FFA Livestock Roundup
- April 27 – Regional Hippology
- May 4 – Animal Crackers, Cornell
- May 18 – State Horse Communications, Cornell
- July 8 – Erie County Fair Entries close

4-H Dorms: We are still looking for a couple of people who would be willing to provide a safe place for our 4-H members who need to stay at the fair. We would love to be able to offer the 4-H dorms to our members for the 2024 fair, however we need male and female chaperones. If you are 21 and older and interested in chaperoning our 4-H members during the fair, please contact Tammi Kron (tlk6@cornell.edu) as soon as possible. The Beats are willing to help our new chaperones learn the ropes to provide a safe place for our members to stay during the fair.

2024 Enrollment: Hopefully, everyone has submitted your 2024 enrollment paperwork. If not, please contact Tammi as soon as possible at tlk6@cornell.edu if you want to participate. Know of someone who wants to join – we are accepting new members.

Public Presentations: February is coming quickly. It is Public Presentation time!!! I look forward to seeing each of you do your very best. As the saying goes, practice makes perfect. Are you nervous, join in at the Pre-Game Public presentation opportunity. Bring your poster, and presentation, and receive some feedback of some little things to change to make it better. Most importantly, once you get it completed – keep practicing. Remember, everyone should be aiming to get a red ribbon – that means you met the judged expectations, some will receive a blue – you exceeded the judge's expectations. If by chance you don't spend the time preparing, and your presentation is less than 3 minutes – you will most likely receive a white and have to do it over again. Wow our judges – pick a topic you can be the expert on. Have fun and challenge yourself.

2024 Erie County Fair Schedule: Do you want to know the schedule for the 2024 Erie County Fair? Check out the livestock schedule on the fair website under competitions. Be sure to check the date in the lower right corner to be sure you are looking at the most up-to-date schedule as we have moved a couple of things around.

Market participants in the Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit, and Goat programs: Please be sure to read important meeting information at the beginning of the livestock notes. Mark your calendar for the dates listed for the Marketing Meetings, you will need to attend 2 of the 3 offered along with the dinner and submit 3 bidder forms. Marketing meeting dates are at the beginning of the Livestock Notes.

Beef: There are a couple beef halters from 2023 that are in my office, please stop to pick them up if you are missing one.

Swine: Swine Orientation will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:30 pm at the Powerhouse, 39 S. Grove Street, East Aurora. We will be reviewing the program and doing a hands-on activity.

Sheep: Sheep Orientation will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:30 pm at the Powerhouse, 39 S. Grove Street, East Aurora. We will be reviewing the program and doing a hands-on activity.

Sheep and Meat Goat members: Saratoga County is hosting a Champion Choice Camp on Sunday, May 19th in the Ballston Spa area. This camp is a Nationally recognized camp that focuses on taking kids to the next level in the show ring and in preparing their animals for show. Youth bring their own animals and learn everything from teaching the brace, showmanship techniques in the ring, desensitizing their animals, nutrition and fitting of their animal. The camp is for youth interested in Meat Goats and Sheep. Each youth should bring their own animal with them. Registration space is limited. Cost is \$150.00 per species, register at <https://www.championschoicecamps.com/>. If you participate and submit a report, you will earn a meeting credit. I have heard wonderful reviews about this program.

Poultry: Our first poultry meeting for 2024 will be held on Tuesday, February 20 at 7 pm at the Powerhouse, 29 S. Grove Street, East Aurora. We will be taking your market chicken and turkey orders, discussing our community service project and doing a fun activity.

Llama/Alpaca Orientation – Zoom on January 29, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. All enrolled members in the Llama/Alpaca program will receive an email with the zoom link. Need a link to learn more about the program, email tlk6@cornell.edu

Dairy, Working and Meat Goat Orientation will be Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Powerhouse, 39 S. Grove Street, East Aurora.

Dairy Cattle: Dairy Bowl practice sessions have begin. They will take place on Thursday evenings at the Langford Firehall from 7-8:30 p.m. We will hold our County Dairy Bowl contest on Thursday, February 22 and the District Dairy Bowl Contest will be held on Saturday, March 2 at Pioneer School. If you would like to participate in dairy bowl, please contact Carl Niefergold at carlniefergold1368@gmail.com

Dog Program: We are excited that our 2 county dog clubs are accepting new members. Our one club meets in the Orchard Park area and the other meets in the Northtown's (Tonawanda area) Do you have a family dog that your 4-H member would like to learn more about and teach some tricks, or to be more obedient? Contact Tammi for leader contact information at tlk6@cornell.edu

Dog Bowl Invitational: Saturday, February 24, 2024, Alfred State College Farm, Teams typically consist of 4 members but everyone is invited. Tentative Schedule: 9:30 Registration/Check-In, 10:00 First Rounds, Noon: Lunch (provided), Possible tours of A-State campus, Agriculture Building and Veterinary Technology, 1:00 Final Rounds. Contact: Kathi (kchambliss@gmail.com) for more information and to sign-up. Please register by Feb. 10 for lunch count.

March Dog Madness is coming to Cornell on March 9, 2024, contact your leader or Tammi for details.

Horse Program:

Horse Communications and Public Presentations are just around the corner. Best of luck. Watch your mailbox for a yellow postcard sharing your appointment details.

Bit & Bridle Clinic: We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a clinic that will focus on bits and bridles on Monday, February 26, 2024, from 7-8 p.m. at the Powerhouse, 39 S. Grove Street, East Aurora (this is the building next door to our offices). The timing of this clinic is perfect as it will give you knowledge to help you with Hippology. Come join in the fun and learning. We hope to see you there.

Horse Bowl: Horse Bowl is on Saturday, January 27 at Fellowship Wesleyan Church. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the contest promptly at 9:30 a.m. There is a \$5 fee to cover pizza for lunch and you should have received a link to sign up for snacks and beverages to share. If you are not participating in Horse Bowl, be sure to register for Hippology if you plan to participate in the fair. 1 educational contest is required.

Hippology: Our county Hippology contest will be on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, West Falls. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the contest to begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Please watch your email for the link to sign up for snacks and beverages, there will be a \$5 fee to cover pizza for lunch. To register for Hippology please use this link: https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=County_Hippology3-2-2024_214

Are you interested in an equine career? Need to find out the details? Join in on the Equine Career Day on Sunday, March 10, 1-4 PM at the Niagara County CCE facility, 4487 Lake Ave, Lockport. Professionals that will be present are Veterinarian, Veterinary Technician, Saddle Fitter/Tack Repair, Judge, USEF Show Steward, Show Clothes Designer, Professional Horse Hauler, Tack Store Owner, Trainer, Barn Owner with more to add on.

The professionals will be available so youth can circulate around the room asking questions and gathering information. The "presenters" will simply answer questions, presenting the pros and cons of their career.

Also, Niagara County is hosting its annual Tack Swap on Friday, Feb. 23, 7-9:30 PM.

Horse Specific Calendar on next page



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January 27 – Horse Bowl at Fellowship Wesleyan Church, Southwestern Blvd., at 9:30 a.m., registration at 8:30 a.m.

February 1 – Horse Communications and Public Presentations at Revive

February 15 & 17 – Public Presentations at Revive

*February 24 – Horse Communications and Public Presentations at Revive

*February 23 – Hippology Registration closes – register online

February 26 – Horse Clinic – Bits & Bridles, 7 p.m. at the Powerhouse, 39 S. Grove Street, East Aurora

March 2 – County Hippology Contest – St. Paul's Lutheran, West Falls

March 9 – Regional Horse Bowl – Cattaraugus County

April 6 – Regional Horse Communications – Alleghany County

April 13 – State Horse Bowl – Cornell

April 27 – Regional Hippology – St. Paul's Lutheran, West Falls

May 18 – State Horse Communications – Cornell

*June 1 – Training Show at Stagecoach

*June 15 – Sardinia Saddlers Horse Show at Blakestone Stables

*June 29 – Tri Color Equestrians Horse Show at Stagecoach

*July 8 – Fair entries due online

*July 13 – Wild Wind Riders Horse Show at Stagecoach (note date change)

*July 27 – Hillside Riders Horse Show at Stagecoach (note date change)



NYS 4-H Horse Judging Clinic

9am-2pm
February 11th, 2024

Cornell University
507 Tower Road
Frank B Morrison Hall

Register today using this QR Code:
Registration Closes FEBRUARY 1st, 2024



**Cost: FREE! Thanks to the Agriculture and
Standardbred Breeding Development Fund**

4-H Members, Educators and Volunteers are welcome
to join us for a day of learning how to judge specific
English, Western and Conformation classes from three
different judges in NY! They will also review how to
prepare and give reasons for their classes!

Contact Jessica Tyson at
jms943@cornell.edu with any questions!



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

The registration is <https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvcOGvpjgiHNO-OmN6ENgjxt8vWMfIVYiG>



What Is Shooting Sports in 4-H?

4-H Shooting Sports is a comprehensive non-formal education, recreation, and competitive program focused on Positive Youth Development. 4-H Shooting Sports program utilizes the safe and responsible use of firearms to address youth social issues related to STEM, healthy living, and civic engagement.

In doing so, the 4-H shooting sports program provides opportunities for youth to gain valuable skills, practice leadership, and build relationships with non-parent adults. These three critical factors are the building blocks that enable youth to achieve mastery, feel a sense of belonging, explore independence, and act generously. When youth are engaged as resources worthy and capable of development, rather than objects to be fixed, they become competent, confident, connected, caring, character-driven, and contributing members of society.

Is your interest sparked? Our Erie County Sharp Shooters meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Tonawanda Sportsman Facility. We have 6 trained adults that would love the opportunity to work with more youth. The meetings are always filled with instruction and hands-on opportunities at each meeting. Need more information, reach out to Tammi at tlk6@cornell.edu and I will connect you with the club leaders.

Did you know that Erie County 4-H is on Instagram and Facebook??



Follow us to see 4-H updates, opportunities, and event pictures!

Facebook: "Erie County 4-H"

<https://www.facebook.com/erie4hny/>



Instagram: "@erie4h"

<https://www.instagram.com/erie4h/>

WEBSITE: erie.cce.cornell.edu