

October 2024



4-H Celebration and Food in Community Harvest Festival!

Erie County 4-Hers gathered at Chestnut Ridge Park on September 20 to celebrate the end of the 2023-2024 4-H year! There were lots of games, activities, and prizes throughout the evening. We enjoyed some delicious soups (chicken and rice and vegetable minestrone!) that were made with local produce and meat. The produce was grown during

our 4-H Food in Community program in raised beds throughout Erie County (East Aurora, Eden/North Collins, and Buffalo). Teen Ambassadors and other 4-Hers made the soup the night before during a night of cooking fun.

Thank you to everyone who attended the festival or any part of the Food in Community program! We hope to see you next year!



Re-Enrollment

Remember that the new 4-H program year begins on October 1, 2024.

Please make sure you get your re-enrollment forms and payment to the 4-H office by November 1, 2024. If you are in a club, your leader should have received your pre-filled re-enrollment forms. Individual Members should have their re-enrollment forms at Erie County Fair Entry Day in August or mailed to you in September. Make corrections as needed and be sure to get them to the 4-H office timely. Do not submit without payment as you are not enrolled until payment is made. If the enrollment fee is a financial hardship for your family simply as for it to be waived.

General 4-H Calendar Snapshot for 2024



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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)

- ✓ October 9 – Erie County 4-H Open House
- ✓ October 14 – Hiking series – Knox Farm State Park
- ✓ October 19 – 4-H Alumni Meeting
- ✓ **November 1 – Re-enrollment forms due to 4-H Office!**
- ✓ November 11 – Hiking series – Tifft Nature Preserve
- ✓ November 12 – CCE Erie Annual Meeting
- ✓ November 20 – Monthly workshop (crochet)
- ✓ December 14 – Hiking series – Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve
- ✓ May 1 – Enrollment forms for new members due
- ✓ May 18-20 – 4-H Capital Days (trip to Albany- email tlk6@cornell.edu)
- ✓ July 7 – Fair entries due online (both YDB and animal projects)
- ✓ August 2 – Youth Development Building Evaluation Day
- ✓ August 3 – YDB Set-Up Day
- ✓ August 6-17 – Erie County Fair
- ✓ August 18 – YDB Pick-Up Day
- ✓ August 20-September 1 – New York State Fair
- ✓ September 30 – Last day of 2024-25 4-H year

Erie County 4-H presents...

4-H HIKING SERIES

Get to know your local natural areas!

OCT 11 K... M ST... RK ... PM	NOV 11 TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE 1 PM	DEC 14 REINSTEIN WOODS NATURE PRESERVE 10 AM
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REGISTRATION REQUIRED
email mgw76@cornell.edu

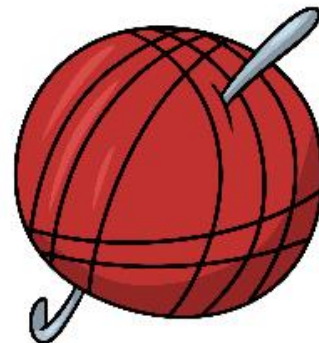
Open to all enrolled Erie County 4-H members

Intro to Crochet Workshop!

This workshop is for complete beginners. We'll learn how to start a project, how to "chain", and how to complete a crochet stitch. This workshop will give you the knowledge needed to go home and finish your first crocheting project (either a dish cloth, hat, or scarf).

Details-

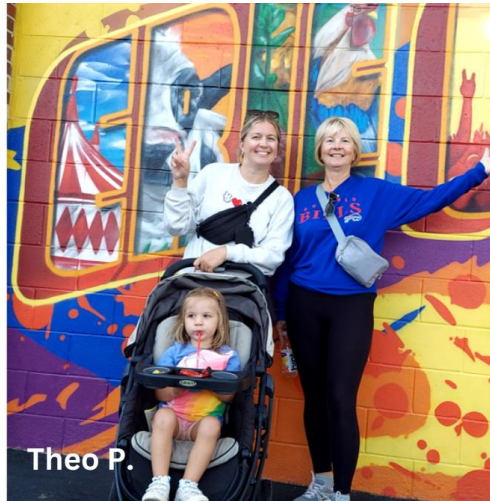
- Wednesday, November 20 from 6-8pm
- Location- Roycroft Power House in East Aurora
- Must be an enrolled Erie County 4-H member
- Ages 10 and up
- Material list will be emailed to participants
- **Registration is required and spots are limited!**
 - Email mgw76@cornell.edu to register



Congratulations to Jack and Theo for winning the 2024 4-H Fair Photo Contest!

We'd also like to congratulate our runner-ups: Aliza, Marion, Danica, and Lincoln!

Thank you to all of the 4-H members who submitted entries; it was such a wonderful "snapshot" of your time at this year's Erie County Fair!



Looking for more photos from this year's fair? There are lots of them at <https://4hatthefair.weebly.com/>



October 2024 – Livestock Notes

A new year, new beginnings, new learning, more fun and the opportunity to challenge yourself all while learning by doing. I am excited to see what this project year will bring for each of you.

Premium Checks: Last reminder, did you cash your premium check? If you have not, be sure to get it done within 60 days of the date at the top, or your premiums will be donated back to the fair.

Market Checks: Everyone who sold animals in the 2024 auction, should have received your market check by now. Please be sure to cash them promptly. Any checks that are misplaced or lost, that need to be reissued, will have a fee added to them. Please get your checks cashed by November 1.

Buyers: If you need information pertaining to your buyer(s) please email me and I will provide you with the information.

Award Sponsors: On the back of the letter you received with your market check you will find the names and addresses of our auctioneers, please be sure to send them a thank you note for their continued support to the program. There was also a label at the bottom with the name of a sponsor, please send a thank you note to that business/person as their financial support made the t-shirt you received possible.

Re-enrollment forms for the 2024-2025 program year will be due on November 1 for all returning members. Please be sure to include your payment with the enrollment forms as you are not officially enrolled until payment is made. Why should you enroll early – SO YOU GET THE 4-H NEWS and can stay up to date with everything that is being offered. If the enrollment fee is a financial hardship, simply ask for it to be waived. Ren-enrollment forms are available in the 4-H office, the Food and Community Festival on Sept 20 or if space permits with your market check.

Email Addresses: Please be sure to write on your enrollment form the email addresses that you would like correspondence sent to. Email is our main line of communication. If you wish for your 4-H member to receive emails, be sure to write the address on the form. Please write neatly and clearly so we get the address correct.

Beef Orientation will be held on November 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Power House, 39 S. Grove Street, East Aurora 14052. We will have some exciting changes to the beef program for the coming year and all the details will be shared at the orientation. We will also have a presentation with a hands-on activity and an overview of the program with expectations of the beef project. A meeting you surely will not want to miss. I will also have all the beef halters from your 2024 project.

Who went to the Harvest Classic? If you participated remember to submit a short report about what you learned to receive a meeting credit.

Dairy Cattle Orientation will be held on December 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Power House, 39 S. Grove Street, East Aurora 14052. We will be making Mozzarella Cheese and going over the goals and objectives of the program and planning out some meeting topics.

Western District Dairy Bowl will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at Pioneer school.

Goat Orientation will be held on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Power House, 39 S. Grove Street, East Aurora 14052. Our orientation will kick off the new year and we will share changes to the program and have a fun activity.

Sheep and Swine – while we currently do not have any meetings to schedule, now is a great time to begin to think about your public presentation, remember those will be here come February. Remember to get your 2025 enrollment paperwork and fee into the 4-H office by November 1.

Poultry– Stay tuned for information coming about our poultry meetings that will begin in January.

Rabbit – We will hold our first rabbit club meeting in November, This meeting will focus on future meeting topics, location, and day to hold meetings. Reminder: be sure to get your re-enrollment paperwork and payment to the 4-H office by November 1.

Dog - Our clubs are both accepting new members between the ages of 5-18. The Ridge Rovers meet in Orchard Park and the Buffalo Barkers meet in Tonawanda. Here is a really cool opportunity for you to participate in if you are interested. Open to 4-H members between the ages of 8-18 - Junior Agility class at PREMIER DOG SPORTS, with Instructor - Darcy Ferrentino. The course is 6 weeks, and the cost is \$100 for 4-H members. All dogs should have basic obedience skills. The class begins November 7 at 6:15 p.m., check out this link for registration information.

<https://premierdogsports.com/class-schedule/>

Shooting Sports – The NYS 4-H Shooting Sports project fosters responsibility and helps youth acquire knowledge, skills, abilities and the opportunity to develop social skills, leadership techniques and community service opportunities. New York State 4-H certified volunteer instructors supervise each 4-H Shooting Sports program. Safety is a primary concern. Youth and adults are trained to know, practice and adhere to the tenets of firearm safety and handling. Are you at least 12 years old and interested in learning more? Contact Tammi Kron to be connected to our club leaders. The Erie County Sharp Shooters meet at the Tonawanda Sportsman Club the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Horse -Upcoming Opportunities:

The Year End Awards Celebration will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at the Holland Willows. 4-H youth will receive a complimentary dinner, parents, non-4-H youth and guests will be charged \$14.00 per dinner due in cash at the door. Our dinner will be turkey dinner with all the fixings and a salad. 4-H clubs will provide beverage and dessert, please work with your club leader. Please be sure to RSVP by Monday, October 21, 2024 to

https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=20244HHorseBanquet_214

Congratulations to Jacob Leitzen, Julia Mauro, Samantha Parsons and Charlotte Parsons as they participate in the National contest for Hippology, Horse Judging and Horse Bowl in November. Stay tuned to see how NYS and Erie County 4-H does.

As the new year approaches, keep in mind all of the events that happen early in the year:

- January – Horse Bowl – tentatively Saturday, January 25, 2025
- February – Horse Communications and Public Presentations
- March – Hippology and Regional Horse Bowl – tentatively Saturday, March 29, 2025
- April – Regional Horse Communications, Regional Hippology, State Horse Bowl, Evaluations
- May – Evaluations, State Horse Communications
- June/July – Club Horse Shows
- August – Erie County Fair – August 10-13, 2025 and NYS Fair

Stay tuned for more information as dates are set for the 2025 program year.

4-H Needs You for the Program Advisory Committee 😊

Are you interested in:

- Working closely with your 4-H Educators?
- Giving your input to the direction of the 4-H Program?
- Learning more about the direction of the 4-H Program?
- Interacting with fun and cool people?



Please consider applying to the 4-H Program Advisory Committee. Applications are due in the 4-H Office by Friday, December 6th. You can find the application here at <https://erie.cce.cornell.edu/resources/4-h-2022-program-committee-application>



The graphic is a 'save the date' poster for the 2025 National 4-H Conference. It features a green background with a white arch. At the top, there's a logo of the U.S. Capitol building with a 4-H clover below it. The text 'save the date' is in a large, green, sans-serif font. Below that, it says '2025 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE' with a 4-H clover icon. The dates 'FRIDAY, APRIL 11 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16' are listed. At the bottom, the USDA logo and 'National Institute of Food and Agriculture U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE' are visible.

Do you want to learn more about the federal government? Do you want to meet other young people from across the United States?

2025 National 4-H Conference

The **2025 [National 4-H Conference](#)** will take place on April 11-16, 2025 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia.

Interested 4-H members please let the Erie County 4-H Office know if you would like to apply.

Applications are due Friday, January 17, 2025, for consideration in representing NYS 4-H at the 2025 National 4-H Conference. Applicants must be 15-19 years old and not previously have attended National 4-H Conference. The NYS 4-H staff will select 6-8 youth delegates and 1-2 Adult Advisors to represent NYS. Most of the expenses will be covered due to generous support from the NYS 4-H Foundation.

For Additional Information: <https://4-h.org/events/national-4-h-conference/>

Capital Days 2025

Capital Days 2025 will be held Sunday, May 18 - Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

If you are interested in learning about our NYS government, meeting new friends and representing our Erie County 4-H program, contact Tammi Kron (tlk6@cornell.edu) for an application.





CLUB CORNER



Erie County Crafters



The Erie County Crafters wound up a two part Barn and Fence project, which looked at the history, materials and design of historic barns and fences. A tour of three area barns provided an authentic look at the construction and designs of barns for various uses and re-uses!

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/>

Please Join Us For
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County's

Annual Meeting

12 NOVEMBER 2024


6:30 PM Social Time
7:00 PM Business Meeting


Roycroft Campus Power House
39 S Grove St, East Aurora, NY 14052

Registration recommended by:
Tues, November 5th
To register: Scan QR code or
call us! **(716)652-5400 Ext 176**



Light food &
drinks will be
provided.



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