



Erie County

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MEMBER RE-ENROLLMENT DUE DECEMBER 3rd, 2021

4-H members who are re-enrolling must have their forms in at the 4-H Office by December 3rd. Your enrollment form is what lets us know you are participating in this year's programming, generates emails and your receipt of our "Speed Reads".

Please note, if you (or someone you know) took a "year off" in 2021 due to COVID or other reasons, our software cannot pre-fill a form for you. Please fill out a blank, new member or volunteer enrollment form.

Forms are available here: <http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth-development/enrollment-2021-2022-4-h-forms-and-handbooks>

Forms are also available for pickup in the 4-H Office!

We recently received a question as to who should enroll as a volunteer. If you are a 4-H parent, family member, friend, or club leader, and you work directly with 4-H members other than/in addition to your own children, please fill out a volunteer form to have a background check and driver license check completed. If you plan on working with 4-H youth other than your own children for more than 1 hour per year (very likely for most parents), please enroll as a volunteer.

Any questions? Please direct to Lynn Riley at ldr22@cornell.edu or 716-652-5400 x 131.



Erie County 4-H Garden Science Club

The Garden Science Club will be reorganizing for 2022! Now open to ages 5-10!

We will be going on field trips, working on horticulture projects together to gain new skills, and learning what it means to be a 4-H member and steward of the earth.

Register here (new AND returning members):

https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=GardenScience-2_214

Registration for this year closes December 1st.

First meeting: Wednesday, December 1st, 6:00 at the Roycroft Powerhouse (Roycroft Visitor Center, directly next to the 4-H Office Building)



SAVE THE DATES: PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Public Presentation registration open DECEMBER 2ND – JANUARY 18th

We are planning for in-person Public Presentations this year! Virtual presentations for those who need an equal opportunity accommodation will be available. They will be live over Zoom only (no pre-recorded videos) and scheduled during Public Presentation days. Presentations will be conducted in front of two evaluators and an audience. Tech will be set up and available. Please indicate on your registration if you will need a Zoom option for your Public Presentation.

Public Presentation Kickoff Night:

December 2nd, 2021, 6 PM at the Roycroft Campus in the Powerhouse (visitor center).

Learn what a Public Presentation is, how they are scored, what evaluators look for, and how to register! Watch an example Public Presentation by an experienced 4-H member to see how they're done and work with 4-H Educators and leaders to pick your Presentation topic!

Public Presentation Topic Selection Help:

January 5th, 2022, 6 PM, online via Zoom

<https://cornell.zoom.us/j/97624732116?pwd=UEZqNFUyeG0vM2JsS3FOVkJmNFVKZz09>

Need extra help picking your topic and building the structure of your presentation? Work with 4-H Educators and leaders to get more help and think through your presentation!

Mandatory Evaluator Training:

January 11th, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, Roycroft Campus – Powerhouse (Visitor Center)

Evaluator training is mandatory for NEW Public Presentation evaluators and highly encouraged for returning evaluators.

Public Presentation Poster Making Party:

January 18th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Roycroft Campus – Powerhouse

Need help designing your poster? Not sure what to include on your poster? Spend some time with 4-H educators and experienced 4-H members to get help and access supplies and printing for free.

Public Presentation Pregame:

February 1st, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Roycroft Campus

Public speaking make you nervous? Come to the 4-H Office to practice your presentation before the actual event! Get initial feedback from 4-H educators and evaluators you can use in your Public Presentation!

Public Presentation dates:

Mid-late February to early March. **Exact dates and locations announced soon.**



HELP SELECT OUR FAIR THEME!

We are starting to plan for the 2022 Erie County Fair. Get your thinking caps on and send us any suggestions you have!

Please email Tammi Kron at tlk6@cornell.edu or Valerie Weisbeck at vw49@cornell.edu with any ideas for the Fair Theme and they will be considered!!

Note for new members: The Fair theme is a fun theme we choose for our 4-H Program at the Erie County Fair. It is usually utilized in the décor of the building and the 4-H barns, plus the costumes, décor, and projects our 4-Hers create for the Fair!

TOWN OF AMHERST 4-H CLUB

We have an exciting new club this year! In conjunction with the Town of Amherst Youth and Recreation Department, we are offering a “4-H Discovery Year” in which members will explore something new each month. Many different facets of Erie County 4-H will be included such as key projects, local field trips, collaboration with other clubs, and 4-H traditions.

Next meeting: December 8th, 2021 at Clearfield Community Center in Amherst – Learn about the art of photography and practice new photography skills!

January meeting: Wednesday, January 12th at Clearfield Community Center – Work on an awesome STEM project and build something amazing with your hands!

Upcoming meetings: community service and baking!

The club is open to residents of any municipality, however field trip transportation provided by the Town of Amherst is only available to residents of Amherst and Williamsville.

Interested in joining or getting more information? Contact Sara Jablonski, sej57@cornell.edu. Youth must be enrolled in Erie County 4-H to participate.



NEW: SPARKS Program

Each month, Erie County 4-H will be offering a new unique project and different aspects of the 4-H program through virtual AND in-person learning. This is an exciting opportunity for new and returning 4-H members to learn about the program and gain a new skill or find a new interest!

The introduction to the SPARKS Program will be posted the week of Thanksgiving. Learn how to make a fun stamping craft that you can use for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas or birthdays! You can also enter it into the Fair!

Section: Home Environment and Accessories

Class: 20 - Painting/Stenciling/Embossing/Stamping

More to come! Check out the Speed Read and our Find Your Spark webpage for SPARKS topics and dates!

Email or call Valerie at vw49@cornell.edu or 716-652-5400 x 130 with any questions.



JOIN THE GALACTIC QUEST!

The New York State Family STEM Challenge program will bring together youth and families from across New York to join live virtual events and share their family's space explorations. We'll have activities and coaching led by 4-H professionals, teen leaders, and campus partners like the Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility.

Youth ages 13 and older are invited to be part of the planning team and help lead and design statewide activities.

Teen leader job description:<https://cornell.app.box.com/s/4xmr852lum39ny0ne3gmpii3hfis2kk7>

Apply by November 17 to be a teen leader member of the planning team!:https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5nYFWLRkNi3Yj1Y

Families with young people ages 8-14 are invited to join. Youth need to have an adult present with them when they join live virtual activities. This event is open to all New York State youth.

We have a limited number of free family kits for those who need them or you may purchase your own kit.

Families can sign up for Galactic Quest, the 2021 Family STEM Challenge, here by January 3rd, 2022:https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aXL4arsTjs5twii

Cornell STEM Outreach Program



Teachers/community leaders can sign up to be letter contacts (and receive/distribute letters) or students can [sign up individually here](#). More information can be [found on the website](#).

4-H Teen Ambassador

Mission of 4-H Teen Ambassadors:

The mission of the 4-H Teen Ambassadors (formerly ECTA) is to build confidence, develop life skills, teach leadership and promote teamwork for 4-H youth ages 13-18 (as of January 1, 2022).

The Teen Ambassadors are teen leaders from different areas of 4-H who will work together to carry out two projects in 2022 that will bring the 4-H community together. The first (winter to early spring) will be a 4-H art program to empower 4-H youth across the county to express themselves and learn by doing. The second project (spring to summer) will be a project of the group's choosing.

The 4-H Teen Ambassadors will further engage with the 4-H Program by participating in county-level events.

Requirements for 4-H Teen Ambassadors:

1. Completion of the Teen Ambassadors application.
2. Enrollment as a 4-H member.
3. Teen Ambassador membership term is January 1st – September 30th, 2022
4. Regular attendance at our monthly meetings.
5. Giving a presentation as part of 4-H Public Presentation Day.
6. Volunteering for a minimum of 6 hours in approved 4-H events and activities.
7. Participation in at least ONE 4-H Program Advisory Committee meeting as a representative of 4-H as a Teen Ambassador. The 4-H Program Advisory Committee supports the Erie County 4-H Program in making decisions and offers recommendations to improve 4-H.

Here is an example of some of the things Erie County Teen Ambassadors have done:

[Erie County 4-H Teen Ambassadors: From Farm to Market - You Tube Video](#)

Teen Ambassador Application





Livestock Notes

The holiday season is upon us and the weather is changing fast. There are many exciting opportunities coming to the 4-H program from Public Presentations to livestock meeting opportunities. This coming program year will be filled with many hands-on opportunities and the goal is for in person meetings. Now is the time you should be thinking about your projects for 2022. It is important for you to take a look at the new fair schedule and plan for your projects. Make sure you will have enough time to do a proper presentation of your animal on show day. As I shared in the last Speed Read, it is important for all members and parents to review the new schedule. This link will take you directly to the calendar view of the new schedule. https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=ErieCountyFair&f=2022_YLE_Fair_Schedule.pdf

Market Checks: Did you cash your 2021 Market Check? Please be sure to get them cashed by December 1, 2021.

Re-Enrollment: Are you currently re-enrolled in the 4-H program? If not, time is getting short, please be sure to fill your forms out and return with your enrollment fee by December 3. In order to participate in livestock meetings, you have to be enrolled and I don't want you to miss out on the opportunity to participate. Also, once enrolled you will continue to receive emails as it is our way of communicating and if you are not enrolled you are not on the email list. If your family is experiencing a financial hardship, upon request, the enrollment fee may be waived.

Trophy Sponsors: Have you sent a thank you to your trophy sponsor? I have a feeling many sponsors have not received adequate thanks. (How can I tell, there were quite a few trophy sponsors with our CCE address as the donors were anonymous).

2022 Fair Theme: Last call as we will be making our decision soon, have a thought, email it to me ASAP at tlk6@cornell.edu.

2022 Public Presentations: Please be sure to read all the information about public presentations at the beginning of the speed read. All presentations will be done in person for 2022. Registration will be open online on December 2 through January 18, register early to get the date and location you want. A virtual option is available for those that request equal opportunity accommodations as we navigate COVID. Please reach out to the educators as soon as possible if you need accommodations. Make up presentations will be offered for the livestock participants on May 3 and May 5. All livestock members are required to receive a Blue, Red or Green (Cloverbud) to be eligible to show and sell at the fair.

Livestock Skillathon: We will be offering an online Livestock Skillathon opportunity for 2022. It will take place in January. Watch for more details coming soon.

New York Bred, Born and Raised Program – Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat: After much discussion on the NYBBR program in a few species, I wanted to share some information. The NYBBR program was started almost 15 years ago by a parent in our beef program. He believed that our NY producers should be recognized for their efforts of providing projects to members that were competitive but to also recognize those producers for their breeding programs. While times are changing and opportunities arise for new ways to breed our livestock, one thing remains the same – owning a herd or flock and paying attention to breeding programs is important. As you work with your NY producers, I want you all to be aware that our program requirements will remain the same. All animals in order to be eligible for the NYBBR show MUST come from:

- A dam that was bred in NY (either naturally or artificially) If bred artificially it must have been done in NY

- A dam that gave birth in NY

- The market animal must be raised by a 4-H member in NY

These 3 standards are what began the program, and I have spoken with the person that created the program, and these are the standards he wishes for the program to be conducted under. When purchasing your 2022 project animals, please be sure to check with your producer to be sure your animal meets the criteria of the program if you wish to participate in the NYBBR category. This year producers will have a location on the registration paper to sign pertaining to the breeding of the dam and birth of the offspring.

Beef

Our 2022 Beef Orientation was held in November 8, at 7 p.m. We discussed the new fair schedule and a couple changes made to the beef program including attendance at 3 meetings, public presentation, interview and feed records. Thank you to Tyler Strub for doing an activity on cuts of meat. We will continue to focus on cuts at our meetings to help you learn and feel comfortable with identifying them. If you were not able to attend the orientation, please reach out to get the record packet that contains all the requirements and changes to the program.

Upcoming dates to remember for the beef program:

Friday, January 7 – Steer Registration paperwork is due along with your BVD certificate (copy). Please submit everything together. All steers must have proof of a negative BVD test to be able to go to the fair.

Halter Videos: Remember to video you walking your steer on the rope halter demonstrating you are in control. You can download the video here: <https://cornell.app.box.com/f/67fbf6085a72470aa2e253ddfbdec33>

Dairy

Dairy Bowl practice sessions will begin soon. Watch your email for details coming in December.

Dairy Orientation: We will hold our 2022 Dairy Orientation on Monday, January 24 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H office. Please watch for exact location on the campus.

The Dairy Advisory committee will be meeting the end of the month and I will have more details pertaining to the program at orientation and in the next news.

Sheep – Swine - Goats – As usual these 3 programs are very quiet this time of year. I encourage you to begin to think about your project and the requirements. Each of you will need to participate in Public Presentations so begin to think about your topic, little thoughts now will make it much more enjoyable when you get down to the wire.

We will be sharing program information at the orientations that will take place in March. Watch the Speed Read for meeting opportunities that will be taking place January and February.

Llamas – Our Llama/Alpaca club has been meeting and doing trail walks this fall. If you are interested in learning more about llamas or alpacas please email Tammi at tlk6@cornell.edu and I will connect you with the leader. Our leaders will be meeting shortly to discuss the program for 2022, watch for more info coming shortly.

Dogs - Our clubs have been meeting. We have a lot of openings in our Tonawanda (Buffalo Barkers) club if anyone is looking to join a club from Northern Erie county. For information on our dog clubs, please contact Tammi at tlk6@cornell.edu

Poultry – Mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 14 at 7 p.m. and plan to join in our first meeting. We will be doing this one by zoom. Please use this link to register to receive the link for the meeting.

<https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUof-uurzkrGtfmPRWYpOg3iS-4QssvtRm9>

Rabbits - We are still trying to find a meeting location for an Erie County 4-H Rabbit club in the West Seneca, Cheektowaga, Orchard Park, Hamburg area but have had no luck – does anyone have any leads???

Horse – We have a lot coming up in the Erie County 4-H Horse program. Please mark your calendars for the following opportunities.

- December 9 – Model Horse (Breyer) Club meeting at 6 pm via zoom. Meetings will then resume the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month beginning in January. Need the zoom link? Contact Tammi at tlk6@cornell.edu
- January 8, 2-4 pm – Horse Year End Awards program. Members that participated in educational events and shows will be acknowledged at this event. This will have a whole new look and feel as it will only be the awards portion of the program. The event will be held at the Revive Church (formerly Hamburg Wesleyan Church). Online registration will be posted shortly. Watch your email for all the details.
- Saturday, January 29 – County Horse Bowl, location and time TBD
- February 10 and 12 – Horse Communications will be in person, at Revive (formerly Hamburg Wesleyan Church, this is also a regular public presentation location on February 12).
- March 12 – County Hippology, 9:30 am registration, 10 am contest start time at St. Paul's, West Falls
- March 19/20 – Equifest
- Saturday, March 26 – Regional Horse Bowl in Cattaraugus County, 10 a.m.
- Saturday, April 2 – Regional Horse Communications, Allegany County
- Saturday, April 30 – Regional Hippology, hosted by Erie County

State 4-H Horse opportunity: NYS 4-H Equine Educational Events Study Sessions

We are happy to share NYS 4-H Equine Educational study sessions with our State Coaches! These sessions will start on January 5th at 7pm. We will end on February 23rd. Each state contest will host two sessions. The first contest to present will be Horse Communications. Sarah Wilhelm will be holding the first session on January 5th as an introduction to Horse Communications, comparing and contrasting how it is different from regular presentations and talk about how to be successful and how to write a speech. Check out the [Facebook](#) page to add onto your calendar!

- January 5th and 12th will be Horse Communications
- January 19th and 26th will be Horse Bowl
- February 2nd and 9th will be Hippology
- February 16th and 23rd will be Horse Judging

[The link attached is for the Facebook event](#) with more information! Registration is required by December 20th.



ORANGE COUNTY 4-H

All are welcome!

Hour of Code

Celebrate Computer Science
Education Week

THURSDAY, December 9 @ 6PM
IN-PERSON OR ZOOM

IN person meeting will be held
at Orange County CCE Office

18 Seward Ave, Middletown



Hour of Code is an introduction to computer science, designed to demystify “code” and show that anyone can learn together the basics to be a maker, a creator, an innovator!

This program is for youth ages 7-12 and requires an adult chaperone to join.



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<https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAvd-6urDMoH9eEwGJVLhnFd7hk22Mmq0C3>

Glads For 4-Hers Project

Every year the Western New York Gladiolus Society sponsors the Glads for 4-Hers program. They provide 4-Hers with gladiolus blubs to plant and grow. Members learn how to plant and care for the Glads under the direction of Meredith and Sally Hudson.

The 2022 workshop will be held at CCE Erie County in East Aurora, *(date late in April)*. BULBS will be handed out at that meeting. In return for the Society's sponsorship, 4-Hers are encouraged to exhibit their project at the Erie County Fair. First year participants receive their first package (25 bulbs) free. Returning members of the program may purchase packages for \$6.00 each.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the form and mail/ or email it to:
CCE Erie County 4-H Program – Glads for 4-Hers Program,
21 South Grove Street, Suite 300, East Aurora, NY 14052
or erie4h@cornell.edu.

Space is limited so please return your enrollment form AND payment – **no later than December 29, 2021**.
Bulbs will not be ordered unless your form and payment (if required) are received by this due date.

Please return the form below- **One for each 4-H participant**



Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Town/City _____ Zip _____,

I have enrolled/ re-enrolled in 4-H for 2021-2022: _____ Yes _____ No *(If no, you need to enroll in order to participate.)*

I AM A CLOVERBUD (age 5-7) Check one:: _____ Yes _____ No

_____ This is my first year participating in Glads for 4-H– *No Charge for Bulbs* (Please note: If you sign up as a first- year participant and fail to pick up your bulbs, you still will be considered a returning participant for the following year.)

_____ I request _____ Package(s) of bulbs at \$6/ each (25 bulbs per package). Checks “CCE of Erie County”

OR

_____ I DO NOT need any more bulbs. I will use bulbs from my prior Glads for 4-H program years for this year's project.

_____ I have participated in *Glads for 4-H* previously- list all years: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT OF \$6/Package *(if applicable)* to:

21 South Grove Street, Suite 300

East Aurora, NY 14052

erie4h@cornell.edu

Return this form by December 29, 2021 if you wish to participate

