

THE WYOMING COUNTY

# 4-H NEWS



WYOMING COUNTY 4-H

## FUNdraiser Sale



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE WYOMING COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM.

ALL ENROLLED 4-H MEMBERS (EXCLUDING CLOVERBUDS) ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUNDRAISER - TO ALLOW OUR PROGRAM TO CONTINUE OFFERING DIVERSE AND QUALITY PROGRAMMING TO OUR YOUTH!

SALE DETAILS, ORDER FORMS, INCENTIVE SHEETS, ETC. WILL BE MAILED TO ALL ENROLLED FAMILIES IN JANUARY.



MERLE MAPLE  
PRODUCTS!



4-H COOKIE  
FAVORITES!



WILSON BEEF  
FARMS MEAT  
SNACK STICKS!



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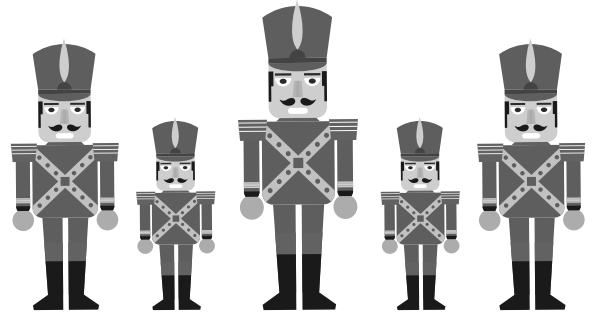
*Teen Representatives:*

Morgan Capen

Vera Cooper

Jared Day

Miranda Hoyt



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# DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1       <b>Rabbit Ears Club Meeting</b> ** 6:30pm	2	3      <b>County Wide Sewing Club</b> ** 4:30pm  <b>4-H Program Committee</b> ** 7:00pm	4	5	6  <b>Holiday Workshops</b> **9AM - 12PM  <b>Meat Animal Beef &amp; Dairy Beef Weigh-In</b> Empire Livestock Market, Pavilion 8:30 - 11:30AM
7	8	9	10      <b>County Wide Sewing Club</b> ** 6:30pm	11      <b>Caprine Kids Goat Club Meeting</b> ** 6:30pm	12	13       <b>Hiking Club Meeting</b> 9:00am - Sprague Brook Park
14	15      <b>Win A Calf &amp; Living Learning Dairy Project Orientation</b> ** 6:30pm	16	17      <b>Secretary Reports Due</b>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				CCE Office Closed		
28	29      <b>Master Builders Club Meeting</b> ** 6:30pm	30	31	<div><p>** Indicates that meeting is held at the Agriculture and Business Center 36 Center Street, Warsaw, NY</p><hr/><p>Accomodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by calling the 585-786-2251 no later than 10 days prior to the event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangments. Requests received after this date will be met when possible.</p></div>		
CCE Office Closed						

# JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				CCE Office Closed		
4	<p>FCS Committee Meeting ** 7:00pm</p> <p>Wyo Co Eggers &amp; Rabbit Ears Club Meeting ** 6:30pm</p>	6	7	<p>Caprine Kids Goat Club Meeting ** 6:30pm</p>	9	<p>Fashion &amp; Thrift 10:00am; GCC Batavia</p>
11	<p>Dairy Committee Meeting ** 7:30pm</p> <p>Horse Committee Meeting ** 7:00pm</p>	13	<p>Poultry &amp; Rabbit Committee Meeting ** 6:30pm</p> <p>Secretaries Report Due</p>	15	16	17
18	<p>Sewing Club ** 9:00am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Tractor Certification ** 7:00pm</p> <p>CCE Office Closed</p>	20	<p>4-H Program Committee Meeting ** 7:00pm</p>	22	<p>Horse Bowl ** 6:30pm</p>	<p>Dairy Bowl ** 9:30am</p>
25	<p>Dog Leader Training ** 1:00pm</p>	<p>Master Builders Club Meeting ** 6:30pm</p>	28	29	30	31
		<p>Sewing Club ** 4:30 - 7:00pm</p> <p>Livestock Stations Workshop ** 7:00pm</p>				

# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Wyo Co Eggers & Rabbit Ears Club Meeting ** 6:30pm  Tractor Program 7:00pm;	3	4	5	6  Sewing Club ** 4:30pm  Gladiola Orders Due	7
4-H FUNDRAISING SALE FEBRUARY 1ST - FEBRUARY 13TH						
8	9 Tractor Program 7:00pm;  Public Presentation Registrations Due	10	11  Dairy Jeopardy ** 6:30pm	12  Caprine Kids Goat Club Meeting ** 6:30pm	13	14
4-H FUNDRAISING SALE FEBRUARY 1ST - FEBRUARY 13TH						
15	16  CCE Office Closed	17  Public Presentations ** 5 - 8:00pm	18  Sewing Club ** 9:00am - 12:00pm  Secretaries Report Due	19	20	21  Public Presentations ** 9 - 11:30am
22	23 Tractor Program 7:00pm;  Master Builders Club Meeting ** 6:30pm	24	25  Dog Committee Meeting ** 6:30pm	26  Public Presentations ** 5 - 8:00pm	27	28

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# SECRETARIES HONOR ROLL

*Congratulations to the following club secretaries for turning in their reports in on time to the 4-H office:*

**SEPTEMBER** in by October 15th

3 + 2 🌸 Natalie Bartholomew  
Tiger Cubs 🌸 Sophia Gonzalez

**OCTOBER** in by November 19th

3 + 2 🌸 Natalie Bartholomew  
WyoCo Wanderers 🌸 Raymond Hess

## Remember

*Secretary reports are due to the 4-H office by the third Wednesday of the following month. Reports for November are due December 17th, December reports are due January 21st and January reports are due by February 18th. Please make sure all clubs are turning in a Secretary report; it is a nice way for the 4-H office to see what clubs are doing! You can drop them off at the 4-H office, mail them, or email them to aea92@cornell.edu*

**FYI:** The Secretaries Monthly Report is available online:  
<https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/52/SecretarysMonthlyreportcombinedfillable.pdf?1395071894>

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

## Public Presentations

February 17, 21, 26, 2026

## Clothing Revue Evaluation Days will be:

Thursday, April 16, 2026 & Saturday, April 25, 2026

## Clothing & Textile Revue is

Friday, May 8, 2026

## 2026 Wyoming County Fair Dates

August 15th - 22nd

## 2026 NYS Fair Dates

August 26th - September 7th

View more upcoming events at:

<https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/events>



# - 2026 - ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



## IT'S TIME TO TURN IN YOUR 4-H ENROLLMENT

**\$15**

Wyoming County  
Residents

## ENROLLMENT FEE

OCTOBER 1ST - NOVEMBER 30TH

**\$20**

Out-of-County  
Residents

- **11/30** – Re enrollment forms were due
- **3/31** – New Members must be enrolled to participate in Meat Animal Auction Program
- **April (at first dog meeting)** – New Members must be enrolled to participate in Dog Obedience Project
- **6/1** – New Members must be enrolled to enter items at Fair  
\*\* Member enrollment is due before participation in a 4-H event, meeting, or project\*\*

We will continue implementing the late fee structure as posted below:

\***Re-enrolling Members** - after 11/30, an additional \$5/youth late fee will be added to their re-enrollment cost.

\***New Members** - after 4/15 of the program year, an additional \$5/youth late fee will be added to their enrollment cost.

**2026 ENROLLMENT PACKET LOCATED ON PAGES 28-31**

*\*This will be the last 4-H News you receive if you have not enrolled in the 2025-2026 4-H program\**



## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



## CONGRATULATIONS

*National 4-H Week Contest Winners*

### Display Contest

1st place - Saddle Blissters

### Secretary Book Contest Winners

1st - Tiger Cubs

Please remember to send your secretary's reports to the 4-H office by the 3rd Wednesday of the next month.

Supported by the  
**4-H FUNDRAISER  
SALE**

A total amount of \$45.00 was awarded from the Wyoming County 4-H Leaders' Association to 4-H'ers and clubs for the contest.

# UPCOMING COUNTY WIDE CLUB MEETINGS



## WYOMING COUNTY EGGERS - Poultry Club -

New this year! Our county-wide Poultry Club meetings will now take place on the same nights as the Rabbit Ears meetings. After a brief welcome, we'll break into species-specific groups—giving members more focused time to learn, connect, and grow in their project areas



## RABBIT EARS CLUB

**Monday, December 1, 2025**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business

**Monday, January 5, 2026**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business

**Monday, February 2, 2026**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Monday, March 2, 2026**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center



## COUNTY WIDE SEWING CLUB

*all meetings held at the  
Ag & Business Center*

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025 - 6:30pm**

**Monday, January 19, 2026 - 9am**

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026 - 4:30pm**

**Friday, February 6, 2026 - 4:30pm**

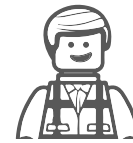
**Wednesday, February 18, 2026 - 9:00am**



## HIKING CLUB

**Saturday, December 13, 2025**  
Sprague Brook, Glenwood - 9:00am

*Registrations are required-* contact Stephanie with any questions at  
585-786-2251 x 115 or sal294@cornell.edu



## MASTER BUILDERS - Lego Club -

**Monday, December 29, 2025**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Monday, January 26, 2026**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Monday, February 23, 2026**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Monday, March 23, 2026**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center



## CAPRINE KIDS COUNTY WIDE GOAT CLUB

**Thursday, December 11, 2025**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Thursday, January 8, 2026**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Thursday, February 12, 2026**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Thursday, March 12, 2026**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Thursday, April 9, 2026**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

## WINTER CANCELLATION POLICY

*Here are some guidelines about weather closings  
and cancellations for Wyoming County 4-H*

If a meeting or event is going to be cancelled, we will notify WCJW - 1140AM, 100.9FM, 103.7FM, 104.9FM, and 105.5FM. They list cancellations on air and via their Facebook page.

**Cancellations will also be listed on the Wyoming County 4-H Facebook page by 4:30pm on the day of the event.** Sometimes the weather is bad in one part of the county and not in others; please use your judgement when deciding to travel. Rescheduling meetings is very difficult so if at all possible, meetings and events will be held.

# WYOMING COUNTY 4-H RECOGNITION NIGHT

## WILLIAM & ALTHEA GOEWY COMMUNITY SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEMORIAL AWARD

The Goewey family honors the legacy of Bill and Althea Goewey each year through the William and Althea Goewey Memorial Community Service Award, funded by donations made in Bill's memory to the Wyoming County 4-H program.

This year's recipient is Abigail Paddock of Perry, a 14-year 4-H member known for her dedicated service through 4-H, Perry FFA, her church, and the Perry Center Fire Department. Abbey has already applied to become a 4-H volunteer and is eager to continue giving back for years to come.



## WYOMING COUNTY 4-H DOG AND HANDLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The 4-H Dog and Handler Achievement Award, presented in memory of 4-H leader Pennie Smith, recognizes a participant who shows excellence, leadership, sportsmanship, and personal growth in the dog program.

This year's recipient is Logan Oyer of Fillmore. Over six years, Logan has advanced in obedience, rally obedience, and agility, earning strong scores and showing a consistently positive attitude. She is always willing to help at events and even tackled the brace class for the first time this year. Logan's dedication and growth make her truly deserving of this award.



## ERIKA TODD EQUINE ACHIEVEMENT MEMORIAL AWARD

The Erika Todd Equine Achievement Memorial Award, created in 2012 to honor 4-H member Erika Todd, recognizes outstanding participation and achievement in the 4-H horse program. This year's recipient is Jacklynn Crow of Strykersville.

A 10-year member of the Sidekicks 4-H Club, Jacklynn has competed in county and regional horse bowl, hippology, and many clinics. Skilled in multiple disciplines, she has represented Wyoming County at the NYS Fair six times and earned the High Point Rider Award for six straight years. She also rides with the Wyoming County Drill Team, serving as a Junior Coach, and has competed statewide, including at IEA Nationals.

Jacklynn is now attending Alfred State College, where she will continue her equestrian career on the Western Equestrian Team.



## WYOMING COUNTY 4-H HIGH POINT & RESERVE HIGH POINT RIDER AWARDS

The high point rider award is given to the 4-H member who achieves the overall highest points accumulated for the 4-H horse shows, including Gymkhana, Western and English. This year's recipients are:

**Jacklynn Crow**, High Point Rider

**Stephanie Silvernail**, Reserve High Point Rider



## PATRICIA J. SWARTZ MEMORIAL AWARD

The Patricia J. Swartz Memorial Award honors a dedicated sheep project member each year. Patricia supported the Wyoming County Sheep program for many years as leader of the Young Shepherds 4-H Club and sheep superintendent at the county fair.

This year's recipient is McKenna Almeter, a nine-year meat animal lamb participant. McKenna has expanded her knowledge, raised quality project animals, and grown into a confident youth leader and mentor within the program.

*Photo Credit: Abigail Paddock*

## JONATHAN LUDERS MEMORIAL AWARD

The Jonathan Luders Memorial Award honors a deserving dairy project member each year, recognizing Jonathan's longtime commitment to the Wyoming County Dairy Program.

This year's recipient is Marygrace Schenk, a 12-year member who has made a significant impact on the dairy program. She has been active in dairy judging, dairy bowl, dairy challenge, Win-A-Calf, Dairy Discovery, and has served as a teen representative on the dairy committee. Always willing to help younger members, Marygrace truly embodies the 4-H pledge and spirit.



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## 4-H AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Wyoming County 4-H Agriculture Achievement Award, created by friends and family of longtime supporters Harold Upton and Dave Tracy, recognizes members who demonstrate strong involvement and leadership in agricultural projects. This year's recipients are Marina Cox and Blake Neamon.



Marina, a 13-year member, has participated in multiple clubs and projects—including dog, shooting sports, horse, beef, and swine—and has long volunteered at livestock events with a consistently positive attitude.

Blake, an eight-year Barnstormers member, has shown dairy cattle and completed projects in plant science, woodworking, home environment, and community service. He has also served on the livestock advisory committee, providing valuable youth insight through the market broiler project.

We appreciate the dedication and leadership both Marina and Blake have shown throughout their 4-H careers.

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## 2025 OUTSTANDING JUNIOR 4-H MEMBERS

Each year we recognize outstanding 4-H members for their participation, dedication, and growth. This year's outstanding juniors are Emma Johnson and Tyler Spencer.

Emma, a six-year Creek Road Pioneers member from Attica, is active in FCS, dog obedience, agility, plant science, and public presentations. She has completed numerous community service projects, participated in the FCS Cake & Pie Auction, and held nearly every club office—currently serving as president. Her positive energy shines in everything she does.

Tyler, also a six-year Creek Road Pioneers member from Attica, has taken part in FCS, dairy, plant science, community service, and public presentations. He has presented to the County Board of Supervisors and shows high-type Jersey cattle, earning Reserve Junior Master Showman at this year's fair. Tyler is a dedicated and well-rounded 4-H member, and we're proud to honor him.



## 2025 OUTSTANDING INTERMEDIATE 4-H MEMBERS

This year's outstanding intermediate members are Vera Cooper and Titus Skillman.



Vera, a seven-year Tiger Cubs member, has explored projects in sewing, foods, community service, and market broilers. She independently manages her broiler project and has excelled in clothing and textiles—modeling her work at county, district, and state revues. She also serves on the program committee and steps into leadership roles with maturity and positivity.

Titus, an eight-year member of the Eggers and Shooting Sports Club, has completed projects in food science, gardening, crafts, dairy, poultry, swine, and more, with many entries selected for the NYS Fair. He is active in shooting sports, public presentations, and community service, and consistently shows a strong work ethic and leadership.

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## 2025 OUTSTANDING SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS

This year's outstanding senior members are Marygrace Schenk and Jared Day.

Marygrace, a 12-year member from Warsaw, has completed projects in sheep, lambs, clothing, dairy, woodworking, dogs, Win-a-Calf, and more. She has served on the Dairy Committee, earned multiple awards and scholarships, and is a role model for younger members. Her grace, leadership, and dedication truly embody “making the best better.”

Jared, a 13-year Barnstormers member, has participated in foods, crafts, gardening, meat animals, swine, dairy, photography, woodworking, public presentations, and robotics. Many of his county fair projects have advanced to the NYS Fair, including two Purple Rosette winners this year. A thoughtful and hardworking leader, he has also served on the 4-H Program Committee and is always ready to help.



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## PAUL KEEM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Paul Keem was a longtime member of our 4-H Meat Animal Livestock Committee. Paul was always the first volunteer to show up at events and one of the last to leave. as he was always found chatting with families or manning the scales for weigh in events. Paul Keem Memorial Sportsmanship Award is given each year in memory of him, as a tribute from his family to honor values that are important to them all. Recipients are chosen by the livestock committee based on their good character, integrity both in and out of the showing, volunteerism, and overall sportsmanship. Each of these youth serve as excellent role models within our 4-H livestock program, and we are proud to recognize Mary Harwood, Angel Oyer, Blake Neamon, and Adam Romance.



These four teens have all contributed a great deal to our livestock programs this past year. They assisted with weigh ins, setting up barns and gates, cleaning up before and after fair, paperwork, and so much more. We are honored to present this award to each of you and thank you for your good work!

# COUNTY MEDALS

## Beef

Addison Harkins  
Cooper Harkins  
Jayden Harkins  
Casey Youngers

## Clothing & Textiles

Bryanna Wozniak

## Dairy

Hayden Ayers  
Nathan Foss  
Derek George  
Blake Neamon  
Gunner Nickerson  
Alexander Rudgers  
Marygrace Schenk  
Addison Zielenieski

## Dog

Jocelyn Hulme  
Marygrace Schenk

## Fashion Revue

Vera Cooper

## Fine Arts

Maddy Oyer  
Claire Zehler

## Food Science

Kaitlyn Perl  
Emily Strathearn

## Home Environment

Vera Cooper  
Emily Harwood

## Horse

Kara Givens  
Bayley Graves  
Sydney Lewis  
Diana Miller-Roman

## Photography

Abilene Foss  
Hannah Holmes  
Gracie True

## Plant Science

Jacob Romance

## Poultry

Morgan Capen  
Brystol Carder  
Emory Carder  
Peyton Mest  
Carly Nason  
Jackson Straw  
Jacquelyn Szucs

## Public Speaking

Emily Harwood  
Mary Harwood

## Rabbit

Jack Tassone

## Sheep

Aiden Domes  
Ty Domes  
Sophie Straw

## Shooting Sports

Myra Beardsley  
Levi Church  
Logan Church  
Emily Harwood  
Tavin Mancuso  
Kurtis Schenk II

## Shooting Sports

Calvin Holland  
Keeley Holland  
Beau Hyman  
Mya Lindsley  
Adam Romance  
Tyler Voss

## 10 YEAR MEMBERS

Hayden Ayers  
Isabel Bacon  
Ian Baker  
Damian Barrett  
Samuel Borer  
Anna Cebula  
Ezra Conklin  
Jacklynn Crow  
Addison Day  
Tanner Day

Nicolas Driver  
Nathan Foss  
Mary Harwood  
Eva Heineman  
Beau Hyman  
Larissa Hyman  
Trevor Keem  
Madelyn King  
William King  
Evan Kingdon

Brandon Kopp  
James Logsdon  
Thomas McGinnis  
Carly Nason  
Owen Norton  
Angel Oyer  
Maddy Oyer  
Tucker Pomeroy  
Alexander Rudgers  
Kurtis Schenk II

Phoebe Shepard  
Maximus Siewert  
Stephanie Silvernail  
Ella Swyers  
Ryan Vedder  
Tyler Voss  
Ashley Youngers

## 11 YEAR MEMBERS

Gavin Auger  
Evan Broughton  
Morgan Capen  
Gavin Carpenter  
Curtis Daniel  
Ty Domes

Logan Dryja  
Lindsey Frew  
Lillian Gromek  
Katelyn Hardie  
Mya Hardie  
Emily Harwood

Hannah Holmes  
Mya Lindsley  
Peyton Mest  
Inanna Mysliwicz  
Nathan Perl  
Lilah Stroud

Casey Youngers  
Claire Zehler  
Addison Zielenieski  
Brooklyn Zielenieski

## 12 YEAR MEMBERS

Delaney Almeter  
McKenna Almeter  
Colton Auger  
Hunter Brace  
Kendra Brace

Taylor Fontaine  
Rachel Hatch  
Keeley Holland  
Garrett Lester  
Noelle Milhollen

Dylan Mirrione  
Cyrus Olin  
Chloe Phetteplace  
Lexie Phetteplace  
Marygrace Schenk

Mathew Schreiber  
Emily Warriner

## 13 YEAR MEMBERS

Ava Conklin  
Marina Cox  
Jared Day

Calvin Holland  
Courtney Keem  
Gunner Nickerson

Adam Romance  
Olivia Swyers  
Anna Torrey

Jaclyn Torrey  
Carolyn Waligora

## JUNIOR LEADERS

### Seven Years

Abigail Paddock

### Five Years

Katelyn Green  
Katelyn Hardie

### Three Years

Myra Beardsley  
Emily Harwood

### Two Years

Logan Church

### One Year

Anna Towsley

## 14 YEAR MEMBERS

Abigail Paddock  
Maria Prattico  
Abigail Schreiber  
Meghan Youngers

**Award Pins are  
available for  
recipients in the  
4-H office!**

# 2025 LEADER OF THE YEAR

We are honored to recognize Sara Hatch as Leader of the Year. Sara is the leader of the Southern Rebels 4-H club. She has been a leader for nine years. She executes a wide variety of project opportunities for the youth in her club. She assists her youth who complete projects in the areas of dairy, beef, swine, meat animal, goats, Poultry, FCS, Public Presentations, and Community Service.

Sara is the kind of leader who is consistently present for her club—reliable, supportive, and always willing to lend her time. She readily volunteers at educational events and during the fair, ensuring that youth have every opportunity to grow and thrive.

In addition to her club leadership, Sara is an active member of the 4-H Dairy Committee. She brings thoughtful insight, a steady perspective, and creative ideas that help strengthen and enhance our program. Sara has made a positive impact on the lives of her 4-H members. Congratulations Sara on being named the 4-H leader of the year!



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## Wyoming County Friend of 4-H Awards

The Wyoming County Friend of 4-H Award has been presented annually since 2002 and is given in memory of Harold Upton and Dave & Laura Tracy. The award was created to honor members of the community who support the Wyoming County 4-H Program. Over the years the program has honored businesses and individuals who share a common thread with Harold, Dave & Laura. They all want to see the Wyoming County 4-H Program and most importantly the youth served thrive.

We are excited to award both Attica Veterinary Clinic and William Marsh as our 2025 friends of 4-H recipients.

Over the years, the Attica Veterinary Clinic has supported the Wyoming County 4-H Program in many ways. They generously assist with educational events, sharing their expertise in the veterinary field, animal husbandry, anatomy, and animal care. Their team works closely with us so families can complete required inspections and health paperwork for fair participation. Attica veterinarians have also devoted their time by serving on dairy and livestock committees and on our Association's Board.

Additionally, they have supported educational stations at Agriculture Days in local schools and during on-farm field trips, offering students hands-on opportunities to explore the world of veterinary medicine. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing dedication and support, and we look forward to continuing this partnership as we work together to 'Make the Best Better' within our community.



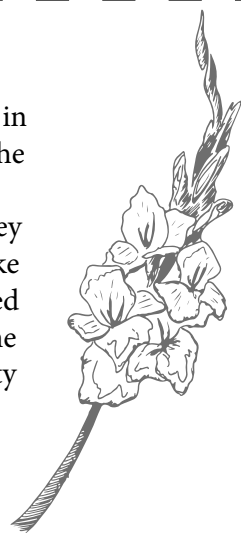
Bill Marsh is our next Friend of 4-H recipient. As Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds for the Wyoming County Fair Association and one of our primary fair contacts, he brings outstanding dedication, creativity, and problem-solving to every challenge—of which there are many at the fairgrounds, including unwelcome woodchuck “tenants” in the off-season!

Bill consistently goes above and beyond for 4-H. He's always just a call or text away—whether it's a last-minute request before the fair, a facilities question, or an urgent issue. From coordinating logistics to removing pests, troubleshooting setup to creating a safe, welcoming environment for youth, Bill does it all with patience, good humor, and a genuine desire to help. His behind-the-scenes efforts keep our 4-H events running smoothly and make our program at the fair stronger.

## Think Spring!

Get your Gladiola orders in!

If you have never participated in the Gladiola program this is the year to start. Gladiolas are beautiful perennial (meaning they come back every year) bulb (like a tulip) that need to be planted in May and bloom just in time to show at the Wyoming County Fair.



### Here are the facts:

- The Western NY Gladiola Society sponsors this project every year.
- Each 4-Her who signs up receives approximately 24 bulbs.
- 1st year members cost will be \$5.00.
- Anyone who has participated in the past the cost is \$10.00.
- To complete the project youth will need to have one entry in the open class gladiola show in the People's Building on Sunday at the Wyoming County Fair.
- A meeting to pick up bulbs will be held in May, exact date TBD. 1st year members are required to attend!

If you are interested in participating fill out the tear slip below and drop it in the mail, bring it to the 4-H Office or email it to [sac347@cornell.edu](mailto:sac347@cornell.edu).

All orders and money need to be at the 4-H Office by Friday, February 6th.

### Gladiola Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am new to the Gladiola Project (\$5.00)

☐ I am participating again (\$10.00)

Please include payment with your order and return to  
36 Center St, Suite B, Warsaw, NY 14569 by February 6th.

## Produced in New York State Foods Contest

**Saturday January 17, 2026**

*Ag & Business Center, Warsaw*

*\*snow date - Saturday, January 31st*

Come participate in this year's Produced in New York Foods Contest at the Ag & Business Center in Warsaw.

Registration will start at 8:30AM

The contest will begin at 9AM

In order to learn about nutrition and practice food presentation skills, 4-H members will present a silent food demonstration, promoting items from the Empire State. All contestants will prepare recipes at the same time, without talking. Participants will be allowed 50 minutes to demonstrate.

The major ingredient of the recipe must feature a product grown or produced in NY State - such as fruits, vegetables, dairy or meat. This is your chance to be creative and have fun at the same time!

### Age categories as of 1/1/26:

- \*Cloverbuds: 5-7 years old
- Juniors: 8 - 12 years old
- Seniors: 13 - 19 years old

Call the 4-H Office for more details and to sign up today! \*Please note Cloverbud recipes must be approved for appropriate skill level upon registration. \*

**Registration deadline is Friday, January 9th**

**\*\*Updated Rules & Guidelines are available on our website; <https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/resources/produced-in-ny-foods-guidelines>**



# Fashion

# & THRIFT 4-H PROJECT



*Love fashion? Want to look great without spending a fortune?  
Are you interested but not sure where to start? We're here to help!*

Join our exciting new 4-H project designed for members ages 12 and up who want to explore style on a budget!

### Three Fun Meetings!

#### ✓ 1st Meeting – Fashion Basics

📍 GCC Fashion Lab – Room T203, Genesee Community College Batavia Campus  
📅 Saturday, January 10 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Learn about body types, color palettes, fiber content, and fashion technology. Start planning your perfect outfit! (Transportation available from Warsaw if needed.)

#### ✓ 2nd Meeting – Thrift Shopping Adventure

📍 Southgate Plaza, West Seneca  
Shop at Plato's Closet, Clothes Mentor, and Goodwill!

You'll have \$50 provided (plus up to \$25 of your own funds) to create a stylish, budget-friendly ensemble. (Transportation available from Warsaw if needed.)

#### ✓ 3rd Meeting – Style Showcase

📍 4-H Building

Model your outfit, share your style choices, and reveal your total cost! Tentatively in conjunction with the fashion revue, on May 8<sup>th</sup>, Warsaw.

### READY TO JOIN?

☎️ CALL THE 4-H OFFICE AT 585-786-2251 BY JANUARY 7TH

✓ LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FIRST MEETING.

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 12 YEARS OR OLDER.

## SAVE *the* DATE



WORKSHOP, MINI TOUR, DINNER,  
AND SHOW

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, MVR HALL & BARTON HALL

4-H members from across the state are invited to attend the 2026 "Cornell Fashion Collective" – showcasing the designs of undergraduate and graduate fiber design and management in the college of Human Ecology. Wyoming County 4-H members and their families will have the opportunity to attend a workshop, mini-tour, dinner, and the fashion show, Saturday, March 21, 2026. This is an amazing opportunity for our county youth to experience the fiber science department at Cornell University! This would be most appropriate for youth ages 14+. We have funds from the cake and pie auction to support overnight stay and transportation depending on interest. If you're interested in this opportunity, please contact Sarah Clark in the 4-H office at [sac347@cornell.edu](mailto:sac347@cornell.edu) or 786-2251.

# PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

## ★ 2026 ★

The Public Presentation Program is frequently referred to as “the most beneficial and rewarding experience of all 4-H experiences”. Public presentations give 4-H members an excellent opportunity to research a subject, organize ideas in logical order, develop visual aids, and learn to speak effectively before groups. With each public presentation, there is an increase in self-confidence, poise, self-esteem, stage presence and knowledge. Public presentations can teach a 4-H'er lifetime skills that will be useful in his or her future social, educational and career pursuits.

It is important for 4-H'ers to begin doing Public Presentations at an early age and continue throughout their 4-H career. Public speaking skills develop over time, with experience and repetition.

**Public Presentation dates are listed below. There is a maximum registration for each event date. To secure the date of your preference, we recommend getting your registration in before the deadline!**



**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

5:00 - 8:00PM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center



**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

9:00 - 11:30AM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center



**Thursday, February 26, 2026**

5:00 - 8:00PM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center

*Please complete the registration form enclosed in this newsletter and return it to the 4-H office by Monday, February 9th.*

## INCENTIVES

AGE AS OF JAN. 1, 2026

### Beginner

Ages 5 - 10

**Free choice prize  
for completion!**

### Junior

Ages 11 - 13

Free choice prize for completion!  
OR a free ticket to the Genesee  
Country Museum, or a Charcoal  
Corral Gift Card

### Senior

Ages 14+

Free choice of prize for completion! OR a  
free ticket to the Genesee Country Museum,  
or a Charcoal Corral Gift Card OR a  
4-H sweatshirt (blue ribbon winners only)

#### FOR HORSE PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

The 4-H Horse Communications contest is an event for qualifying youth to compete and show off communications and public speaking skills. The event is centered around the horse world, encompassing a wide variety of topics. Horse Communications is judged in conjunction with our presentation program. Please note on your event registration if you want to sign up for a HORSE PUBLIC PRESENTATION or HORSE COMMUNICATIONS. Options include individual presentations, team presentations, public speaking (no visuals), videotaped presentations and impromptu speaking. For topics and rules for the communications project, please refer to the NYS website: <https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/state-events/contest-resources/nys-4-h-horse-communications>

#### SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR DISTRICT PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Any member who is interested in being considered for District Public Presentations will need to indicate that on the registration form. Judges in other rooms may also encourage a 4-H member who gives an excellent presentation to be considered for district eligibility. At the conclusion of presentations, youth with the top scores as well as county judge endorsement will be invited to participate at the district event.

*\*Note: Western District Public Presentations will be held in Erie County March 28th!*

# PRESENTATION OPTIONS

All 4-H'ers have the opportunity to select one of six types of presentations. The choices are Demonstration, Formal Speech, Illustrated Talk, Recitation, Extemporaneous Speech or Dramatic Interpretation. What is the difference?



## FORMAL SPEECH

The presenter aims to persuade, motivate, or inform the audience without the use of visuals. Proper use of note cards is acceptable. In this category, the presenter chooses and researches a topic of choice. Depending on the topic chosen, the presenter selects a format (persuasive, motivational, or informative) that best suits what is being conveyed to the audience. A Speech is written in the presenter's own words; however poetry, quotations, humor, or imagery may be incorporated to command attention or emphasize a point. (Recommended for ages 15-19, grades 10-12).



## RECITATION

The presenter, with the use of vocal inflection and body language as communication tools, delivers his rendition of a piece of pre-written material. Props should not be used, but appropriate dress to subtly represent the character or mood of the written piece is acceptable. Dress should not overwhelm the oral presentation. Memorization is expected, but proper use of notes is permitted either in the form of note cards or a book. This area is not intended for presentation of original piece of material written by the presenter.



## DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

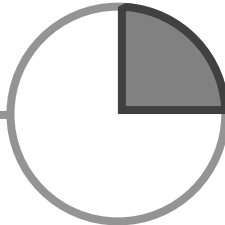
The presenter or team of two delivers a re-enactment of a piece of scripted material. The content can be taken from plays, movies, sketches, or monologues -- dramatic or comedic. This form of presentation, by definition, should include props and costumes. Props need to be simple and minimal, not detracting from the strength of the presenter(s). Original pieces written by the presenter(s) are accepted in this category, but 4-H educators should monitor appropriateness of presentation.



**\*NEW\***

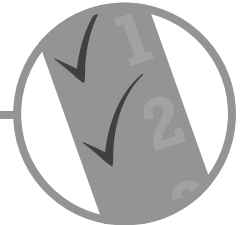
## EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH

Participants will select a topic for their speech by randomly drawing three questions/statements from a pool of topics. They will select one to present on. Topics will be relevant to today's youth and might include current events, 4-H, and other social issues. Youth will have 5 minutes to organize their speech. No two contestants will speak on the same question/statement in the same year. For senior participants only.



## ILLUSTRATED TALK

The presenter uses visual aids to tell about the topic. The effective use of charts, pictures, posters, slides, PowerPoint Slides, overheads, graphs, examples, models, etc., plays a major role in communicating the presenter's message. (Recommended for ages 9 and up).



## DEMONSTRATION

The presenter shows and explains how to do or make something (how to juggle, make a kite, make cookies, care for a 4-H project animal, etc.). Models or illustrations are used as needed to explain information, show the steps in the process being demonstrated, reveal finished products, etc. (Recommended for all ages).

# TIPS FOR GOOD PRESENTING

## **P** PICK A TOPIC

That you like,  
That you know something about,  
That you want to share with others.  
That is 4-H appropriate.

## **P** PREPARE AN OUTLINE

**Introduction** - Greet your audience and get their attention and interest. Tell what you will be demonstrating and explain why you are interested in the topic.

**Body** - Present the facts and information in an orderly and logical sequence. Explain what you are doing and why.

**Summary** - Briefly restate main points of presentation. Give sources of information. Ask the audience if they have any questions.

## **P** PRACTICE-PRACTICE-PRACTICE

So your show and tell will be smooth and natural.

## **P** PRESENT

Dress neatly; jeans and a nice shirt or slacks and a blouse are appropriate. Dress to impress! Food demonstrations should wear short sleeves, gloves and have hair pulled back in hair net, scarf or chef's hat.

Be sure everything is in place before you begin.

Work quickly and neatly.

Look at the audience, not down at the demonstration table or your notes too often! Smile, relax, and enjoy what you are doing!

Speak naturally in a clear, loud voice so the audience can hear you.

## GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTATION LENGTH

1st year presenter - 3-5 minutes

2nd year presenter - 5-7 minutes

3rd year and older - 7-15 minutes

These are not strict rules, just guidelines!!

Note: No presentation should take longer than 15 minutes!!

## HORSE COMMUNICATIONS

Horse presenters trying to go to regionals: 9-12 minutes

Horse team demonstrations: 10-15 minutes

Horse public speaking competitors: 7-10 minutes

Videotaped presentation: 20 to 30 minutes

Impromptu speaking: 5 to 8 minutes

## FOOD PRESENTERS

Please contact the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 if you are interested in doing a food demonstration as a public presentation this year. Stop by the office to pick up your copy of "How To Do A Food Demonstration" which contains information about choosing a recipe, preparing for the demonstration and much more.

NOTE: All participants doing a food demonstration will be required to wear gloves and hair should be either pulled back in a hair net, scarf or chef's hat.



**DUE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

**CLUB NAME:**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN FULL!!** List all cloverbuds first, juniors second, leave space and then list seniors. If any special equipment is needed, for example: extension cord, hot plate, etc., list name and equipment needed at the bottom. Space is limited in each session date. Registrations will be honored in first come, first serve basis. We will contact families if we require them to select another date.

**NOTE:** All participants doing a food demonstration will be required to wear gloves and hair net, scarf or chef's hat!

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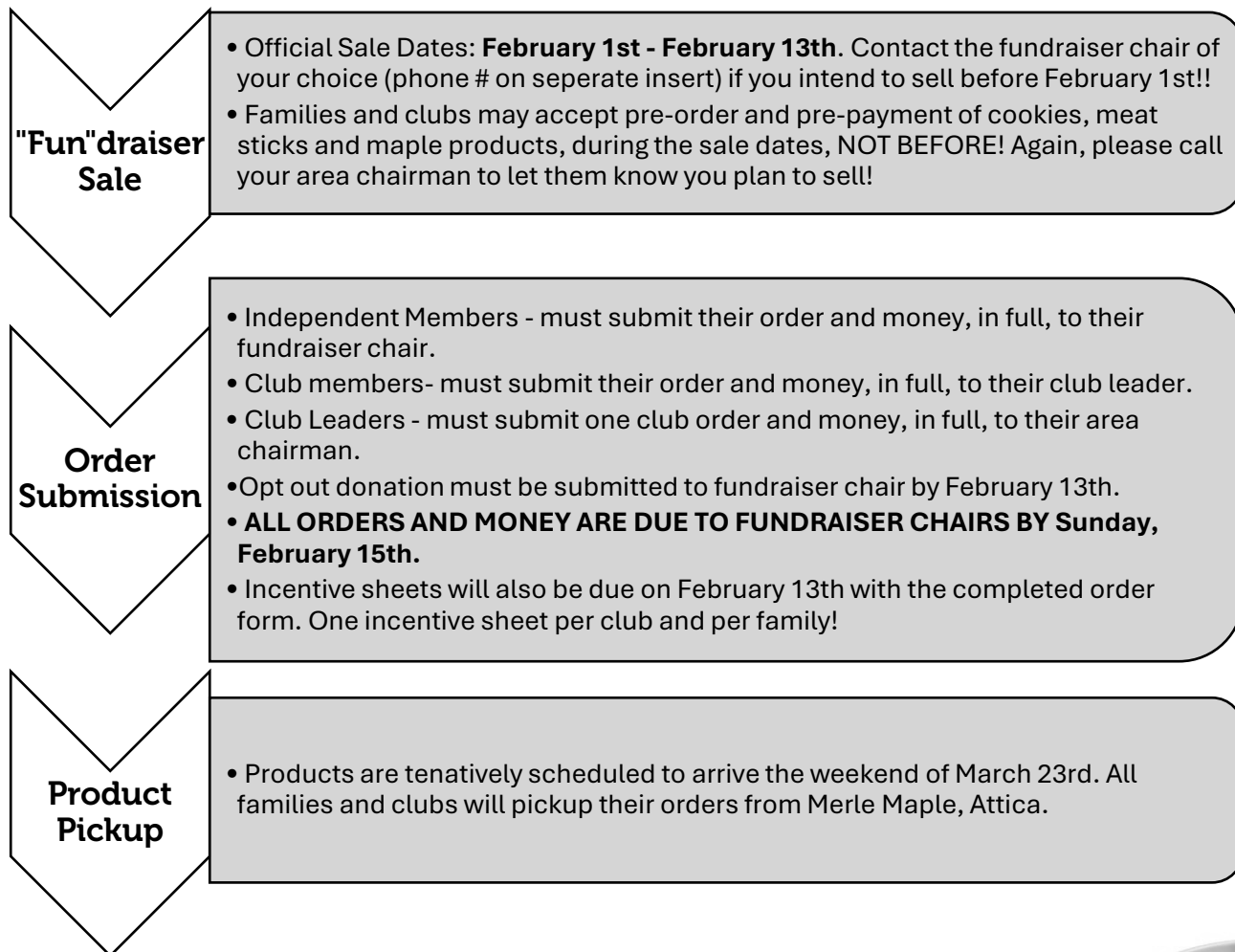
**EQUIPMENT NEEDED:**

**PLEASE CALL THE 4-H OFFICE IF AFTER REGISTERING, YOU NEED TO CHANGE OR CANCEL**

# Wyoming County 4-H Fundraiser Details

We strongly encourage all 4-H members (non-Cloverbuds) to participate in the 2026 4-H fundraising sale. If every 4-H member sells \$100 worth of product, this sale would be a success. In 2025, only 23% of our membership participated in our fundraiser. **Considering this, we have included an “opt out” option for families who do not want to participate by selling products. If you choose to not participate, please consider giving a \$20 per child “opt out” donation in lieu of active fundraising participation.** This opt-out donation can be paid to the fundraising chairs, or the 4-H office directly via cash or check. Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any follow-up questions or concerns.

**The 2026 4-H Fundraiser Sale will run Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Orders will be due to your selected fundraiser chairperson over the weekend. Our anticipated delivery date of products will be Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, for distribution that week (subject to change).**



All orders are final, and orders will only be placed if all payment accompanies the final order on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Incentive sheets must be turned into your fundraiser chair with your order to be valid. Gift certificates will be offered as incentive prizes. *Incentives will only be honored if the incentive sheet is filled out and turned into the cookie chair with your complete order. Incentives will be based off the dollar value of total sales per individual; details can be found on the incentive sheet. The top three sellers will receive a gift certificate towards the value of their sale, plus an exclusive 4-H engraved 30 oz. Owala Freesip Tumbler. Any youth who sell over \$750 worth of product will receive a gift certificate towards the value of their sale, plus a custom Richardson Hat.*



## THE WYOMING COUNTY 4-H: **WIN A CALF** PROJECT

### PROJECT GUIDELINES:

1. Enroll by calling the 4-H office
2. Age: 4-H'ers 8-13 years old, or first year dairy members 14-15 years old are eligible (ages as of January 1, 2026).
3. For a first year project member - the animal you will keep records on must be born between September 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025. Must be a female but does not need to be registered. If you completed the program this past year, you may choose to continue to keep records on your project animal.
4. Each participant must turn in monthly records. This includes feeding and financial records and a monthly story.
5. Each participant will complete the dairy project book.
6. Each participant will show their project animal in a showmanship class at the 2026 Wyoming County Fair.
7. Each participant will host the dairy committee in a brief farm visit.
8. Each member will participate in county wide public presentations.
9. Each participant will complete a short interview with the dairy committee.

*1st Prize: \$750 towards a registered calf of your choice*

*2nd Prize: Cash Prize*

*3rd Prize: Cash Prize*

### **2025 Win A Calf Winners**

1st place: Natalie Bartholomew - 3+2

2nd place: Anna Cebula - Red Bandanas

3rd place: Cooper Burnham - Red Bandanas

## THE WYOMING COUNTY 4-H: **LIVING LEARNING** PROJECT

### PROJECT GUIDELINES:

1. Enroll by calling the 4-H office
2. Age: 4-H'ers 14-18 years old, or past Win A Calf winners who have not turned 14 yet (ages as of January 1, 2026).
3. Each participant must turn in monthly records. This includes feeding and financial records and a monthly story.
4. Each participant will complete the dairy project book.
5. Each participant will show their project animal in a showmanship class at the 2026 Wyoming County Fair.
6. Each participant will host the dairy committee in a brief farm visit.
7. Each member will participate in county wide public presentations.
8. Each participant will complete an in-person interview with the dairy committee and bank representative.

*1st Prize: \$750 towards a registered calf or scholarship money*

*2nd Prize: Cash Prize*

*3rd Prize: Cash Prize*

### **2025 Living Learning Project Winners**

1st place: Ashton Wilcox - Deja-Moo

2nd place: Addyson Blaisdell- 4-P's

3rd place: Ashley Youngers - Red Bandanas

4th place: Dalton Burnham - Red Bandanas

### **Win a Calf & Living Learning Dairy Project Orientation**

Monday, December 15, 2025  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie at  
585-786-2251 or [sal294@cornell.edu](mailto:sal294@cornell.edu)

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# WYOMING COUNTY 4-H DAIRY HANDBOOK

The Dairy Advisory Committee is excited to share a brand-new guidebook for families interested in the 4-H dairy project. This easy-to-use resource includes a calendar of events, grade and lease forms, project rules, and helpful tools to support youth as they get started and grow in the dairy program.



# DAIRY JEOPARDY

Thursday, February 11, 2026  
from 6:30 - 7:30PM

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

Dairy Jeopardy is a dairy knowledge competition that allows youth to compete as individuals. Styled after the popular television game show, questions are similar to those as in Dairy Bowl. The contestants demonstrate their ability to think on their feet and wager points based on their knowledge of topics ranging from "Bovine Health" to "Breed All About It" (questions about the different breeds of dairy cattle) to "Milk, Nature's Perfect Food" and "TMR the mixer".

Call the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 or email Stephanie at [sal294@cornell.edu](mailto:sal294@cornell.edu) to register by February 9th.

## 2026

### Dairy Educational Activities

These are approved activities for the 2026 4-H Dairy Project. More information about these events will be available in subsequent editions of the 4-H News.

Remember that you **MUST** participate in at least one of these activities in order to participate in dairy shows at the fair. We encourage you to participate in more than just one activity to enhance your 4-H experience!

*Please remember that public presentations only count for ONE species; for example you may **not** count a public presentation as your approved educational event to show dairy and sheep; you must pick one!*

DECEMBER 15

WIN A CALF &  
LIVING LEARNING  
DAIRY PROJECT  
ORIENTATION

JANUARY 24

DAIRY BOWL

FEBRUARY 11

DAIRY  
JEOPARDY

FEBRUARY  
17, 21, 26

PUBLIC  
PRESENTATIONS

MARCH/APRIL  
DAIRY JUDGING

JUNE

DAIRY  
CHALLENGE

JUNE

SHOWING &  
FITTING CLINIC



**JANUARY  
24TH**

Pre-registration is required for the contest. Please be considerate of the deadlines listed below - canceling a team at the last minute makes things very difficult.

**SENIOR LEVEL DAIRY BOWL** (Members 14 and over as of January 1, 2026)

**JUNIOR LEVEL DAIRY BOWL** (Members 8-13 as of January 1, 2026)

Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 9:30am

Ag & Business Center, 36 Center St, Warsaw

**\*\*SNOW DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH; SAME TIME AND LOCATION\*\***

All participating clubs, please submit 10 questions per division with your registration.

Quiz bowl units, practice questions, and the current rules can be borrowed from the 4-H office. A club may enter more than one team. A team has four members. If you don't have enough for a full team, Stephanie will combine you with lone members or other clubs to form a team.

We will need leaders and parents to serve as scorekeepers the day of the contests. Please let us know when teams are registering if you are able to volunteer your time to help for this day.

### **STUDY MATERIALS AVAILABLE!**

Last years' district questions and supplemental information are available at the 4-H office or online.

If your club is looking for a fun way to practice, there is a Dairy Learning Lab available at the 4-H office! Please contact Stephanie to reserve.

*\*District dairy bowl is  
Saturday, March 7th at  
Pioneer Middle School*

## **DAIRY BOWL 2026 REGISTRATION FORM**

REGISTRATION DUE DATE: JANUARY 16, 2026

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Our club is submitting

☐ Senior Questions  
☐ Junior Questions

Number of Senior Teams: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Junior Teams: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Team Members

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Team Members

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# WNY 4-H DOG LEADER TRAINING

REGISTER  
BY JANUARY  
19TH!

Sunday, January 25th at 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Ag & Business Center,  
36 Center Street, Warsaw, NY

*Come learn from our fellow 4-H dog colleagues  
before obedience begins in the spring!*

## Program Topic:

Engaging with Youth in the 4-H Dog Project – Make  
Obedience Training Fun!

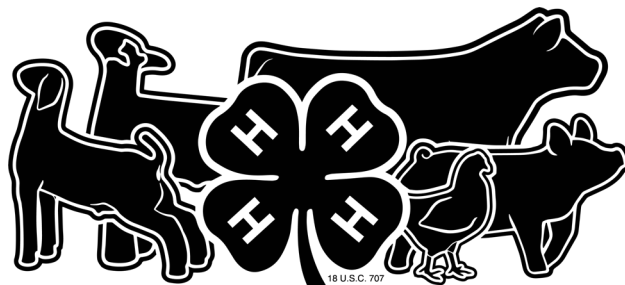
Energize your meetings and inspire youth. Key activities  
include: Dog Trainer Bingo, Obedience Games, and  
Creative Teaching Ideas. Lots of opportunity for dialogue  
and discussion!

Email Sarah at [sac347@cornell.edu](mailto:sac347@cornell.edu) to register  
or call the CCE Wyoming office.



## 2026 4-H LIVESTOCK (BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, MARKET GOATS, AND MARKET POULTRY) PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY LIST

Here are some educational events that you can place on your calendar to count on. Watch for the February 4-H news where we will have a finalized list of livestock activities. REMEMBER that you must participate in at least one of these activities in order to participate in livestock shows (meat animal or general 4-H) at the 2026 Wyoming County Fair. We always encourage youth to participate in more than just one activity to enhance their 4-H experience!



JANUARY 27	Livestock Stations	Swine Showmanship Clinic	JUNE/JULY
FEBRUARY 17, 21, 26	Public Presentations	Beef Showmanship Clinic	JUNE/JULY
MARCH 7	Livestock Skill-A-Thon	Sheep Showmanship Clinic	JUNE/JULY
APRIL TBD	Farm Tour	Last Chance Livestock Event	JULY 13

# 4-H LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON

**Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 9:30AM**

AG & BUSINESS CENTER, WARSAW

This event will satisfy the 4-H educational requirement to show beef, sheep, swine, market goats or market broilers at the 2026 Wyoming County Fair.

Species we will focus on: beef, sheep, swine, market goats and market poultry!

## DIVISIONS

Novice - youth 8-10 as of 1/1/26

Junior - youth 11-13 as of 1/1/26

Senior - youth 14 years and older as of 1/1/26

Study packets will be available in the 4-H office after January 1st.

Pre-registration is REQUIRED in order to plan for the event. Return the slip below or call the 4-H office by March 6th to register.

### LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON SIGN-UP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

AGE AS OF 1/1/26 \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

☐

NOVICE

☐

JUNIOR

☐

SENIOR

## Livestock Learning Station Night

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

**7:00pm**

**Ag & Business Center, Warsaw**

*\*Participants must register before the meeting\**

Join us for hands on stations that will be all about livestock! Topics will include: breeds, cuts of meat and more. It will be great practice for skill-a-thon in March!

*This event will satisfy the educational requirement for exhibiting 4-H beef, sheep, swine, market goats and market poultry at the 2026 Wyoming County Fair.*

### **\*\* 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION NOTE \*\***

Don't forget that doing a public presentation counts towards an education event for the 4-H livestock program!

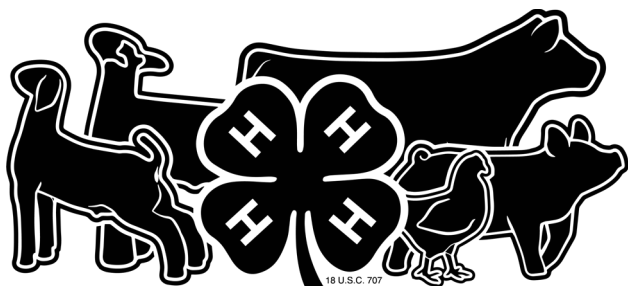
There are three dates to choose from: February 17th, 21st, 26th. You can find information on pages 15 - 17 of this newsletter. Topics don't necessarily need to be livestock related (but are nice). The goal is to get you talking about something that you are interested in; which can increase your self-confidence, knowledge of your chosen topics, poise and much more.....building essential lifelong skills!

### **Are you looking to start a livestock project for the 2026 show season?**

The 4-H office is compiling a list of local and regional livestock producers to share with 4-H families.

This list will be available by request after January 1st.

If you know anyone that would be interested in being listed, please contact Holly with the contact information.



# HORSING AROUND



- Horse educational rule books are available online at the NYS 4-H website, or can be printed & provided by request.
- Horse bowl study packets are available online or print copies are available at the 4-H office.

## HORSE COMMUNICATIONS

See Public Presentation dates listed on page 15. Horse Communications may be scheduled on any of those dates.

Ag & Business Center, 36 Center Street, Warsaw

Choose a favorite horse related topic, research it, and tell us all about it! If you are interested in moving on to the regional horse level, you must participate in horse communications vs. public presentations. Youth can choose to present a horse topic as a public presentation - please call the 4-H office if you have any questions.

**HIPPOLOGY CONTEST**  
Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 9:30AM  
Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

We will have stations for horse judging, tack, feeds, breeds, anatomy, etc. Anyone who is enrolled in the horse project is encouraged to participate!

## WYOMING COUNTY 4-H 2026 HORSE EDUCATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

**REMINDER: Youth are expected to attend at least one (1) educational equine event to show horses during the 2026 Wyoming County Fair.**

### DECEMBER

### JANUARY

- \*Wyoming County Horse Bowl: January 23rd; 6:30pm, Ag & Business Center

### FEBRUARY

- \* Public Presentations & Horse Communications: Ag & Business Center (see pages 15-18)

### MARCH

- \* Hippology: March 28th; 9:30am, Ag & Business Center

## WYOMING COUNTY HORSE BOWL FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026 at 6:30pm AG & BUSINESS CENTER, WARSAW

Come participate in the annual Wyoming County Horse Bowl and test your knowledge! You may call the 4-H office and register for this event as an individual or as a team of 4 (4 novice OR juniors OR seniors per team). You are competing as an individual for overall score. There are opportunities to advance to regional, state and national levels in this event. Study packets are available at the 4-H office.

**FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO THE 4-H OFFICE BY 1/16/2026**

### HORSE BOWL REGISTRATION FORM

Club/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_



#### Senior Team Members

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

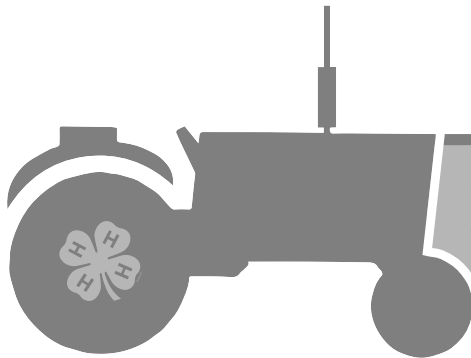
#### Junior Team Members

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Novice Team Members

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Come learn about tractor and machinery safety, equipment maintenance and how engines run! The following opportunities will be offered by the Wyoming County 4-H Program during 2026:



## 4-H SMALL ENGINES, TRACTOR & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

**Year 1:** For youth 10 years or older that would like to learn about small engines, lawn mowers, etc.

**Year 2:** For youth 11 years old who have completed Year 1 program.

**Year 3:** For youth 12 years old who have completed Year 2 program.

**Pre-Certification:** For youth 13 years old who have completed Years 1, 2 or 3 and are interested in the certification program the following year. We will focus on non-core curriculum from the NSTMOP program.

**National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program:** For youth 14-15 years old that would like to work on a farm for hire and operate a tractor over 20 horsepower. (Participants must be 14 years old by 4/1/2026).

Years 1, 2 & 3 and Pre-Certification Schedule	NSTMOP Certification Schedule
- No Class -	1/19/26 - 7pm @ CCE Office, Warsaw
- No Class -	1/26/26 - 7pm @ CCE Office, Warsaw
2/2/26 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership	2/2/26 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership
2/9/26 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership	2/9/26 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership
2/23/26 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership	2/23/26 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership
3/2/26 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership	3/2/26 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership
- No Class -	3/9/26 - 7pm Written Test @ CCE Office, Warsaw
- No Class -	4/2026 - Driving Test Date and Time TBD
** Snow dates are reserved for Wednesday evenings each week if needed. **	

**Certification Course:** \$20 registration fee. Once you are registered, pick up an instruction manual from the 4-H office (manuals may be mailed for an additional fee). Requirements for certification: 12-15 hours of reading and self-study, attend all meetings, and pass both a written test and driving test. \*\*Register ASAP to allow yourself time to pick up an instruction manual and complete homework before first class!

**Years 1, 2, 3 and Pre-Certification:** \$5.00 registration fee. Please fill out registration form below and return to the 4-H office as soon as possible along with the registration fee. Requirements for completion: attend at least three out of five events.

**All participants must be enrolled as a Wyoming County 4-H member or a 4-H member in any neighboring county.**

### TRACTOR, CERTIFICATION & SMALL ENGINES SCHOOLS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of 1-1-26): \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Appropriate Box:      Year 1      Year 2      Year 3      Pre-Certification      Certification

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Enclose **\$20.00** for certification OR  
**\$5.00** for Years 1, 2, 3 or pre-certification

Please Note: If you are not a 4-H member, you will need to enroll. Please call 585-786-2251.  
4-H Enrollment fee is \$15 for Wyoming County residents and \$20 for out-of-county residents.

## Dear Wyoming County 4-H Families,

We're excited to share two important updates that directly impact our 4-H community and the future of Wyoming County.

Wyoming County is developing its first-ever Comprehensive Plan, and your voice is essential. This plan will guide decisions about growth, resources, agriculture, housing, recreation, and long-term investments for decades to come. Your participation ensures that the strong agricultural and rural heritage of Wyoming County is reflected in our shared long-term vision.

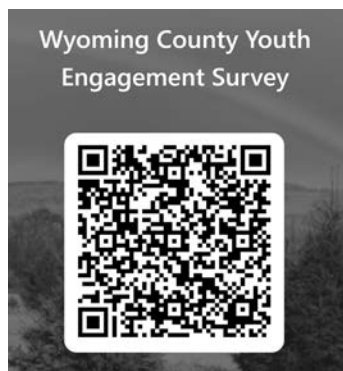
### Countywide Survey — Make Your Voice Heard by December 14, 2025

- Wyoming County is gathering input through a countywide survey available both online and on paper. It only takes a few minutes, and every confidential response ensures the plan reflects what local families value most.
- Deadline: January 30th, 2026 (Please complete it early!)



### Youth Input Matters Too

- A separate youth-focused survey is also available to ensure that young people's ideas, needs, and hopes for the future are included in the Comprehensive Plan. Youth perspectives are vital, and we encourage all 4-H members to participate and make their voices count.
- Deadline: January 30th, 2026 (Please complete it early!)



### CCE Wyoming County Strategic Plan

- The CCE Wyoming County Strategic Plan was adopted by membership in October. This plan was shaped with input from families, volunteers, leaders, and CCE Wyoming County stakeholders.
- Strategic Plan Goals:
  - Reinforce the Culture of Agriculture

- Improve Agricultural Market Access and Community Food Systems
- Foster Engagement and Experiential Learning
- Build Hands-on Skills for Practical Innovation
- Leverage Strategic Partnerships
- Enhance Communication and Volunteer Recognition
- Strengthen Organizational Practices and Infrastructure

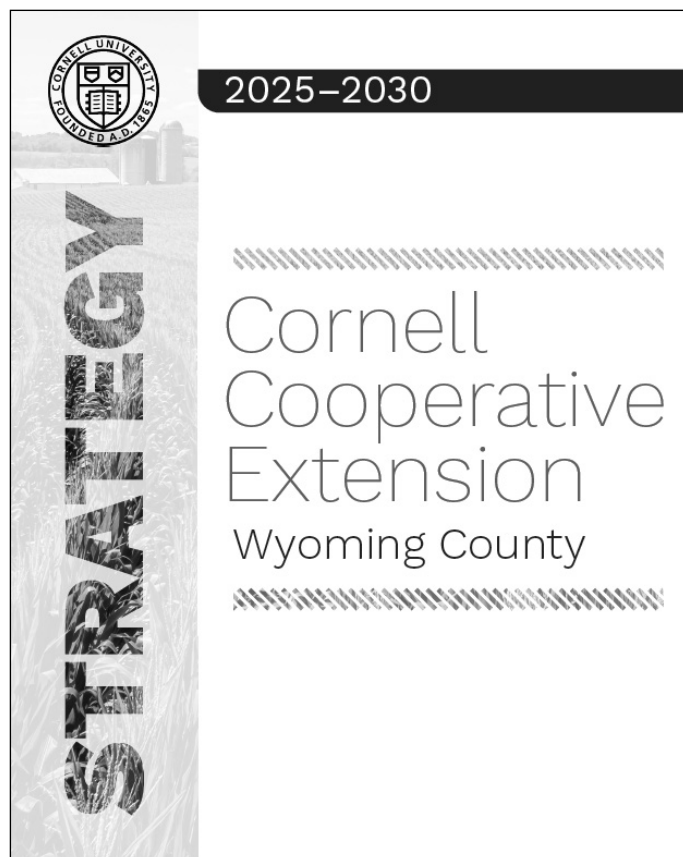
Thank you for your dedication to Wyoming County 4-H and for helping us continue to "make the best better." Together, through both the County Comprehensive Plan and the CCE Strategic Plan, we are helping shape a stronger, healthier future for all.

### CCE Wyoming County Strategic Plan



With appreciation,

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County Team





## Wyoming County 4-H Member Enrollment Form Year 2025-2026

Thank you for your interest in the Wyoming County 4-H Program!  
Please fill out the following form and return to the 4-H Office along with the enrollment fee.

### Personal Information:

Family Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Email (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Member First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Correspondence Preference: ☐ MAIL ☐ MAIL AND E-MAIL

Do you wish to receive text messages? ☐ YES ☐ NO If yes please provide your provider: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Information:

#### **Primary Parent/Guardian:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Parent/Guardian Two:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **(If different than above):**

Secondary Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Send Correspondence to second address:**

Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Demographic Information:

Ethnicity:

Are you of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Race: ☐ White ☐ Black or African American ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Hawaiian & Pacific Islander  
☐ Asian ☐ Prefer Not to State

Residence: ☐ Farm ☐ Town < 10k and rural non-farm ☐ Town 10k-50k and suburbs ☐ Suburbs of City > 50k  
☐ Central City > 50k

### Military Service of Family:

Family Member Military Service: ☐ No one in my family is serving ☐ I have a parent serving ☐ I have a sibling serving

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Active ☐ Reserve ☐ National Guard

### School Information:

School County : \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2025-2026 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Office Use:**

Entered into the Computer; \_\_\_\_\_



## 4-H Information:

Have You Filled Out The Following Forms This Year?

☐ Photo/Media Release

☐ Liability Waiver

☐ Code of Conduct

Years in 4-H (completed as of 2025): \_\_\_\_\_

### Enrollment Fee (\$15 Wyoming Co. resident / \$20 Out-Of-County)

Cash amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #/amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2025-2026 Club Information:

Primary Club Name or Independent Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Officer: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Officer Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Officer: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Officer Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Officer: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Officer Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Officer: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Officer Position: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2025-2026 4-H Project Interest:

Please select all 4-H projects you might be interested in.

**\*\* This does NOT automatically enroll you in a project, but provides 4-H program staff with interest levels \*\***

### Animal Science

- ☐ Beef
- ☐ Dairy
- ☐ Dog Obedience
- ☐ Goat
- ☐ Horse
- ☐ Poultry
- ☐ Rabbits/Cavies
- ☐ Sheep
- ☐ Swine

☐ Choose Health / Fitness

☐ Clothing and Textile

- ☐ Needle Art

☐ Cloverbud (5 to 7 year olds)

☐ Community Service

☐ Fine Arts and Crafts

☐ Foods and Nutrition

☐ Cooking & Baking

☐ Food Science

☐ Home Food Presentation

☐ Legos/Robotics

☐ Plant Science

☐ Flowers

☐ Vegetable

☐ Gladiola

☐ Giant Vegetable

☐ Home Improvement/Fabric Furnishing

☐ Leadership Skills Development/  
Junior Leadership (must be 13 years or older)

☐ Meat Animal Project (Select one)

☐ Beef or Dairy

☐ Swine

☐ Lamb

☐ Poultry

☐ Goat

☐ Natural Resources

☐ Hiking

☐ Fishing

☐ Pheasants

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Performing Arts/Expressive Arts

☐ Photography/Visual Arts

☐ Public Presentations

☐ Shooting Sports

☐ Small Engines/Tractor

☐ Tractor Certification

(must be 14 years or older)

☐ STEM activities

☐ Teen Leaders

☐ Woodworking/Handyman/Electrical

☐ Vet Science

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Photo, Video, and Audio Consent and Release Form

From time to time, photographs, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips may be taken of youth and adults attending Cornell Cooperative Extension events or participating in Cornell Cooperative Extension-sponsored programs and activities. Cornell Cooperative Extension requests the right to use all such photos, videos, print material and/or audio clips taken of youth and adults involved in these programs and activities. They may be used for a variety of purposes, including, but not limited to, publications, promotional brochures, promotions or showcase of programs on our Web sites, showcase of activities in local and/or national newspapers or programming, and other similar lawful purposes. By signing this form, I consent and give permission to allow Cornell Cooperative Extension the unlimited right to use photos, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips that they have of me participating in Cornell Cooperative Extension programs or events. I agree to give up my rights with regards to Cornell Cooperative Extension photos, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips of me. Further, by signing this consent and release form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to the above request and conditions. I sign this form freely and without inducement.

☐ I do **not** release media consent of my child

### Wyoming County 4-H Youth Development Member Code of Conduct Commitment

These expectations are to be shared with all Wyoming County 4-H Members participating in events prior to the event. This will establish a clear understanding of expectations among the individuals involved. Chaperones on any 4-H trip will be enforcing this code.

#### Expected Behavior:

1. All participants are expected to be responsive to the reasonable requests of the adult in charge at the time given. This includes the following rules and regulations of the given event.
2. All participants are expected to participate in all of the planned programs, to be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that insures the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others.
3. All participants will act in a mature, responsible manner, recognizing that they are role models for others and are representing themselves and Wyoming County 4-H.
4. All participants will be dressed appropriately for the event. If you are unsure of what is appropriate for the event, contact the 4-H staff person in advance.
5. All participants will be considerate and courteous of all youth and adults and their property at all times.
6. All participants will respect the rights and opinions of others, realizing that customs may be different.
7. All participants are to refrain from the possession and/or use of illegal drugs, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, firearms and other weapons at all times.
8. All participants are to refrain from romantic displays, sexual activities, and harassment either in public or private situations. These actions will not be tolerated.

#### Consequences (Any of the following may apply, depending on severity of the situation.)

1. In mild cases, a warning may be given.
2. Youth may be sent home at family's expense.
3. Youth may be barred from a future event.

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this document, I acknowledge that the information is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I have read and understand the terms of all releases, acknowledge and agreements including the following parts: Member Code of Conduct and Photo Release From.

Youth Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Parent/ Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Acknowledgement of Risk Form – 4-H Member

**This form must be completed to participate in 4-H clubs/4-H Equine clubs and related activities.**

*This form may be completed during 4-H enrollment for the full program year for 4-H activities/4-H equine activities and events designated below at the club, county, multiple county, regional, state and national level.*

I hereby apply for my child to participate in the 4-H club and/or activity indicated below to be conducted by the designated Cornell Cooperative Extension Association and acknowledge as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my child's participation in the 4-H club and activities and my child's participation in said 4-H club and all its activities and use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness or death and damage to personal property. I understand other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other causes may cause these risk and dangers and I hereby accept these risk and dangers. My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age of **5 for Cloverbud members and 8 for regular 4-H members/8 for regular 4-H Equine club members** required to participate in this activity and is able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith

**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County 4-H Program Year: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026**

Select anticipated program participation:

### ☐ **All 4-H Activities and Events for the 2025-2026 Program Year**

#### **4-H Club Activities:**

- ☐ Working with dogs
- ☐ Physical Fitness programs
- ☐ Shooting Sports

#### **4-H Club Equine Activities:**

- ☐ Participating in an equine club
- ☐ Working with equines beyond club level including clinics, camps, shows

☐ Working with equines in mounted "over fences" activities. I (the parent or legal guardian) am aware that my child will be participating in 4-H Horse Program mounted "over fences" activities at Cornell University Cooperative Extension county, multiple county, regional, or state sponsored events. I give my child permission to participate. Mounted "over fences" classes in the NYS 4-H Horse Program could include ground rail, cross rail, and/or other over fences classes and obstacles (this does include trail class). The obstacles will be no higher than 3 foot in any of the 4-H activities.

#### **For Cloverbuds (youth 5-8 years old only):**

- ☐ Cloverbud activities
- ☐ Cloverbud working with equine or other animal programs

**I have read the above and by signing it I agree it is my intention to have my child participate in the indicated activity and I understand and accept the risks involved.**

**This shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators and executors. Any claims or disputes arising out of my child's participation in the activity shall be venued in the Supreme Court of the State of New York of the County where the County Extension office is located.**

**I am at least twenty-one (21) years of age and I am the legal parent/guardian authorized to sign this document on behalf of the child named herein.**

**PARTICIPANT'S NAME (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT GUARDIAN NAME (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be kept on file until participant reaches age 21.**

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

**We hope this beautiful time  
of year finds you happy and  
healthy as you look forward  
to all the wonderful things to  
come in 2026!**

Holly Sarah  
Stephanie Alesia  
Caron

