Snowy Greetings 4-H Families!

This newsletter comes with a great deal of good news, as we look forward to Spring and Summer programs! Positive Youth Development comes at all times of the year, but there is something about Spring Horse Clinic, STARR, and Youth Fair that remind us of the excitement and opportunities to come. There are many things to look at in this issue, and be sure to mark your calendars for the great things ahead! Remember that the latest information often comes to you via email, so please be sure to check it often, for the latest and greatest information!

Best wishes for a successful 2016 4-H year,

Dorothy Slegle  Melissa Watkins
4-H Community Educator  4-H Community Educator

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**March**

1-4  **Region Horse Extravaganza & Regional Dairy Bowl** @ Mid-lakes Jr./Sr. High School, Clifton Springs.

14-18 **Ag Literacy Week**, Introduction of Agriculture to Kindergarten through third grade throughout Cayuga County with a reading of *The Apple Orchard Riddle* written by Margaret McNamara and illustrated by G. Brian Karas.

19  **March Dog Madness** event @ Cornell.

25 & 26  **Dairy Discovery Program** @ Cornell.

**April**

1  **4-H Enrollment paperwork** is due to the office in order to be eligible to participate in youth/state fair events.

2  **District Public Presentations and Regional Horse Communications** for qualifying 4-H youth. Held at Midlakes Intermediate School, Clifton Springs.

9  **State Horse Bowl** @ Cornell.

16-17  **State Horse Judging** @ Morrisville.

22  **Spring Fling & Pre-Fair Parent Meeting**.

23  **State Dairy Bowl** @ Cornell.

29-30 & May 1—**STARR** @ NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY.

**May**

7  **Animal Crackers Program**. Held at Cornell (pre-registration required through CCE Cayuga Office).

14  **Horse Communications** @ Cornell.

15  **4-H Horse Premier Event** @ Snook Training Stables, Weedsport. (pre-registration required)

15-17  **4-H Capital Days**. Albany, NY.

30  **CCE Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday**.

**June**

1  **4-H Project Animal Identification Certificates** Due to the office (this does include Horse Projects).

27  **Deadline** to register for Animal Exhibit into 4-H Horse Shows & 4-H Youth Fair.

28-30  **Career Explorations** at Cornell.

**July**

4  Office Closed July 4th Holiday.

5  **4-H Youth Fair Overnight Forms** due to the office.

16 & 17  **Qualifying 4-H Horse Shows Tentative**. Sites TBA (pre-registration required).

25  **Project Evaluations**.

28-30  **4-H Youth Fair & Remember the Big 6 Picnic**. Held at the Ward W. O’Hara Agricultural Museum across from Emerson Park.

**August**

2  **Parent State Fair Meeting** for qualifying youth.

25—28  **Cayuga County exhibits on display at the New York State Fair**, Syracuse, NY.

August 25—September 5  **New York State Fair**.

* All events are held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Cayuga County Education Center, 248 Grant Avenue, Auburn, NY unless otherwise noted.
March Dog Madness
March Dog Madness is an annual program held on Cornell University Campus. This year’s program is scheduled for Saturday March 19th. So far we have been notified that there will be a $30 per person cover fee and that this year’s slogan is, “Together We Make a Difference!” The event will begin with an Opening Session from Keith Vanderburg, NYS 4-H Dog Show Judge and Schuyler County 4-H Dog Volunteer. In addition, participants may select choices for Sessions I and II.

Choices for Session I are: Pet Loss Support, Preparing for Agility with Max 200, Dental Health with Dr Carolyn McMaster, and group follow up with Keith Vanderburg.

Choices for Session II are: Updates from the Baker Institute on Canine Flu & Common Dog Allergies, The Beginner’s Novice Class, Preparing for Agility, and Canine Nutrition Fun with Clair Seely.

For a complete class schedule and more details, please visit: http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/march-dog-madness/.

4-H Horse Premier Event
Sunday, May 15, 2016
Cornell Cooperative Extension Cayuga County will again be holding an educational horse riding experience offering class instruction and feedback for the following riding disciplines:

- Huntseat Equitation
- Western Equitation
- Cloverbud Equitation Riding Class

In addition, we will be offering (non-rider) stations with a variety of topics—TBA. This event is a great way to get started for the 2016 showing season, even if your horse isn’t available to physically bring. Youth should plan to participate in the event using their 4-H project horse. The clinic is open to all enrolled 4-H members. For more information or to register to participate in the event, please visit our website at http://blogs.cornell.edu/ceceayuga and stay tuned to email with further information!

New Member Enrollment due April 1, 2016
Just a reminder that new 4-H enrollment paperwork is due April 1, 2016, in order for youth to be eligible to participate in any youth/state fair events, including horse shows. For copies of new enrollment forms, please contact the CCE Cayuga Office at 315-255-1183, or visit our website at: http://blogs.cornell.edu/ceceayuga go to the 4-H Youth Development tab on top and click on 4-H Forms.

Dog Obedience Spring Course Offered
The annual Dog Obedience Course will again be offered this Spring. The 10 week program is open to all enrolled junior or senior aged 4H members.

New York State Fair 4-H Dog Show
If you haven’t heard….the NYS Fair 4-H Dog Show will be held on Saturday, August 20th in the Coliseum on the NYS Fairgrounds. Due to the state fairground construction this year, all classes will be held on 1 day in the Coliseum. Please note: this show will be held before the fair officially starts!

Due to early entry deadlines for the NYS Fair 4-H Dog Show, youth who qualify to exhibit in the NYS 4-H Dog Show will need to turn in appropriate state fair entry paperwork at the conclusion of our 2016 4-H Youth Fair Dog Show.

Changes Are Coming for 2017 Public Presentations!
As changes in the Public Presentations program are being made at the state and district level, we, in Cayuga County are trying to keep up with those changes that are taking place. Most changes will likely be minor, but one that will be of particular note is that Impromptu at the County level will be replaced by the interview. Some things to note are: that youth will need to be at least a 4-H age of 13, and the interview presentation will have evaluation on both the actual interview, along with a paperwork/resume component. We are truly excited for this step forward, and please stay tuned as this is an endeavor that is still developing.
Pre-Fair Meeting—Plan to Attend!
Friday, April 22nd

We will be holding a pre-fair meeting on Friday, April 22, 2016 at the CCE Cayuga Office, 248 Grant Ave @ 6:30pm. This pre-fair meeting is open to all 4-H members, parents and leaders. You should plan to attend, especially if this is your first or second year. At the Pre-Fair meeting you can:

- Learn about filling out 4-H project animal certificates, new animal health requirements and more!
- Learn about new and exciting events
- Pick up your 4-H Youth Fair Premium Book ($5.00 each)

To get a jump start on what you need to know about exhibiting a project animal into the 4-H Youth Fair, please be sure to check out our Pre-Fair Packet which is posted on our website at http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga

Highlighted Youth Fair Tidbits
(more info is available in the pre-fair animal science packet posted online or available at the office)

Any 4-H animal to be exhibited at the 4-H Youth Fair needs to fill out a project animal registration certificate (including small animals). These certificates are due June 1st to the CCE Cayuga Office for all animals, including HORSE. Animal project certificates are available at the CCE office, or online at http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga. Go to the 4-H Youth Development tab on top and click on 4-H Youth Fair. Please attach appropriate health paperwork including up-to-date rabies and coggins paperwork.

For Youth Fair Exhibition Health Requirements, please review the Animal Science Fairbook. The Animal Science Fairbook which includes the animal health requirements is available online at http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga in the 4-H Youth Fair area located under the 4-H Youth Development Tab on top. 4-H Animal Health Checks will be performed during Youth Fair.

Online Registration forms will be utilized again for registering for 2016 Youth shows at CCE Cayuga website: http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga. These are not “live” registrations yet, but will be soon.

All Animal Shows (including Horse) Registrations DEADLINE- June 27th

Youth staying overnight @ Youth Fair: Youth wishing to stay overnight at the Youth Fair, must have a parent fill out an overnight permission request form and return to the CCE Cayuga 4-H Office by July 5th. Forms will be posted on our CCE Cayuga website: http://blogs.cornell.edu/
ccecayuga under 4-H Youth Fair located in the 4-H Youth Development tab on top.

Parent/Legal Guardian must stay with child, or designate an approved CCE VIP adult. All adult chaperones, including parents, will need to fill out a volunteer application which includes a background screen. 4-H Chaperoning guidelines will be followed.

If you have identified an enrolled 4-H Chaperone on your overnight form, there will be no fees collected for 2016 the event.

For NEWLY Identified 4-H CHAPERONES ONLY!! A fee of $5 each 4-H youth, with a 4-H family maximum of $15, must accompany the overnight permission request form. Fees collected will be used to perform the necessary background screens need for adult chaperones. Cash or Checks payable to CCE Cayuga will be accepted at the time overnight forms are collected.

If you are unsure whether or not an adult you wish to have chaperone your child(ren) is enrolled with CCE Cayuga, please ask.

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<td>Tuesday, July 5th – Overnight Permission Request Forms must be handed in.</td>
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<td>Thursday, July 9th – Written requests due to remove 4-H Animals from Youth Fair before release.</td>
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<td>Saturday, July 16th – 4-H Huntseat Horse Show (tentative)</td>
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4-H Youth Fair & Remember the Big 6 Runs Thursday, July 28th thru Saturday, July 30th

Thursday, July 28th
Noon All 4-H Dairy Cattle in place
4:30 4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship and Breed Classes

Friday, July 29th
Noon 4-H Small Animals in place
5:00 Open Dairy Cattle Showmanship (FYI only)
5:00 4-H Dog Show

Saturday, July 30th
10:30 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show
11:00 Open Dairy Cattle Breed Classes (FYI only)
1:30 4-H Poultry Show
5:00 Tentative Release Time for all 4-H Animals and Youth Building Projects.
The Hazardous Occupation in Agricultural Law requires that youth ages 14 to 16 must have at least 24 hours of tractor safety and maintenance instruction in order to drive a tractor on a farm other than that owned by their parents. Every employer of a young hired employee should consider this class for their present and summer help. The 4-H Youth Development Program will be conducting a Tractor Safety Certification Course for Youth this Spring. This tractor safety course is open to all youth; not just 4-H members. **This is the only course to be held in Cayuga County for 2016 to certify youth.**

Classes are scheduled for Monday evenings with the first class being Monday, March 14 from 6 – 9 p.m. at the CCE of Cayuga County Office located at 248 Grant Avenue in Auburn. Additional class dates are on Mondays: March 21st & 28th, April 4th & 11th and will be hosted on farms throughout the county or in the shop at BOCES to provide a hands on awareness to balance the workbook learning segments. Class members are expected to be prompt, attentive and responsible for the material covered at each of the training sessions to be able to complete and pass the certification and machine operation exams. The certification and machine operation exam is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016.

**Pre-registration is required by March 4th and an Acknowledgement of Risk Form must be signed and on file before the first class on March 14th.** Please call the CCE of Cayuga County office at 315-255-1183 and speak with Peggy Lillie (extension 238) to register. You can also view the class schedule, register online and obtain an Acknowledgement of Risk Form by going to our website [http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccceayuga](http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccceayuga). All Tractor Safety Class information is located under the 4-H Youth Development tab on top under County Programs.

Class size will be limited. The cost of the course is $40 **per person** (fee can be waived for certain circumstances), which includes a student manual and must be paid before the first class.

**Attendance is required at all classes in order for students to become certified.**

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### Day Old Pheasant Chick Program

Each year the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) makes approximately 60,000 day old pheasant chicks available for individuals to raise and release on public lands. The program known as the Cooperative Day-old Pheasant Chick Program (DOCP) was designed to assist in revitalizing the ring-necked pheasant population in the area. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County is a facilitator of the DOCP program and helps to order and distribute the day old chicks to participating individuals.

- **Anyone can apply to participate in the Day-old Pheasant Chick Program, this includes 4-H members, schools, clubs and members of the community.**
- **Participants must have appropriate brooding facility and outdoor rearing pen.**
- **Release sites must be open to the public for pheasant hunting.**
- **Applications for chicks must be submitted before noon on Friday, April 15, 2016.**
- **Participants should be familiar with the DEC pheasant rearing guide [http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/dayoldchicks.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/dayoldchicks.pdf)**
- **Chicks MUST be picked up on the day of delivery, which is scheduled for mid-May.**
- **Pheasants must be released at 8 weeks of age or older, but no later than the end of pheasant hunting season.**
- **Pheasant chicks are not to be purchased, sold or traded.**

For further information regarding the DOCP program OR to order pheasant chicks for rearing and release on public lands, call Peggy Lillie (ext. 238) Cornell Cooperative Extension at 315-255-1183. You can also order online by going to our website [http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccceayuga](http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccceayuga) and clicking on the “Click here to Register for a class or seminar” button.

**Order DEADLINE is Friday, April 15, 2016.** Chicks will be available for pick up at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County office (248 Grant Avenue, Auburn, NY) in mid-May.
Animal Crackers

May 7, 2016
Dairy Cattle & Goats
The annual Animal Crackers program provides New York youth with fun hands-on science-oriented learning experiences on Animal Science topics which feature the unique facilities and staff of Cornell university.

Registration begins at 9am

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

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

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

How?: Please contact CCE Cayuga County for details and registration. Phone 315-255-1183 ext. 238.

Cost?: The cost of $15.00 per youth billed directly to Cornell county accounts to cover basic handout and occasional presenter expenses. There is no registration fee for chaperones.

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

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

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

Animal Crackers Program Registration Form

Make Checks payable to: CCE Cayuga County
SEND REGISTRATION FORM AND MONEY (By April 15, 2016) TO: CCE Cayuga County
e/o Peggy Lillie
248 Grant Avenue
Auburn, New York 13021

Questions: Call Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H at 315-255-1183

**Please CIRCLE the Animal Track you would like to attend. You may choose ONLY ONE!

Cost is: $15.00 per youth participant. No fee for chaperones.

(Print Clearly)
4-H Member #1 ___________________________________ 4-H Member #2 ___________________________________
4-H Member #3 ___________________________________ 4-H Member #4 ___________________________________
Adult Chaperone #1 ________________________________ Adult Chaperone #2 ________________________________
Adult Chaperone #3 ________________________________ Adult Chaperone #4 ________________________________
Primary Phone #: _________________________________

Total Amt. Enclosed: ______________________________
STARR 2016
STARR 2016 will take place April 29th – May 1st at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse. This is THE teen leadership event for New York State 4-H. This is a weekend filled with: teambuilding, workshops, making new friends, keynote speaker, games, fun, and fulfillment. Save the date and look for the registration materials that will be coming to your email soon!

Spring Fling 2016
Save the date for Spring Fling 2016! This year’s topic will be photography. While we are fine tuning the last of the details, mark your calendar for April 22, 2016. Pay attention to your email, register early as this class will fill up fast!!

Dairy Discovery
The Dairy Discovery program is a statewide program for youth ages 14-19 years old. While on the Cornell Campus, youth will learn about dairy careers and rotate through a series of hands-on stations which focus on a specific aspect of the dairy field each year. The focus of the Dairy Discovery workshops change each year but includes the following areas: Dairy Herd Health and Management, Calf and Heifer Production Management, Quality Milk and Milk Production, Whole Farm Management Planning, and Maximizing the Feed Management Program. The 2016 program dates are: March 25-26, 2016. Please contact Dorothy if you are interested in participating in the event.

Finger-Lakes Region Animal Science Knowledge Events
The Finger-Lakes Region Horse Extravaganza or Horse Bowl and Hippology events will take place on Saturday, March 5th at Mid-Lakes High School (Phelps/Clifton Springs area). In addition, the Finger-lakes Region Dairy Bowl contest will also take place on Saturday, March 5th at Mid-Lakes High School (Phelps/Clifton Springs area). Congratulations to all of members participating in these events!

June Clinic Animal Science Program
Tentatively scheduled will be an animal science program offered in the month of June. Topics and more information will become available as the time gets closer. If you have suggested topics of interest, please feel free to share them with Dorothy. Thanks!

Produced in NY
Congratulations to the 4-H Youth that participated in the Produced in NY Food Demonstration Contest at the Finger Lakes Mall on January 16. While there are still youth that need to complete their Produced in NY at the Make-up event, we want to extend congratulations to all Cayuga County 4-H Youth that have completed their Produced in NY, and Special Congratulations to Cody Manitta, Juliann Hall Alison Cuff, Aliya Forward, Alexandra Lajo Leonardi, and Katie Dristle for being top presenters, and qualifying to participate in Produced in NY at the State Fair. Great job!

A recipe book which features the recipes presented at Produced in NY can be found on our website: http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga under the 4-H Youth Development tab on top under County Programs.

New Spring fundraiser—Bowl-A-Thon!
March 19, 2016 from 9a.m. until 12 Noon! 4-H youth will have their Spring 2016 fundraiser event at the Falcon Lanes in Auburn. Those planning on attending will need to pre-register by Tuesday, March 1st, so that we can prepare for your arrival. This promises to be a fun-filled time with Cayuga County 4-H Youth from throughout the county!

Prizes will be given for top fund raisers!
This fundraiser is replacing the Spring Plant Sale.
Youth participating in fundraising are expected to raise $50/youth or opt out of fundraising for $25/youth. Fundraising/opt-out is an expectation of all 4-H members in Cayuga County, even those only participating at the club level, county programs, fair activities, etc. Youth that have fulfilled a portion of their fundraising expectations with the fall pancake sale, can contact Melissa to check their balance.

All who are paying $25 to opt out of fundraising must do so by April 1, 2016 unless other arrangements are made.
2016 Cayuga County 4-H Spring Bowl-A-Thon

Saturday, March 19, 2016
Falcon Lanes, 75 Pulaski Street, Auburn, NY

Begins at 9 a.m.

Fundraising Goal is $50/Youth

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Cloverbud Science Night

**Ooey, Gooey & Slimy**

Cloverbud Science Night is coming on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 6—7:30 p.m. at CCE Cayuga County Education Center, 248 Grant Avenue, Auburn, NY.

We will be doing some hands-on science with some things that are ooey, gooey and slimy! This promises to be a FUN event!

**Who:** Cloverbud 4-H Youth  
**What:** Cloverbud Science Night—**Ooey, Gooey and Slimy!**  
**When:** March 1, 2016  
**Time:** 6-7:30PM  
**Where:** CCE Cayuga County Education Center, 248 Grant Avenue, Auburn, NY  
**Cost:** $5/youth

Youth need to pre-register and pre-pay by Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, allowing time to acquire supplies.

*Youth will need to have a parent with them at this program.*

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!

Melissa