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County Fair Prep
Leaders and parents, now is the time to assist your 4-H members in preparing for the County Fair. An early start will help insure that the Fair is a positive and fun experience for everyone. Many last minute problems and disappointments can be avoided by making plans now. Here is a checklist of "to dos" to get you started.

♦ Go over the Fair book with your members. Make sure they have a copy. Read it together. Plan exhibits they will bring to the fair; and what preparation the exhibit will need.

♦ Help members fill out their entry blank and exhibit tags COMPLETELY, prior to the fair. It makes for a much smoother day; and less stress on everyone if you come with all your paperwork completed ahead of time.

♦ Explain the conference judging procedure; the Danish system; and the value of having exhibits evaluated by a judge.

♦ Make sure all livestock exhibitors understand the health regulations; and submit their entries by the deadline.

REMEMBER, it’s a well known fact (with historical basis, ask any old 4-H member) that those who take an active part in the Fair have more FUN!!!
### 4-H Club Banners Displayed at Herkimer County Fair

Calling all 4-H clubs to display their banners at the Herkimer County fair. The 4-H office would like to invite every club to construct a club banner to be displayed at the Herkimer County Fair. Let’s show the general public that 4-H is thriving in Herkimer County, by filling the walls at the fair with banners from every 4-H club. If your club does not have a banner and would like to make one, please contact Wendy at wlr45@cornell.edu or 866-7920 ext. 236.

### 4-H Needs You

We have a great opportunity to offer 4-H youth at the upcoming county fairs. There is a need for teens to assist evaluators at the Herkimer County Fair on August 12th when exhibits are being evaluated.

Also, we are looking for individuals or clubs to work in the exhibit building with staff on a "make n' take" activities each day of the fair. Youth helping with the "make n' take" can be eligible for a premium. This can be a great opportunity to learn leadership skills and to gain valuable work experience to be used on college applications and in future endeavors.

Please consider helping out, when you are available, during the Herkimer County Fair. Contact Wendy Richardson at wlr45@cornell.edu or call the 4-H office at 866-7920 to find out how you can join in the fun!

### 4-H Earn a Calf

Sponsored by the Central NY Farm Progress Show and Jane Windecker Memorial:

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any Traditional 4-H'er 8 – 19 years of age involved in a 4-H dairy project is eligible providing that he/she has not won an award in this contest previously.

**APPLICATION:** Completed applications must be turned in at the 4-H Office, 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, by October 1, 2012.

**SELECTION:** Winners will be chosen on the history of their achievements in 4-H: leadership, future plans, improvement in the past year; showing a desire for a purebred dairy calf; and record books kept on a calf. Call or stop by the 4-H office for an application.

### Central New York Farm Progress Show

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

September 12 & 13, 2012 - 10:00 am to 4 pm

Len-Lo Farms in Mohawk, NY

Leonard and Lois Gilbert - Darrel and Jill Gilbert

Be sure to stop by the Cornell Cooperative Extension exhibit in the main tent.

**Hope to see you there!!!**

### Congratulations 4-H Graduates

It’s not too late to send us a photo and a brief bio including any 4-H projects, trips, or awards and your plans for the future. We’d love to highlight our seniors in the 4-H Facts.

### Where is 4-H in Herkimer County?

We are looking for a group photo of your club members for each 4-H club in Herkimer County. Our goal is to have every club represented in a display of all the communities’ 4-H impacts. If you have a group photo, or a picture of a group activity, or can take one before county fair, please email or send to Wendy at the 4-H office.

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HERKIMER COUNTY AND STATE FAIR ENTRY INFORMATION

As in the past, judging of your 4-H non-animal exhibits will take place in the youth building at the fairgrounds (located at 133 Cemetery Street in Frankfort) on Sunday, August 12th from 10 am to 2 pm. 4-H evaluators will be available from 10 am to 2 pm. This is the time when you will have an opportunity to interact with a 4-H judge. There will be Herkimer County Fair evaluators on hand until 5 pm that afternoon if you are unable to make the 4-H judging. Please note that the 4-H evaluators will only be judging 4-H projects. If you have other items to enter in the fair, they will be evaluated by Herkimer County Fair judges.

If you would like to help out on the day of judging, please contact the 4-H office. We need adults to help with registration and evaluating and youth to help as assistants.

In addition to the entry form found in the Fairbook, a 4-H entry tag, which must be attached to each exhibit, is required for all non-animal exhibits. These tags may be picked up at the Cornell Cooperative Extension office prior to the Fair. This makes registration day less hectic. Please call the office with the number of tags you’ll need before stopping in; and we’ll be happy to have your tags counted out and ready for you. Make sure you have the correct entry tags - green for 4-H projects only, white for all non-4-H projects.

4-H projects are those completed by a 4-H’er as part of his/her 4-H club work. A project done by a 4-H’er at home or at school that was not a part of a bona fide 4-H project needs to be entered in open youth.

Again this year some traditional 4-H members’ (aged 8 or older and in third grade or higher by January 1, 2012) exhibits will be allowed to go on to the New York State Fair for evaluation. Cloverbud exhibits may be sent for display only.

The items that are selected to go on to State Fair will have a purple “Selected for State Fair” seal attached to their County Fair ribbon. It will be the exhibitor’s responsibility to check and see if they have anything selected.

If you have an exhibit selected, you will need to pick up and fill out a NYS Fair “Exhibitor Information Statement” (EIS) card prior to picking up your exhibits at the end of the fair. These will be available on Sunday, August 14, as well as at our “Selected for State Fair” display during the week.

If your exhibit has been selected, be sure to see the 4-H staff for assistance before leaving on Sunday, August 12.

Since the County Fair categories do not completely align with the State Fair classes, you will need to spend extra time to ensure your exhibit is entered correctly. You will need to check the State Fair Youth Building Exhibits premium book located at the display, or go online at http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/StateFair.aspx then go to Fairbooks and Schedule; then 4-H Youth Building Exhibits; then General Information & Rules and download.

For each exhibit entered, the EIS card must be completed and should include all additional information requested on the form as well as any specific information requested within a section/class.

In order to receive a premium from State Fair for your exhibit(s) you must provide us with the exhibitor’s Social Security number. Social Security numbers are NOT to be written on the EIS cards. They must be given to the 4-H office confidentially.

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**HERKIMER COUNTY AND STATE FAIR ENTRY INFORMATION**

4-H staff will be available to assist you with completing the necessary EIS cards (State Fair Entries) on Tuesday, August 14th from 11 to 1 pm in the exhibit building at the County Fair and also at the CCE office on Wednesday, August 15th from 9am - 11am. We hope this will help to avoid the hectic environment created because the EIS cards are not filled out when you come to pick up your exhibits and premium checks at the end of the fair.

This is a time consuming procedure. That is why it is **imperative** the EIS card is obtained and filled out by the member (not the parent or the leader) ahead of time. The EIS is another important step in reinforcing what the 4-H member has learned from their project.

**NOTE:** The 4-H staff will NOT be available to assist in completing EIS cards on August 20. Do this ahead of time! See sample below.

At the conclusion of the County Fair, all county fair exhibits are to be picked up from the fairgrounds on Monday, August 20th between 9 am and 11 am. At that time premium checks will be issued. If you have any exhibits going on to State Fair, we'll be glad to transport them directly from County Fair to State Fair. You must bring appropriate packaging for safely transporting your exhibit (i.e. newsprint or tissue paper to wrap fragile items, cardboard boxes to secure them from sliding around in the vehicle); as well as your completed EIS card.

Perishable exhibits including foods, vegetables and flowers must be dropped off at the 4-H office by **11 am on Tuesday, August 21. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

State Fair exhibits will be available to be picked up from the 4-H office between Wednesday, September 5th thru Friday, September 7th.

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**SAMPLE**

New York State Fair Youth Department
Exhibitor Information Statement

*Please Fill Out Top and Bottom Sections for All Projects*

Name:

County:

Section: Class No. or Contest:

Kind:

Variety:

Date of Birth: Years in this Project Area

(mm/dd/yy) (mm/dd/yy)

You may attach on additional page to answer questions if necessary.

Describe what you did to complete this project. Include a list of materials, products and/or equipment used and why they were selected. Briefly explain your methods of construction process and your source of ideas.

Write a short story about your 4-H project. Describe your feelings about this project. What did you learn or improve on by doing this project? What challenges did you run into and how did you solve them? How could you improve this exhibit?

Additional information request specifically for this class:

Additional information or special needs to be noted by the evaluator:

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PRODUCED IN NY CONTEST

Produced in NY (PiNY) is a silent cooking presentation that encourages youth to demonstrate their food preparation skills featuring locally-grown or produced foods. Menu planning and basic nutritional information are part of the contest.

Youth will demonstrate their recipe in front of a moving audience; two presentations will take place at the same time. There is no limit to the number of youth from each county who can register for the contest. They DO NOT need to give their presentation during the same time as their county rotation if another day would be more convenient.

PiNY demonstrations will be held in the Youth Building, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 23; Tuesday, August 28 and Saturday, September 1st. Contact Wendy for more information.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS

There has been an increase of photography exhibits with the use of digital cameras. Here are some “Tips from Photography Evaluators”:

1. Preparation of photo for exhibit should demonstrate good workmanship and use of materials.
2. Exhibit should be securely mounted on a sturdy, stiff background.
3. Exhibits should not be in a commercial picture frame or glass/acrylic coverings except in creative framing class (class E-12).
4. Check out more tips at the 4-H State Fair web site http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/StateFair-InfoforStaff.aspx under “Tips for Exhibitors: Photography Tips”.

We have been promoting our Facebook page for Herkimer County 4-H. Please “like” this page, so that you will have access to the latest information, and events as they become available. Herkimer County 4H page can be accessed by following this link: http://www.facebook.com/HerkimerCounty4H

4-H CLUB INFORMATION

CLUB CHARTERS Please remember. In order to be a bonafide 4-H Club, you must fulfill these requirements:

- You must have an Organizational Leader.
- You must elect officers (not required for Cloverbud club).
- You must have at least 5 members or 5 Cloverbuds from 3 different families currently enrolled.
- You must have the Program Planning Sheet filled out for the 4-H year.

FUNDRAISERS - Please remember when you are doing fundraising in the name of 4-H, you need to:

- Fill out the “Fundraising Request” form and have it approved by Jennifer Collins before you can do ANY fundraising.
- There must be a PURPOSE for the 4-H fundraising. You CAN NOT raise money just to have money in your 4-H account.

LOAN OUT - If any 4-H Club Leader, parent or volunteer has any 4-H banners/flags, Cloverbud binders, incubators or anything borrowed from 4-H, please return the item(s) as soon as possible. If you plan on using the material/items for your club meetings or events, please call the 4-H office to let us know.
NY State 4-H Annual 4-H Robotics Challenge will be held at the NYS Fair on 8/25, 8/29 and 9/2 (the third day of each time period) from 11:30 - 2:30 pm at the stage area.

Teams are encouraged to sign up in advance -- only 12 spots are available for each competition. On-site registration will continue until all spots are full. A pre-event training session will be held the night before (not required but intended to be helpful for those new to robotics) each competition 8:00 am-10:00 pm in the stage area. Lego NXT kits may be available for loan at the State Fair if you do not have one.

The theme for the 2012 4-H Robotics Challenge is energy, with an emphasis on sustainable energy. We are using the 2007 FLL® Power Puzzle playing field, but designing original energy tasks related to Cornell and New York State.

All the latest information can be found at the following website:
http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/about%20us/Pages/4-HRobotics.aspx

- **Challenge**: Your robot is challenged to complete tasks related to real-life energy challenges at Cornell University and in New York State.
- **Conversion of coal to natural gas for power** (Cornell has done this) – Your robot will knock down a giant smoke stack and pull coal away from a power plant.
- **Solar energy** – Your robot will place a solar panel (renewable energy source) on a local 4-H facility.
- **Wind turbine construction** – Your robot will deliver a new wind turbine (renewable energy source) from the port to the wind farm.
- **Local foods** – Move a crate of fresh produce to the local Farmer's market (eating foods grown locally helps save energy and supports local farmers).
- **Methane digestion** – Manure will be moved to the methane (renewable source of energy).
- **Tree Planting** – Move 10 saplings for community tree planting. Trees provide many positive benefits for communities and the environment.
- **Cayuga Lake Source Cooling** – Your robot needs to "complete the construction" of the lake source cooling heat exchanger. The renewable resource tapped by LSC has reduced Cornell's reliance on fossil fuels and has resulted in an 86% reduction in energy use for campus cooling.

**STATE FAIR CAMPER SPACE**

Twelve-day RV parking permits for the youth Horse & Beef department will be sold at $240 each or $20/day. Dairy Cattle exhibitors can reserve a spot at $120/shift. These credentials can only be obtained by filling out an RV parking request. Go to www.nysfair.org/competitions and download the RV request form. If you have questions or do not have internet, please call Mary Ellen Daino at 315-487-7711 ext. 1337

**JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS**

This position was previously known as "Teen Assistants" and is designed for older 4-Hers (age 16 and over) who wish to be involved with State Fair in a much deeper leadership experience. In addition to the youth building Junior Superintendents who work during the entire fair, there are also a very limited number of animal science JS positions available. 4-H members serving in these roles will receive premiums - $40 per day. These youth should be highly motivated to serve and the most responsible and hardest working members counties have! Their role will be key to the day-to-day success of 4-H activities at the fair. If interested, please contact Wendy ASAP, (only a few positions left).
JUDGING AT THE FAIR

- Do you know why your project work is judged at the Herkimer County Fair?
- Do you know who the people are who are asked to be judges?
- Do you accept gracefully the awards you get whether they are blue, red, or white?

If your answer is yes to all these questions, you don’t need to read any further. But many 4-H’ers, leaders, and parents do not know all the answers.

**Why do we judge?** The two major reasons we judge exhibits are:

1. to determine worth of a piece of work, how well has it been done and how closely it conforms to standards of quality; and
2. to contribute to the growth and development of 4-H members. 4-H’ers learn from sharing their project work with others. They feel good about themselves and their accomplishments.

**Who are the judges?** Judges are people! They are people who want to help 4-H’ers learn! They are asked to be judges because they have special training and background in certain areas. Not all judges have the same training and the same background in the same subject matter area, and this is why judges sometimes differ in their ideas and opinions as to how something should be done.

You need to understand this if you are to gracefully accept the award they give. The process of judging will never be perfect. Judges can only evaluate what they see. They don’t know how hard one member worked or what obstacles another may have had to overcome. They must judge according to what they see according to a standard. They can guess a little about what to expect from members of a certain age or years of experience, but even here there is a difference of opinion.

We have to learn to accept judging for the best it can do for us and reconcile ourselves to some of the faults which are impossible to overcome.

Learn what you can take from judging, but don’t take it too seriously — don’t make it a matter of life or death. Consider judging an adventure to help you work towards greater achievements.

**A Special Note to Leaders & Parents…**

Remember, judging should be a fun, learning experience. Each member that exhibits at the fair is a “purple ribbon” child. It’s the child’s project that received the blue, red or white ribbon. It’s what 4-H’ers learn through the preparation of a fair exhibit that’s important, not what ribbon it gets! It’s important that leaders and parents be prepared to support and reinforce a member that feels dejected by a particular color ribbon placing. Some positive words and an arm around the shoulders can work miracles.

For more information on judging standards, be sure to review project materials. It may also be helpful to review judging sheets so that you’re aware of what the judges are looking for. Contact the 4-H office if you’d like a sample judging sheet.

COBLESKILL DAIRY JUDGING TOUR

On July 2, over 50 youth representing seven counties participated in the Cobleskill Dairy Judging Tour. Many thanks to the Pullis and Wolfe Families for allowing us to come to their farms and judge their animals. A big thank you to Mike Wolfe for acting as our official judge for the day.
STATE FAIR TEEN LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

It’s that time of year when plans start being made for the New York State Fair. There are still chances available in the Youth Building for teen 4-H’ers to develop and improve their leadership skills while having fun. Herkimer County is seeking teens that are interested in being Teen Leaders to work at our county’s interactive booth, conducting an easy science demonstration.

Teen leaders manning the Herkimer County booth, must have reached their 13th birthday by January 1 of the current year and must not have passed their 19th birthday as of January 1 for the current year. Teen Leaders earn $10 premium each day of participation and must work 6 hours per day. Please contact Wendy Richardson, if you would like to be considered for this position, by August 9th.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Hilary E. Creater is a 2012 graduate of Little Falls Central School. She also attended Herkimer BOCES for Visual Communications and was chosen to be her class Vice President. She has been a member of the Little Falls 4-H Friends for 11 years; and she is currently Vice President of her club. She has dairy and beef cattle that she shows at The Junior Livestock Show in Cooperstown and The Herkimer County Fair. During her years of showing, she received many awards. Some of her greatest honors were Herkimer County Fair Intermediate Showmanship for dairy in 2010, Herkimer County Fair Senior Showmanship for dairy in 2011, and Herkimer County Fair Beef Showmanship in 2011. Hilary plans on attending Mohawk Valley Community College for Graphic Communications in the fall; and owning her own beef farm.

FARMERS’ MUSEUM AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

4-H’ers who received seeds from the Farmers’ Museum Heirloom Seed Project are asked to participate in the Farmers’ Museum Autumn Harvest Festival on September 15th & 16th as part of the project requirement.

The Registration Form found in your Farmers’ Museum Harvest Festival 4-H Heirloom Seed Project Exhibition Catalog must be returned to the Farmers’ Museum. Please be sure to check the registration deadline in the catalog.

Entry cards for each class checked on the Registration Form will be sent to registrants prior to Harvest Festival. Each class entered must have an entry card filled out top & bottom and brought with entry to Harvest Festival. All entries must be delivered to the Red & White County Fair tent on the creamery green at the Farmers’ Museum on Saturday, September 15th, between 8:00 am and 8:45 am. No late entries will be accepted. Exhibitors must be out of the exhibit area by 8:45 am. Judging begins at 9 am. Entries must remain on exhibit until 5 pm Sunday, September 18th.

Ribbons and cash awards will be given to traditional 4-H members in each class for excellent, good and worthy specimens in all categories. Cloverbud 4-H members will receive participation ribbons. Awards will be presented from 4:30-5 pm on Sunday.

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GO TO THE STATE FAIR ~ DO A GROUP ACTION

Theme: “Join the Revolution of Responsibility”

Want to go to the State Fair? Wonder what you can do there? Wish there was something to do other than ride on rides and eat cotton candy? Have time between animal shows and want a change of pace?

Try doing a GROUP ACTION!!!

GROUP ACTION is a title given to groups (clubs or groups of members) that come to demonstrate, coordinate and participate in hands-on activities with the public. GROUP ACTION takes place in the Youth Building at the Herkimer/Oneida Booth.

A GROUP is made up of at least three youth and one adult. The GROUP works for at least six (6) hours during the day between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm. This can include set-up and clean-up time. At least two participants need to be at the booth at all times. Supplies, admission passes to the State Fair and parking stickers will be provided for the GROUP.

In addition, the group receives a $20/day premium if they submit the necessary paper work before leaving the State Fair by the end of the time period on September 1st. Sounds like fun? Let us know which day you want to take part in GROUP ACTION by calling Wendy at the 4-H office. Days will be scheduled on a first come basis. Dates available are August 23 through August 26. A fun way to see the GREAT NEW YORK STATE FAIR!!!

Please Note: If your club leader is not able to go as a group, any member can go as a family whenever it’s convenient for them. For instance if they are going for a concert, animal show, talent showcase, or just to spend a day at the fair, and want to spend an hour or two at the booth, that would be fine. Call Wendy for complete details and to secure your time. Since we share our booth with Oneida County, dates you would like to participate must be reserved.

We will be providing all the necessary supplies for your group to perform a simple science demonstration for fair goers.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
LET’S CELEBRATE
OCTOBER 7~ 13, 2012

4-H members and volunteers from throughout the nation will be designing creative promotions in recognition of their own very special event - National 4-H Week, October 7-13.

There are hundreds of ways you can help promote the fun educational offerings available through 4-H. In the past, Herkimer County’s 4-H clubs have made scarecrows holding “4-H is Great” signs; they have painted silage bags with slogans like “We love 4-H”; they have put up displays in schools and local libraries; and painted store windows, all with messages about 4-H.

There are many creative people in local 4-H clubs. When you create your National 4-H Week promotion this year, send us a picture of it and receive a $5 award. Be sure to put your name, club name, address and location of the display on the picture and send it to Wendy at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office by October 22nd so the awards can be given out at the Member Recognition Event. One submission per club please.

Your 4-H Club Organizational Leader will receive full details in their 4-H Club reorganization packet, including an order form for supplies. Don’t forget to let us know what you did. Promote National 4-H Week.

4-H Connects Kids to Cornell
4-H CAREER EXPLORATION

Allison Wright, Kayla Windecker, and Deb Windecker recently participated in the 4-H Career Explorations 2012 held at Cornell University, June 26th – 28th. The goals of this exceptional conference are to: connect teens to Departments and people to enhance career awareness; help teens to gain leadership/teamwork experience; assist delegates in exploring Cornell; establish a network of 4-H friends and colleagues from across the state; experience a college campus; and celebrate 4-H Youth Development.

4-H CLUB NEWS

The Merry Moos 4-H Club honored seniors President Erica Salm and Secretary Hailey Phillips at a family 4-H picnic on June 3rd. They were given plaques in recognition of their dedication and hard work for the club.

POULTRY CLINIC

Fourteen youth (and 22 chickens) attended the Poultry Clinic held on July 16th at the 4-H Office. Karen Brouillette of Brouillette Poultry Company showed the participants how to bath their chickens; clip nails and beaks; and how to handle and show their chicken. Participants included: Madeson & Denten Spellman; Edward & Isabella Smith; Willow, Rose, Sophia & Skye Simmons; Starr Wilt; Suzie Phillips; Abbey & Philip Mosher and Eleonore & Natalee Collins.

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Over 300 exhibitors and 800 animals participated in the 65th Annual Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show held July 8-10 in Cooperstown. Herkimer County participants included: Kathleen, Kim and Margarite Aney, Alissa, Chad, Kelsey and Stacy Collins, Emily Connor, Hilary and Shelby Creater, Julieta and Paige Covert, Shelby Creater, Alyssa and Sarah Cummings, Hannah and Joshua Douglas, Tyler Ellsworth, Hannah and Tyler Franklin, Joseph Gilbert, Sam Griffiths, Dylan Hapeman, Mercedes Henzel, James Luck, Luke Murray, Travis Nelson, Justin Pavlot, Suzie Phillips, Katelyn and Schylar Reed, Dylan and Hayden Shaver, Sophia, Rose and Willow Simmons, Edward Smith, Stephanie and Victoria Treadwell, Emily Vander Groef, Starr Wilt, Bryce and Kayla Windecker.
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**OCTOBER 1ST ~ IMPORTANT DATE**

Please take special note of the deadline for this year. Only those who have turned in their Year End Completion sheets, by the October 1st deadline will be guaranteed to receive their awards. To be recognized and receive completion for the 2010-11 4-H year, the following are due to the 4-H Office by October 1st:

- 4-H Member Year-End Completion Sheet (keep one copy for your 4-H Achievement Book) - (supplied in your “Welcome Packets” when all paperwork was complete last fall). If you need more they are on line at www.cce.cornell.edu/herkimer or call the 4-H office.

- 4-H Club Year-End Completion Sheet

By completing and returning your Member Year-End sheets to the 4-H office you will **automatically be signed up for the Member Recognition Event.** This will save time for us, the leaders and parents. Call the 4-H office with regrets only. If you have any questions please call the 4-H office.

**Also due October 1st:**
- 4-H Re-Enrollment Forms and fee
- Application for Earn a Calf (if applicable)

Reminder: Enrollment fee is $5 on or before October 1st. After October 1st the fee goes up to $10 per member.

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**4-H AGRI-BUSINESS CAREER CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 1 & 2**

This experience offers an awareness of the great diversity of agri-business related careers. It features insights into agricultural opportunities and the academic requirements for professional positions. Youth will stay in Cobleskill and travel to SUNY Cobleskill and surrounding agri-businesses.

To take part in this trip, youth should be at least a high school freshman. Scholarship money may be available. Applications are due September 24th.

Call or stop by the 4-H office for an application or email Jenn - jlr34@cornell.edu.

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**LITTLE FALLS 4-H FRIENDS AT VIOLET FESTIVAL**

On June 9, 2012 some of the members of the Little Falls 4-H Friends 4-H Club participated in the Violet Festival. Dylan and Hilary organized this activity. We decided to dedicate our float in memory of Zach Brisbane. Zach was a student at Little Falls High School, who recently got in a car accident and passed away. He was a loving son, friend, and father. He will be truly missed by so many people. We asked the family to ride on the float with us. Members of the club who participated were **Hilary Creater, Dylan Hapeman, Riley Brewer, Phillip Mosher, Mary Kathryn Connolly, Keegan Connolly** and **Claire Connolly**.
### 4-H Club Reorganization Meetings

Each year the Herkimer County 4-H Program conducts reorganization meetings to help 4-H club organizational leaders prepare for the upcoming 4-H year. Meetings will be held at the following dates and locations: **September 26 - 12 noon - 2pm and 6pm - 8pm at the CCE Office.**

Please pre-register and let us know exactly which meeting you will attend by calling the 4-H Office by **Monday, September 12th.**

**What's the purpose?** To get the new 4-H year off to a super start by discussing and asking questions. Each 4-H club will get all the latest information along with packets containing 4-H enrollment materials.

**Who's invited?** All 4-H leaders and parents (this includes parents of individual members). Each 4-H club and Cloverbud club must have at least one representative at one of the meetings. 4-H club organizational leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. Plan to stay for the entire time.

**No packets will be mailed or handed out except at these meetings.** The interaction among staff and volunteers, introduction of new 4-H offerings, etc., works so much better face-to-face.

For planning purposes, it is extremely important to pre-register for events and activities. Pre-registration enables the office to accurately contact interested people should changes need to be made. Please pay special attention to deadline dates. Don’t be disappointed if you show up at the wrong time or place because you didn’t pre-register so we could notify you if details change.

### New York State Fair Animal Entries

If you received a blue ribbon with your cow, sheep, dairy goat or swine at the Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show, you are eligible to bring you animal to the NYS Fair. All information including entry forms & codes of conduct are available at [http://www.anisci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair_info.html](http://www.anisci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair_info.html).

Please remember that entries must be signed by Jenn, 4-H Educator, so make sure you get them in time to meet the entry deadline of August 13th (this is the date they need to be to the NYS Fair, not the date to get them into the 4-H Office). It is the exhibitors responsibility to make sure entries are to the NYS Fair entry office on time.

### NYS Fair – Events

Are you interested in participating in any of the great events going on at the Fair? Here is a quick look at what will be going on:

- Dairy Challenge – August 23
- Diary Judging - August 24
- Livestock Skillathon – August 27
- Livestock Judging – August 28

Contact Jenn for more information & to register for any of these events.

### NYS Fair – Dormitories

If you are going to be staying in the dorms at the NYS Fair, you must contact Jenn at the 4-H Office by August 9th in order to reserve your bed. The cost is $2 per night/per person; and you must have a chaperone.
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