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4-H Honor Secretaries

Congratulations to Sabrina Reel, Norway Hillside Riders 4-H Club for turning in the May 4-H Club Secretary report by June 5.

Advanced 4-H Robotics Mini Camp

This camp is offered in partnership with HCCC, and is for students who would like to continue to advance their skills using Lego Mindstorms NXT robotics kit. They will create robots that can navigate obstacles and solve challenges. Students will learn mechanical design, construction, programming and teamwork skills. Students will work in small teams using LEGO blocks, motors, sensors, and a computer to program the robot to move, react, and makes sounds in order to solve challenges. Ages 8 – 19.

Monday – Thursday 8 am to 12 pm
Aug. 5, 6, 7, 8
Fee: $85

!!!!!!! ATTENTION!!!!!

There are partial scholarships available to 4-H members interested in attending one of the Robotics camps. Please contact Wendy or Jenn for an application or visit our website at www.cce.cornell.edu/herkimer

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 display their club banner 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 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND MAKE 'N' TAKES AT THE HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR

The 4-H office would like to encourage 4-H clubs to do a Public Presentation and/or Make 'N Take activities at the County Fair August 13-18. Pick whatever day and time works best for you. We can help you with ideas and supplies if needed.

The county is sponsoring the “Make ‘N Take” activity of pinecone birdfeeders and Bird Sleuth activities. Please plan to help showcase 4-H in the exhibit building by participating in an interactive opportunity with the general public. Contact Wendy at wlr45@cornell.edu to reserve your time.

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!!!

OCTOBER 1ST ~ IMPORTANT DATE

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 2012-13 4-H year, the following are due to the 4-H Office by October 1:

- 4-H Member Year-End Completion Sheet
- 4-H Club Year-End Completion Sheet
- 4-H Re-Enrollment Forms and fee
- Application for Earn a Calf (if applicable)
- Re-Organization Meetings for club leaders

ATTENTION LEADERS and PARENTS!!!!!!!
The enrollment fee for 2013-2014 4-H year for all new and re-enrolling members will be $10 on or before October 1. If you have three or more children in one family, the limit is $25/family.

Re-enrollment forms received after October 1st will be $15/member. No family discount will be given after October 1.

New members will remain at the $10/member fee for the 2013-14 4-H year.
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 11** 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 their 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, 2013) 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 11**, 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 11.**

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](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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4-H staff will be available to assist you with completing the necessary EIS cards (State Fair Entries) on Tuesday, August 13 from 11 to 1 pm in the exhibit building at the County Fair and also at the CCE office on Wednesday, August 14 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 19. 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 19 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 20. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

State Fair exhibits will be available to be picked up from the 4-H office between Wednesday, September 4 thru Friday, September 6.

**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)

You may attach an 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:
### 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 (JS) 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).

### NYS 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 8.

### NYS 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 your animal to the NYS Fair. All information including entry forms & codes of conduct are available at http://www.ansci.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 12 (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 NYS Fair? Here is a quick look at what will be going on:

- Dairy Challenge – August 22
- Dairy Judging - August 23
- Livestock Skillathon – August 26
- Livestock Judging – August 27
- Horse 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 5th in order to reserve your bed. The cost is $2 per night/per person; and you must have a chaperone.

All chaperones must have a back ground check done through the 4-H office. Please contact Jenn for the necessary paperwork.
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**CENTRAL NEW YORK FARM PROGRESS SHOW**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

September 11 & 12 from 10 am to 4 pm
Leonard and Lois Gilbert -Darrel and Jill Gilbert Len-Lo Farms in Mohawk, NY

**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 14 & 15 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 14, 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 5pm Sunday, September 15.

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 4:30-5pm on Sunday.

**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 they has not won an award in this contest previously.

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

**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.

**NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**

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 6-12.

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 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 CCE by October 21 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.
Why Judges Judge at the Herkimer County 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 it has 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.

4-H Agri-Business Career Conference, October 10 & 11

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 24.

Call or stop by the 4-H office for an application or email Jenn - jlr34@cornell.edu.
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 fundraise 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 and/or items for your club meetings or events, please call the 4-H office to let us know.

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 on October 1 from 12 noon - 2pm and again 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 Thursday, September 26.

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.

REGISTRATION FOR WORKSHOPS/CLINICS

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.

RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS

Again this year, we will be giving out the re-enrollment packets to the club Organizational Leader and/or parents of Independent members at the Herkimer County Fair on Sunday, August 11 in the Youth Building from 10 am - 2 pm. If you are entering any non-animal or showing your animal at the fair and would like to help defray the cost of postage, please go to the Youth Building and see Wendy Richardson.

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The **Foxy Trotters** 4-H club built and donated a horse jump to the Empire State Quarter Horse Youth Association's annual Ride for a Cure event. The event was held at the NYS Fairgrounds in June and raised funds to benefit the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund. The jump was raffled off as part of the event. The total raised was over $4600!

The **Merry Moos** 4-H club walked for the Kids Heart Walk at MVCC in May. They collected $322 for the cause.

The **Merry Moos** 4-H club marching in the Middleville parade

Participants included: **Isabella Smith, Marcus Hammont, Hannah Franklin, Mercedes Lowandrowski, Stacy Collins, Ed Smith, Austin Goldsmith, Miranda Hill, Alissa Collins, Allison Donahoe and Chad Collins**

The **Norway Hillside Riders** 4-H club have been a very busy 4-H group over the past couple months. In May, members made a craft for Mother's Day and enjoyed ice cream sundaes afterwards. The club participated in a parade in Middleville for Memorial Day and ended the day with a club cook out.

**4-H Connects Kids to Cornell**

In June club members made a craft for Father's Day.

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The club held a fundraiser at Aubuchon Hardware on July 13th to raise money for t-shirts to be used in the upcoming Alzheimer’s walk in September. The club also spent the day at Enchanted Forest on July 16th.

In April, the Up, Up and Away 4-H club met at the Doremus Farm, in West Winfield. Members learned about different animals on the farm including goats, calves, pigs, goats, ducks, Swedish longhorns, and work horses. They were also treated to a ride in a covered wagon. Some members are preparing their gardens for planting. The Up, Up and Away 4-H club is currently looking for a few new members ages 8 thru 14 for the upcoming enrollment in the fall.

4-H members Maggie Doremus, Abbie Trevor, Thomas Doremus and CarolAnn Eysaman

SHOWMANSHIP AND FITTING CLINIC HELD AT SALMSTEAD FARM

Participants included: Rose, Skye and Sophia Simmons, Chase and Riley Brewer, Hannah and Tyler Franklin, Markus Hammont, Denten and Logan Spellman, Sam and Allison Donahoe, Chad Collins, Austin Goldsmith, Mercedes Lewandrowski and Melissa Hawkins

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65TH FARMERS’ MUSEUM JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

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: Kimberly and Marguerite Aney; Alissa, Chad, Kelsey and Stacy Collins; Emily Connor; Allison, Sam and Seth Donahoe; Joshua Douglas; Hannah and Tyler Franklin, Natalie Fredericks; Joseph Gilbert; Markus Hammont; Mercedes Lewandrowski; James Luck Jr.; Kassi March; Travis Nelson; Suzie Phillips; McCallia Plungis; Abigail, Ethan, Katelyn and Schylar Reed; Rose, Skye, Sophia and Willow Simmons; Edward and Isabella Smith; Madesen Spellman; Stephanie Treadwell; Emily and Eric Vander Groef; Starr Wilt

After serving many years as the Livestock Superintendent at the Farmers Museum Junior Livestock Show, Dick LaTourette has decided to “retire” from his role. We would like to thank him for the many years of service and knowledge that he has dedicated to the show. Although he will be missed in his position, Dick will still be seen at the show in his role as Grandpa. When you see him, please thank him for helping make the Livestock Show all that it is.
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**4-H Poultry Clinic**

Chickens and their owners invaded the 4-H Office on July 18 for a multi-county poultry clinic led by clinician Karen Brouillette. Twenty youth and their chickens from Herkimer, Oneida and Madison Counties learned about parts of the chickens; and how to prepare for showing from bathing to clipping toe nails to correct handling. Following the clinic, the NYS Veterinarian was on hand to Pullorum Test any birds going to the Herkimer County Fair.
EQUINE & DAIRY 101

Twenty-two 4-H youth from across NY State became college students for two days at Morrisville State College while participating in Equine & Dairy 101. Youth chose their tracts’, received their schedules; and set out for two days of STEM- science, technology, engineering and math - based learning. Opening the program was keynote speaker Halil Ulukaya, Chief Operating Office of Chobani, speaking to the kids about local business and the importance of agriculture in our economy.

2013 NYS Fair

4-H Animal Science Robotics Challenge

NY State 4-H Annual 4-H Robotics Challenge will be held at the NYS Fair on 8/24, 8/28 and 9/1 (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 pm - 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.

Contact Wendy for more information at wlr45@cornell.edu or (315)866-7920 ext. 236.

ROBOTICS 4-H CAMP AT HCCC

Eleven students, from all over Herkimer County, came to the 4-H Beginner Robotics Camp held at HCCC. These students were introduced to the Lego NXT robotics platform. The campers use Lego Mindstorms kits, to learn programming basics and practice math and science skills while creating their robots. The students learned to apply the STEM education into their everyday activities. They used circumference, measuring, angles, adjustments and problem solving all together to do something that’s fun.

The camp was taught by Frankfort Schuyler Technology teacher Jordan Purinton who encouraged team work and creativity. The campers worked in teams of 2 to build and program a robot to complete different missions copied from actual military missions. The camp wrapped up with a race of robots to see who could plan, program, and complete a course in the allotted time.
"THE PURPOSE OF THE 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM IS TO ENABLE YOUTH TO DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, ATTITUDES, AND BEHAVIORS TO BE COMPETENT, CARING ADULTS"

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