

Participants choose 1 species track to attend.

Audience: Youth in the beginning stages of their 4-H project. See event website for details on topics offered.

Event Eligibility: Animal Crackers is open to enrolled 4-H youth. Registrations are handled through your local county Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) 4-H program. CCE County Associations have varying policies about participation in 4-H events, and not all counties participate in Animal Crackers. The NYS 4-H Office encourages CCE Associations to invite all eligible youth in their programs to participate.

General 4-H Policies

Behavior: Everyone (youth and adults) are expected to create an inclusive and welcoming environment, respect the diversity of conference participants (e.g. race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, cultural background, etc.). Everyone will be expected to uphold the NYS 4-H Code of Conduct. All youth and adults are expected to model appropriate behavior and follow NYS 4-H guidelines. In addition, all Cornell property and Cornell program presenters should be treated respectfully. County participants acting inappropriately will be sent home at their cost/inconvenience. For other policies see: <http://4hstaff.cce.cornell.edu/program-management/risk-management-resources-0>

Adult chaperones are responsible for behavior and safety of their attendees. Counties are expected to provide chaperones in about a 1 to 6 ratio for youth attending in each species track. Chaperones may be shared with other counties. Every participant must have a designated chaperone. Chaperones may be expected to supervise youth from other counties during program times and in the absence of a 4-H Educator, chaperones may need to make decisions on their Educator's behalf. Any disturbances or emergencies should be reported to participant's chaperone first and then county educator and event staff if needed. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs are strictly prohibited.

Preparing for the Conference

Registration: Participants must register with the local 4-H Youth Development program through your county Cornell Cooperative Extension Office. Registration opens in Feb/March and will close in April (approximately 1-2 weeks prior to the event) or when programs are full, whichever happens first. Counties will be billed directly for the registration fee.

Accessibility: *Cornell University is committed to providing universal access to all of our events. Please contact Barb Jones, 607-255-7712 or bjj6@cornell.edu to request disability accommodations. **Advance notice is necessary to arrange for some accessibility needs.***

Security and Privacy Policy

Our sites use technology to safeguard your confidential information. Our policies dictate that we will not share or sell your personal information, nor do we use it for any purpose beyond processing registrations and contacting you.

Event Cost: \$15 per youth participant. No fee for chaperones. Please note: transportation to and from the event is at the participant's own expense. Some CCE Associations charge additional fees to cover transportation & chaperone expenses.

Lead 4-H Educator: Each Association is expected to identify a Lead Educator designated as a main contact for registration purposes, for volunteer supervision, and for crisis and incident management. Lead educators also need to communicate with their attendees to assure they are oriented and aware of other registered county

delegates.

Cancellation/Refund Policy: Cancellations prior to the event deadline will not be charged. Cancellations after the deadline will be billed. Substitutions or same program replacements are allowed, but need to be registered and approved by the event coordinator before arrival. No-shows will be charged in full.

All chaperones and participants should review the schedule and campus map. We strongly encourage 4-H Educators to review this information with participants before travelling to campus.

For Animal Biosecurity, all participants should plan to wear clean clothes and extra shoes that were not worn on the day of the event for home farm chores. Disposable booties will be provided.

While you're on Campus

Check In: Your delegation needs to arrive at Morrison Hall between 9am – 9:30am. There are lots of great things to do and see on campus should you decide to travel the day before the event. Some suggestions may include The Cornell Store <https://store.cornell.edu/> or The Cornell Botanic Gardens <http://www.cornellbotanicgardens.org/> or The Johnson Museum of Art <http://museum.cornell.edu/> or The Cornell Dairy Bar <http://living.cornell.edu/dine/wheretoeat/>

Parking: Parking is FREE on Saturdays in the large lot adjacent to the south end of Morrison Hall. ("O" lot). If participants are in need of handicap parking, please notify the event coordinators when registering prior to the event.

Safety: Even though Cornell has a rather tranquil setting, serious crimes can and do occur along footpaths.

- Youth should never walk alone anywhere on campus at anytime.
- The Safety Division's (Cornell police) phone number is 607-255-1111.
- In case of emergency, chaperones can request a list of local emergency numbers upon check in.

Free Time/Recreation: Some participants or older family members may wish to arrive early to meet with Cornell admissions and/or tour the Cornell campus. To pre-arrange a visit, go to: <http://www.cornell.edu/visit/>

Program Evaluation: Conference participants will be asked to help us learn about the program's effectiveness by completing a survey or sharing their reflections. Participation in program evaluation efforts is completely anonymous, voluntary, and there is no impact on program participation if someone decides not to complete a survey.

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