



4-H Steubenite



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National 4-H Week!

October 5-11, 2025

120 years ago, we were ready.

Ready to get our hands dirty, Ready to learn by doing, Ready to push the power of youth forward. And as our inspiration grew, so did we. When we expanded into every corner of America, We were ready. Ready to ask questions about the world, To show up for our community, To become the leaders we were always meant to be. And when we evolved into the unstoppable force we are today, We were ready. Ready to open our arms to every opportunity, Every path, And every child—Generation after generation. Over six million of us have been inspired by 4-H. It's time to inspire six million more. We were ready then. We're beyond ready now. After all, it's always been in

our DNA. Beyond ready for school. Beyond ready for work. Beyond ready for life— And everything that comes with it.

Research has proven that participation in 4-H has a significant positive impact on young people. Recent findings from the Tufts University *4-H Study of Positive Youth Development* indicate that, when compared to their peers, young people in 4-H are:

- Nearly 4 times more likely to contribute to their communities
- Two times more likely to pursue healthy behaviors
- Two times more likely to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs outside of school time.
- 4-H, the largest youth development organization in the world, is a community of seven million young people across the globe learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. In the U.S., 4-H programs are implemented by the 109 land grant universities and the Cooperative Extension System through their 3,100 local Extension offices across the country. Overseas, 4-H programs operate throughout more than 50 countries.
- Learn more about The Steuben County 4-H Program at www.putknoughtgetowork.org or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/steuben4H/>

How will you help? Here are a few ways you can be involved during National 4-H Week:

- Consider partnering with a local business/organization to create a poster that highlights 4-H. Posters can be organized by 4-H clubs, families, or a group of 4-H Friends
 - Celebrate 4-H Week by wearing your favorite 4-H attire (t-shirt, hat, etc.)
 - Consider updating your Facebook or Instagram Photo to something 4-H related
- Consider sharing a few of your favorite 4-H stories with your family or friends throughout the week

4-H On Display

Each club is being asked to set up a 4-H Club Display during National 4-H Week October 5-11. Once again this year, we will have staff look at the displays and decide which one is an outstanding display and that club will be recognized with a special award at Achievement Night. Impact, visibility, and accuracy will all be considered when evaluating the displays.

NEW posters are available for loan for indoor use only. Contact the office if you'd like to borrow these at any time throughout the year! Please let Jenny know where your club's display is set up will be by September 30th:

jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-664-2576.

October						
National 4-H Week October 7-12						
-Dog Obedience Classes Tuesdays 5pm-6pm						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Nomination for Achievement Night Due	4 Barn Quilt Workshop
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 CCE Farm Trail Day
12	13 Columbus Day Office Closed Paint & Sip	14	15	16 ABC 	17 TRIP	18 Achievement Night
19 Fire Making Class	20 4-H Cheese & Beef Stick Orders & Payment Due	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween	

November Dog Obedience Classes – Tuesdays 5pm-6pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Election Day Office Closed	5	6 CCE Annual Dinner	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day Office Closed	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 4-H Beef and Cheese Pick-up @ Civil Defense 10am-5pm	20 4-H Program Advisory Committee Mtg.	21	22 Maker's Market
23 Flower Arrangement Class 30	24	25	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving!! Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Holiday Hangout
14	15 Re-Enrollments Due to Exhibit @ 2025 4-H Showcase	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed	31 Office Closed			

January- Ownership Deadlines (Due January 1) & ID Papers (Due January 2) for Market Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Small Frame Beef Steers, Dairy Steers & Dairy Feeder Steers (Class #2)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy New Year Office Closed!	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 4-H Program Advisory Committee Mtg.	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Office News

STAY UPDATED BY CHECKING THE FOLLOWING !!

Website: www.putknowledgegetwork.org

Click on the 4-H Youth Development Tab! New items are appearing on the web site frequently. We will keep you informed of upcoming events and changes by posting them on the web site as soon as we get them.

Steuben County 4-H Facebook Page

A Facebook page has been created for Steuben County's 4-H Program. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/steuben4H!!

****MONDAY MEMOS****

Don't forget to check your email for the bi-weekly Monday Memos! You will automatically start receiving these once your enrollment form is turned into the office! If you aren't receiving them, be sure to check your spam/junk folder or notify the 4-H Office!

ENROLL NOW!

It's that time of year!!! With school just beginning, it's the perfect time to promote your local 4-H club to encourage and introduce new youth to all the great opportunities 4-H has to offer! From Home Economics to Animal Science,

Robotics to Community Service, and Public Speaking to Gardening – there's a project for everyone! Nationally, over 6 million youth belong to 4-H! Here, in Steuben County, we offer local and county-wide 4-H clubs, afterschool 4-H opportunities, connections to 4-H camps and statewide 4-H activities. New York State also offers an opportunity for youth to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. at the National 4-H Conference Center each year for a week-long, hands-on leadership and citizenship training!



4-H Fall Fund Raiser: 4-H Cuba Cheese & Wilson Beef Farms Snack Sticks & Golden Ages Cheese Curds



**PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME THE ORDER IS SENT OR BROUGHT TO THE OFFICE
ORDERS DUE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th by 4:30pm**

When your members are selling the products, have them collect the money. When your order is sent or brought to the office, have one check or money order made payable to CCE-Steuben for the products. Your club will be issued a check with the club's profit when you pick up your order on November 19th.

- **By Monday, October 20th:** Leaders consolidate individual member orders into one club order and complete the form showing **all members** that sold and the **total amount each sold**. **Include payment** and mail or deliver to the CCE Office to **reach us by 4:30 p.m. October 20**. **NO PHONE, EMAIL OR FAX ORDERS ACCEPTED**
- **Wednesday, November 19:** **Delivery/ Pick-up Day-** Cheese and Snack Sticks will be delivered Wednesday, November 19th to the Civil Defense Building @ 7220 Route 54, Bath, NY. The truck will be unloaded and the cheese and snack sticks sorted by item.
- **Leader or club representative can pick up club orders** at the Civil Defense Building from **10:00 - 5:00 p.m.** Each leader **will use your club's order sheet to collect the club order**. **NOTE:** If the leader is not able to come to Bath by 5:00 p.m., they must send a representative (parent, etc.).
- CCE does not have refrigerated storage to keep the products. Once the products have left the office they may **not** be returned.
- 4-H Clubs and Independent Members who do not pay the \$75.00 family enrollment must participate in the Steuben County Cuba Cheese and/or Wilson Beef Farms Snack Sticks Fundraiser and sell at least \$75.00 per 4-H member to be eligible for reduced rates on 4-H Award Trips. If a 4-H member does not sell \$75.00 worth of product and they are chosen for an award trip they will be expected to pay 50% of the cost of the trip except for the Junior Award Trip and the Career Exploration trip to Cornell University where they will be expected to pay 100% of the cost of the trip.

For more information including order forms and brochures contact the CCE Office.

Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clover Fundraiser

November 28- December 14

SPREAD THE WORD to encourage folks to visit their local Tractor Supply store (Bath, Hornell, Painted Post) to purchase a paper clover at checkout!

Tractor Supply began our partnership with 4-H in 2010 since then has raised over \$20 million through the Paper Clover fundraiser. The campaign has impacted over 80,000 students throughout the country by providing them with hands on learning experiences through projects in STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement.

100% of the funds raised through the Paper Clover fundraiser directly benefit 4-H and the kids and teens they

work with – 90% of donations directly support 4-H youth in the county and the remaining 10% supports national 4-H programming.

Remember to turn in your incentive forms and CCE Steuben will award top “selling” club with \$50!



NEW YORK STATE LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM (LAP)

Modeled after the Junior Dairy Leaders program, this exciting new opportunity is designed for teens with a strong interest in the livestock industry. Over the coming years, this program will continue to grow and evolve as part of our ongoing commitment to career awareness in animal science, aligned with the 4-H Beyond Ready initiatives.

Key Details:

- Open to youth in grades 11–12 from across New York State
- Participants do *not* need to be current 4-H members but must demonstrate a genuine interest in the livestock industry
- A reference from a non-family member is required and must be submitted with the application
- Space is limited to just 10 participants
- The program is tentatively scheduled to kick off the first weekend of December

Application Link- https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dou6QgV8Z7li4AK

The New York State Livestock Ambassador Program (LAP) is an exciting new opportunity for high school students to explore careers in the livestock industry. Open to youth from urban, suburban, and rural communities across New York, the program is designed to introduce participants to the many career paths available in livestock — from animal genetics and nutrition to meat processing, marketing, and more.

Through four hands-on, two-day sessions held throughout the year, students will visit farms, processing facilities, and other agricultural businesses. They'll also connect with industry professionals, build leadership skills, and learn how their interests can lead to real-world careers.

As the first program of its kind in the Northeast, LAP will help to prepare the next generation of skilled, knowledgeable leaders in the Livestock industry.

4-H Foundation and Northeast Agricultural Education Foundation the cost of the program is \$200 which includes accommodation, food and supplies during the program.

For more information contact Brian Aukema at bja14@cornell.edu or 607-254-1208!

2025 4-H Awards Program

ALL 4-H members, leaders and parents are cordially invited to attend the 2025 4-H Awards Program. Members will receive recognition for their accomplishments during the program year. Leaders will also be recognized for their volunteer support and dedication and 4-H Showcase premium money will be distributed.

WHEN: Saturday, October, 18 2025

Social Time & Distribution of 4-H Showcase premium money – 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Dinner -6:00 p.m.

RSVP for Dinner by October 11(Dessert to Pass)

Awards Ceremony – 6:30 p.m.



**WHERE: Howard Community Building
(7481 Hopkins Rd. Avoca, NY)**

Each club/Independent Member is asked to bring: A wrapped gift to be used as a door prize which we will be selling tickets for to benefit the Steuben County 4-H Activity Fund.

All 4-H families have a role in making this year's annual awards program a success! **Sponsorships are vital to the continuation of our 4-H programs and awards.** Please consider sponsoring an award for a deserving 4-H member at this year's award program and contact Jenny at 607-664-2300 or jmg422@cornell.edu or return the enclosed form by **Monday, October 7.** Your support is greatly appreciated and allows us to be able to continue to offer quality programming to our youth!!

Friend of 4-H Award Nominations

The Steuben County 4-H Program recognizes at the 4-H Awards Program an individual and business to be selected as Friends of 4-H for excelling in their dedication to the Steuben County 4-H Youth Development Program through the years and have earned the respect of 4-H families and leaders, as well as the community. **If you would like to nominate an individual or business please send your nominations to the CCE Office by Friday, October 4.** Please indicate why you think this individual or business deserves this award.

Behind the Scenes Award

This award is supported by the Steuben County 4-H Cake Auction and is presented to a 4-H member during the Awards Program. This award is presented to a 4-H member that has done a lot of work "Behind the Scenes", and may not have received recognition. This is not only for work done at the 4-H Showcase but throughout the 4-H project year. **If you would like to nominate a 4-H member please send your nominations to the CCE Office by Friday, October 4.** Please indicate why you think the 4-H member deserves this award.

Steuben County 4-H Committees

4-H Horse Advisory Committee

The 4-H Horse Advisory Committee provides input to the staff about the needs of the program and the youth it serves. Join us via Zoom on **October 7th** to begin planning the 2025-2026 Program Year! This committee meets a few times a year. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact Jenny Groen at 607-664-2576/jmg422@cornell.edu for the zoom link.

4-H Small Animal Advisory Committee

The 4-H Small Animal Advisory Committee will be meeting **November 3** to begin planning for the 2024-2025 Program Year. This committee typically meets a few times a year and provides input on activities and program needs related to the Small Animal Species (Poultry, Waterfowl, Rabbits & Cavy). If you are interested in attending, please contact Jenny Groen at 607-664-2576/ jmg422@cornell.edu

2026 Market Beef/Dairy Steers & Beef Heifer Identification/Ownership Online Entries Due

January 1, 2026: Ownership Deadline for Market Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Small Frame Beef Steers, Dairy Steers & Dairy Feeder Steers (Class #2)

January 2, 2026: Identification Information, Photos & Quality Assurance Forms Due online via FairEntry for Market Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Small Frame Beef Steers, Dairy Steers & Dairy Feeder Steers (Class #2)

These entries must be completed, in order to be eligible to enter these market animals in the 2026 4-H Showcase

Market Heifers shown in market beef classes are not eligible for beef breeding classes & must follow the same rules and regulations as market steers.

YQCA Certificate must be included with Fair Entries Due by July 1, 2026

New York Farm Bureau Offers Scholarships to Students Who Plan to Pursue an Ag-Related Future

New York Farm Bureau is encouraging high school seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career, in some way connected to the diverse agricultural industry to apply for the New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship. Scholarship awards are \$1,500 for first place, \$1,200 for second, and \$1,000 for third.



Students applying must have a family Farm Bureau membership or a Student Farm Bureau membership. Students are required to complete an application on the NYFB website, and submit a brief 300-500 word essay discussing an issue facing agriculture in their county, explaining how they think NYFB can support members who may deal with this issue. We suggest that they visit the NYFB website www.nyfb.org to learn more about Farm Bureau.

The application deadline is March 1. For scholarship information and the application please visit <http://nyfb.org/programs/promotion-education/scholarship>



County Public Presentations for 2025-2026

Question: What helped you, as a 4-H member prepare most for the adult world?

Answer: “Completing Public Presentations! Since it prepared me to organize information and be able to get up in front of a group at work, in the community or at a club meeting and feel comfortable.”

-ALL 4-H members ages 8 & up are **REQUIRED** to participate in the Public Presentation Program (In order to receive project completion).

-Cloverbuds are **strongly encouraged** to do a presentation, but it is not mandatory.

-There are two options for public presentations, the **County & Club Level**

-**County Level:** Present your public presentation to local volunteer judges.

-**Club Level:** Present your public presentation at a Club Meeting where your club leader will be the judge.

-The Club Presentation is meant to be just a “stepping stone” for a year or two, and then the member needs to attend at the county level.

-All Members (except Cloverbuds) giving presentation at the county level will be considered for district level presentations.

-Club presentations do not give public presentation award trip status to members.

Information on preparing for presentations is on the web. If an individual or a club would like help with any part of the public presentation process, please contact the 4-H office. Arrangements can be made to give you or your club the help that is needed.

WATCH MONDAY MEMO FOR DATES!!!

Dairy Quiz Bowl

-Open to ANY Steuben County 4-H Member

-Interested in participating & forming a team to compete at the county and/or district level? Please reach out to Jenny at 607-664-2576 or jmg422@cornell.edu

The *primary objective* of 4-H Dairy Bowl Contests is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H dairy project to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail.

The Dairy Bowl Program is designed to encourage youth to increase their dairy knowledge through study and preparation for the contest. Youth learn life skills as they prepare for contests - critical thinking, decision-making, problem solving, communication skills, listening skills, speaking skills and independent thinking. They experience the value of teamwork, character building, and goal setting. Youth gain knowledge in dairy nutrition, milk quality, herd health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and all cattle breeds.

Novice Contest

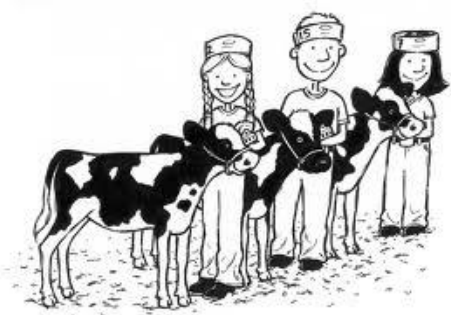
Team members may be 8 - 10 years old with some experience or 11 - 13 years old with no previous district contests experience.

Junior Contest

9 years to 13 years old

Senior Contest

14 years to 18 years old



Dairy Judging

-Open to ANY Steuben County 4-H Member

-Interested in participating? Please reach out to Jenny at 607-664-2576 or jmg422@cornell.edu

Who can dairy judge?

Any 4-H member and their parent, grandparent, leader, etc. who is interested in learning how to dairy judge.

Why should I do dairy judging? Dairy Judging teaches you the essentials of being a dairy cattle judge. It will help you understand what to look for when choosing your show animal and how/why the judges place the animals at a dairy show.

Please NOTE: **Cloverbud members 5-7 years old** (as of 1/1/23) who are interested in learning how to dairy judge may participate **only if they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who is at least 21 years old.**

If there is enough interest in the Steuben County 4-H Dairy Judging Program, there will be a Dairy Judging Contest at the Steuben County Fair. There are various dairy judging opportunities across the state! Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities!

2025 Free Fishing Days

Feb 15-16, June 28-29, September 27, November 11



In an effort to connect more people to the sport of fishing, each year, there are several opportunities to fish free in New York State! During those four days, anyone can fish New York State waters, and no fishing license is required (normally required for anyone 16 years and older). The general public can tap into the fun and relaxation of fishing, especially those who might not otherwise get the chance. All anglers are encouraged to take a friend

fishing. With all that the sport has to offer, some are bound to get hooked. Since no license is required, it is the perfect time to take a friend or relative fishing.

In addition to the June Free Fishing Days weekend, there are a number of "Free Fishing Events/Clinics" held in various locations across the state. Free Fishing Events are DEC sponsored events (such as family fishing clinics) where participants can learn about fish identification, fishing equipment and techniques, fisheries management, angling ethics

and aquatic ecology. Each of DEC's nine regions can sponsor up to four free fishing events per year. Most free fishing events occur during the period

Livestock Judging and Livestock Skillathon

What is Livestock Judging?

Livestock judging is the process of ranking four animals (beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats) of one class from top to bottom based on criteria such as bone structure, muscle, body capacity, body composition, performance.

Livestock Judging develops the following life skills: critical thinking, organization, time management, public speaking, self confidence, self motivation, team building and competition.

Livestock Judging is a fun way to learn about beef cattle, sheep, swine and meat goats! Livestock Judging allows 4-Hers to get involved, compete, and make new friends. **You don't have to own Livestock to participate in Livestock Judging.** 4-H members 5-18 years old are eligible to participate and parents/volunteers/coaches are needed. **Cloverbud members 5-7 years old** (as of January 1, 2026) who are interested in learning may participate **if they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who is at least 21 years old.** If you are interested in volunteering to help assist with livestock judging or if you are interested in giving Livestock Judging a try, **please contact Jenny at jmg422@cornell.edu or call 607-664-2576**

What is Livestock Skillathon?

The objectives of the Livestock Skillathon contest is to provide youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in livestock judging, demonstrations, care and exhibition of animals into one activity. This is also an opportunity for youth even if they have no opportunities for livestock ownership to learn about the importance of beef, sheep, swine and goat and their products to the environment and economy. Livestock Skillathon consists of 3 parts; a written quiz, identification and team questions. Common topics include nutrition, health, breeding, management, genetics and current industry topics. Participants may be asked to identify retail meat cuts, livestock feeds, and breeds, evaluate cuts of meat and hay or wool samples and complete a quality assurance exercise. Team participation is required in a quality assurance exercise, evaluation of livestock feeding and performance information and an animal breeding or marketing scenario and exercise. Livestock Skillathon instills ethical values, good sportsmanship and product evaluation skills. Livestock Skillathon recognizes youth for their total involvement in and comprehension of the livestock industry.

Livestock Skillathon is a really fun way to learn about beef cattle, sheep, swine, and meat goats! Livestock Skillathon allows 4-Hers to get involved, compete, and make new friends. 4-H members 5-18 years old are eligible to participate and parents/volunteers/coaches are needed. **Cloverbud members 5-7 years old** (as of January 1, 2026) who are interested may participate **if they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who is at least 21 years old.** If you are interested in volunteering to help assist with Livestock Skillathon or if you are interested in giving Livestock Skillathon a try, **please contact Jenny at jmg422@cornell.edu or call 607-664-2576** look forward to hearing from you!



Seeking Adult Volunteers for the 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program

The National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) is a project of Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture (HOSTA) for youth ages 14 and 15. Subjects covered include general agricultural safety, tractor and equipment operation, and highway transportation. Youth 14 and 15 are certified after successfully passing a fifty-question written knowledge test and successfully passing both an operating skills test and a pre-op/driving test.

The Steuben County 4-H Program is seeking to expand our current program. We need adult volunteers to become trained online in National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation in order to become an instructor and help instruct local youth. Adults must complete a current background check with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County. Please contact Ainsley if you're interested!

The Hazardous-Occupation Order for youth under 16 makes it unlawful to hire or even permit without pay any youth under the age of 16 to participate in any work activities listed as hazardous, unless:

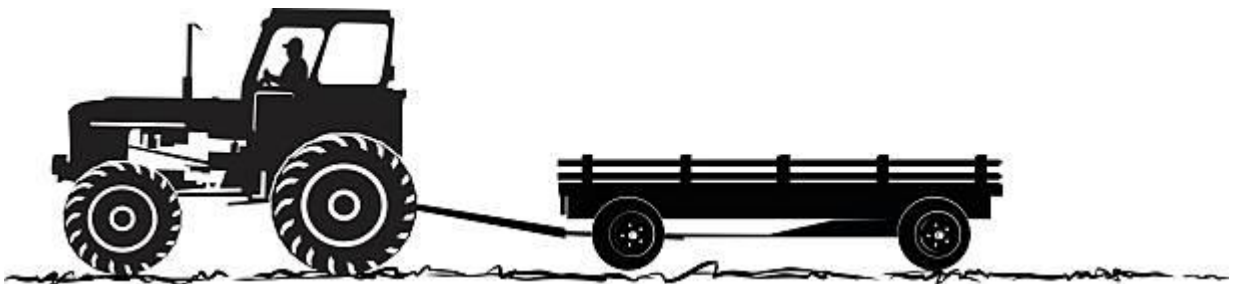
1. The youth is employed, either with or without compensation, by their parents or legal guardian, **or**
2. The youth 14-15 years old has a training certificate which provides an exemption from certain hazardous work activities.
3. The Tractor and Machinery Operation Program allows for youth under the age of 16 who successfully completes the program to engage in agricultural work activities below if they are 14-15 despite the fact the activities are listed as "agricultural work activities classified as hazardous for youth under 16".

Tractor Operation - This training allows youth who successfully complete requirements to: operate a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower, or connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from such a tractor.

Equipment Operation - This allows youth who successfully complete requirements to operate or assist to operate the following equipment: hay mower, hay baler, forage harvester, forage blower, feed grinder, crop dryer, auger conveyor, the unloading mechanism of a non-gravity type self-unloading wagon or trailer, corn picker, cotton picker, grain combine, power post-hole digger, power post driver, a non-walking rotary tiller, potato digger, or mobile pea viner. This includes starting, stopping, adjusting, feeding, or any activity involving physical contact associated with the operation of the equipment listed. Youth must have satisfied all the requirements for the Tractor Operation and must have completed a total of at least **24 hours of instruction**.

More information about the program can be found at <https://extension.psu.edu/national-safe-tractor-and-machinery-operation-program>

STAY TUNED for updates on class dates!



2025-2026 Horse Show Requirement



4-H Members Participating in the Horse Project Please Note: Members must **participate in one county level or beyond Horse Educational Event** (i.e. Public presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, or Horse Judging) or attend alternate “educational events” and do a one-page written report on what they saw and learned to receive educational credit **to be eligible to participate in any Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows. CLOVERBUDS ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT.**

Public Presentation Credit - Horse members will receive credit towards showing if they give a public presentation on a horse related topic at the **county** event **or** by completing a **club level** presentation and turning in the evaluation form with a summary/outline of the presentation.

County Level Credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology - For a Horse member to receive county level credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology they **must attend at least 3 of the practice sessions.**

Regional Credit – To receive regional credit 4-H members must participate in the regional contests.

Horse Bowl & Hippology

Horse Bowl – is a fast-paced, fun, horse knowledge competition that uses buzzers and can be more easily compared to game show Jeopardy. There’s a wide range of topics covered including: basic grooming, genetics, tack and equipment, riding, stable management, breeds, history, etc.! Contestants are split by age/experience levels: Novice – 8 & 9 years old OR 1st year up to 14; Junior – 10-13 years of age; Senior – 14 and up. Juniors and Seniors are eligible for the State Competition if they receive qualifying scores at the Regional Contest. County practices will be set up if there is enough so PLEASE contact Jenny at the 4-H Office if you’d like to participate!

Hippology – is a slightly slower paced, hands-on horse knowledge competition where youth rotate through various stations. These stations include: slides, written test, horse judging, tack ID, breeds, nutrition, parasites, confirmation, and team problem (JR/SR only). The levels for this competition are the same as Horse Bowl: Novice – 8 & 9 years old OR 1st year up to 14; Junior – 10-13 years of age; Senior – 14 and up. Juniors and Seniors are eligible for the State Competition if they receive qualifying scores at the Regional. County practices will be set up if there is enough so PLEASE contact Jenny at the 4-H Office if you’d like to participate!

Watch Monday Memos for dates starting in November!! If anyone is interested in coaching or being a guest speaker for our practices, please contact Jenny – jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-664-2576



PAINT & SIP HOT COCOA



Join our painting workshop and let your imagination flow onto the canvas! Whether you're a complete beginner or already love to paint this workshop is for everyone.

October 13, 2025

6 - 8PM

Civil Defense Building

7220 NY 54, Bath, NY 14810



Youth can bring an adult to paint too!
\$5 for youth & adult combo
(current members)
Non-members welcome - \$10

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Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/252664081961158>

A poster for a Fire Making Workshop. The background is a close-up of a person's hands in a blue long-sleeved shirt using a ferro rod to start a fire in a teepee of sticks. Sparks are visible. The text is in orange and yellow. At the bottom left, it says 'Cornell Cooperative Extension | Steuben County'. At the bottom right, there is a circular logo for 'STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H OUTDOORS' with a compass rose and icons of a tree, a fire, and a person.

Fire Making Workshop

Learn to make fire safely and responsibly

Sunday October 19th 3pm-5pm

Ages 10 and up. Under 13 – Adult Partner Required

Sanford Lake Campground, Savona NY

Fire Safety
Fire Making Methods
Fire Making Competition

Registration Required
Close Toed Shoes Required

Open to current
Steuben County
4-H Members

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Steuben County

Register Here: <https://form.jotform.com/252663376311153>

A poster for a Thanksgiving Flower Arrangement Class. The background is dark wood. At the top, there is a decorative border of orange and yellow autumn leaves and pumpkins. The text is in white and green. At the bottom, there are two images of flower arrangements in white pumpkin-shaped containers. At the bottom left, it says 'Cornell Cooperative Extension | Steuben County'.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT Class

Date: November 23, 2025
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: CCE Steuben Office
(20 E Morris St. Bath, NY)
Current Member Cost \$10

Make your very own
arrangement
for the
Holiday Season
(similar to pumpkins shown)

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Thanksgiving Flower Arrangement Class:

Call 607-664-2568 to register!

COMMUNITY SUBSCRIPTION SOLAR

Cornell Cooperative Extension Schuyler and Steuben Counties have received funding from New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) to help connect residents to information and incentives for home energy upgrades.

*As part of our work with NYSERDA, we're launching a program to work with youth groups to teach students about solar energy and to connect households to "community subscription solar," which allows NYSEG customers to save 5-10% on their electrical bill and support renewable energy. Through this program, clubs can **earn up to \$1,275** to spend on environmentally-minded projects of your choosing.*



How does it work?

- ✓ A CCE educator visits your group to teach the students about solar energy (45-60 minutes total).
- ✓ Students brainstorm an outreach plan and share resources with 10 adults, aiming for 2-5 sign ups.
- ✓ NYSERDA Clean Energy Hub advisors support adults with questions, troubleshooting, etc.
- ✓ Club receives funding for future club projects.

Learn more about
subscription solar here!



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Past Events

2025 Steuben County 4-H Showcase

Steuben County's first ever 4-H Summer Showcase was a huge success! Not only were exhibits qualified and selected for the New York State Fair, but exhibitors, family members and spectators were thrilled with the location, schedule and atmosphere citing the sense of safety, security and camaraderie. We are looking forward to next year!

For photos and a recap video visit: <https://putknawledgetowork.org/youth-development/4-h-summer-showcase>

Master Showmanship Winners:

Beef- Trinity Daley
Cavy – Alexis Hurd
Dairy Cattle – Joshua Place
Dairy Goat – Karoline Dininny
Meat Goat – Raelyn Wheaton
Rabbit – Alexis Hurd
Sheep – Trinity Daley
Swine – Alice Hargrave
Poultry – Victoria Hoad
Market Hog – Taylor Corey
Market Poultry – Willa Smith
Market Goat- Natalie Brewer
Market Rabbit- Natalie Brewer
Market Lamb- Aimee Hurd
Market Beef- Abigail Waters
Dog- Best in Show – Alice Hargrave

Grand Champion Market Animals:

Grand Champion Beef- Lincoln Vetter
Grand Champion Market Turkey- Willa Smith
Reserve Champion Market Turkey- Addison Brewer
Grand Champion Market Chicken Pen- Audrey Waters
Reserve Champion Market Chicken Pen- Audrey Waters
Grand Champion Market Rabbit- Sophia Brown
Reserve Champion Market Rabbit- Abygail Dickerson
Grand Champion Market Meat Goat- Alexis Hurd
Reserve Champion Market Meat Goat- Natalie Brewer
Grand Champion Market Lamb- Aimee Hurd
Grand Champion Market Hog- Taylor Corey
Reserve Champion Market Hog- Wyatt Chase

Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champions:

4-H Supreme Champion Dairy Goat- Karoline Dininny
4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Goat- Karoline Dininny
4-H Supreme Champion Dairy Heifer- Joshua Place
4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Heifer- Joshua Place
4-H Supreme Champion Gilt- Alice Hargrave
4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Gilt- Gwen Hargrave

4-H Supreme Champion Sheep- Trinity Daley
4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Sheep- Aimee Hurd
4-H Supreme Champion Meat Goat- Raelyn Wheaton
4-H Reverse Supreme Champion Meat Goat- Aleix Hurd
4-H Supreme Champion Beef Heifer- Trinity Daley
4-H Reverse Champion Beef Heifer – Raelyn Wheaton

Rabbit Champions and Reserves:

Best Commercial Breed – Keegan Folckemer
Reserve Commercial Breed – Audrey Waters
Best Fancy Breed – Aimee Hurd
Reserve Fancy Breed – Alex McCarthy
Best Pet- Mackenzie Stewart
Reserve Pet – Payton Adriance
Champion Market – Sophia Brown
Best in Show – Aimee Hurd
Reserve in Show – Keegan Folckemer

Cavy Show

Best in Show – Aimee Hurd
Reserve Best in Show – Aimee Hurd

Poultry Champions and Reserves:

Best Standard Breed Exhibit – Caroline Slayton
Reserve Standard Breed Exhibit – Afton Babcock
Best Bantam Exhibit – Afton Babcock
Reserve Bantam Exhibit – Nestor Piccarreto
Champion Market Chicken – Audrey Waters
Reserve Champion Market Chicken – Audrey Waters
Champion Market Turkey – Willa Smith
Reserve Champion Market Turkey – Natalie Brewer
Best in Show – Alex McCarthy
Reserve in Show – Afton Babcock

Dog Versatility High Point Award: Caroline Slayton

Horse Highpoint Awards: Adalyn McDonald

Steuben County 4-H @ NYS Fair

Congratulations to all our youth who had exhibits at the 2025 New York State Fair! Steuben 4-H was well represented in various animal shows, animal science knowledge contests and with exhibits in the youth building. We are very proud of all of our youth contestants and representatives.



