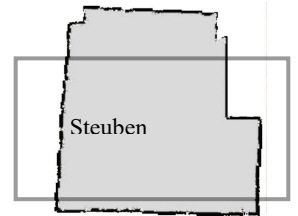




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2026 4-H Summer Showcase



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JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ALL ENTRIES DUE!	2	3 Office Closed	4 Independence Day!
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 4-H PAC Mtg at 5:30 p.m.	17	18
19	20 Market Poultry Show	21 Youth Building projects to showcase 10-6 Cloverbuds 4 - 6	22 Club booth set up 3-7	23 4-H	24 SHOWCASE	25 Youth Building Projects released @ 5
26 Youth Building Projects picked up 8a.m. - noon	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 NYS Fair 4-H Animal Entries Due	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 CCE Staff Retreat – Office Closed	22
23	24	25 Youth Building Projects to State Fair	26 NYS Fair Begins Thru 9/7	27	28	29
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SEPTEMBER: 11-13 NY 4-H Shooting Sports State Championship

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 4-H VOLUNTEER UPDATE Pick up Fall Fundraiser Forms	18	19
20	21 Records Due	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Junior & Senior Activity Reports Due			

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day Office Closed	13	14	15	16	17 Achievement Night
18	19 Fall Fundraiser orders due	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween

November

November 3- Office Closed for Election Day

November 11 – Observance of Veteran’s Day, CCE Office Closed

November 18 – Fall Fundraiser Pickup

November 26-27 - CCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving



Office News

Helpful Links:

4-H Showcase Premium Book

www.putknawledgetowork.org/youthdevelopment/4-h-summer-showcase

Use this link to reference the Steuben County 4-H Showcase. The Premium Book has all the descriptions including what information you'll need to accompany your entries.

-Fair Entry <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23077>

Use this link for entering your exhibits.

ONLINE 4-H SHOWCASE ENTRIES

**ALL Entries are Due on July 1, 2026 to participate in the 2026 4-H Showcase
Entries are to be entered at: www.faireentry.com**

4-H Project Records Due Monday, September 21!

To be eligible for year-end awards and to receive project credit, 4-H members are required to complete records for **animal science, clothing, flower gardening, vegetable gardening, junior leader, and citizenship**. Check out our records page <http://putknawledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-records> on the website to find the record you need! Can't find what you're looking for? Contact the 4-H Office 664-2300.

Project Record Requirement for Exhibits @ the 2026 Summer Showcase

All 4-H members who exhibit a project in the 4-H Showcase are **REQUIRED** to turn into the CCE Office at least one record on their exhibits/project animal(s) per species **by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026 to be considered for year-end Project Champion.**



End-Of-Year Completion and 4-H on Display and Community Service Reports

4-H organizational leaders and independent members: don't forget to fill out and hand in the End-Of-The-Year Completion Forms, Project Champion nomination forms, 4-H on Display forms and Community Service records. These forms are essential for your club members to receive a completion certificate at the Achievement Program or for Project Champion. **DO NOT DISAPPOINT THE MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB BY NOT COMPLETING THEM!** Please complete and return these forms to the CCE Office by **4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026.** These forms are available on our website: <http://putknawledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas>

Senior Summary & Junior Activity Reports

Senior Summary and Junior Activity Reports are due September 30, 2026. Senior Summary report forms are to be completed by 4-H members in grades 7 and higher (as of fall 2026). The Senior Summary report is intended to be a cumulative report with members changing the front page and the 4-H story pages each year. Everything else is just updated to reflect the current year. 4-H members in grades 7 and up can pick up the Senior Summary Report at the CCE Office, request a senior summary report be mailed to them or it can be downloaded from the CCE Steuben County website at <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas> and click on 4-H youth Development.

The Junior Activity Report is to be completed by 4-H members in grades 3-6 (as of fall 2026). Cloverbud members are not required to complete a Junior report. This report is also available on the CCE website at <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas>.

Both of these forms are used by the 4-H Awards Committee to select 4-H members for trips and awards such as the Junior Award Trip, Washington Focus, and Career Exploration in addition to other award trips. These reports are not difficult to complete! **All reports are due to the CCE Office by September 30, 2026.**



Programs & Opportunities

Tractor Supply Fall 4-H Paper Clover Campaign 4-H Clubs Displays Requested!



4-H Clubs Displays are needed to help sell 4-H paper Clovers November 27-December 13 at all three Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Stores in Steuben County. 4-H Papers Clovers are paper representation of the 4-H Clover that are sold for \$1 by TSC store team members and prominently displayed in the store. For added incentive, the 4-H Clubs that promote and “sell” the most in Steuben County will receive a \$50 check! Clubs can have a display of their projects, club banner, hold a bake sale, have a petting zoo, etc.

Please contact Jenny or Michelle at the CCE Office so we have representation at all 3 stores. Also, please contact the specific TSC Store Manager to make arrangements as well. Bath Store – 607-664-1222, Hornell Store – 607-324-9434, Painted Post Store – 607-962-2606.

2026 Achievement Night Awards Program

On October 17th Steuben County 4-H members will be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments for the 2025-2026 project year. 4-H members have compiled an impressive list of accomplishments on the local, district, state and national levels. Through 4-H Programs participating youth have the opportunity to gain valuable skills and to develop positive attitudes.

Your support is needed to provide 4-H members with appropriate recognition for their accomplishments. The 4-H Program relies heavily upon individuals, local businesses and organizations for sponsorship of year-end awards. Sponsorship of a single award is \$20 and additional sponsorships are \$15 each. All sponsors are listed in the awards program and are announced when the sponsored award is presented. Sponsors also receive a copy of the awards program and a thank you certificate. **The Annual Achievement Night Awards Program will be held Saturday, October 17, 2026. More details to come!**



Behind the Scenes Award

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 Summer 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 9th.** Please indicate why you think the 4-H member deserves this award.



4-H Showcase

The 4-H Showcase Premium Book can be downloaded at www.putknowledgetowork.org. **IF YOU NEED A HARDCOPY FROM THE 4-H OFFICE, THEY ARE \$5.00. Copies of Premium Book pages are .15 per one sided copy and .25 for two sided.**

Please read your Premium Book before you come to the Showcase because there are **MANY** changes including important dates, departments, sections and classes. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that **your** exhibits are entered correctly. The 4-H Judging Schedule is printed on page 2. Unless otherwise announced, judging will be according to the schedule. The schedule also notes the order for classes/divisions for many of the shows.

Please keep your Premium Book handy during the week and feel free to ask the 4-H staff or your leaders if you have questions or need additional information.

2026 Steuben County 4-H Showcase Sponsorships

We're currently seeking sponsors for a variety of Steuben County 4-H Showcase Awards!

Interested in being a sponsor? Please click on the link below or complete the insert and return to our office.

<https://form.jotform.com/253454108685159>



****CLUB BOOTHS****

Clubs will have the opportunity to request a 10x10 space (or possibly larger) to display ALL of the amazing projects that your club members have completed this year! Clubs can plan and decorate their club spaces to best reflect their unique club and its members. This is a great Junior leader activity! Initial planning and set-up can begin on July 21st from 10 - 6 however, projects cannot be moved into club booths until after judging on Wednesday, July 23rd from 3pm – 7pm. Dividers and a table per booth provided.

All set-up must be completed by 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

We are very excited to see all the designs clubs come up with!

Showcase Youth Building Entries: Premium Book Pages-35-65

4-Hers need to enter their youth building exhibits (baking, food preservation, sewing, woodworking, home environment, electric, small shop, art, farm crops, photography, etc.) on-line using the FairEntry program **no later than July 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.**

Please read the premium book for additional information and for new classes that are available. If you have any questions, call the 4-H office at 607-664-2576.

As you fill out your FairEntry on-line for the 4-H youth building exhibits, enter everything you think you will be bringing. You will not be making out the entry cards for these exhibits. Your pre-printed entry cards will be available for pick up from the CCE Office or can be mailed to you upon request. Youth/families are responsible for attaching them to the exhibits prior to dropping them off Tuesday, July 21.

Youth Building Junior Supers & Teen Assistants Needed!

Want to be more involved in the Youth Building at the Showcase? There are many opportunities to get involved! Sign up to be a Teen Evaluator on Wednesday or a Teen Assistant during the various contests on Friday & Saturday! See below for details and contact jmg422@cornell.edu if you'd like to volunteer!

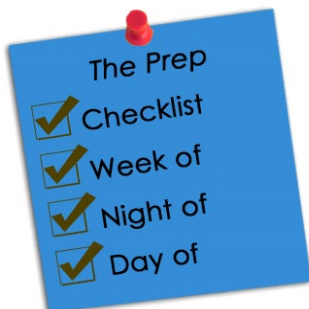
Be a Teen Evaluator/Judge's Helper! **Wednesday, July 22nd**

Learn first-hand what the judges are looking for! On Judging Day, Wednesday, July 22nd you can be a judge's assistant and help with the judging and arranging of exhibits.

Be a Teen Assistant any day!

Teen Assistants duties will be to welcome visitors to youth building tent and answer questions about 4-H. We'll also be looking for help with our contests & activities on Friday & Saturday, July 24 & 25th!

How Can You Help Your Child Get Ready For The Showcase?



1. Volunteer to assist your child and the 4-H leaders in your club.
2. Transport your child to and from the Showcase.
3. Encourage your child to become involved and to grow through 4-H experiences.
4. Read the Steubenite and Premium Book. Help your child plan for his/her participation.
5. Encourage your child as he/she prepares their exhibits.
6. Read the Premium Book and help your child enter the exhibits correctly. Extra information may be needed so the item can be judged. Please note specifications for certain types of exhibits. (Example: Carrots - 3 specimens, any variety, tops off to approx. 1 inch)

Cloverbuds at Showcase

***** Cloverbuds will present their non-animal exhibits for evaluation on Tuesday, July 21 from 4:00-6:00pm at the Youth Building Tent.*****

*****Cloverbuds need to enter their exhibits & contests in FairEntry by July 1st*****

See Premium Book page 65

Cloverbud 4-H members are eligible, encouraged and welcome to exhibit at the Showcase!

Youth Building Contests: If youth, including Cloverbuds, would like to exhibit a "contest project" it should be 1) entered in FairEntry by the deadline 2) dropped of Sunday with other youth building exhibits. **Refer to Department 2700, page 64 of the fair book and enter in FairEntry by July 1st.**

Projects: A Cloverbud member is eligible to enter projects at the County Fair and **may exhibit one project made as a group.** See **Department 2800. Page 65 in the 4-H Premium Book and enter in FairEntry by July 1st.**

Number of projects allowed: If
4-H age is 5: can enter 5 projects
4-H age is 6: can enter 6 projects
4-H age is 7: can enter 7 projects

Cloverbuds will meet individually to present their entries and club project to the judge on Tuesday, July 21st between 4 and 6 p.m. Bring only non-animal entries to the 4-H building.

Cloverbud projects will not receive premiums but will receive special ribbons. If you have questions, please contact your leader or the CCE Office.

Cloverbuds ages 5 & 6 as of (1/1/26) may exhibit 1 ANIMAL ONLY (dog, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, cavy, swine, sheep, dairy cattle, beef cattle, or horse). Cloverbuds age 7 as of (1/1/26) may exhibit 1 large animal (hooved) and 1 small animal (non-hooved). All Cloverbud animals must follow all health regulations that are in the 4-H Premium Book. Please read the health rules and regulations thoroughly. Cloverbud Animal Entries are due through FairEntry by July 1st.

Flower Arranging, Vegetable Art, and Cupcake Challenge

- **Flower Arranging Contest: Thursday, July 23 at 11 a.m.**
- **Veggie Art Contest: Thursday, July 23 at 12p.m.**
- **Cupcake Challenge: Friday, July 24 at 4 p.m.**

You must register for these contests in FairEntry by Wed, July 1st. See 4-H Premium Book: Dept. 2700 pg. 64.

Creative Cupcake Challenge

Similar to the popular "Cupcake War" events and television shows, this challenge is a fun, hands-on competition where youth members showcase their culinary and decorating skills. Working in teams, youth develop a theme, select favors and decorate 1 – 3 dozen cupcakes, depending on their age and experience. Exhibits are then evaluated on pre-set criteria, feedback is provided and awards are presented.

Vegetable Art Contest

Can you turn 5 vegetables into an amazing work of art? Create a farm animal, a funny face, a tractor, an American flag, or anything your imagination can dream up using just five vegetables! Show off your artistic side, learn about locally grown vegetables, and have fun creating something unique. Whether you're a first-time participant or a seasoned artist, everyone has a chance to shine! Senior(14-18) Junior(8-13) Cloverbud(5-7) Grab your vegetables, get creative, and join the 4-H Vegetable Art Contest. We can't wait to see what you create! Register in Fair Entry by July 1st.

Tips on Baking for the 4-H Summer Showcase

Mixing/Baking

- Always use fresh ingredients, such as baking powder, oil, whole grain or regular flour.
- Date your containers when you buy them.
- Overmixing causes a tough product with large holes or tunnels or a top that is peaked.
- Under-mixing causes streaks of flour and uneven rising.
- Make sure dry ingredients are sifted together and liquid ingredients are well mixed.
- No paper liners are allowed for muffins.
- Dust raisins lightly with flour so they don't stick together or sink to the bottom.
- No toppings are allowed.
- Additions of dry cereals, raisins and nuts help to disguise problems of overmixing, especially in muffins and quick breads.

Cookies

- Do not place cookies too close together on baking sheet.
- Measure dough for each cookie using a small scoop or measuring spoon, so that size is equal.
- Trim outer edge away from bar cookies before cutting into squares. Use a ruler to measure so that size is equal.

Storage/Freezing

- Avoid recipes that do not keep or travel well in hot, humid weather.

- Cool product completely on racks before storing.
- Use proper wrapping - freezer containers, wrap and foil.
- Wrap each item separately.
- Bake extras and bring with you to judging in case of upsets and WHOOPS accidents!



Recipes

- Recipes must be on a 3 x 5 card typed or handwritten legibly. You may use a computer printout and securely tape to the card. Put your name on the card.
- Include the complete recipe including yield - ingredients first, then instructions. Include each step - ie: if you grease top of bread before baking, etc.
- If you reduce the amount of an ingredient(s), Indicate original amount of reduced ingredient(s) and then the reduced amount on the recipe card.
- Place recipe card in a small plastic bag to protect them and place in the bag with the food exhibit or staple to the outside..

General

- Judges expect the recipes to match age and ability - don't use same recipes from year to year.
- Use a large enough plate to display items. A paper plate is satisfactory if it is firm. Foil covered cardboard is also good. Do not use a plate that must be returned. Place everything in a large plastic bag - recipe and product.

Youth Building Exhibit Removal

Please be aware that the exhibits in the 4-H Youth Building at Showcase are NOT able to be removed until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25th. If exhibits are removed before 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25th, premium money will be forfeited by the exhibitor.

THERE WILL NOT BE AN OPTION TO PICK UP ON MONDAY.

If you are not able to remove these exhibits by Sunday at 12 p.m., please make arrangements with your leader, other club members, or another 4-H Family to pick up your exhibits.

Any items not picked up by 12 p.m. on Sunday, July 26th will forfeit premiums. It is not the responsibility of the CCE staff to remove your exhibits. If you have any questions about exhibit removal, please contact the CCE Office.

Selecting & Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit

Harvest your Crop, with Care.

- 1) Loosen root crops with a spading fork before pulling. Avoid tearing the flesh or stems.
- 2) Pick off all tomato stems so they will not poke holes in other tomatoes.
- 3) A sharp knife is helpful in harvesting peppers, eggplant, the vine crops and many leafy vegetables.

Harvest Enough to Make Your Exhibit.

- 1) Gather several times as many good specimens as you think you will need.
- 2) Select the most uniform ones for your exhibit.
- 3) Harvest lettuce, endive, escarole and chard the morning of exhibition day because they wilt quickly.
- 4) Harvest onions 7-10 days before the fair and dry them in the sun. When properly cured, the tops can be easily cut off.

Trim Correctly.

- 1) Cut off the tops of all root crops about 1" above the roots.
- 2) Trim the tap root so they are all the same length.
- 3) Remove the small fine roots on carrots and beets.
- 4) Trim any excess stump from cabbage, lettuce and other leafy vegetables. Do not cut off all the outer leaves from cabbage. Husks can be trimmed off one side of sweet corn or taken all the way off but have all ears the same.



Exhibit the Right Number.

Plan to exhibit the exact number of vegetables called for. Check the Fair Book, as the number may differ with various fairs.

Wash or Brush the Vegetables.

- 1) Select and harvest only clean vegetables if you can. Cleaning will not harm any vegetable if it is done carefully.
- 2) Clean peas, beans, cucumbers and muskmelons with a very soft brush.
- 3) Use a soft damp cloth for fruit with a waxy surface such as eggplant, pepper, tomatoes, and watermelons.
- 4) Root crops may need washing. Use lots of water and your hands to wash root crops.
- 5) Do not wash head lettuce, endive, cauliflower, or cabbage. Trim off the soiled leaves, but don't scalp them.

Select for Size, Shape and Color.

- 1) Select those that are alike. The first ripe tomatoes or carrots you pull from your garden will seldom be alike in size, shape and color. A good way to select a plate of vegetables is to place them in a row on a table or on the floor with the big ones at one end and the small ones on the other. Then select on the basis of shape and color.
- 2) Avoid carrots and potatoes with greening caused by exposure to sunlight. Check the seed catalog for examples of "typical shape".

Storage Before Fair.

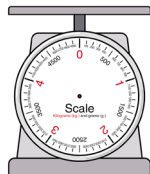
- 1) After you have harvested and prepared your vegetables, it may be necessary to store them for a day or overnight.
- 2) Keep root crop, leafy vegetables, sweet corn and peas at low temperature (40°-45°F). Mom's refrigerator usually gives these conditions. Before placing leaf vegetables in the refrigerator, place them in a plastic bag.
- 3) Potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and the vine crops will keep well for a day at medium temperatures (60°-70°F).

Wrap, Pack and Display Correctly.

- 1) Wrap your exhibit before taking it to the fair. You may have an excellent plant but damage while transporting can easily make it unworthy.
- 2) Newspaper is a good wrapping material. Wrap each vegetable separately and then wrap the five or twelve, etc., that go together in one bundle.
- 3) Pack them firmly in a strong container. Always pack the firm vegetables on the bottom. Don't pack cabbage, pumpkins, watermelons, etc., on top of tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, etc.
- 4) Label every exhibit carefully until you can attach the double entry card. Make sure your name, department, section, class number, kind, variety and age as of January 1 and years in project area are on the card.

Animal Exhibitors showing REGISTERED livestock & dairy animals:

If you're showing registered animals, a copy of the registration paper needs to be uploaded & submitted WITH your online entry. If you have any questions please contact Steph at sah399@cornell.edu or 607-664-2571.



MARKET ANIMAL WEIGH IN

- ALL Market Animals MUST be clean & dry
- Upon arrival & weigh in, Market Lambs must have no more than 1" of wool and MUST be dry.
- Market Animals will be weighed in at the time of arrival on July 25th at the 4-H Showcase

Livestock Health Requirements 4-H & Cloverbud Animals

Please make sure you've read & understand the 2026 Health Requirements for each animal species. <https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/76732/fairhealthrequirements.pdf?1774273084>

It is YOUR responsibility to meet the health regulations. The regulations will be enforced for the protection of all exhibitors. If you have any questions, contact the CCE Office. All cattle, sheep, swine, and goats exhibited at the Showcase must have a valid certificate of Veterinary inspection (CVI). For New York State Animals the CVI must be issued and signed by a Category 2 Accredited Veterinarian on or after May 1 of the current year. Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the CVI.

There are no exceptions. Contact your veterinarian to arrange for a CVI.

All sheep or goats exhibited at the Showcase must be identified with USDA approved individual legible scrapie program identification.

All animals consigned to the 4-H Market Animal sale must comply with all drug withdrawal requirements. Notify your veterinarian that your animal is consigned to the sale before starting any drug treatment.

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Animals Tags

For 2026, all Market Animals will have 4-H tags put in their ears upon weigh in at the Showcase. This is to help keep everything organized for the Market Animal Sale. If you have any questions please contact

Steph at sah399@cornell.edu or 607-664-2571.



PROPERTY RULES



NO ALCOHOL



NO DRUGS



NO SMOKING/VAPING



NO DOGS

Showcase Inspection Procedures:

An Assigned official will be reviewing all “certificates of veterinary inspection” (CVI) for compliance with state regulations and for verifying individual identification of exhibited animals presented on a valid CVI. A CVI is required for cattle (beef and dairy), goats (dairy and meat), sheep, and swine.

Your CVI **must accompany the animal upon arrival to the 4-H Showcase**. Do not drop your animal off at the Showcase without the CVI with the animal. Send your CVI with your trucker if you are arriving after your animals.

Please have your CVI convenient for them to be checked. **Also it would be extremely appreciated if the 4-H member was available to present your animal to the person inspecting your CVI.** The person inspecting your animal must match your animal's identification (ear tag or in some sheep and goats cases legible tattoo) to the CVI.

Sore mouth in Sheep and Goats

If evidence of sore mouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any sheep or goat, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the Showcase premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

Animal Identification:

It is very important that each animal is properly identified. Individual identification is necessary under New York State Animal Requirements. All animals must carry positive individual identification such as an official USDA approved ear tag. All goats or sheep exhibited must have legible scrapie identification.

All Animal Exhibitors - Some Tips on Assuring Your Animal is Not Sent Home

If an assigned officials think that an animal looks "sick", they will take their temperature and perform a physical exam. It doesn't matter what might be wrong with an individual animal; if it looks sick or looks like it MIGHT have a contagious disease, then he/she has the right to not allow it in the barn or have it removed once the Showcase has started. It is the same with any contagious disease. The individual doesn't have to PROVE that an animal has one disease or another. The individual can make their decision on the SUSPICION of an infectious disease. This has been the case for many years. Nothing has changed.

1. **Make sure you have the necessary paperwork and vaccinations found in the Showcase Premium Book and on the CCE website at www.putknowledgegetwork.org**
2. **Make sure that all the identification matches on ALL paperwork and is legible.**
3. **No Warts – even one little wart** will warrant your animal being sent home.
4. **No Ringworm**
5. **Mucus – Any mucus from the nose that is yellow, white or green**
6. **Hairy Hoof Warts or any sign of limping or sore feet**
7. **Any resemblance to Pink Eye – even a bruise from trucking that could be pink eye – the worst will be assumed.**
8. **For Sheep and Goats - any lesions characteristic of sore mouth** and any sheep or goats originating from the same flock are considered exposed and must be removed from the grounds. Goats and sheep without proper scrapie identification will be sent home.

Some other tips include make sure you clip your animal before going to the Showcase. This gives you a good chance to thoroughly check your animals for any abnormalities. While at the Showcase, DO NOT share brushes, feed pails, water buckets or any other equipment. Sharing is good in certain areas, but it is a very good way to contract unwanted diseases so don't use others equipment.

2026 4-H Showcase Sleepover

The 4-H Showcase Sleepover will be held on July 25th beginning around 6 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Market Sale. We will have different activities planned throughout the evening - be prepared to have fun with 4-H friends! All 4-Hers are welcome to attend and participate in the evening activities from 6 to 10, however if you are not spending the night we ask that you do not stay later than 10pm. At 10pm everyone that is staying the night will be asked to stay under the large tent for the duration of the night. Everyone staying overnight is responsible for bringing their own sleeping arrangements (ie. tent, cot, air mattress, blankets, etc.) Parents/Guardians are allowed to stay but can only share tents with family members from the same household. Cloverbuds are welcome to stay but an adult is **REQUIRED** to stay the night with them.



Please feel free to reach out with question - jmg422@cornell.edu or sah399@cornell.edu

To sign up for the Sleepover please do so at: <https://form.jotform.com/261804503533148>

4-H Showcase Animal Showmanship

Entries Due July 1st ONLINE @
<http://Steubencountyfair4H.fairentry.com>

All 4-H members showing animals are required to show in a showmanship class, unless you have won Master Showman for that species. Exceptions may be granted by the 4-H staff or the staff's designated representative for extenuating circumstances and for the safety of exhibitors. If you do not show in a showmanship class and have not been excused from showing in showmanship you will forfeit your premiums for that species. **You must show your own animal in showmanship.**

Non-Owner Showmanship Classes

-Non-Owner showmanship is open to 4-H members who do not have an owned animal of that species on the grounds and therefore does not enter any other showmanship class for that species. 4-H members entering non-owner showmanship must show an animal other than their own. **Previous winners of non-owner showmanship are ineligible to compete for that species again for 3 years.** Class size may be limited due to time and number of entries. Cloverbuds cannot show in Non-Owner showmanship classes



2026 4-H Summer Showcase Makers Market!

Do you make crafts or t-shirts or baked goods? Do you have market or breed animals to sell? What about a service that folks might be interested in?

Register NOW to be a vendor at the 2026 4-H Summer Showcase!

<https://form.jotform.com/261805039063151>

Steuben County 4-H Market Project Sale

-The Annual 4-H Market Project Sale will be held on **Saturday, July 25th at 1:00 p.m. @ The 4-H Summer Showcase**

-CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION!!

-The order of animals to sell this year will be as follows, market turkeys, market chickens, market rabbits, market hogs, market steers, market heifers, market goats and market lambs

-Champions of each species will sell first, followed by the remaining class winners and top placing animals.

-Baked goods will be sold between animal species!



Attention Swine Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)

Exhibitors should not wear shorts or sandals/flip flops while showing their swine. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

If PEDv is SUSPECTED during the Showcase, the entire swine department will be sent off of the grounds.

If this occurs, it would be up to the 4-H family to make arrangements for where to take their pigs since they cannot stay on the Showcase grounds. Please note:

It's extremely important for you to prevent your hog(s) from having diarrhea at the Showcase. Due to the potential threat of spreading PEDv, **if any hog shows severe diarrhea that could be suspected as PEDv any time after they arrive ALL the pigs in the tent must be removed from the grounds.**

We know that many hogs have diarrhea after they get to the Show when they are perfectly healthy due to stress, change in diet, or change in water. **PLAN TO CARRY**

YOUR WATER FROM HOME.

Remember, that PEDv usually affects piglets causing them to die when they are very young. Older animals may show diarrhea, but usually recover. **If any of the pigs have diarrhea at the home farm, then no pigs should come to the Showcase from that farm.** A veterinarian should be called to examine any sick animals on any farm and let the decision whether to have the pigs tested for PEDv be that of a veterinary professional.

Attention Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine, Market Heifer Exhibitors

Lambs that are shown in the market lamb classes CANNOT be shown in the breeding sheep classes. Goats that are shown in the Market Goat Class CANNOT be shown in the breeding classes. Gilts shown in market classes CANNOT be shown in breeding classes. Market Heifers cannot be shown in the breeding classes.

Attention Dairy Cattle Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)

Whites are required for Dairy Showmanship. NO sandals/flip flops are to be worn while showing Dairy. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate. Also please make sure you have a neck strap or properly fitted halter to secure your animals in the barn for the safety of everyone.

Attention Sheep Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)

Exhibitors should not wear shorts or sandals/flip flops while showing their sheep. Exhibitors of sheep should wear a white shirt and black pants or jeans. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.



Attention Meat Goat & Beef Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)

Blue/Black Jeans and an acceptable shirt are to be worn in showing Meat Goats and Beef. NO shorts or sandals/flip-flops are to be worn. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

Also make sure you have a neck strap or properly fitted halter to secure your beef animals in the barn for the safety of everyone.

Attention Dairy Goat Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)

Whites are required for Dairy Goat Showmanship. NO sandals/flip flops are to be worn while showing goats. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate. Dairy goats with horns will not be permitted.

State Fair

NYS Fair Youth Building Seeks Youth Support

Steuben County 4-H exhibits will be on display at the State Fair from Wednesday, August 26th thru September 6th.

Volunteers & youth are needed to oversee the district booth some those days. Each adult will receive an entrance pass to the State Fair and a parking pass. Why not help out 4-H and stay and enjoy the State Fair? Children under 12 are admitted free to the State Fair. If you are able the help, please contact Jenny 607-664-2576 or jmg422@cornel.edu.

JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS

The Junior Superintendent position is designed to be an educational experience giving older 4-Hers an opportunity to learn workplace skills, team building and people skills. They will work alongside State Fair Program Coordinators and Program Superintendents to help 4-H State Fair programs run smoothly.

- Preference for the Junior Superintendent positions will be given to enrolled 4-H members in good standing with their counties who will have reached their 16th birthday within the current calendar year and have not reached

2026 Youth Leaders:

This year 9-12 year olds can work in their county booths under county volunteer supervision. This is a chance for younger 4-Hers to go the fair and conduct an activity for the youth that come through the youth building. This would be a good project for a club to do and all would get to see what happens at the state fair. Tickets would be available for the group. Contact Jenny if interested Jmg422@cornell.edu.

their 19th birthday before January 1st of the current year. Those who are 15 may only be considered if needed.

- A premium of \$40 per day will be given to those who adequately complete their responsibilities.

Contact Jenny – jmg422@cornell.edu for more information!

State Fair Teen Leadership Opportunities

Contact Jenny or Michelle if interested.

Teen Leaders:

Teen Leaders may work as Jr. Evaluators assisting the judges with the evaluation of projects in various programs like foods, clothing, Horticulture, Art Objects, etc. Or in addition to the above mentioned, teens are also needed to assist with activities in the building such as

GPS/GIS, shooting sports, Sustainable Energy, Cynology (dog), Poultry, Activity Zone, Jr. Iron Chef, Robotics Or work in the county booth.

All youth working as Teen Leaders will be paid a premium of \$12/day for working at least 6 hours and must be at least 13 years-old. Teen Leaders must be registered by their County Educator and should have some knowledge in the areas they are signing up to help with.

State Fair 4-H Animal Science Entries

4-H members who are interested in exhibiting their project animals must exhibit that species/animals at the 4-H Summer Showcase. **State Fair entries must be received at the Cooperative Extension Office by August 3rd.** The NYS Fair Youth Livestock book and entries can be found at <https://www.nys4-h.org/new-york-state-fair>. Updates will be shared in Monday Memo. If you are unable to download them copies can be made of the requested pages.

Dog – If you plan to exhibit at the 2026 NY State Fair Youth Dog Show, please notify Steph– **entries are due in July to CCE Steuben.** The Steuben County Showcase dog show will be the final

determination on who will represent Steuben County 4-H Dog Program. You MUST attend the Steuben 4-H Summer Showcase Dog Show to exhibit at the NYS Youth Dog Show. If you have any questions please contact Steph at 607-664-2571 or at sah399@cornell.edu

Horse Exhibitors please note: For horse members, eligibility & selection will be based those interested in attending and results from the June Qualifying and Showcase shows. Please contact Jenny (607-664-2576 or jmg422@cornell.edu if you are interested in exhibiting at State Fair.

State 4-H Dairy and Livestock Contests that you can take part in that do not require you to take an animal.

For more information about these contests contact the CCE office or visit the web <https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/state-events/state-fair/nys-fair-4-h-youth-educational-contests> Consider taking part in one of these contests as it will let you spend time at the fair, and you may be eligible to add points to your project champion selection criteria. State fair tickets will be made available for those participating in a 4-H Contest at the NYS Fair but the number available for other family members may be limited. **Several of these contests have Pre-Entries so contact the CCE office by August 3rd to indicate your interest.**

State 4-H Small Animal contests that you can take part in that do not require you to take an animal:

Poultry Science & Avian bowl: please visit <https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/state-events/nys-fair> for entry information and forms – due to CCE Steuben August 3rd.

Rabbit Science Decathlon & Cavy Science Decathlon: please visit <https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/state-events/nys-fair> for entry information and forms – due to CCE Steuben August 3rd

New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship

Steuben County was selected to once again hold the NY State Shooting Sports Championship. The only difference is it will be done in the fall. We will be offering the following disciplines on September 11-13, 2026:

- Archery
- Air Rifle
- Air Pistol
- Shotgun
- Muzzle Loader
- Hunting, Conservation, and Outdoor Skills

You must have completed the basic course for the discipline they choose to participate in. If you have any questions, please reach out to Anne at 607-664-2568 or email amz65@cornell.edu.

For all rules and regulations please visit: <https://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas/shooting-sports>





Past Events

District Presentations 2026



District Presentations took place on April 11th in Honeoye Falls Lima School District. Steuben had four youth participate in this year's competition and they did a wonderful job! We had 2 presenters receive top score awards – Marie Landry and Caroline Slayton both were in the top 10 scores for the day! We also had a youth receive Judge's Choice Awards – which recognize a judge's favorite presenter. This year Marie Landry earned a Judge's Choice Award. Great job to all!!

State Horse Competitions

Our Steuben County 4-H members competed in the New York State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest on April 18th at Cornell!

Our Junior Team of Maggie Fodge, Jaiden Corbitt and Caroline Slayton earned 5th place team. And individually Jaiden finished 3rd place!!

Our Senior participant Madeline Slayton was a member of the 5th place team and earned 5th place



individually - qualifying her as the alternate to attend the National 4-H Horse Bowl Contest held in Louisville, Kentucky in November. Well done ladies!

On May 18th Madeline Slayton competed in the State Horse Communications at Cornell University. In the Senior Division she earned a 6th place finish.



One June 7th our 4-H Horse members competed at the State Hippology and Horse Judging Contest in Cortland, NY. For Hippology Jaiden Corbitt placed 3rd Individually in the Junior Division. In the Horse Judging, Jaiden Corbitt placed 4th individually and 4th Place Team in the Junior Division; Madeline Slayton placed 10th in the Senior Division. Congratulations to all our participants

State Livestock Bowl

On April 25th, Cornell University hosted the inaugural 4-H Livestock Bowl. Participants ages 14-18 (Senior Division) first had to complete an online exam, where 36 youth would be invited to compete and 20 attended the event. Alice Gerow and Madeline Slayton

completed the exam online. Madeline Slayton was selected to move on to the competition and was on the 2nd place team.



Animal Crackers

The annual Animal Crackers program provides New York youth with fun, hands-on, science-oriented learning experiences on Animal Science topics. This workshop is for 4-H members interested in learning more about their favorite livestock, companion or pet animal species; emphasis on different species groupings and activities varies annually. Participants will learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with faculty, staff, students, professional producers, industry experts, and more, utilizing the unique facilities of Cornell University. Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group



Tractor Safety Program

This past Spring we kicked off our Tractor Safety program going in partnership with GST-BOCES Coopers Plains. During the sessions youth learned about tractor maintenance, identifying controls, and important operation safety. We had 5 youth participants complete the course. In addition to tractor safety, our youth also learned basic first aid and Stop the Bleed.

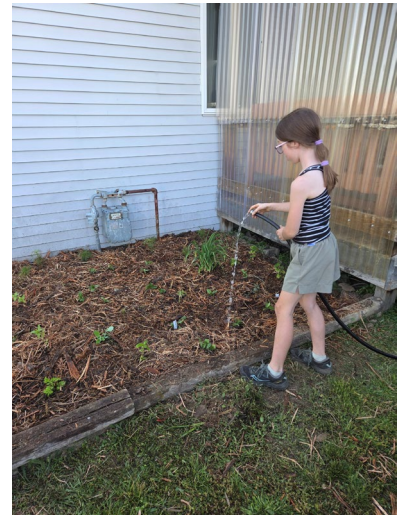


Spring Gardening Class & Community Service Garden

On April 18th was the yearly Spring Gardening Class at the Dormann Library in Bath. This year's gardening classes youth learned about propagating house plants and all about soil. They learned about the different components needed for plants to grow and thrive. Each youth got to take home their own mini greenhouses to get a jump start for their gardens at home. Each youth also received seeds to take home, so they can start growing their own gardens and continue the



learning at home thanks to Heidi's Helping Hands in Hornell, NY. The youth also helped kick off our Community Service Project with starting flower seeds that would be planted at the Friends of Howard Community Center in Howard, NY. On May 2nd youth met at the Community Center and got the flower beds ready for planting. On June 8th, our youth met again and planted all the flowers that were originally started on April 18th. We had more plants and flowers donated by Master Gardeners Susan Walker and Jessie Slayton with Hemlock Ridge Farms.



2026 Career Explorations



For over 90 years, the New York State 4-H Office has hosted the annual Career Explorations Conference on the Cornell Campus. Nearly 500 4-H youth and chaperones attend the action-packed, three-day event to immerse themselves in exploring their future education, career opportunities, and to experience Cornell University and campus life! Cornell faculty and graduate students conduct engaged-learning workshops in two age-specific tracks:

- 1) Focus for Teens programs for youth entering grades 10-12
- 2) University U programs for youth entering grades 8-9

Over 20 programs are offered to help youth understand what a particular career field entails, what type of education they would need to pursue, and to learn from the experiences of the Program Facilitators.

This year, Steuben County had 2 Focus Assistants, Alexis Hurd and Claire McKinley, who led teens and helped plan the event. The group had a great time exploring the Cornell Campus and making new friends from across the state.

4-H Science Nights

Our Science Nights have been such a hit with our youth that our Volunteer Scott Folckemer has been keeping the curiosity and creativity going. On April 2nd the youth learned about Baking Chemistry and what happens if a recipe isn't followed correctly. At the end they got to make a good mug cake.



On June 2nd, 11 youth took the Egg Drop Challenge. They were given a table of all kinds of recyclable materials to design a container that would protect their egg from a drop off a Fire Ladder Truck. Thanks to our partnership with the Bath Volunteer Fire Department, the creations were dropped from heights of 20 feet, 50 feet, 75 feet, and even 110 feet on both grass and blacktop! Youth applied concepts such as gravity, acceleration, impact force, and design engineering while testing and improving their creations.



Pottery Series



Twenty Steuben County 4-H youth participated in a hands-on pottery series at The heART Studio in Lindley, NY. The series fostered creativity, skill development, and self-expression. During the program, participants learned the fundamentals of pottery through sessions focused on pottery introduction, wheel throwing, trimming, hand-building techniques, and glazing. Youth also learned where clay comes from, including how natural clay can often be found in their own backyards, helping them connect art with the natural world. Throughout the series,



participants designed and created their own pottery pieces, which included a vessel of their choosing and a snail, while developing patience, problem-solving skills, and perseverance. In the final session, youth learned glazing techniques, including both dip glazing and painting glaze onto their creations. They enjoyed selecting colors and finishes that reflected their individual creativity and artistic vision.

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From Project to Premium: Marketing Series

On May 19th, our 4-H Marketing Class had the opportunity to meet with past bidders and buyers to learn firsthand what makes a bidder's letter stand out, what catches their attention in a project, and why they choose to support local 4-H youth year after year. Youth participants then put their skills into action by delivering two-



minute pitches to each business representative, practicing communication, professionalism, and confidence. The evening provided valuable insights and real-world experience that will help them as they prepare to recruit bidders for our Market Sale on July 25 during the Summer Showcase.

A huge thank you to our past bidders and buyers for sharing their knowledge,

encouragement, and support of our 4-H program. Your investment in our youth helps them grow into future leaders and entrepreneurs!

Country Crossroads Feed & Seed, Tom Edwards
Construction, HLW Acres Poultry Processing, Larry
Romance & Son, and Empire Livestock.



Livestock Showmanship & Fitting Clinic

On May 30th youth from Steuben and Allegany Counties spent the day learning hands-on grooming, fitting, and



showmanship skills with a variety of livestock species at the Allegany-Steuben Holstein Club in Canisteo, NY. Participants also took part in a mini livestock skillathon to help prepare for Showcase and the State Fair, putting their knowledge and skills to the test. A special thank you to **Country Crossroads Feed & Seeds** for providing an excellent feed



and nutrition session and for generously supplying lunch for everyone. At



the conclusion of the program, each youth received a certificate of completion, along with a brush or comb selected by the species experts to support their project work at home. Participants also took home Weaver Livestock clipping resources and species-specific knowledge worksheets to continue building their skills and knowledge beyond the clinic. Thank you to all of our incredible instructors and volunteers for sharing their knowledge, experience, and passion with our youth. Your dedication helps make opportunities like this possible!

