

November 4-H E-Newsletter
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November 2012
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Fulton & Montgomery
Counties

4-H Member and Volunteer Potluck Supper and Recognition Program

We're looking forward to seeing everyone - Remember to let us know if you are coming!

Because of interruptions caused by Superstorm Sandy, this event date has been changed to Friday, November 16th – same time and location.

Friday, November 16, 2012
East Hill Elementary School Cafeteria
25 School District Road, Canajoharie, NY 13317
6:30 p.m. Supper -- 7:30 p.m. Awards Program

4-H members and volunteers in Fulton and Montgomery Counties are invited to celebrate 4-H accomplishments, service & "growing green" in youth development programming during 2011-2012! All Fulton/Montgomery 4-H members, families and 4-H volunteers are welcome to attend. There will be a potluck supper, socializing, fun and award presentations! If you can't come for the potluck please join us for the awards ceremony !

Please bring a dish to share for the potluck supper as well as a serving utensil for your food item. Please let us know by 12 noon on November 15th what food you will be bringing and how many people from your 4-H club or family will be attending. We are looking for 4-H member and volunteer families to bring meat/cheese platters, veggies and dip, fruit platters, baked beans, salads, main dishes (beef stew, goulash, ziti, lasagna, Spanish rice, casseroles), bread/rolls etc. (Each dish should serve approximately 15 – 20 people). We will serve ice-cream sundaes for dessert. The 4-H office will provide beverages, dessert, plates, utensils and napkins.

4-H member project award discs will be presented as well as 4-H volunteer certificates and tenure pins. Special recognition will go to outstanding 4-H members and volunteers. 4-H premium checks will also be available for 4-H members who exhibited items at the 2012 Fonda Fair and completed and submitted their 4-H Member Record Books by October 15th.

We look forward to seeing you November 16th!

Directions

From NYS Thruway Exit 29 Canajoharie

Right on Rt. 5S west to Church St./Rt. 10 (.2 miles). Left on Church St./Rt. 10 to traffic light at intersection of Church St./Rt. 10 and Montgomery St. (.1 miles). Left on Montgomery St. to Maple Avenue (.2 miles). Right on Maple Ave through flashing yellow light to flashing red light at Burch St. (.3 miles).

For Elementary/Middle School complex turn left on Burch St. to school (.3 miles)

From North (Rt. 5 or Rt. 10)

Follow to stoplight in Palatine Bridge (intersection of Rt. 5 & Rt. 10). Rt. 10 south over river to traffic light at intersection of Church St./Rt. 10 and Montgomery St. (.4 miles). Left on Montgomery St. to Maple Avenue (.2 miles). Right on Maple Ave through flashing yellow light to flashing red light at Burch St. (.3 miles).

For Elementary/Middle School complex turn left on Burch St. to school (.3 miles)

From South (Rt. 10)

Follow Rt. 10 to 1st stoplight in Canajoharie (intersection of Church St./Rt. 10 & Montgomery St.). Right on Montgomery St. to Maple Avenue (.2 miles). Right on Maple Ave through flashing yellow light to flashing red light at Burch St. (.3 miles).

For Elementary/Middle School complex turn left on Burch St. to school (.3 miles)

From West (Rt. 5S)

Follow Rt. 5S to 1st stoplight in Canajoharie (intersection of Main St./Rt. 5S & Church St./Rt. 10). Right on Church St./Rt. 10 to traffic light at intersection of Church St./Rt. 10 and Montgomery St. (.1 miles). Left on Montgomery St. to Maple Avenue (.2 miles). Right on Maple Ave through flashing yellow light to flashing red light at Burch St. (.3 miles).

For Elementary/Middle School complex turn left on Burch St. to school (.3 miles)

Criteria for Honor Club Designation at Fulton/Montgomery 4-H Member Recognition Program

- 4-H club set goals for the 4-H year and submitted a *Goals Poster Sheet* to the 4-H Office on or before December 1st.
- 4-H club evaluated its goals, documented and celebrated its accomplishments and submitted *Accomplishment Sheet* to the 4-H office by October 15th.
- The 4-H club organizational leader completed and submitted a *Member Project Data Sheet* showing all club members enrolled in and completing a minimum of one 4-H project for the past 4-H year by October 15th.
- 4-H club created, adopted and submitted a *Club Calendar* to the 4-H office on or before December 1st.



- 4-H club secretary submitted a minimum of 10 monthly *Secretary's Reports* to the 4-H office during the past 4-H year reflecting a well-rounded 4-H club program with regular business meetings, community service, project work and recreational activities.
- 4-H club audit committee completed internal club audit comparing the treasurer's record book, cash and bank account records covering the previous 4-H year and submitted a signed *4-H Club Audit Report* to the 4-H office by October 15th. Also attached a *4-H Club Financial Statement* for the same period signed by the club treasurer and organizational leader as well as the past year's treasurer's book.



Northeast 4-H Volunteer e-Forum

The 4-H Youth Development Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension in Fulton and Montgomery Counties plans to combine the archived taped webinars from the three evenings below into a local training for Fulton/Montgomery 4-H volunteers on a Saturday sometime during the winter of 2013; however, in the meantime, if you'd like to participate in one or more of the upcoming "live" webinars, please find the information below to do so.

For the first time ever the Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Forum will be hosted virtually (e-Forum) with 4-H volunteers and Extension/4-H staff as participants. The goal of the webinars is to have 4-H volunteers and staff learn, share and re-energize with new ideas. Through evening webinars, 4-H volunteers will gather in local Cooperative Extension offices to hear from national experts, participate in group exercises and learn from others while experiencing new technological advances. Each webinar site will provide light refreshments and beverages.

e-Forum Webinar 2 - Monday- November 5th , 6:45 p.m. – CCE office of Rensselaer County, 61 State Street, Troy, NY 12180

RSVP by October 29th by contacting the Rensselaer CCE office at 272-4210

Topics to be covered will be:

-Shared Leadership in 4-H Clubs: The Role of the Teen Leader

-Dealing with Difficult People

Holiday Workshops Also Offered!

Preceding e-Forum Webinar 2 will be two holiday workshops open to all (space is limited and cost is \$5 per workshop). Participants may select one of the two classes being offered and described below. Classes will begin at 6 PM at the CCE office of Rensselaer County. You may select one of the following workshops and indicate which workshop when you RSVP. What a great way to get warmed up for the webinar, by doing some festive, hands-on activities that you can replicate with your 4-H members! Space is limited and registration will be taken on a first come basis. You may pay at the door, but you must pre-register.

Holiday Workshop 1 - Transferring Pictures – Come learn how to get your members interested in photography by teaching them how to turn their pictures into a piece of art by transferring their pictures onto wood. It truly makes for a great arts project and gift for family and friends.

Holiday Workshop 2 - Funtastic Brownies – When you are baking, your recipe is like a road map-you know where you are and you know where you want to end up, but you can get there lots of different ways. When you make Funtastic Brownies you have the opportunity to explore those side roads – you will experiment with ingredients. This easy project will open the door to food science and the end products are guaranteed to be delicious!

eForum Webinar 3 – Monday-November 12th, 6:45 p.m. – CCE office of Saratoga County, 50 W. High Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

RSVP by November 5th by contacting the Saratoga CCE office at 885-8995

Topics to be covered will be:

-Dealing with Challenging Parents

-Positive Parental Involvement in 4-H Youth Programming

Don't Forget.....

4-H Member and Volunteer Re-Enrollments Due December 1st!

4-H re-enrollments are due December 1st. Make sure that each 4-H club member and 4-H independent member has completed and submitted his/her paperwork and paid his/her enrollment fee. An individual re-enrollment submitted after December 1st must include a \$10.00 late fee. A family unit re-enrollment submitted after December 1st must include a \$15.00 late fee.

Did You Know?

For your convenience there is a **drop box** at our CCEFM office in Canajoharie. If you are in the neighborhood on a Friday or afterhours, please feel free to leave items for the 4-H staff. The drop box is located next to the side door (not the main entrance) on Little Mohawk Street. Look for the clothes donation bin and the drop box is next to the handicap entrance. We hope you find this drop box helpful.

4-H Animal Happenings

4-H Animal Nutrition Workshop: November 20th 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Youth will learn the basics of good nutrition for different animals from dogs and rabbits to cows and horses and many other species as well.

This workshop is targeted for youth ages 8-12, but is open to all 4-H youth, parents, and leaders. ***Please bring a sample of the feed you feed your animal (any species) in a zip lock bag as well as the tag off the***

feedbag that goes with that sample. Pre-register by November 16th by calling Bonnie at 518-673-5525 ext. 115 or email bsp8@cornell.edu.



Calling all 4-H Members Interested in Dairy Quiz Bowl

Would you like to be a part of the 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Program? Dairy Quiz Bowl involves learning and practicing information about the Dairy Cow (Science) as well as the Dairy Industry (Management) and then competing on what you know at a contest in March. This year the Regional Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest will be held right here in the Fulton-Montgomery County area. It is tentatively scheduled for March 9, 2013.

Please let us know if you are interested by calling and signing up. We will need to know your age (as of January 1, 2013) and if you have done 4-H quiz bowl in the past. We are also looking for coaches, so if a parent or volunteer is interested in coaching, please have them get in touch with Bonnie Peck at the 4-H office. Once we have our coaches set for the year, someone will be in touch with those who have signed up to schedule the first meeting.

4-H Livestock Roundtable: December 11th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Cornell Cooperative Extension Office

Would you like to see workshops and activities for 4-H youth raising livestock in Fulton and Montgomery Counties? The 4-H Livestock Roundtable is for club leaders, parents, and older youth who would like to help plan and carry out livestock related workshops, clinics, events etc. this 4-H year. It can be done if there is enough interest and involvement. Livestock will include swine, sheep, beef, and goats. Please RSVP to Bonnie at bsp8@cornell.edu or 518-673-5525 Extension 115 by Monday, December 10th. The Livestock Roundtable event will be held at the Cooperative Extension office in Canajoharie. Only those who responded will be notified in the case of cancellation.

New York Farm Bureau Offers Scholarships to Students who Plan an Ag-Related Future!

New York Farm Bureau is encouraging high school seniors who have been involved with agriculture and plan on continuing studies in this field to apply for the New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship sponsored by the New York Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee.

Scholarship awards are \$1,500 for first place \$1,200 for second and \$1,000 for third place. The first place winner will be invited to present their essay at a NYFB Spring event. Students applying must have a family Farm Bureau membership or a Student Farm Bureau membership (a membership application may be included with scholarship enclosures).

Students are required to submit a brief essay answering the question, "If you had the power to change something in your community or on your farm, what would you change and why?" At the District level, a personal interview and essay presentation may be scheduled at the discretion of the District Representative.

The winner at the county level will be the applicant scoring the highest for each county. The District winner will be overall highest county winner. District winners will be notified on or

before the District judging deadline of January 18th 2013. The District winners will have an opportunity to make minor changes (i.e. grammar, spelling, additional awards etc.) to their applications prior to the February 1st final deadline, at which time all applications must be received by New York Farm Bureau for the state judging. The State competition is based solely upon the application and attachments. County Farm Bureaus are urged to utilize the talents of these young people for county events such as Earth Day and Ag Day Celebrations, special events, county Annual Meetings and Rural Urban Dinners. These young people are the future of Agriculture in NYS and a voice of hope and passion in this ever-changing environment we call home. Help empower them to spread the message.

The application submission deadline is November 18, 2012. To nominate someone for the scholarship or to request an application, call 1-800-342-4143 or visit <http://www.nyfb.org> and then scroll down to "Farm Essentials" for scholarship information and the application.

Community Events



4-H Interest Meeting: November 28th 6:30-8:00 p.m. @ Shirley Luck Senior Citizen Center

4-H takes you places! Youth interested in becoming new 4-H members and adults interested in helping local youth develop into competent, caring and contributing adults through a new 4-H club are invited to attend a 4-H interest meeting. A 4-H interest session for parents and youth who are

between kindergarten and 12th grade is set for Wednesday, November 28th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Shirley J. Luck Senior Citizens Center, 109 East Main Street, Johnstown, New York.

Individuals planning to participate in this 4-H interest meeting are asked to call 4-H staff at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 673-5525, ext.113 or ext. 114 no later than 12 noon on November 28th. 4-H, the youth development program of Cornell Cooperative Extension, provides youth and adults with exciting, interesting and rewarding experiences. 4-H youth development provides opportunities for youth ages 5 –19, under the guidance of adult volunteers and Extension staff to pursue projects of particular interest, learn about healthy lifestyles, and participate in programs with a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) focus through neighborhood clubs and individual study. The core 4-H ideal of practical, "learn- by- doing" experiences encourages youth to inquire, experiment, innovate and think independently. Subject matter skills taught in projects are the foundation for the youth development that occurs in 4-H.



Veterans' Day Parade: November 10th 9:30 a.m. in Gloversville

The Gloversville Veteran's Day Parade Committee has invited 4-H Clubs to march in their parade again this year. The parade route incorporates Main Street (starting near Price Chopper) and ends at City Hall. Please let us know if your 4-H Club is planning to participate.

4-H Comings and Goings



2012 Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser:

A huge thank-you goes out to the 4-H family and tractor supply stores, especially our Amsterdam and Gloversville stores!

Customers at Tractor Supply (TSC) stores had the opportunity to support 4-H by purchasing paper clovers for \$1.00 at checkout. All funds raised are donated to 4-H, and 70% will remain at the county and state level where the store is located. To learn about the TSC and 4-H partnership, please visit Tractorsupply.com/4-H.

Over the last two-and-a-half years, Tractor Supply's Paper Clover fundraiser has raised over \$1.6 million in support of 4-H programs across the country. The efforts of the Amsterdam and Gloversville TSCs have most recently provided support for Fulton/Montgomery's participation in the 4-H Career Explorations at Cornell University in June 2012 and implementation of the Fulton/Montgomery 4-H Vet Science Special Interest Program August 1 & 2.

Awards & Recognition

Correction for Fonda Fair Animal Show Results:

There were two errors/omissions in the "4-H Fonda Fair Animal Show Results" article in last month's e-newsletter. Katie Gray was the winner of the Grand Champion American Chincilla Breed in the 4-H Rabbit Show. In addition, Kaitlyn Phillips won the "Grand Champion 4-H Hereford" trophy that was sponsored by Mule Hill Farm in Memory of Malcolm A. Wilbur.

Be sure to check the website often to find updates and new information between issues of our e-newsletter. Also, check the web calendar and the 4-H Happenings box on the 4-H page for important dates.