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February 2006

4-H Public Presentations 2006

Saturday, March 11

SUNY Ulster, Hardenbergh Hall

(Make a left at the SUNY Ulster Main Entrance and park in Lot F)

9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Look for the 4-H Clovers!

Format: 4-H Member will “check-in” at the registration desk, be assigned to a room, give their presentation, receive immediate feedback, take their evaluation form to the registration desk to receive their award sticker.

Registration DEADLINE: February 17, 2006

Introducing..... Dona Crawford

Dona will be working in the 4-H Office 1/2 time as the Volunteer and Events Coordinator. She will be responsible for coordinating 4-H Events and helping the 4-H Office to work with our 4-H volunteers, especially 4-H Club leaders. Plans are underway to develop routine communication with volunteers via: visits, calls, emails, and mentors. The 4-H Office is so happy to have the volunteer expertise and smile that Dona brings to the 4-H team.

Dona Crawford has been working for the past year as the Master Gardener Coordinator for Cornell Cooperative Extension. A lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley, Dona comes to Extension by way of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater where she spent thirty years working with volunteers coordinating aspects of every event, fundraiser and project thereby helping Clearwater gain its nation wide recognition. She has twice served on Clearwater's Board of Directors, and was involved in the fight to make GE responsible for cleaning up the PCB's in the Hudson River. Currently, she lives in Olivebridge with her husband where she avidly tries to outwit the deer and other garden predators. She has five grown children and four grandchildren, and is an award winning photographer. Dona's horticulture background comes from working one-on-one with landscapers and homeowners in high-end nurseries, and large tree farms. "I have enjoyed the past year working with the volunteers in Ulster County and learning more than I ever wanted to about bugs. I am hoping to be involved with the 4-H groups and get to know all the wonderful people I have heard about."





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4-H CLUB ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

- Ellen & Rusty Hausmann, Jenny Burkins & Ben Campbell.....
4-H Animals & Company
- Lisa Chichkov4-H Cool Kids
- Rochelle Jourdan, Donna Grimm, & Debbie Smith
A Little This, A Little That
- Angie Skretta-Huck & Kathleen Martin
 Animals Around the World
- Joe Watson & Mary Pottinger Budding Gardeners
- Lisa Lackemann, MaryLou Giuliano, Lynn Fleming & Roxanne
 ChurchillCapricious Kids Club
- Dianne Weeks & Sue Cohen Cats, Cloth & Cookery
- Julie Brinkmann & Lisa Candy Crazy Critters
- Susan & Gary Clark..... Equestrians Unlimited
- Annie Mardiney & Roxanne Churchill.....
 Feathered Friends Poultry Club
- Pat Rudge..... Foxfire
- Alan Brooks, Don Hover & Cheryl Taylor..... Golden Arrows
- Jen Holz, George Holz & Annette Mackrel..... Homesteaders
- Susan & Timothy Bruck The Musketeers
- MaryLou GiulianoOlive Extravaganzers
- Robin Baker, Amy & Rick Finkbeiner
Rondout Rockin Rabbits
- Allyson Nichols, Denise Barringer & Lori Zelinsky
Samsonville Barnyard
- Heidi White & Debbie McCullough.....
 Shawangunk Ridge Equestrians
- Jenny Burkins & Ben Campbell Teen Council
- Jenny Burkins, Carol Carboni, and Lori Halwick.....
 Ulster County 4-H MuttMasters
- Roberta Jackson & Carla Picayo
Ulster Equistars and Pony People

The County Observer is the monthly publication for the 4-H Youth Development Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County. Cornell Cooperative Extension is the unique educational network linking Ulster County with resources from Cornell University and the USDA.

The mission of the 4-H Youth Development Program is to “help young people become self-directed, productive and contributing members of society.” Participation in the 4-H Program is open to all interested youth, regardless of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, or handicap. Youth ages 5-19 are invited to be 4-H members.

4-H Youth Development Staff Team

- Patricia Zellmer, Team Coordinator
- MaryLou Giuliano, After School Program Educator
- Dona Crawford, 4-H Event & Volunteer Coordinator
- Jennifer Burkins, 4-H Administrative Assistant

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**For more information please contact the
 4-H Staff
 845-340-3990**

Club Chatter

In September we gave money to the Olive Extravaganzers who were raising money for a 4-H family that was hit by hurricane Katrina. We just received a letter from them during the holidays. The group is called "Ropes and Reins". They are rebuilding their house and barn and lost some of their animals. We are all writing our own letters to send to them. We are writing about ourselves and what we do in 4-H here in N.Y. We hope we get another letter back from them.

Samsonville Barnyard—Samantha Nichols

During our January meeting we discussed Public Presentations workshop, the Star Retreat, Career Explorations and Vet. Science. We began planning for our May 13 dog show to be held at the UC Fairgrounds. We are planning on having all levels of obedience, APDT and AKC Rally and TDI, CGC classes. Pet Photos were a big success at Agway in December. Obedience classes begin on March 14.

U.C. 4-H MuttMasters—Micaela Young

In January we managed to pull off the Sneaky Math: Measuring for Cooking and Alternative Cookie Making Workshop. Participants were greeted by the smell of Carob Peanut Butter Cookies baking in the oven. Using dried beans for measuring the youth discovered how many scoops of the fractional ($1/2$, $1/3$, & $1/4$) measuring cups it took to fill the one cup measure. They created their own "How to Measure for Cooking" book to take home. The youth then applied their new skills to making a cookie recipe. Each group made one of the three different wheat-free, refined sugar-free cookie recipes: Carob Peanut Butter, Oatmeal Coconut Date or Molasses Ginger Crinkles. Dough was split among the group and taken home for freezing and/or later baking. Everyone took home their own mini recipe book for future us. Yum!

Brooke Tinti's Club

At our January meeting Michele Grazier's mom helped us make envelopes. The envelope's will be donated to the Olive Free Library. Some of our club members will be attending public presentations.

Olive Extravaganzers—Michele Grazier

Honor Secretaries

January

Samantha Nichols Samsonville Barnyard
Micaela Young..... U.C. 4-H MuttMasters
Michelle Grazier..... Olive Extravaganzers

Community Service

We sponsored a family in need from the local elementary school during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. At Thanksgiving we made up a food basket for dinner along with extra groceries. For Christmas we made up gift baskets and bags for the family members and included bags of groceries along with special things to make a nice Christmas dinner.

4-H Cool Kids

2006 Ulster County Tractor Certification Classes

Teenagers. Thinking about working for a farm or lawn maintenance business? Get the training you need to safely operate the equipment by enrolling in Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County 4-H Tractor Safety Course. The program is open to all youth ages 14-19. The instructor is Grant DeWitt who qualified at the National Contest Level. Registration will be at the Education Center on Tuesday, March 21. The following meetings, on March 23, 28, 30 and April 4, will be held at the Ulster County Fairgrounds. Driving Practice will be April 6 & 7, the test will be Saturday, April 8. Registration is limited to the first 15 paid youth. The cost is \$15. Make checks payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County (CCEUC).



4-H News

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County budget was cut \$20,000. The Reorganization of the 4-H Program looks like this:

Issue LeaderPatti Zellmer
Half time Volunteer and Events Coordinator
.....Dona Crawford
Grant Sponsored School Program
.....MaryLou Giuliano
Administrative Assistant Jenny Burkins
Senior Extension Resource Educator
..... Open

2006 Calendar Update

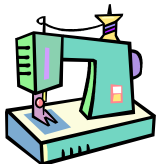
At the 2005-2006 4-H Leaders Rally the 4-H Organizational Leaders gave their input to schedule the 2006 4-H Dates for fall events and activities. Recommendations included: planning NO events in October and avoiding Saturdays. Please take note of these fall 4-H dates, made with Leaders recommendations. The full 2006 4-H Calendar can be viewed at:

http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/ulster/4H_Events.htm

September 15 (Friday PM).....
.....2006 Leader Rally
October 15 (Sunday).....
..4-H Record Books/Award Applications Due
November 3 (Friday PM).....
.....4-H Achievement Night
November 18 (Saturday).....
.....4-H Officer Training

2006 4-H Clothing Revue Dates Mark your Calendars

April 26..... Clothing Evaluations
May 124-H Clothing Revue



New Leader Training/Refresher

New Leader Training/Refresher will be held: Tuesdays, February 21 and 28, from 6-9 PM at the Extension Education Center in Kingston. This training is for new 4-H Club Leaders. Current 4-H Leaders are welcome to join us! The 4-H Philosophy and Developmental process will be presented through the outline of the State 4-H Leaders Handbook. In the spirit of 4-H, there will be hands-on activities. Please contact the 4-H Office if you would like to visit or attend!

Have Your Story Featured in the 2008 National 4-H Calendar!

National 4-H Supply Service wants to hear about your favorite 4-H project and why it is meaningful. Your story could be used in the 2008 National 4-H Calendar. Sending in a submission may even get you a free gift certificate towards your next purchase of merchandise from the 4-H Source Book!

The 2008 calendar theme is "My Favorite 4-H Project". It will be up to 4-H members, volunteers, parents, and staff to furnish the stories that will be featured. These personal testaments must tell the what, when, where, why, and how; so everyone can understand how 4-H projects are meaningful.

One story for each month will be featured in the calendar and the author will receive one \$10 gift certificate towards a future purchase in the 4-H Source Book. Please limit your entry to 125 words due to the space restrictions of the calendar. Don't forget to include your contact information.

Please email, fax or mail your stories to: CCE of Ulster County, 4-H Office, 10 Westbrook Lane, Kingston, NY 12401

Fax: 845-340-3993

Email: jl64@cornell.edu

The submission deadline is **April 15, 2006**

Animal Science News

4-H Goat Dates/Information

Spring Goat Clinic
Sunday, June 11
1-3 PM

Ulster County Fairgrounds

Will include: Showmanship, hoof trimming, tattooing available

Fair Set-Up
Sunday, July 30
1 PM

2006 Cornell Caprine Outing at Camp Owata, Cortland County, on September 22-24, 2006. The 3-day Workshop will present lectures, demonstrations, Hands-on practices and much more, given by Experienced instructors in the field of Dairy and Meat Goats for both Youth and Adults.

Attention Poultry Exhibitors!

WHO: Birds 4 Months of age (16 wks) and OLDER (waterfowl and pigeons excluded)

What: Pullorum Testing

When: Saturday, June 17, 2006
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Ulster County Fairgrounds,
Libertyville Rd., New Paltz, NY

Why: Requirement to exhibit at the County and State Fairs

How (Many): Up to 20 Birds

Call 518-457-5558 for a complete flock test

Plan ahead so you won't be left out of the fair

There will be no testing at the fair!

Calling all Equine Artists... Banner Design Contest for Region VI 4-H Horse Program

The design will be voted on at the Regional Horse Bowl on February 25. The winning design will be used to create a new Region VI Banner to be hung at the horse barn at the Great New York State Fair and appropriate Regional events.

Design requirements for the Region VI 4-H Banner

MUST: Be the creation of a 4-H Youth and **INCLUDE** these items:

1. The official 4-H Clover
2. The Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Seal
3. All counties: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, Suffolk, Ulster, Westchester
4. Region VI 4-H Horse Program
5. A horse

*Note: The official 4-H Clover and CCE Seal will be provided. Artists simply needs to show the placement of the Clover and Seal.

Bring your designs to the Regional Horse Bowl, Saturday, February 25.



Auction Dinner: Chef Ric Orlando, New World demonstrates how to prepare Latin Style Pork Stew with Pigeon Peas

Animal Science News

Congratulations 2006 Ulster County 4-H Horsebowl & Hippology Teams

These 4-H members will advance to Regional Competition on February 25. Go Ulster County!

Horsebowl Novice Team

Joel Moskowitz
Heather Pardee
Ilaila Cuevas
Kevin Seche

Horsebowl Junior Team

Shelby Cocks
Katlyn McCullough
Ellie Correll
Deanna Zajic

Horsebowl Senior Team

Brittney LaMark
Jamie Lopez
Ariel Parker
Jordan Kalish
McKinley Matteson
Michelle Robinson

Hippology Novice Team

Joel Moskowitz
Heather Pardee
Ilaila Cuevas
Kevin Seche

Hippology Junior Team

Shelby Cocks
Katlyn McCullough
Ellie Correll
Deanna Zajic

Hippology Senior Team

Brittney LaMark
Jamie Lopez
Ariel Parker
Jordan Kalish
McKinley Matteson
Michelle Robinson
Bridgette Slevin

4-H Veterinary Science

Unit 1, The Normal Animal begins March 2 at SUNY Ulster. Local veterinarians will present hands-on-teaching. The registration fee is \$10 due with registration. Participation is limited to 20 teens, age 13-19. Make checks payable to: CCE of Ulster County.

Bunny Basics Sunday, April 2, 2006 Adams Fairacre Farm



Thinking about getting a bunny for a 4-H Project and/or Easter? 4-H rabbit project members will help you learn about selecting and caring for a rabbit. The workshop is free. Bunny Basic books will be available for \$2.00. Please call the 4-H Office to register for this program.

Help Wanted



The help of 4-H Youth (ages 13 and older) at Public Presentations on March 12, 2006 from 8:30-12:30 is needed. No prior experience is necessary. Pay will be in the form of Dona's unending gratitude. (*If you are not doing a public presentation, this is a great leadership opportunity, and a chance to cheer your friends on and see what Public Presentations are all about..*) Please call Dona at 340-3990 or email her at dm282@cornell.edu if you think that you can help out. I guarantee that you will have a great time! Thank you in advance for volunteering.

Dates of coming Animal Science Events

March Dog Madness, March 18, Cornell University

Animal Crackers, May 6, Cornell University

4-H Stars Retreat

Friday, April 21- Sunday, April 23, 2006

Did you ever want to

- ... meet teens from all across the state?
- ... make your voice heard?
- ... have tons of fun?

Then you're in luck! The 4-H State Teen Action Reps retreat is where you want to be for a weekend of mental challenges, skill development and interesting workshops, plus the STARlight ball and 4-H STAR search. Some opportunities include working on public speaking skills, understanding how to work with local officials, adding your own personal touch to the 4-H building, and learning how to make your voice heard. This weekend is about making changes in your community through leadership and action, all while meeting new people and having a great time.



Who? All New York State 4-H teens (13-19). No need to be a STAR or teen ambassador.

Where? New York State Fairgrounds- Syracuse, NY

When? April 21-23, 2006

Cost? \$60 for lodging, meals, and workshop supplies

If you are interested in attending, please contact Dona at the 4-H office. The opportunity to attend will be based on a first come first serve basis. Transportation will be provided.

EQUIFEST

A weekend of education and fun for the horse enthusiast

May 20-21, 2006

held at the Ulster County Fairgrounds

Sat. 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sun 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Speakers, Demonstrations, Vendors, Fashion Show

Speakers and Demo's on Dressage, Hunt Seat, Reining, Natural Horsemanship, Breeds and General Horse Knowledge

Tickets at the door \$8.00 per day, bring back Sat's ticket for a \$4 discount on Sunday

Sat. night Dinner with the Speakers. Details to be announced on website.

Info: Julie 845-687-0885 or www.uchc-ny.org



Home Economics Scholarship

The deadline to apply for the Home Economics scholarship is **April 15, 2006**. This scholarship provides financial assistance for 4-H members to apply toward post-high-school education.

Who May Apply?

Graduating High School Seniors

Criteria

Must currently be a 4-H member and currently be involved in the 3rd year or more of a 4-H Home Economics Project.

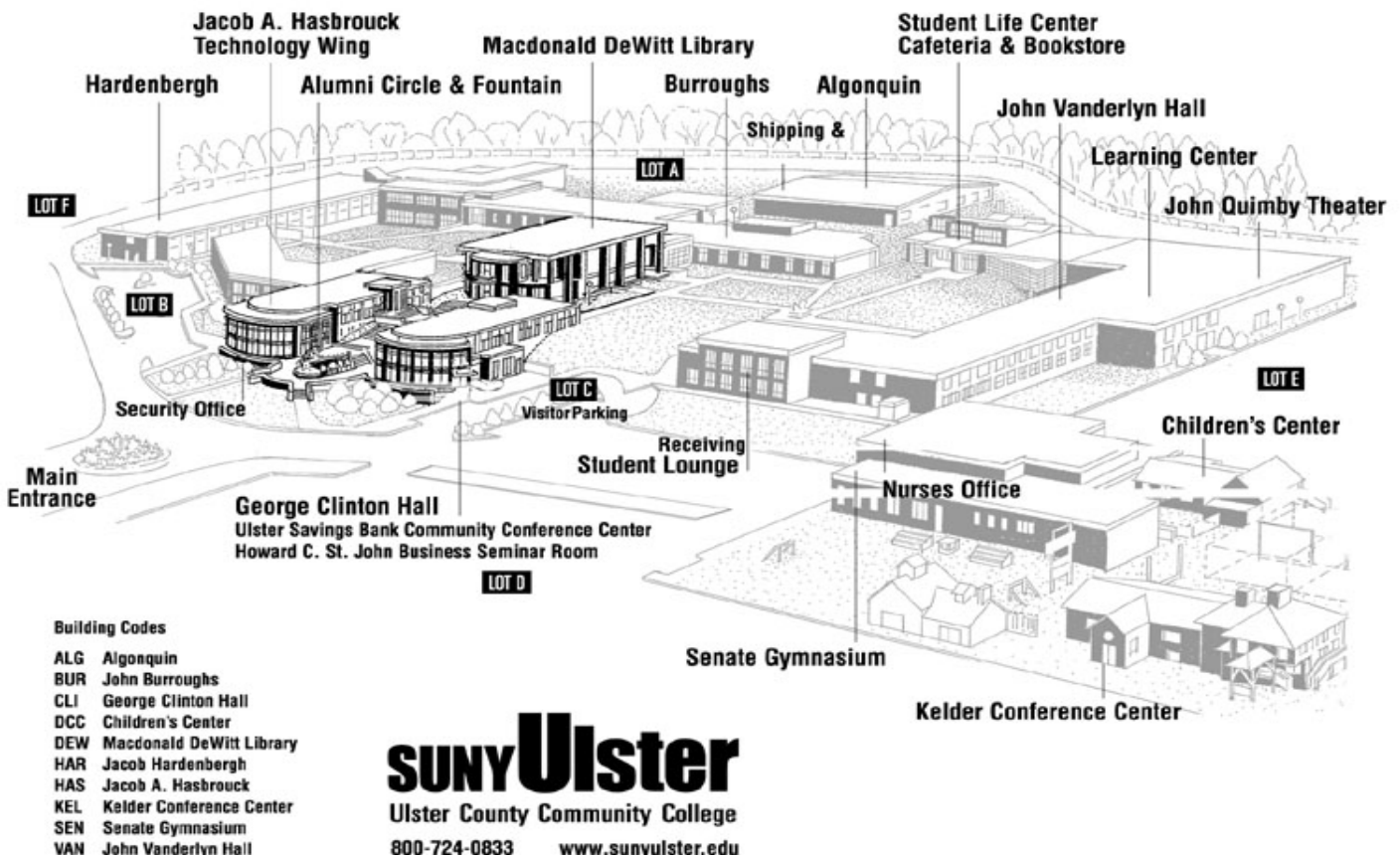
Scholarship Amount

\$200.00 per scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored by the Family and Consumer Science Program Development Committee.

Please call Jenny at the 4-H office to request a Home Economics Scholarship application.

All applications can be mailed to the office before April 15, 2005 or faxed (340-3993). Please mark all applications and envelopes to the attention of 4-H. Applications received after April 15, 2005 will not be accepted.



Map of SUNY Ulster for Public Presentations. Presentations will be held in Hardenbergh Hall.

RETURN SHEET

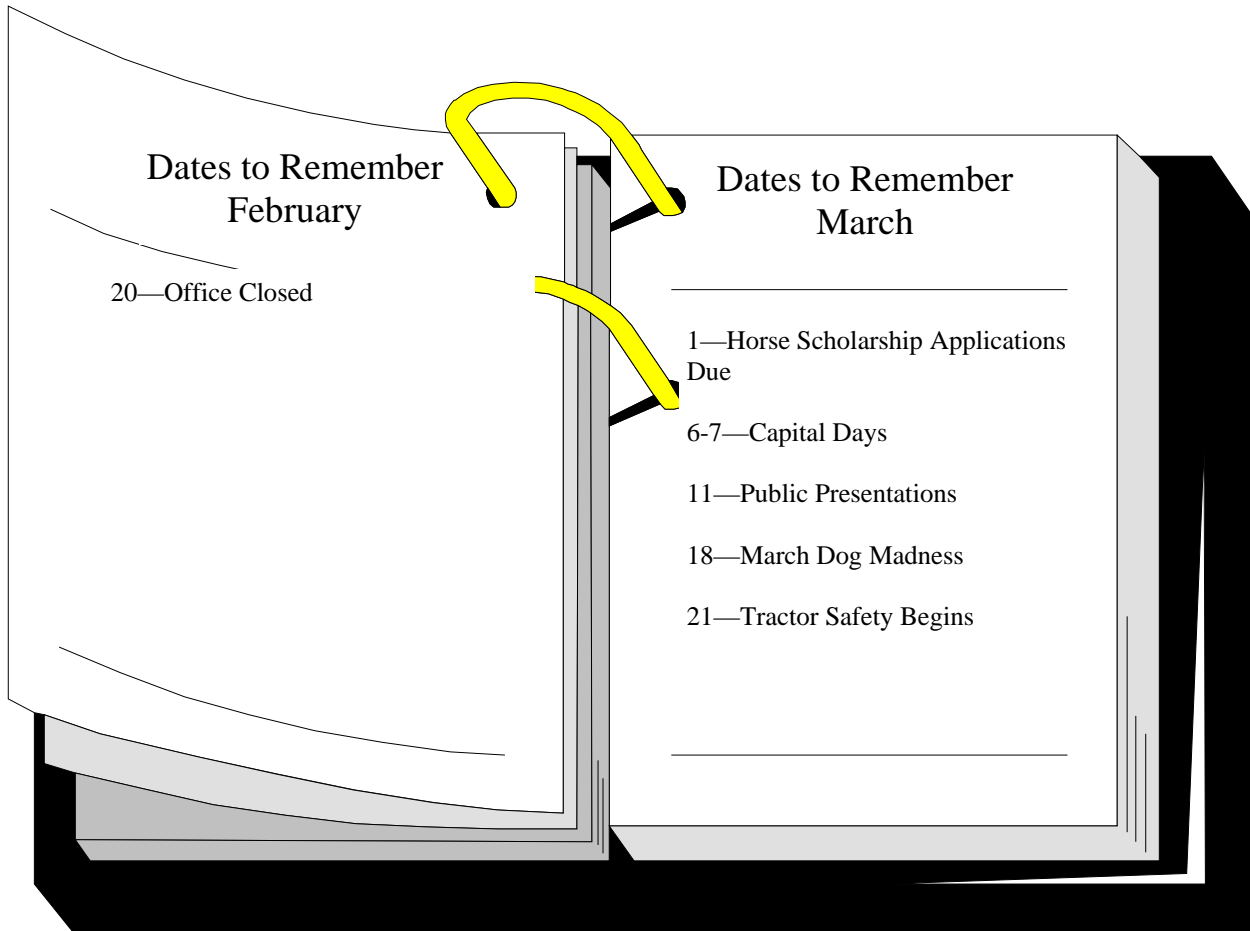
Use this form to register for any class/workshop offered in the Observer

RETURN TO: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, 10 Westbrook Lane, Kingston, NY 12401

OR: Email to: jl64@cornell.edu

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Activity/Training	Date	Names of Attendees	Address	Phone #	Fee





Members of the Samsonville Barnyard and Homesteaders 4-H Clubs attended the Public Presentation Workshop in Onteora. Other 4-Hers not available for the photo from the Foxfire and Cats, Cloth, and Cookery 4-H Clubs



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