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County Observer

February 2008

4-H Public Presentations 2008

Saturday, March 8

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!

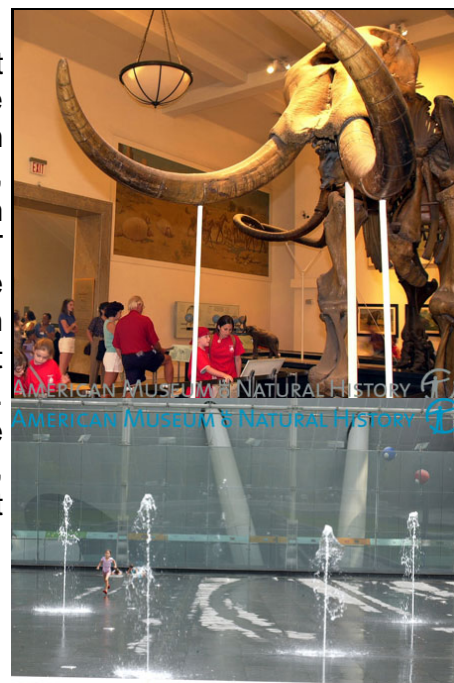
Format: 4-H Member will “check-in” at the registration desk, be assigned to a room, give their presentation, receive immediate feedback, take their evaluation form to the registration desk to receive their award sticker.

Registration DEADLINE: March 3, 2008

4-H Day at the Museum

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You saw “A Night at the Museum” now you can spend a day *on site* at the Museum of Natural History! A 4-H sponsored bus trip will take place on Thursday, March 20, 2008. The bus will depart from Kingston at 8:00 am and return at 7:00 pm. The ticket price is \$30.00/person, which will include round trip bus fare and admission into the museum and the Rose Center for Earth and Space. This price does NOT include IMAX, Space Show or special exhibits. Seats are limited to the first paid 52 people. All youth will need a chaperone. Register with your own chaperone or let us know you need one. To meet the deposit deadlines, tickets must be purchased on or BEFORE, February 20. Use the registration form on the back page of the Observer. Make checks payable to CCEUC and send to 10 Westbrook Lane, Kingston, NY 12401. A confirmation letter with trip details will be sent to all ticket holders.





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

4-H CLUB ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

- Ellen & Russell Hausmann and Jenny Burkins 4-H Animals and Company
- Lisa Chichkov.....4-H Cool Kids
- Anne Gomola 4-H Rocks
- Jenny Burkins & Joy Weis Teen Leader, Courtney Weis ABC 4-H
- Rochelle Jourdan, Donna Grimm & Debbie Smith A Little This, A Little That
- Pam Pardee & Angie Skretta.....
- Animals Around the World
- Virginia Legg.....Association of 4-H Friends
- Anne Magielnicki..... Brookside Nature Kids
- Joe Watson & Mary Pottinger Budding Gardeners
- MaryLou Giuliano.....Coleman Cares 4-H Club
- Claudia & Barbara Davenport.....
- Curiously Creative Cousins 4-H Club
- Gary & Susan Clark Equestrians Unlimited
- Annie Mardiney Feathered Friends
- Laura Every & Allison Reidy Feathers & Fur
- Cynthia Worrada & Bernadette Bergin Highland 4-H Forest Finders
- Jen & George Holz.....Homesteaders
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- Denise & Ron Van Aken and John & Carol Fitzpatrick..... Rondout Valley Country Kids
- Allyson Nichols, Denise Barringer & Lori Zelinsky..... Samsonville Barnyard
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- Donna & Wayne Grimm..... Saugerties Harerisers
- Greg Walters, Ray & Barbara Smith..... Sharp Shooters
- Debra MrcCullough, Joanne Ewald & Heidi White 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
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- June Teloar & Stacy Eccleston.....Zena 4-H Black Bears

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

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County 4-H Program



2008 4-H Dates and Events

February

1	Public Presentation Workshop, 6:00-8:00pm
4	Strategy Committee Meeting, 5:00-6:30pm
7, 14, 21, 28	4-H Vet Science Series, 6:30-8:00pm, SUNY Ulster (4 weeks) (snow date the following Wednesday)
14	Valentines Day
18	OFFICE CLOSED - President's Day
23	Regional Horsebowl/Hippology (snowdate 24)
27	Small Animal PDC, 7:00pm

March

1	Deadline for application for 4-H Horse Program Scholarship
3 & 4	Capital Days
4 & 11	New Leader Training, Kingston Office, 6:00-9:00pm
6, 13, 20, 27, 3	4-H Vet Science Series, Unit 2, 6:30-8:00pm, SUNY Ulster (Snow date the following Wednesday)
8	Public Presentations, SUNY Ulster
9	Daylight Savings Time (Spring ahead 1 hour)
10	4-H Auction Information Orientation, 6:30pm Fairgrounds
15	Spring Fun Festival & Bunny Basics, High Falls Firehouse
15	March Dog Madness, Cornell University
17-19	4-H Spring Science Camp
23	Easter

April

11	New Leader Reception
11	District Horse Communications, 5:00pm
14	Auction, Choosing your Animal
18-20	Starr Retreat, Syracuse
23	Clothing Evaluation
25	Clothing Construction Evaluation
29	Environmental Awareness Day

May

1	EAD
1	Deadline for application for 4-H Home Economics
1	Deadline for application for 4-H Teen Council Scholarship
2	District Public Presentations
5	Auction Committee, 6:30
9	Clothing Revue
10	4-H MuttMasters Dog Show



Ulster County Teens! You are invited to:
**STARR - The State Teen Action
Rep Retreat**

A three-day fun-filled event where 4-H teens participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. Team building activities, meaningful educational workshops, challenging recreational activities, youthful Keynote Speakers, and a semi-formal dinner/dance provide increased awareness, acceptance, and understanding of the diversity and talent of teens throughout NYS.

Who? New York State 4-H Teens (13-19) and their Adult Chaperones

Where? New York State Fairgrounds—Syracuse, NY

When? April 18-20, 2008

Cost? \$65.00 per person-Registration fee covers lodging, meals, and workshop supplies.

For more information, see <http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/program/events/STARR.php>
and click on 2008 STARR Brochure

Drivers/chaperones will be needed. Space is limited so registration will be on a first come first served basis.

To register, contact Kristen Wilson at 340-3990 or kew67@cornell.edu by **March 28, 2008**

Save the Date! Start your project!
2008 Ulster County Clothing and Textile Arts Revue
Theme: It's a Small World
May 9, 2008



Register your project by April 18, 2008! 4-Hers who are working on projects that are not sewn or purchased clothing including knitting projects, crochet projects, recycled clothing projects, non-clothing sewn projects, or other textile arts that are eligible for the fair can display/model their work at this event.



March Dog Madness

The theme for March Dog Madness 2008 is...**Healthy is In. Leaders are Role Models, Right?** Come to learn, exercise, network and take home more teaching tools than you ever imagined! 4-H teens and adult volunteer leaders throughout New York State will increase their knowledge about turning a passion for dogs into a life-long healthy experience. Some workshop topics include training on (**Designing Agility Courses, herding Dogs, Flyball, PAWSitively Youth Activities, Nutrition for Canine Athletes, Earthdogs, Developing Youth in the Dog club context and Dog Show Rules**).

Registrations will be taken on a first-come-first served basis until March 1. Pre-registrations must be received with payment of \$15.00/person. Space is limited to the first 100 people who register! Each concurrent workshop is limited to 20 participants.

Ulster County has a scholarship fund that will pay for the \$15.00 registration cost! Transportation is the responsibility of the participant.

Animal Crackers 2008

May 3, 2008

2008 Focus: rabbits and dairy cattle

When/Where: This Saturday morning workshop in May is held on campus 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. The program is geared to 4-H members involved in animal science projects.

Who: 4-H project members (suggested age range 9-12) are strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperones). However, all youth 9 and up are welcome. Participants will get to meet Cornell faculty and students, learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with professional producers, industry experts, and more! Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group.

Why?: Animal Crackers participants have the unique opportunity to experience hands-on activities in a university setting, explore career options in animal science, and expand their knowledge through scientific inquiry.

How?: Please contact your county 4-H office for details and registration. Registration is handled through county 4-H offices. The cost is \$5.00/person.



Club Chatter

Teen Council will be joining with ABC club in their Adopt-a-Platoon project. We will be collecting stuffed animals and small toys as well as money for shipping to send to youth in Iraq. We went Caroling at Ten Broeck Commons and everyone enjoyed the day. Gift Jars were distributed and were a big hit. YSOP is scheduled for March 14 & 15. We began working on our new Community Action Project.

Joyce Sylvester

Ulster County 4-H Teen Council

ABC 4-H Club met twice during January. We updated our lifetime portfolios and began working in our new Clothing Construction Project Book. Everyone has found their material for a clothing revue garment and we will begin sewing in February. We began sewing heart shaped pillows for our adopted Platoon.

ABC 4-H Club

4-H Watershed Monitoring



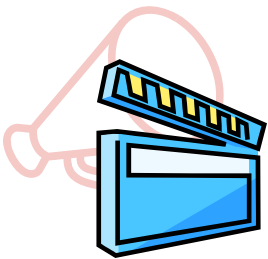
Are you looking for a community service project to protect the environment? Get involved in 4-H Watershed Monitoring! Clubs around Ulster County can test the water quality of streams in their community and report back their data to a central place. We are looking for clubs that can commit to monitoring at least twice/year.

It's easy! There are three ways you can monitor your stream.

- **Physical:** walk along the stream and take notes on the appearance of the waterway.
- **Chemical:** use chemical testing kits to test pH, dissolved oxygen, and more!
- **Biological:** collect macroinvertebrate critters from the bottom of the stream, identify them, and count them. These animals are indicators of water quality.

We will use the Hudson Basin River Watch monitoring protocol to standardize our efforts. See <http://www.hudsonbasin.org/aboutbrw.html>. A free three-day training (worth \$750.00!) in monitoring techniques is available to leaders on June 25-27, 2008. Youth over 14 are eligible to attend. However, we are working with Hudson Basin River Watch to set up a 1-day training especially for Ulster County this spring.

Promote 4-H on Local TV!



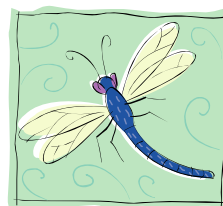
We are looking for 4-H youth and leaders who would like to share their 4-H experience on a local TV station in Ellenville, NY. The show will air on March 27, 2008 from 5 to 5:30 pm on Time Warner Channel 20. The channel is accessible from Middletown, NY to Rosendale, NY.

Want to be a TV star?

**Contact Kristen Wilson at 340-3990 or
kew67@cornell.edu**

Sound fun? Contact Kristen Wilson at
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**Stay posted for more
details!**





2008 New York Ag Literacy Day

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Would you like to read *Sugarbush Spring* to a 2nd grade class?

If so please contact the 4-H Office



2008 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 UC Fairgrounds on Tuesday, March 25. The following meetings, on March 27, April 1, 3, and 8, will also be held at the U.C. Fairgrounds. Driving Practice will be April 17 & 18, the test will be Saturday, April 19. Registration is limited to the first 15 paid youth. The cost is \$10 to currently enrolled 4-H members and \$20 to the public. Make checks payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County (CCEUC).

DEC Accepting Applications for Pheasant Release Programs Applications For Cooperative Programs Due By March 15



The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced that the agency is accepting applications for two cooperative programs designed to enhance opportunities for pheasant hunting in New York State.

The Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program and the Young Pheasant Release Program provide pheasant hunting opportunities through a partnership of DEC, sportsmen and sportswomen, 4-H youth, and landowners who are interested in rearing and releasing pheasants.

In 2006, DEC distributed 57,815 day-old pheasant chicks and 15,320 young pheasants to qualified applicants through the two programs. Applications for either program must be filed with a DEC regional wildlife manager by March 15, 2008.

Animal Science News

4-H Goat Dates/Information

Spring Goat Clinics

Sunday, May 4
1:00 PM

Giuliano's house, Olivebridge

Will include: hoof trimming, body parts, clipping

Saturday, June 7

To Be Confirmed: Ulster County Fairgrounds

Will include: Showmanship, tattooing available

Fair Set-Up
Sunday, July 27
Noon



All 4-H members planning on showing goats at the U.C. Fair must attend at least one of the above clinics as well as Fair Set-Up. Sr. Showmen will be exempt from the clinic requirement.

Attention Poultry Exhibitors!

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

What: Pullorum Testing

When: Saturday, June 7, 2008
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

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!

Rabbit Barn Orientation Clinics

Friday, May 16, 2008
Contact Allyson Nichols
657-2157

Tuesday, May 27, 2008
Contact Donna Grimm
246-5840

Saturday, June 7, 2008
Contact Donna Grimm
246-5840

Guernsey Calf Award



Youth interested in raising a Guernsey calf can apply for this calf award! The Guernsey Calf Award Application is due **March 30, 2008**. If you have questions or would like an application contact the 4-H Office, 340-3990 or jl64@cornell.edu

2008 YOUTH CONSERVATIONIST PROGRAM

Youth interested in applying for the 2008 Youth Conservationist Program need to be between 9 and 18 years old, (please note the new age guidelines), if selected, be present to receive the ewe at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival (MS&WF) on Sunday, May 3, agree to exhibit the ewe at least twice in 2008 at: 1) a county fair or local sheep show; and 2) the State Fair in the state where the recipient lives. Agree to breed the ewe to a registered ram in the fall of 2008, agree to either use the ewe's fleece to personally make a woolen item or sell the fleece to a spinner, felter or weaver. Submit a one to two page report, with pictures to the donor breeder by April 30, 2009.

Applications from interested youth must be postmarked by April 1, 2008, in the application/essay youth should describe themselves, their experience with animals, explaining their interest in sheep and answer the question: "Why I would like to help preserve a heritage breed of sheep?" The total application/essay should be no more than 2 pages in length. The application must include address, phone and if available email address. The applicant should indicate if they wish to be considered for a particular breed or any of the breeds available. New for 2008 each applicant must include a "letter of recommendation" from their 4-H Advisor, FFA Advisor, Veterinarian, Teacher or Clergy.

ATTENTION ALL

Any achievement record books or club packets including year certificates that have been left at the 4-H office, MUST be picked up by Feb. 15 or they will be disposed of.

Honor Secretaries

January

Joyce Sylvester
U.C. 4-H Teen Council

**4-H Horse Project members SAVE
Sunday, April 6**

Attention ALL 4-H Horse Project members that ride. You MUST have a 4-H Level riding evaluation/card to be an enrolled 4-H Horse Project member. The 4-H Horse Program Development Committee will sponsor an Ulster County level day to meet this State requirement. Mark your calendars NOW ... **Sunday, April 6, 2008.** This afternoon event will include the level evaluation, horse records, the required horse paperwork, AND a pizza party!!! Details will follow in the March Observer.

Marion Hinkleman Scholarship

Applications are available for the Marion Hinkleman 4-H Horse Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded to graduating High School seniors that are enrolled in the Ulster County 4-H Horse Program. The application must be completed and sent to the Ulster County 4-H Office no later than April 1. An award will be given to as many qualifying Ulster County 4-H Horse members as there are available funds. The Ulster County 4-H Horse Development Committee makes the selection for the purpose of helping to finance education beyond high school.

Ulster Savings Scholarship Program

Fifteen \$2,000 Scholarship Awards will be granted to students attending college in the Fall of 2008. Twelve General and three business/finance scholarships will be awarded. Ulster Dutchess, Greene, Orange or Columbia residents attending Empire State College or an accredited college located in any of the above counties will be eligible to apply. Scholarship Applications are available from the 4-H Office. Deadline for applying is: February 29, 2008.

New 4-H Leader Training Schedule

The next New 4-H Leader Training will be held: Tuesday, March 4 & 11 from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Kingston Extension Office.

There must be a minimum of 4 people registered. Deadline for sign ups is February 29, 2008.

Please note: This will be the LAST training for the 2008 Club year. DEADLINE for 2007 4-H enrollment is May 15, 2008.

New Leader Reception Friday, April 11, 2008



All 4-H Leaders with 5 years of experience or less are invited to join us for the New Leader Reception! This will be a time to network with each other and hear the “secrets” from a few seasoned 4-H Leaders. Bring those questions and ideas. A completion certificate will be given to all Leaders who RSVP and attend the Reception. Please RSVP on or BEFORE Friday, April 4.

Coffee, tea and a SPECIAL dessert will be served!

Career Explorations and University U July 1—3 Cornell University

Four Hundred and Fifty + teens from across NY State attend this three day adventure on the Cornell Campus. Reservations will be in April.



4-H CLUBS - FEATHERED FRIENDS AND THE MUSKETEERS -
invite families to welcome spring at our fifth annual

SPRING FUN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 15th



10 AM TO 4 PM



AT THE



HIGH FALLS FIREHOUSE



in downtown High Falls, NY, one block south of Route 213, RAIN OR SHINE



COME SEE OUR SPRING CHICKS, RABBITS AND OTHER CRITTERS



LEARN BUNNY BASICS (BEFORE YOU BUY A RABBIT!)



MAKE EASTER CARDS AND FUN CRAFTS



HAVE YOUR FACE PAINTED AND GET A TEMPORARY TATTOO



COLLECT EGGS FROM THE CHICKEN COOP



FIND TREASURE IN THE CHICKEN SCRATCH



DYE EASTER EGGS



LEARN ABOUT 4-H

\$ 1 per child, \$ 2 per adult, OR \$ 5 per family

♥ Kids who bring a donation of pet food for local animal shelters will get a THANK YOU gift ♥

FOR MORE INFORMATION: call 845-658-3467 or Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-340-3990.
All donations support Feathered Friends & The Musketeers 4-H Clubs' community service projects.



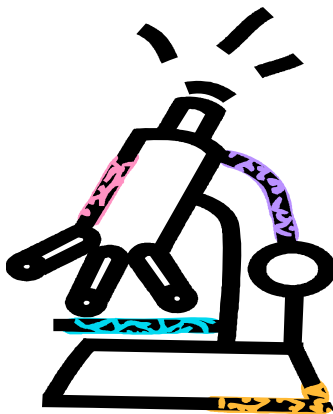
Spring Vacation Science Explorer Camp!!

Are you looking for fun, educational activities for your children during the spring vacation? Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County is holding its 2nd Annual Spring Vacation Science Explorer Camp for children in grades K-8. Youth will participate in hands-on science activities developed by Cornell and the National 4-H network of land-grant universities.

Dates: Monday, March 17, 2008 -Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Time: 9:00am to 3:30pm (extended day care is available from 8:00am to 5:00pm for an additional \$30 for the three days)

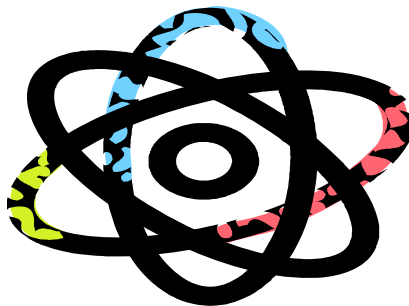
Location: SUNY Ulster Campus, Stone Ridge, NY



Fee: \$90 for three days or \$45 for currently enrolled Ulster County 4-H members. This includes all program supplies and snacks. It does NOT include lunch. Scholarships are available.

Registration: Download the registration form (available after February 15) from <http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/ulster/>. Click on 4-H Youth Development and then Forms. Mail your form in with a check payable to CCEUC. Alternatively, you can register in person at our office after February 1. Space is limited and the opportunity to attend will be given on a first come first serve basis.

Registration questions? Need more information? Contact Kristen Wilson 340-3990 or kew67@cornell.edu.



Ulster County Fair 2008

Tuesday, July 29 - Sunday August 3
Monday, July 28 - Static Exhibits

Only 25 weeks until County Fair!

Bake Sale

Are the winter days getting LONG!?!?!? Plan now for the 4-H Bake Sale at the 2008 Ulster county Fair! In addition to selling the remainder of the judged food products, any baked product can be sold on Tuesday, July 29. These funds help support the Ulster County 4-H Program. Watch for Kristen's article on foods that freeze well.

Continued in 2008

Clothing Revue moved to Saturday afternoon

2008 Ulster County Fair Entry Deadline

Entries will be accepted only by
USPS or in person. NO FAXES

DUE: July 15, 2008

4-H Livestock Auction Project

Raising a market animal is a great way to learn about responsibility and finances! Orientation for this 4-H Livestock Auction Project will be on Monday, March 10, 630 PM at the Fairgrounds. This orientation meeting is a requirement to be enrolled in the Project. Registration is a MUST! Call, email or use the Newsletter registration form.



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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

January 2008

Activity/Training	Date	Names of Attendees	Address	Phone #	Fee