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County Observer

February 2009

Ulster County Teens! You are invited to:

4-H Public Presentations 2009

Saturday, March 7

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 27, 2009

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. Overall theme and ideas for workshops and activities come from input and efforts of teens and adults serving on the youth/adult STARR planning committee. “Youth Voice” is what keeps STARR contemporary, fresh and in tune with the youth of today. STARR is open to all NYS 4-H Teens.

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

Where? New York State Fairgrounds—Syracuse, NY

When? April 17-19, 2009

Cost? \$65.00 per person-Registration fee covers lodging, meals, and workshop supplies. There will be an additional transportation fee.

For more information, see <http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/program/events/STARR.php>
and click on 2009 STARR Brochure

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



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4-H CLUB ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

- Ellen Hausmann & Jenny Burkins & Joy Weis
 4-H Animals and Company
- Cynthia Listort & Dawn Takacs.....
 4-H Animals Around the World
- Lisa Marx 4-H Cool Kids
- Patti Zellmer 4-H Super Sassy Thimblinas
- Jenny Burkins, Joy Weis & Ellen Hausmann.....
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- MaryLou Giuliano.....Coleman Cares 4-H Club
- Annie MardineyFeathered Friends
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- Donna & Wayne Grimm and Allyson Nichols
 Saugerties Hareraisers
- Greg Walters Sharp Shooters
- Debra McCullough and JoAnne Ewald
 Shawangunk Ridge Equestrians
- Jenny Burkins, Carol Carboni, & Lori Halwick
 U.C. 4-H MuttMasters
- Jenny Burkins & Ben CampbellU.C. 4-H Teen Council
- Roberta Jackson & Carla Picayo
 Ulster Equistars & Pony People

Is your club name missing? If so, we are missing paperwork, please contact Jenny at 340-3990

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.

**For more information please contact the
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 845-340-3990**

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County 4-H Program



2009 4-H Dates and Events

February

2	Sheep & Goat PDC, 5:30pm, CCE Education Center
2	Auction PDC, 6:30pm, CCE Education Center
5, 12, 19, 26	4-H Vet Science Series, 6:30-8:00pm, SUNY Ulster (Snow date is the following Wednesday)
6	Public Presentation Workshop, 6:00-8:00pm SUNY Ulster
9	Horse PDC, 7:30pm, China House, New Paltz
16	OFFICE CLOSED—President's Day
24	Family & Consumer Science PDC, 5:00pm, CCE Education Center
28	Regional Horsebowl/Hippology

March

1	Deadline for application for 4-H Horse Program Scholarship
2 & 3	Capital Days
3 & 10	New Leader Training, Kingston Office, 6:00-9:00pm
5, 12, 19, 26	4-H Vet Science Series, 6:30-8:00pm, SUNY Ulster (Snow date is the following Wednesday)
7	4-H Public Presentations, SUNY Ulster
9	4-H Auction Information Orientation, 6:30 Fairgrounds
10	Nutrition & Gardening PDC, 5:30pm, CCE Education Center
13	New Leader Reception
14	March Dog Madness, Cornell University
17, 19, 24, 26, 31	4-H Tractor Certification, Stone Ridge Firehouse
28-29	Dairy Discovery workshop, Cornell University

April

2	Vet Science Graduation, SUNY Ulster, Burroughs Hall
4	Cornell Vet School Open House
6,7,8	4-H Science Camp
11	Spring Fest/Bunny Basics, High Falls Firehouse
12	Easter
16, 17, 18	Tractor Driving practice & test, Fairgrounds
17, 18, 19	STARR Retreat, Syracuse
18	NYS Horse Bowl, Cornell University, Ithaca
22	Clothing Evaluations
24	Clothing Construction Evaluation
28	Environmental Awareness Day

Club Chatter

We had three members do presentations on grooming the horse, and breeds and colors of horses. We split into groups, and the more experienced members taught the younger kids. We went into the barn and learned how to clip horses muzzles, to brush them properly, how to polo wrap their legs, and how to pull their mane. We then had a snack, and had volunteers for next months presentations.
*Equestrians Unlimited 4-H Club—
Cecelia Campala*

We spent our January meeting making flag pillowcases for veterans, writing thank-you cards to place in the pillows and getting ready to deliver our pillows to Castle Point VA Hospital on January 31. Everyone had a great time, especially taking the pictures with the pillows.
Animals & Company—Michelle Campbell



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.

4-H Spring Science Camp Returns!

April 6-8



Details will be in the March Observer!

Honor Secretaries

January

Cecelia Campala
Equestrians Unlimited

Michelle Campbell
Animals and Company

March Dog Madness (MDM),
NYS 4-H Dog Leader Training Program
Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Cornell

The theme for March Dog Madness 2009 is...**Green is Good (and healthy). What does Green mean to you?** Perhaps it means energy efficiency, saving resources, or green grass and trees. How about less gas and more money. Come learn, practice waste reduction, and contribute to a sustainable future by bringing your own travel mug, pen/pencil and reusable bag to bring home green goodies. In addition, 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 good 'n healthy experience.

Each participant will have an opportunity to pre-select 2 different hands-on workshops from a menu of topics. **Dr. Jodi Korich**, Director of Partners in Animal Health, part of Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine Outreach Program, will address current recommendations for canine vaccinations and animal identification. This annual conference is an opportunity to bring adult and teen volunteers together with community experts to increase knowledge and awareness of the value of science based information on local CCE/4-H dog training programs. Instructors include university, extension and industry representatives.

Workshop topics include: **(Temperament Testing, Rally Obedience, Clicker Training, Reading with Rover, Going Green: Recycled Toys and Crafts, Working with Shelter Dogs, Basic Grooming for Health and Obedience Training from a Judge's Perspective)**

Registrations are due to the Ulster County 4-H Office on or before **March 1** and will be taken on a first come first served basis. Space is limited to first 100 people who register. **\$15** covers workshop materials and lunch. To maintain this low price, remember the "bring your own items." Our conference sponsor and sustainable eatery at Cornell, Mandible Cafe <http://www.mandiblecafe.com/> will provide compostable lunch supplies. Meat and meatless chili options will be served. Pre-registrations must be received with payment of \$15 per person. **Each concurrent workshop is limited to 20 participants.**

Our very own Courtney Weis and Zak will present Reading with Rover!

Ulster County has a scholarship fund that will pay for the \$15.00 registration cost! Transportation is the responsibility of the participant. Mrs. Weis may have seats available.



**Career Explorations and University U
June 30 - July 2, 2009
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.

**Animal Crackers 2009
May 2, 2009
2009 Focus: poultry & horses
Horse Feathers - 4-H Friends Flock Together**

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.

Participants must bring their own lunch and drinks. The Cornell Dairy Store is located within walking distance and sells things like drinks, bagels, cheese, crackers, yogurt, cookies and ice cream. [Dairy Store and Food Science Department](#)



**2009 New York Ag Literacy Week
March 16-20, 2009**

During the 4th annual New York Ag Literacy Week (formerly Ag Literacy Day) - March 16-20, 2009 - volunteers will read the book *The Empire State Investigator: the Applesauce Bandit* written by New York Ag In The Classroom staff to 2nd graders throughout the state. Students will also benefit from hands-on activities and teachers receive follow-up lessons. The book is given to the school library with a bookplate recognizing the donor and NY Ag Literacy Week. More than 1,500 books were donated last year while thousands of second graders participated in fun and educational activities.

Would you like to read *The Empire State Investigator: the Applesauce Bandit* to a 2nd grade class?

If so please contact Dona in the 4-H Office
340-3990 or dm282@cornell.edu

2009 Tractor Safety Certification Course for Teens
*Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County
Announces Tractor Safety Certification Course*

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County is offering a tractor safety certification program for youth. The course meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Stone Ridge Fire House, beginning March 17, 2009. Classes will be held on March 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 with hands-on driving practice on Thursday, April 16 and Friday, April 17 at 3:00pm. The driving test is Saturday, April 18 at 8:00am. The fee for the course is \$20 for currently enrolled 4-H members; \$30 for the general public. Space is limited to the first 15 paid registrants, on a first come first served basis.



Animal Science News

4-H Goat Dates/Information

Spring Goat Clinics

Date and Time TBA
Lynn Fleming's Farm, Pine Bush

Saturday, May 30
Ulster County Fairgrounds

Will include: Showmanship, Body Parts, Clipping

Fair Set-Up
Sunday, July 26
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 are 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, May 30, 2009
10:00 am to 1:00 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!



Ayrshire Calf Scholarship

Youth interested in raising a Ayrshire calf can apply for this calf Scholarship! The Ayrshire Calf Scholarship Application is due **March 1, 2009**. The program provides money to help purchase a Registered Ayrshire Calf at a public auction. If you have questions or would like an application contact the 4-H Office, 340-3990 or jl64@cornell.edu

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 9, 6:30 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.

Note: We will meet in the Fair Office
(white house)

Ulster County Fair 2009

Tuesday, July 28 - Sunday August 2
Monday, July 27 - Static Exhibits

Only 25 weeks until County Fair!

Bake Sale

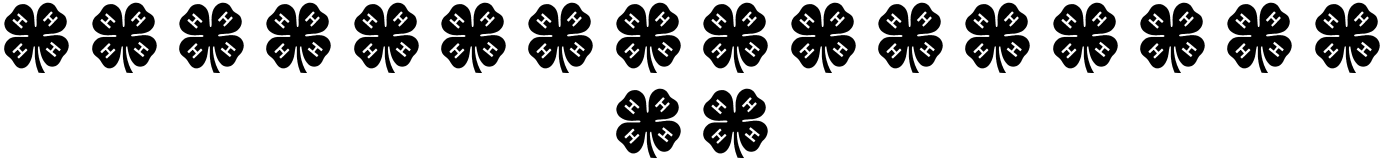
Are the winter days getting LONG !?!?!? Plan now for the 4-H Bake Sale at the 2009 Ulster County Fair. In addition to selling the remainder of the judged food products, any baked product can be sold on Tuesday, July 29. These funds help support the Ulster County 4-H Program.

2009 Ulster County Fair Entry Deadline

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

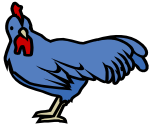
DUE: July 15, 2009

Mark Your Calendars Now!
State Fair Orientation
Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 pm
ALL participants must attend. Fair passes will be distributed
NOT mailed!



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

SPRING FUN FESTIVAL SATURDAY, APRIL 11th



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 ♥

Marion Hinkleman Scholarship

Applications are available for the Marion Hinkelman 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 2009. Twelve General and three business/finance scholarships will be awarded. Ulster, Dutchess, Greene, Orange or Columbia county 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: March 27, 2009.

New 4-H Leader Training Schedule

The next New 4-H Leader Training will be held: Tuesday, March 3 & 10 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 27, 2009.

Please note: This will be the LAST training for the 2009 Club year. DEADLINE for 2008-09 4-H enrollment is May 15, 2009.

New Leader Reception Friday, March 13, 2009



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. Please RSVP on or BEFORE Friday, March 6.

Coffee, tea and a SPECIAL dessert will be served!

Wear Green!

4-H Animal Projects and Lease Agreements

The 4-H Philosophy is “Learn by Doing”. If you are an enrolled 4-H Member that would like the experience of completing an animals science project and entering an animal in the County Fair; BUT you cannot own an animal, you can consider leasing an animal! State guidelines limit the lease option to one animal per species. Lease agreements (Animal Certificates) must be completed and submitted to the 4-H Office by **June 1**. Please call Patti if you have any questions.

Option 2: Youth that do not own animals and wish to show an animal at County Fair can enter the Handler Class. Each animal species has a Handlers Class. This class is for youth that do not own an animal; but want the experience of showing an animal.

Looking for Solo Project Members

Are you a solo animal project member? Check out the list below. You are if:

1. You do 4-H animal projects and do not belong to a 4-H club that works with animals.
2. You do cattle, dog or horse projects and do not belong to a cattle, dog or horse 4-H club.

If you meet *either* category 1 or 2, then you are a solo animal project member and you need to do the following:

1. Call the 4-H Office and request a 4-H Learning Plan for each solo animal project you plan to do this year (rabbit, poultry, etc.).
2. Fill out your Learning Plans and return them to the 4-H Office **no later than April 1**. The appropriate 4-H Educator or Program Development Committee will review your forms and make suggestions on educational content, events to attend, etc.
3. Your form will be returned with comments, so you can use it throughout the project year. At the end of the year, turn it back in with your project record **no later than October 15**.

Questions? Call Jenny at 340-3990



The County Observer

The 4-H newsletter, the County Observer is sent to 4-H families and friends on a monthly basis. Our goal is that the newsletter be available to read the first week of the month. It has come to our attention that MANY 4-H families are not receiving the County Observer.

Please check with all your club members to be sure they are receiving the Observer. If they are not, they can forward their correct email to the 4-H Office and we will send an electronic copy of the Observer to them or they can send us their correct mailing address with a check for \$10 and we will send a black and white “copy” of the electronic newsletter.



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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

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Activity/Training	Date	Names of Attendees	Address	Phone #	Fee