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Safari Adventure



Children's Day Parade Friday, July 9

Summer days ARE coming! Join us for a 4-H Safari Float at the Children's Day Parade on Friday, July 9. We need a club and/or individuals to design and build (and ride on!) the 4-H Safari Float. This would be a great FUN community service activity for a 4-H Club. Please call or sign up to be on the 4-H Float building team!!!

Club Chatter

We have been working on projects having to do with recycling. This month we worked on a Dutch Recipe Holder using popsicle sticks. After we put it together with glue we decorated the outside with foam letters left over from another project

Kerhonkson Country Kids—Katherine DeWitt

This month our club did a Spring Fun Festival for the public at the High Falls Firehouse. The activities we had included “Make a pompom chick”, “find treasure in the chicken scratch”, an egg-speriment science display, make-a-spring-hat project, decorate eggs, temporary spring tattoos, a home-made egg (bean bag) toss game, and home-made posters with easy and hard questions about poultry (with answers hidden under a flip card). We also had live chicks, a gosling, some rabbits and more, for people to look at! Our club had great success at our festival and we made over \$500! After the festival our club took out the expenses and we bought pizza so we ended up with about \$350 in profit! We had a lot of fun! We think about 180 kids attended! People had a lot of good questions about chickens and 4-H. At our next meeting in May we will write thank-you letters to all the businesses and people who gave us supplies or helped out. Then we will go on a behind-the-scenes tour of the meat department at Adams Fairacre Farms. After that we'll be getting our projects and poultry ready for the UC Fair.

Feathered Friends—Elissa Mardiney

During the month of March we had three weeks worth of training. On March 21 our members participated in the annual Wallkill St. Patrick's Day Parade. We had a very good turn out and we all had a great time.

We have been preparing for our Dog Show scheduled for April 4. Everybody has been getting everything ready for the Dog Show. We hope to have a great turn out and a lot of

fun.

Hounds-n-Hydrants—Amy Watters

Our club is getting a little more unified each week. We work on RESPECT each week when it comes to listening and how we treat others. The children learned some sewing stitches making the Kool Kat pillows. We worked on public speaking by having the children share about themselves in a game and by bringing a favorite toy to tell everyone about. Each time we meet, we have been working a little on our community service project which will be a pasta dinner to honor our local firehouse workers.

4-H Cool Kids

We put together an Easter basket for a child in need with some chips, a stuffed toy, crackers, pens, and notepad in a pretty basket. We also got a plastic wrap with bunnies on it. Then we put a name tag and a card on the basket. We also did rabbit & chicken showmanship. We also finished our wood project by sanding and waxing it.

Samsonville Barnyard—Whitney Barringer

On March 1, the Equestrians Unlimited 4-H club held their meeting for the older kids. We began with the 4-H pledge. Then we talked about how to get our barn (Lucky C Stables ready for the Equestrians Unlimited 4-H Horse Show that will take place on April 25. We then wrote thank you letters to all of the people who generously sponsored this show.

On March 15, the Equestrians Unlimited 4-H club held their meeting for the younger kids. We began with the 4-H pledge and proceeded out to the barn where we reviewed coat colors & markings. Then the children learned how to properly put on shipping boots, and wrap both standing, and polo wraps.

Equestrians Unlimited—Amanda Bender

Animal Science News

Horse Bowl Results Congratulations to the Ulster County Participants!!

This year Kerri Rosen, Amanda Bender, and Shelby Cocks represented the Southeast District at the State Horse Bowl.

Kerri Rosen will be attending Nationals after placing 3rd in NY State.

Auction Workshop June 5, 2004

4-H Auction participants make sure your calendars are marked for the annual Auction Workshop, Saturday, June 5 at the Fairgrounds. Registered project members will receive a letter with the details. Other youth interested in the Auction Project are also welcome to attend. For more information call Patti at the 4-H Office.

Dairy Fitting & Showmanship Clinic Saturday, July 10, 2004

This year we will present an Ulster County 4-H Showing and Fitting Clinic! All dairy project members and anyone interested in Dairy are invited to attend. There will be no cost; but you MUST Pre-register.

The Clinic categories will be: Washing, Clipping, Animal Selection, Preparing animals for the Fair, and Showmanship.

The clinic will be from 9-1 at a location TBA, Pre-registration is a MUST. To register, sign up, call, or email. Registration Deadline is: Friday, June 25.

Goat Clinic Saturday, July 10, 2004

Wondering how to show a goat?!?! The Goat clinic will be held Saturday, July 10, 9-11 AM at the Fairgrounds. Bring your goat and learn about Showmanship, Grooming, Parts, and Points on being a blue ribbon winner. Also included in the clinic, a visual health check and tattooing.

Beef Clinic Sunday, July 11, 2004

A Beef Clinic is being planned for Sunday, July 11, 9-1 at the Wayne Brooks Farm.

Cornell Poultry Outing June 5 & 6

This first ever 4-H Youth Poultry Outing (Clinic) is being held on Saturday, June 5 - Sunday, June 6, 2004 at the Youth Building and Dorm at the NY State Fairgrounds. The purpose of the outing is to better educate 4-H youth on poultry science and to generate more interest in the annual Avian bowl at the NYS Fair.

This year the registration and dinner is free, courtesy of Cornell University. Youth are encouraged to bring a bird(s). Space is limited and will be accepted on "first come first served" basis. Details will be sent to registered youth. Youth must be signed up with the Ulster County 4-H Office on or BEFORE May 15.

Pullorum Testing & Poultry Clinic

Poultry people mark your calendars for Saturday, July 10, 1-3 at the Fairgrounds. Ag and Markets will administer the Pullorum Test. ALL birds MUST be Pullorum tested to exhibit at the County and State Fair. Waterfowl and pigeons are NOT included. There will be NO testing at the Fair.



Bring your birds! (No more than 15 per person!) While you are there join us for a Poultry Clinic! There will be a hands-on demonstration on preparing and showing your bird.

Please pre-register on or BEFORE July 2 so we know how many birds need to be tested.

Tractor Safety

The 2004 4-H Tractor Certification Class comes to the finish line! THANK YOU Grant DeWitt for instructing 24 teens for State Certification. The 10-hour class included Safety Standards, Instruments and Controls, Accident situations, Hitches, PTO's, Hydraulics and Road Safety. In addition to classroom instruction all participants did hand's-on driving, maintenance and safety. Participants had to pass a written and driven exam to be certified.



Planning to Show a Horse at County Fair?

May 15 is the Deadline for Horse Certificates! These certificates are required for all 4-H members who plan on showing in the 4-H Horse Show at County Fair. If you do not get the certificates in on time, you will not be allowed to show at County Fair or participate in any other NYS 4-H Horse Show Event.

All enrolled horse project members should have received a certificate via email. If you need a certificate, see your 4-H Leader or call the 4-H Office as soon as possible (and in enough time to make the deadline!)

ENCORE ENCORE ENCORE Fair Evaluation

Tuesday, August 17, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
U.C. Fair Youth Building

Due to popular response - All of the 4-H Advisory/Program Development Committees are invited to evaluate the 2004 Fair. Here is the agenda:

7:00 - 7:55 Individual Advisory/Program Development Committees meet to review 2004 and make written recommendations for 2005. (The committees are: Auction, Cattle, Dog, Goat/Sheep, Home Economics, Horse and Small Animal.

7:55 - 8:45 Everyone meets together to hear a 7 minute verbal report. Written recommendations for 2005 are submitted from each committee.

8:45 Refreshments!

Leader Alert! Day Chairs for the 4-H Snack Bar at the County Fair

We have several days available for a club to "day chair" the snack bar and provide the workers for the day. This involves the trained chairperson (call for information on becoming a trained snack bar chair) arriving at the fair by 8 a.m., setting up the snack bar with the overall chairperson, supervising and helping with the snack bar throughout the day and remaining there until 9:30 p.m. for the final count. The reward for this task is \$200.00 for your club to use. (This is not a job that you can keep young children with you for the day.)

If you are interested please call Jenny at the 4-H Office 340-3990. first come first served basis.

Ulster County Dog Drill Team



Have you completed, or will you complete by June 1, a 10-week dog obedience project? If you have, you are eligible to try out for this year's county wide 4-Person and/or Drill Team. To find out the details of how you can represent Ulster County at the New York State Fair call the 4-H Office (340-3990) **no later than May 15.**

2004 Teen Leadership/ Ambassador Training Retreat— Teens In Action!

THANKS and CONGRATULATIONS to all of you who participated in this year's 4-H *Teen Leadership/Ambassador Training Retreat*. The event was a great educational experience. We would encourage anyone who has never attended to plan on doing so next year.

Age Guidelines for this Year's Fair

This information comes to us from the state Office: "Per the NYS 4-H Club Notebook, a 3rd grader who turns 9 during the club year may choose to enroll either as a cloverbud participant or as a regular 4-H club member. The determination must be made at the beginning of the club year by consensus of a parent/guardian, leader and Extension Educator."

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

May 2004

Activity/Training	Date	Names of Attendees	Address	Phone #	Fee

Dates to Remember May

- 3—Dog PDC
- 7—Clothing Revue
- 8—Animal Crackers
- 10—Strategy Committee
- 13—Leader's Rally
- 15—Leader's Rally
- 15—Horse Cert. Deadline
- 16—Leaders Horse Show
- 20—Golf Tournament

Dates to Remember June

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- 5—Auction Workshop
Snack Bar Orientation
 - 5 & 6—Cornell Poultry Clinic
 - 7—Dog PDC
 - 7—Youth Mini-Conference
 - 28—Strategy Committee
 - 30—Cattle PDC
 - 30-3—Career Explorations
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Clothing Revue Reminder...

Just a quick reminder that Clothing Revue is on for May 7, 2004, at the Old Dutch Church in Kingston. The event starts at **7:00 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m.** The theme for this year's Clothing Revue is: *Fashions Under the Sea*

Please remember:

Every family is being asked to bring along a snack (cookies, brownies...).

Bring safety pins, straight pins, make-up, and your accessories.

Dress rehearsals begin promptly at **5:30 p.m.** Please refer to the Clothing Revue agenda for other scheduled activities and times.

Extra Hands Needed to Help With Fair

It's time again for the annual Ulster County Fair, and the 4-H office is working extra hard to plan many exciting 4-H activities, but we would do well with some extra hands to ease the workload. Yes, we are seeking help to set-up the 4-H youth building. Among the things we will need help with are: washing and sweeping floor, arranging fixtures, making and putting up signs, and putting-up displays. Interested in volunteering a few hours to help out? Call the 4-H office @ 340-3990.