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County Observer

May 2006

Garden in a Bucket



Youth Gardening Workshop

Friday, May 19, 2006 6-8 pm
Forsyth Park Zoo, Kingston

Imagine the excitement and wonder of planting a garden and watching it grow! Have your young gardener learn basic gardening skills while creating their very own Garden in a Bucket. Master Gardeners will help children create their own gardens by planting a vegetable, flower or herb plant into sand pails they have decorated and filled with gravel, charcoal and soil. After watering, their garden is ready to go home for tending, caring and harvesting.

This hands-on program is best for youngsters 5 to 13, but youth up to age 19 may attend.

Fee: \$5 per child, includes all materials. This is not a drop-off program, parents should plan on staying with their children. Pre-registration is required by May 15, 2006. Call 845-340-3990 for a registration form or download one from our website at : <http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/ulster> .

While you are at Garden in a Bucket...meet our new Event and Volunteer Coordinator, Dona Crawford.



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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
- Star Olsen and John Southwick 4-H Star’s
- Rochelle Jourdan, Donna Grimm, & Debbie Smith
A Little This, A Little That
- Angie Skretta-Huck & Kathleen Martin
 Animals Around the World
- Virginia Legg.....Association of 4-H Friends
- Doris Hausmann Barnyard Buddies
- 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 CandyCrazy 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
- John & MaryJane Coughlin The Hudson Valley Harvesters
- Brooke Tinney & Jennifer Holz..... Mountain Goats
- Susan & Timothy Bruck The Musketeers
- MaryLou GiulianoOlive Extravaganzers
- Cindy Scherry & Pam Walkowiak..... Out of Hand 4-H’ers
- Robin Baker, Amy & Rick Finkbeiner
Rondout Rockin Rabbits
- Allyson Nichols, Denise Barringer & Lori Zelinsky
Samsonville Barnyard
- Wayne & Donna Grimm..... Saugerties Hareraisers
- Greg Walters and Raymond SmithSharp Shooters
- 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, Event & Volunteer Coordinator
- Jennifer Burkins, Administrative Assistant

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

Club Chatter

Our group put on a Bunny Basics workshop at Adam's on April 2, 2006 and all went well. Our group has been learning about making syrup over the winter, and we just learned how to make maple butter and it was finger licking good! We all couldn't wait to spread it on some pancakes. At our last meeting we all made a bunch of cards for the veterans of foreign wars and will send them out for Memorial Day. We wanted to let them know how much we appreciate all they did for us!

Samsonville Barnyard—Samantha Nichols

Honor Secretaries

April

Samantha Nichols Samsonville Barnyard

For the Birds

Did you know that ravens are known to yank the tails of cats and dogs? Both male and female pigeons feed their young "pigeon milk"? Ring-billed Gulls appear to play by dropping objects in flight and then swooping down to get them? Lead children of all ages, abilities and backgrounds in captivating projects that require little time investment and preparation. Get outside, learn about common local birds, and collaborate with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology!

Urban Bird Studies is a set of easy, fun, outdoor projects about birds, developed to promote science literacy in neighborhoods across the continent. The projects are ideal for educators who want to get outside, connect kids with their local environment, and find meaningful and engaging opportunities in science education. The projects are available in English and Spanish.

Each (five!) of the Urban Bird Study projects have been added to the NYS 4-H Resource Directory, <http://www.cerp.cornell.edu/4h/>, and search on Urban Bird. The series is titled Urban Bird Study, but is appropriate for any location and is completely free to download.

It's a Nano World:

http://www.cerp.cornell.edu/4h/search_result_details.asp?pid=1999

By David Coon

As a young child, I loved going to the Rochester Science Museum. There was all these cool hands-on activities to do, and, while I didn't know it, I learned quite a bit. "It's a Nano World" is one of those educational and fun traveling science exhibits that introduces children to the smallest organisms, or parts of organisms, and how they work. I've decided to highlight this particular resource, not that you will visit it next weekend (it is in Danville, VA), but as an example of one of the more unusual resources you might find. Though the normal project usually is some kind of curriculum or activity, occasionally there will be something big like this. Incidentally, it appears that there is no scheduled place for the exhibit to go this summer or fall, so if you know someone interested in hosting it, please contact the.

If the project sounds interesting to you, you may also want to check out Main Street Science: www.cerp.cornell.edu/4hsearch_result_details.asp?pid=2001 as many simple experiments and kits are available for the asking.



4-H News

4-H Capital Days Update



On March 6 & 7 2006, 4-H member Courtney Weis attended the 71st annual Capital Days in Albany, NY. Courtney was selected to represent Ulster County because of her outstanding records which included documentation of leadership and community service experience.

As Ulster County's 4-H delegate, Courtney learned about career opportunities in government as they toured state agencies, observed a state legislature committee in action, and learned about the legislative process. Courtney also toured the Capital and visited Corning Tower, the State Museum and the New York State Court of Appeals. On the morning of March 7 our delegate had breakfast with her legislators. Courtney had a great time, met delegates from other counties across New York State, and achieved a better understanding of the scope of New York State Government.

If you think that you might like to attend Capital Days in the future, please see the 4-H Awards Directory in the 4-H Leader Handbook to learn more. It is a great honor to attend Capital Days and Ulster County 4-H is very proud of this year's delegate. Thank you Courtney!

4-H Camp Opportunities Summer 2006

Do you have plans for this summer? How about 4-H Camp? 4-H Camp is a great way to meet friends, build leadership skills, experience the outdoors, visit new places, and gain memories that will last a lifetime. Check out the following web sites to learn more about attending a 4-H Camp near you:

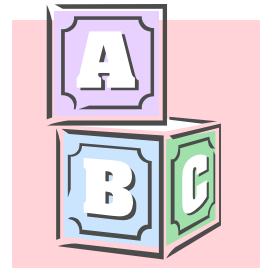
The Dorothy P Flint Camp on the Long Island Sound in Suffolk County, NY, www.dpf4hcamp.org

Camp Shankitunk nestled in the foothills of the beautiful Catskill Mountains of Delaware County, NY, <http://www.cce.cornell.edu/4h/About4-H/4-HCamps/shankitunk/index.htm>

2006 4-H Clothing Revue

ABC's of Fashion

Friday, May 12
7:00-9:30 p.m.
4-H participants arrive at 5:15 p.m.
The Old Dutch Church in Kingston



Even if you are not participating, please consider attending this annual 4-H event. It is truly a wonderful evening!

Optional: Park at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County and walk to the church, it is only a couple of blocks away.

Each participating family is asked to bring one dozen cookies to share.

**Summer Job Opening for Teen Intern Reviewers
@ the Kingston Library**

Grant-funded positions are available for persons ages 14-19 to view and evaluate videos and websites that focus on general health and substance abuse issues. Reviewer's recommendations are used for purchasing additions to the Health Information Project's library video collection and for linking to the project's website.

Persons hired as reviewers must be reliable, able to work independently and must agree to the conditions of the internship. Hours are flexible.

Conditions of the internship:

- Evaluate videos and websites a total of 50 hours (approximately 5 hours/week for 10 weeks) from June 27-Sept. 7. Optional book evaluation opportunities.
- Participate in a two-hour training session at program start.
- Participate in a one-hour summer planning session for a fall Peer Presentation.
- Make a group peer presentation relating the summer experience to a middle school health class or youth organization in the fall.
- Assist library in promotion of Health Information Project materials.

Pay:

- \$6.75 per hour.

To Apply:

- Contact the 4-H Office

Application deadline to the 4-H Office is June 2

4-H News

Horticulture Help, Just a Phone Call Away!

Have you started thinking about what you are going to enter in the horticulture classes for this year's Ulster County Fair? If you, or anyone you know, ever have gardening questions please call our Master Gardeners at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Horticulture Hotline.

Master Gardeners are always happy to help and can give advise about vegetable gardening, lawn care, pruning, insect/disease identification, when to fertilize, weed control, perennials and annuals, and so much more. Master Gardeners provide pH Soil Testing if you bring a soil sample to the CCE Education office (call ahead so that you know how to collect the sample properly) for \$3.00. Knowing the pH of your soil can be very helpful!



The Master Gardeners also provide Insect/Disease Identification for \$5.00.

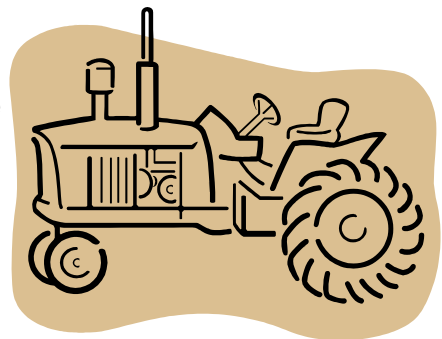
Master Gardeners are available Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9 am - 12 noon. The number is **340-DIRT**. An easy but important number to remember as you work on your horticulture entries.

Reminder

**May 15 is the last possible
date for 2006 4-H Enrollment**

Tractor Safety

The 2006 4-H Tractor Certification Class comes to the finish line! THANK YOU Grand DeWitt for instructing 20 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 must pass a written and driven exam to be certified.



County Fair News

**Ulster County Fair
August 1-6, 2006**

Static Judging - July 31, 2006

(Yes it is just around the corner)

County Fair Position State Fair Promotion & Sales

4-H members 14 years and older are invited to apply for a new paid position at the Ulster County Fair. The NYS Fair will be setting up a promotion booth at our Fair in the Youth Building. They are looking to hire several teens to represent the State Fair in their promotion booth. Duties will include promotion of State Fair and ticket sales. This position is available during the hours of the Fair and pays minimum wage. Candidates must enjoy greeting people, be self-directed, and able to handle finances. Please contact the 4-H office to request an application. Applications are due at the 4-H Office on or before April 29. Interviews will be scheduled in May

Reminder for 2006

1. **ALL** exhibits **MUST** have a record sheet. It can be the new yellow $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet or project specific. All sewing projects must be accompanied by a 4-H Clothing and Textiles Project Record.
2. Animal record sheets **MUST** be submitted with the July 15 fair-registration.
3. A Horticulture Judging Contest - Saturday, 10 AM in the Youth Building.
4. Expanded entrepreneurship.
5. A State Fair Promotional Booth—(we still need teens 14+ for this paid position).

**Watch for Your
U.C. 4-H Fair Book
Should be Available
The First Week of June**

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 am, 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 pm 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.

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 floors, 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 at 340-3990.

Animal Science News

Mark These Dates:

All 4-H Youth are invited to attend these clinics/workshops

June 3-5, Sat-Mon	State Poultry Outing	Syracuse Fairgrounds	See Article
June 10, Saturday	4-H Auction Workshop	U.C. Fairgrounds	9 AM - 1 PM
June 11, Sunday	Goat Clinic	U.C. Fairgrounds	1 PM - 3 PM
June 17, Saturday	Pullorum Testing	U.C. Fairgrounds	10 AM - 2 PM
July 6, Thursday	Cattle Clinic	To be Announced	6 PM - 8 PM

Horse Entries for the 2006 Ulster County Fair

Horse members, your Horse Certificates are due in the 4-H Office on or **BEFORE May 15!** Horse Certificates are required for all members who plan on showing in the 4-H Horse Show at County Fair and/or State Fair. 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. Or visit our website at counties.cce.cornell.edu/ulster.

This is a NYS Horse Program Rule with no exceptions.

Horse Communications Congratulations!

Katlyn McCullough, Junior participant from the Shawangunk Ridge Equestrians 4-H Club, earned 94.5 (of 100!) points and will advance to State Horse Communications in Ithaca on May 13. Best wishes Katlyn.

EQUIFEST Trade Show

May 20 and 21, 2006

Brought to all by the Ulster County Horse Council

Equifest trade show will be held at the Youth Building at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in New Paltz on May 20 and 21 from 10:00-4:30. On Sunday the UCHC will host an Open Horse Show with all proceeds going to the 4-H Horse Program. Additionally on Sunday, there will be a parade of Breeds in the adjoining pavilion at noon.

Location: Ulster County Fair Grounds, Libertyville Road, New Paltz, NY 12561

Time: 10:00-4:30 Saturday and Sunday

Contacts

Parade, Carla Picayo (845) 247-0546

Prize list and show info, Susan Clark (845) 255-3220

Vendor/Equifest info, Diane Schoonmaker (845) 626-0220, Email: Equifest2006@aol.com, Web Site: www.uchc-ny.org

Animal Science News

Goat Clinic Sunday, June 11, 2006

Wondering how to show a goat? The Goat Clinic will be held Saturday, June 11, 1-3 pm 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.

2006 Cornell Poultry Outing

Back by popular demand and increasing interest in Poultry Science over the past few years, we are again offering a Poultry Outing. It will be held in the Youth Building at the NYS Fairgrounds, June 3 and 4, 2006. The cost for the program is \$10/person or \$25/family. Registration is due to Mary Ann Whipple by Monday, May 22, 2006. Registration and detailed information is available from the 4-H Office.

Ulster County Poultry Clinic and Pullorum Testing

Saturday, July 17, 2006

Ulster County Fairgrounds

Pullorum testing will be from 10 am - 2 pm. 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 tested. Pullorum testing MUST be done BEFORE County Fair. No tests will be done at the fair. Bring your birds! While you are there attend the Poultry Clinic, which will include how to show your birds(s). Watch for Clinic details in the June Observer!

Beef & Dairy Clinic

Thursday, July 6

The 4-H Cattle PDC is planning an excellent twilight clinic for you! The clinician, Megan Wiebolat is a "grown-up" Orange County 4-H'er. The committee chose this time/date to accommodate your busy summer schedule.

In this is a hands-on clinic, Megan will walk through, step by step, how to prepare yourself and your animal for the show ring. Several animals will be led to review "ring rules". In the ring, Megan will demonstrate how to best show your animal.

The cost is \$5.00/person
Complete details will be in the June Observer

Animal Science News

Auction Workshop June 10, 2006 @ 9:00 am

4-H Auction participants make sure your calendars are marked for the annual Auction Workshop. Saturday, June 10 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, 340-3990.



2006 Vet College Open House

Teens that made the trip to the 40th annual Open House at Cornell: Melissa Goetschius, Chris Kalaschenkow, Courtney Weis, William Safran, and Scott Haeckler. Highlights of the day included; using/listening with a stethoscope, seeing real specimens of pathological studies, visiting dogs, raptors, snakes, and ferrets. A lecture hall also hosted a virtual tour of Cornell's large Animal Hospital and a presentation on planning your pre-vet education.

New York Youth Livestock, Non-Ownership Policy

The exhibitor, upon request to the event sponsor, shall provide proof of ownership of any exhibit.

This non-owner certificate verifies that a 4-H member in NY and the owner of the animal have entered an agreement. A lease agreement allows a 4-H member to use the specified animal as a 4-H project.

CCE encourages the use of written lease agreements, however, it is the responsibility of the owner and exhibitor to agree upon the lease terms. Neither CCE nor Cornell University is legally involved in writing, implementing or terminating any lease agreements.

The following bill was legally adopted by the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets July 1987:
Exhibits shall have been owned by the exhibitor for a period of at least (30) days prior to the entry of the exhibit provided, however, that any animal exhibit entered in a youth fair, youth exhibition or 4-H show or exhibition shall have been in the care of the exhibitor for a period of at least (60) days prior to entry of the exhibit.

CCE staff and state program administrators have maintained the following philosophy since 1987.

Non-owner/lease opportunities are intended for youth who do not already own an animal of this species type. For exhibition purposes, youth are limited to one non-owned breeding class animal of this species type.

*Ulster County date:
June 1st*

DISTRICT PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

District Public Presentations were held on April 28, 2006 at Gander Mountain in Middletown. Four members of Ulster County 4-H presented at the district wide event, including Jamie Lopez, Samantha Nichols, Amber Weeks, and Courtney Weis.

District Public Presentations are more challenging than County Presentations because 4-H members must present before a moving audience in a room where many presentations are taking place at the same time. A moving audience is an audience that is not seated and people are free to move from one presentation to the next. Thus, there are a lot of distractions in the room for presenters to contend with! Presenting in such an environment is not easy, but it is certainly a great experience. The ability to master speaking in front of a moving audience is an important skill to develop. Those that present at the district level are also evaluated more intensively than they are at the county level.

**All of our district presenters did extremely well at District Public Presentations
Way to go Ulster County 4-H!
The 4-H Office is very proud of you!**



Left: Courtney Weis at District Public Presentations.

Right: Samantha Nichols does her presentation on rabbits.



4-H Veterinary Science Students Complete Program



PHOTO CAPTION: Students who completed Unit 3 of the 4-H Youth Veterinary Science program at SUNY Ulster include (from left): Matthew Ross of Stone Ridge, Bob Olive of Saugerties, Jordan Kalish of Saugerties, Melanie Munzer of New Paltz, Tyler Parker of New Paltz, Rosalie Santerre of New Paltz, Jamie Lopez of Big Indian, Ryan Potter of New Paltz and Paula Turner of Woodstock. The participants completed their own research on veterinary topics in the program sponsored by the college's Veterinary Technology Program and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County.

RETURN SHEET

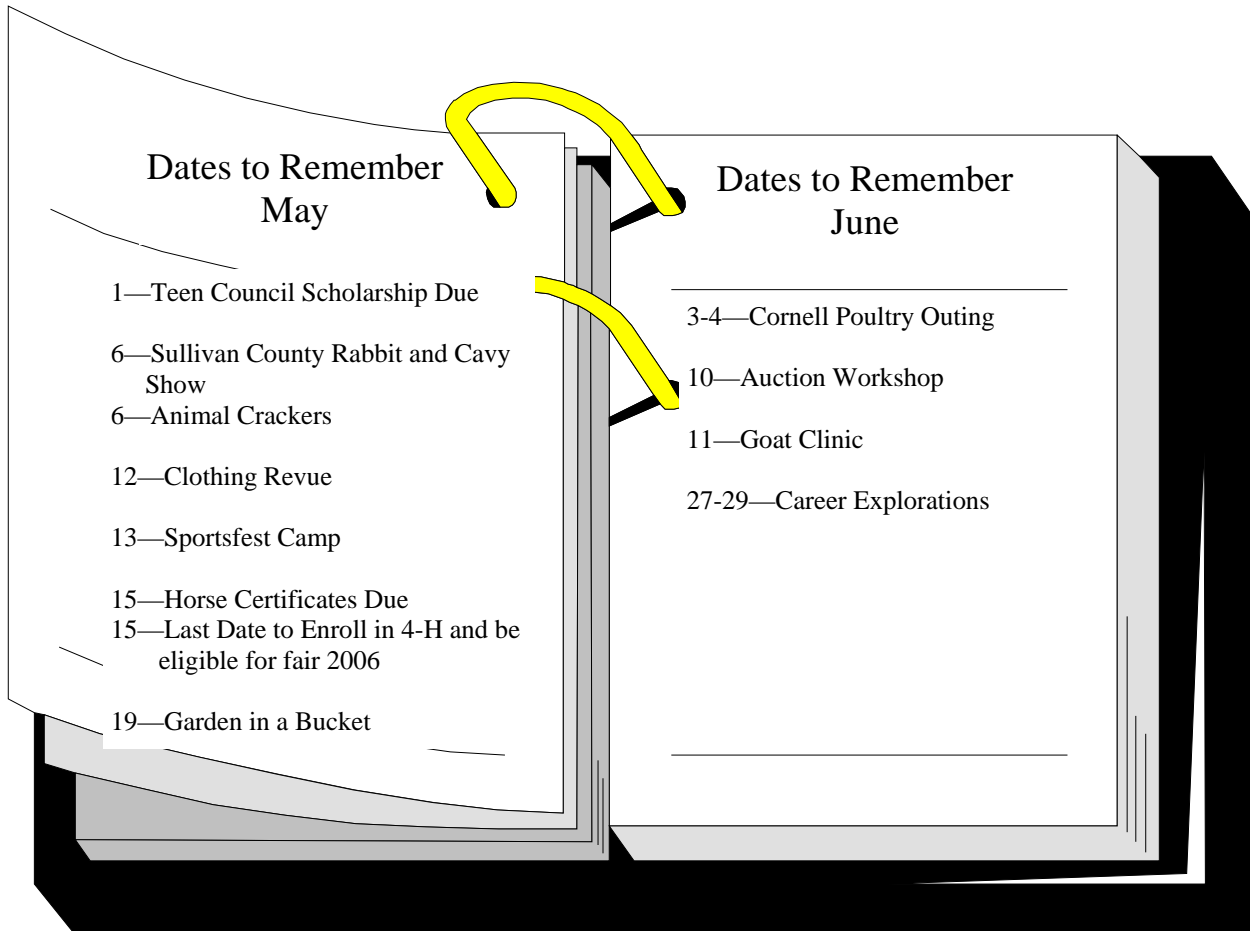
Use this form to register for any class/workshop offered in the Observer

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OR: Email to: jl64@cornell.edu

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Activity/Training	Date	Names of Attendees	Address	Phone #	Fee





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