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Local Students Attend 2005 4-H Capital Days

Local high school students, Jaime Churchill, from Saugerties, and Kacie Giuliano, of Olivebridge will be part of a delegation representing thousands of 4-H members in New York State when they arrive in Albany on March 7th and 8th for the 70th annual 4-H Capital Days event. The teens will be traveling to Albany, along with 140 teen 4-H members from every county in the state and borough in New York City, to expand their knowledge of state government.

As participants, they will meet with leaders in state government, members of the court system and officials from a variety of state agencies. Member of the Assembly, Paul Tonko, will discuss the legislative process with the 4-H'ers, and if possible, they will observe a working session of the state legislature. They will also learn about speaking to their legislators and participate in a quiz bowl that tests their knowledge about state government.

Jaime and Kacie will learn about career opportunities in government as they tour state agencies, participate in discussion sessions and visit with their legislators: Senator John Bonacic and Assemblymen Kevin Cahill and Dan Hooker. They will also tour the capitol and visit the Corning Tower and State Museum.

Jaime Churchill, age 16, is a junior at Saugerties High School and has actively participated in 4-H for 11 years. She is the New York State 4-H Poultry Science Champion and represented New York at the national competition held in Louisville, Kentucky. She is the daughter of Roxanne and Victor Churchill. Kacie Giuliano, age 14, attends John A. Coleman Catholic High School where she is a freshman. She started in 4-H as a Cloverbud at the age of 6. Kacie is the daughter of Marylou and Michael Giuliano. Debra Cascio, 4-H Community Educator, will accompany the delegates. The 4-H Capital Days program is sponsored by the New York State Association of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Educators. For more information regarding 4-H call the 4-H Office of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County at 340-3990.