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4-H Community Service Projects Promise to Deliver Smiles to Veterans, Iraqi Children and our Troops in Iraq at this years Ulster County Fair

Do you want to be a part of something big? Have you wanted to do something special but just can't find the time? Visit the Jane W. Barley Memorial Youth Building during the Ulster County Fair in New Paltz to participate in some fun interactive activities that will surely brighten someone's day. The Ulster County Fair is located on Libertyville Rd. in New Paltz and runs from Tuesday, July 29 through Sunday, August 3. The youth building is open daily from 10:00am to 9:00pm. All ages are welcome to participate. The four community service activities scheduled are the following:

1. Sew a Patriotic Pillow for a U.S. Veteran:

It doesn't matter what your age or skill level. Join us in creating pillowcases to be distributed to VA Hospitals around the world. We will do all the cutting for you and provide a sewing machine. Stay and sew a whole pillowcase or just sew a stripe. We will have people on hand to guide you. Sewing is not a requirement to participate.

There will be an experienced sewer available on the days and times listed below to assist all participants:

Wednesday, July 30, 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Thursday, July 31, 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Friday, August 1, 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Sunday, August 2, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

2. Write a thank you note to a Veteran:

Each pillow is sent with a thank you note inside. Write a thank you to our veterans for their service to our country.

Donations will be collected at a designated drop box located in the Jane W. Barley Memorial Youth Building the entire week of the Ulster County Fair for the following causes.

3. Toys for Iraqi Children:

This is a project sponsored by the ABC 4-H Club. Donate gently used small stuffed animals,

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dolls or balls. We will forward them on to children in Iraq. Help make a child smile a half a world away.

4. Adopt a Platoon:

The ABC 4-H Club sponsors a platoon of nineteen men stationed in Iraq. Come write them a note or drop off donations to be sent on to our men and women.

We are looking for donations of personal care items such as shampoo, shaving cream, soap, powder, socks, and non-perishable food items such as nuts, hard candy, gum, tea bags and hot chocolate packets.

Extra supplies and notes will be sent to an Army chaplain who will distribute them to service men and women in need.

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