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4-H to Host GPS Scavenger Hunt at Forsyth Nature Center in Kingston

Participate in the Tenth Anniversary of GIS Day on November 19

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's 4-H Resource Educator, Kristen Wilson, and Environmental Educators, Julie and Steve Noble, on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at the Forsyth Nature Park located on Lucas Avenue in Kingston for an adventurous GPS Scavenger Hunt. Learn how to use a GPS unit by entering a waypoint and following it to several hidden treasures. Participants may bring their own GPS units. GPS units will be available on a first come, first serve basis. This activity is appropriate for ages 8 and up. We will be working in teams of two to three people. This event is free.

The grand prize for the winners of the hunt is temporary possession of a 4-H geocoin. The winners will be given the task of hiding the geocoin in its next destination. A geocoin is a special coin created by individuals or groups of geocachers as a kind of signature item or calling card. Each geocoin is assigned a unique tracking ID that can be logged on the internet and which allows them to travel from geocache to geocache picking up stories along the way. See <http://www.geocaching.com/track/geocoin.aspx> for more information.

The 4-H geocoin will have five goal destinations in Ulster County. On the same day Dutchess County 4-H will be holding a GPS Scavenger Hunt with the same prize. Starting on GIS Day, Ulster and Dutchess County's will compete to move the geocoins to five pre-determined destinations in each county. The fastest county wins!

For more information contact Jenny Burkins at 845-340-3990 or email at jlb64@cornell.edu to reserve a GPS unit. If you are not a 4-H member, please bring an ID or drivers license to the event as a deposit while you are using the GPS unit.

For more information on GIS day go to www.gisday.com

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