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**Ulster County Youth Celebrate National 4-H Week by Keeping It Green**

4-H youth from across the nation will be Keeping It Green as they celebrate 2008 National 4-H Week October 5-11 by raising awareness about environmental issues and initiating environmental projects that make a positive difference in their communities. Ulster County 4-H members invite the community to get ready for the challenge attending 4-H Information Night on Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster Countys Education Center located at 10 Westbrook Lane in Kingston or 4-H Information Night on Thursday, October 9 at 6:30pm at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in the Jane W. Barley Youth Building Conference Room located on Libertyville Rd. in New Paltz.

Throughout National 4-H week and the year, 4-Hers solve problems in their communities, raise awareness about environmental issues, and make a difference for their futures in the spirit of 4-Hs vision to create a world in which youth and adults learn, grow, and work together as catalysts for positive change. In Ulster County, more than 300 4-H members and 158 volunteers are actively involved in 4 H.

4-H has been a very important aspect of my life. I love everything I do in it and get amazing experiences and life lessons out of the program said 4-H member Courtney Weis of Gardiner.

National 4-H Week will be officially proclaimed on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00pm by Ulster County Legislative Chairman, David Donaldson at the Ulster County Legislative Chambers in Kingston.

You can join the 4-H community today. To learn how to become a 4-H member or volunteer leader in Ulster County, contact Patti Zellmer, Issue Leader, at Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County at 845-340-3990 or psz2@cornell.edu.

4-H is a community of 6 million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. National 4-H Headquarters, which operates out of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is the federal partner of 4-H programs implemented by the Cooperative Extension System of the nations 106 land-grant colleges and universities and in local communities through 3,150 county Cooperative Extension offices. Learn more about the 4-H adventure at [www.4-H.org](http://www.4-H.org).

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