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**Ulster County 4-H Offers Wind Energy Course**

Ulster County 4-H Youth Development, through the Cornell Cooperative Extension, will offer a 6-week series of classes about the science and careers of wind energy, for youth 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The series will feature great hands-on learning and visits by professionals in the wind industry, and will culminate with a field trip to a wind energy site at the end of the course.

Topics to be covered include:

- How wind energy works
- Residential-scale wind turbines
- Utility-scale wind turbines
- Wind energy and New York State
- Wind energy and the natural environment
- The history of wind energy
- New developments in wind energy
- Careers in wind energy

Classes will be held Thursday evenings, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, beginning October 22 and running through November 19, with a field trip on Saturday, November 21. The location is SUNY Ulster (Ulster County Community College) room HAS-201. The cost will be \$30 per student (\$20 if you are an enrolled 4-H member). Registration and payment is required no later than Friday, October 16, 2009. Registration forms can be found at <http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/ulster/> in the 4-H Youth Development section menu click on 4-H Wind Energy Program.

The class will be taught by Todd Olinsky-Paul, an energy policy analyst and wind energy specialist with Pace Energy and Climate Center. This program is made possible by a grant received from the New York State 4-H Foundation.

For more information by phone contact Jenny Burkins at Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County at 845-340-3990.

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