

**4-H Youth**  
Program Update  
June –July 2004



**Animal Science Workshops**

In preparation for the Ulster County Fair (August 3-8<sup>th</sup>) Hands-on clinics/workshops have been hosted in the following areas: Auction, goats, poultry, dairy, and beef. Topics included “Raising a Blue Ribbon Animal”, fitting and showing demonstrations, judging, cuts of poultry, and participant preparation. Specialists in each area shared their expertise with the youth.

**Project Design and Evaluation Workshop**

June 22-24 I attended a workshop on Evaluation. This workshop was a refresher in the importance of Project Design and Evaluation. It was an opportunity to further develop the concept of a proposed grant, Hudson River Adventure: Sails, Scales, and Scientists. This is a grant being developed in cooperation with New York Sea Grant.

**Family and Consumer Science Workshops**

Interim Educator, Debbie Neis has developed two workshops for Fair. The first was an evening with a Chef. Participants learned how to bake blueberry muffins for the Grown in New York or Muffins class at the fair. The second workshop, an evening with a Master Gardner will get youth prepared to submit their flowers, fruits and vegetables for the County Fair.

**TOPS**

The summer program was approved for G. Washington and JFK schools. The summer topic is Feather Friends. Children will be learning about the (egg!)citing world of Poultry. Marylou and Debbie are planning to incorporate the 4-H Poultry Club members.

**Children’s Day Parade**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County 4-H Program has a new Hummer! The safari theme was fun for the float committee. Summer intern, Jessie Churchill created a wonderful backdrop for the 4-H Hummer that will take you(th) places!

**Staffing**

A summer Cornell intern, Jessie Churchill was hired for the summer months. Debbie Neis, TOPS educator was willing to expand her hours and joined us as interim educator. Both women have been a wonderful asset to the 4-H Program!

The Community Educator position attracted 48 applicants. The pool was narrowed to seven applicants. Face to face interviews will be held on Thursday, July 22.

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**New Paltz Fairgrounds**