

**4-H Youth Development**  
 Program Update  
**September-October 2006**

- **WELCOME Liz!**

We are so happy to have Liz Higgins on the 4-H Team! Liz is responsible for the management of 4-H Youth family and consumer science areas and will be working to grow the 4-H program in the school setting. In addition Liz is responsible for programming in the area of Human Development.

- **National 4-H Week**

Ulster County 4-H joined 7 million 4-Hers across America celebrate National 4-H Week. The celebration began on September 13, Ulster County Legislators presented a proclamation declaring the value of 4-H and National 4-H Week on October 1-7, 2006. During 4-H Week several 4-H Clubs created Window Displays to inform their communities about 4-H. The 4-H Office presented 4-H Information Nights for families interested in 4-H.

- **Volunteer Leadership**

New Leader Training is a 6 hour required responsibility for all 4-H Organizational Leaders in Ulster County. This fall 2 trainings were held for 9 adult leaders. 4-H Leader's Rally is the required meeting for at least one 4-H Club trained Organizational Leader. The Rally is to update 4-H Leaders and give them the information for the coming 4-H year. This fall 43 Club Leaders participated.

- **Fall TOPS**

We were happy to learn that 4-H will be a part of the 2006-2007 TOPS program. The 8 week fall program will focus on exploring the world of animals.

- **State & National Leadership**

State and National Associations exist to provide quality Professional Development for the 4-H Youth Professional. The annual Conference (State & National) provides the venue to strengthen 4-H Youth Educators and 4-H programming. October 11-13, Ithaca hosted the NY Conference and on October 22-26, Milwaukee, WI hosted the National Conference. This year, incoming President, Patti Zellmer, will lead the New York Association of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Educators.

- **Year End Statistical 4-H Highlights**

Category	Male	Female	Total
Youth in 4-H Clubs	128	311	439
Special Interest	160	164	324
TOPS	70	78	148
<b>Total of Youth</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>913</b>
<b>Adult Volunteers</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>227</b>



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