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Happy Holidays



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REMINDER!



NOTICE!

The 4-H Office MUST BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING...on or before JANUARY 1, 2018, of the intent of ANY 4-H member to show a **market beef animal(s) at county fair.**

1. Identification a must by Ear tags or tattoos.
2. Market animal must be under the care and supervision of exhibitor for a minimum of 180 days prior to the entry date of fair.

(Fair Date: 2018 - July 10-14)

Questions?? – Contact Heather Birdsall
 Ag. Livestock Educator at 607-391-2660 x-405

NEWS FROM 4-H OFFICE

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE
 WILL BE CLOSED
 FOR THE HOLIDAYS!**

**DECEMBER 22nd & 25th, 2017
 AND
 JANUARY 1, 2018**

4-H PROGRAM WINTER WEATHER GUIDELINES:

- If a **meeting is going to be cancelled**, we will call the following radio station in Homer, WHXC to announce cancellation.
- Other locations for posting: CCE Cortland Website, (cortland.cce.cornell.edu) by e-mail and **4-H blasts notifications.**
- Sometimes the weather is bad in one part of the county and not in others. Use your judgment when deciding to travel.
- Sometimes it's too late to cancel a meeting when the weather turns bad; again use your own judgment.
- If Cornell Cooperative Extension closes during the day or any evening meetings are cancelled.
- If you decide not to travel to a meeting, call the office and leave a message on the voice mail of the person in charge of the meeting.
- Canceling and trying to re-schedule meetings is very difficult, so if at all possible, meeting will be held. Again, use your own judgment and do not travel if you do not feel safe.

TRACTOR SAFETY PROGRAM

Mark your calendars, MONTH OF MARCH 2018 Cornell Cooperative Extension-Cortland will be offering youth an opportunity to be certified for farm employment which would include the operation of farm tractors and machinery. A total of 8 sessions will be presented at different agricultural business locations. There is a nominal fee that will be required from each participant to cover the cost of materials used in the course. **More information in the next newsletter!**

4-H LEADER NEWS CORNER



Cincy Country Kids 4-H club

The 4-H office welcomes the return of new 4-H members from the Closson, Campbell and King families! Tess Southern, leader of the club along with her aunts, siblings and cousins will join in for a great year of sharing 4-H programming to the next generation of 4-H'ers!

PUBLIC PRESENTATION PROGRAM SET YOUR 2018 CALENDAR FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 3RD

CLUB & INDEPENDENT 4-H MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS RE-ENROLLMENT IS DUE FOR 4-H YEAR 2017-2018

4-H Leaders Creed.....

I believe:

- The 4-H member is more important than the 4-H project.
- Learning how to do the project is more important than the project itself.
- 4-H'ers should be their "own" best exhibits.
- No award is worth sacrificing the reputation of the member or leader.
- Competition should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals of 4-H work.
- Enthusiasm is caught, not taught.
- To learn by doing is fundamental in any sound educational program and is characteristic of the 4-H program.
- Generally speaking, there is more than one good way to do most things.
- Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to win and to be praised.
- Our job as a leader is to teach 4-H members how to think, not what to think.

4-H CLUB PROGRAM PLANNING

One of your first responsibilities each year as a 4-H leader is to help your club plan a program for the year. Planning a club program takes time, but this is time invested in the success of your 4-H club. Good programs don't just happen, but require pre-planning.

Why Plan a Program for Your 4-H Club?

Conducting a 4-H club without a club program is like taking an ocean voyage without a navigator and with not any particular port in mind. You are going somewhere but no one knows for sure where! Putting a program on paper has many advantages.

Here are a few:

- Encourages the establishment and attainment of goals.
- Permits more participation on the part of the members and parents
- Enables project leaders, instructors and guest speakers to be better prepared. Effective teaching takes advanced preparation.
- Promotes better attendance and participation by members, because they are informed in advance of plans, as well as changes in plans when necessary.
- Helps correlate local clubs programs with leader training programs and other county, district and state programs.
- Leaves opportunities for some free time when desired by the group.
- Makes for a better balance of work, play and community services activities
- Let's parents and others know more about work. (Be sure to provide a copy of the calendar events to each family).

A well-planned program will:

- Provide members with significant roles
- Meet the needs of all participants.
- Share responsibilities among members
- Insure a balanced program
- Provide practice in cooperation.
- Provide practice in planning skills.
- Avoid calendar conflicts.

Each club year plan should design with each of the following outlined:

- Time and place of meetings
- Business agenda
- Demonstrations and talks
- Recreation

An average 4-H Club program may consist of:

1. Two or three projects running 6-weeks each (this is just an average)
2. At least one community service project.
3. A minimum of six business meetings interspersed throughout the year.
4. Recreational activities for each meeting and special events as desired.
5. Participation in area, county or regional events that interest your club members and relate to your club project work (i.e. Public Presentation Workshop; Public Presentation Day; Fashion Revue, County fair, etc.)
6. Educational tours and guest speakers.
7. At least one demonstration opportunity for each member.

Remember, a 4-H club program is a plan and therefore flexible. It is intended for use as a guide and as such you should be amended as needed. When you have completed your program, send a copy to the 4-H office. At the end of the year, you can use your club program to evaluate the progress you have made during the year and make decisions about what you want to do the next year. **A note of caution...** Be realistic in your expectations; start with a few things you know you can accomplish. It is better to add things you know you can accomplish. It is better to add things as you go along than to reach the end of the year and find you have been unable to do most of what you planned because you over planned.

Cortland Co. CCE/4-H website
cortland.cce.cornell.edu

You will find necessary forms, announcements and events posted on the website. If you subscribe to posts on the Announcements Page, you will receive an email when something new is posted.

You **must have a minimum of 6 business** meetings a year-the rest that you plan can be field trips, activities etc. You can always do a business meeting every time if that is what you want!

Secretary Reports are due to the 4-H office by the 7th of every month for the previous month's meeting. By getting your reports in on time, your secretaries are eligible to be chosen as secretary of the month, and one overall for honor secretary of the year. Secretary reports can be emailed (*form is on website*) to Jackie (jdj28@cornell.edu).

A helpful hint for the beginning of the year: set up a notebook with a personal page or permanent record sheet for each member (also on the website), and as a project is completed they can record it there. This will save time at the end of the year when everyone is scrambling to remember what they did! Time spent on planning is well spent. Begin now to get your club on the right track.

Good Luck! Rebecca Ireland-Perry

REBECCA'S MEMOS



JOIN 4-H - ENCOURAGING OTHERS

- Do you know youth who are not 4-H members?
- Do you know an adult who is not a 4-H volunteer?
- Do you think the 4-H Youth Development program would benefit them?
- Do you think the 4-H Youth Development Program could benefit from their talents and resources?
- Would they like to learn more about the 4-H Youth Development Program?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, please encourage them to contact Becky at the 4-H office.

4-H is a **community** of **young people** across America who are learning **leadership, citizenship** and **life skills.**

CELEBRATION OF THE ANNUAL 72ND 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT AWARDS 2017 PROGRAM

4-H members, leaders, family, and friends were in attendance to celebrate the closing of the 2016-2017, and beginning the new 4-H year.

Certificates, medals and recognition of Cortland County 4-H clubs and individual achievements was a big part of the evenings celebration to our youth and adults for their participation in many programs, events and projects throughout the 4-H year.

The program started out with fun activities and games in the reception area at the Cortlandville Grange in Homer, NY. Starting the program at 6PM with our Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Sonya Helms, 4-H Teen Council President welcoming and introduced teen council members, Madison Clark and Emily Lehman as the flag presenters, and to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge and the National Anthem sang by Ashley Osbeck.

2017 Hoard's Dairyman Photo Judging Contest sponsored by the 4-H Dairy program recognizes Top club to County Cackleberries 4-H club and top individuals were 1st place to Elsie Donlick, 2nd place to Avery Gordinier, 3rd place to Annika Donlick, 4th place -Alice Tylutki and 5th place to Nate Crispell.

National 4-H Week displays from 4-H clubs around the county. The **Top Window display award** receiving a \$25 gift card to the National 4-H catalog was presented to Helping Hands 4-H Club.

Top Secretary certificates to those who submitted their club's monthly reports by the 7th of the month on a regular basis. Recognizing outstanding clubs were Country Explorers, Friendly Acres, Cincy Trailblazers, County Cackleberries, Super Seekers and Top Secretary Honor Award to Marathon Maple Sugars 4-H Club.

Community Service certificates awarded to outstanding 4-H clubs; County Cackleberries, Marathon Maple Sugars, Friendly Acres, Teen Council. Special Honorable Mention to Cincy Trailblazers and **Top Community Service award** was presented to Helping Hands 4-H club

Honor Club certificates to outstanding club programming accomplishments; meetings, tours, 4-H promotion, community service, enrollment and recordkeeping. We recognize outstanding

4-H Club Achievement to Marathon Maple Sugars, R Own 4-H Saddle Club, and Helping Hands.

Top Honor Club recognition went to County Cackleberries 4-H Club receiving a \$25.00 gift card to the National 4-H Catalog.

The most import 4-H experiences is participating in **Public Presentations**. Club members learn to express themselves clearly and confidently. Special recognition of the following clubs who participated were Friendly Acres, 4-H Teen Council, Super Seekers and County Cackleberries.

A special recognition plaque for qualifying for the State Level Public Presentation Program is Evan Perry member of the 4-H Teen Council Club.

Horticulture Educator Claudia Hitt recognized outstanding 4-H Youth in Horticulture and Vegetable areas. Horticulture and Youth Building awards - trophies, plaques, and cash awards.

🍷 **Outstanding 1st Year Exhibitor Vegetable Award**
Gwyneth Scanlon

🍷 **Top Vegetable Exhibitor Award**
Donovan Allis

🍷 **Outstanding 1st Year Exhibitors Horticulture**
Aida May Bosket & Gwyneth Scanlon

🍷 **Top Ornamental Exhibitor Award**
Thornton Allis

🍷 **All-Around Horticulture & Vegetable Award**
Thornton Allis

🍷 **Horticulture Knowledge Contest Top Beginner** - Thornton Allis

2017 Medal Honor Recognition is given each year to members for their project accomplishments. **Beef** - Donovan Allis, Thornton Allis, Sam Birdsall, Avery Gordinier; **Poultry**- Cody Wilk, Aleta Gross, Avery Gordinier; **Dairy**- Rachel Eichorst, Brynn Poli, Sonya Helms; **Dairy Goat**- Sara Ortlieb; **Horse**- Lyndsie Babcock; **Rabbit**- Mary Rose, Marybeth Ortlieb, Erison Wilcox; **Sheep**- Thornton Allis, Abby Thomas; **Swine**-Connor McCloy, Nolan Weik; **Gardening/Horticulture**- Thornton Allis, Elsie Donlick, Annika Donlick; **Photography**- Bailey Wilcox, Joannah Rossnagel, Julia Gustafson; **Public Speaking**- Evan Perry, William Mathy, Erika Olsen, Sam Birdsall; **Visual Arts**- Devan Burritt, Rachel Eichorst, Aleta Gross; **Wood Science**-Connor McCloy, Cody Wilk; **Tech & Engineering**-Michael DuVall; **Community**

Service-Megan Robison, Rachel Eichorst, Marybeth Ortlieb, Thornton Allis, Donovan Allis, Emily Lehman; **Fashion Revue**-Elsie Donlick, Annika Donlick; **Tractor Safety**-Michael DuVall, George Wherry, Megan Robison; **Achievement**-Elizabeth Ripley, Michaela Eichorst, Ashley Osbeck, Sonya Helms; **Leadership**-Sonya Helms, Emily Lehman; **Clothing & Textiles**-Joannah Rossnagel, Annika Donlick, Alice Tylutki, Ryleigh Scales; **Cooking**-Morgan Scales, Ryleigh Scales, Alice Tylutki, Erika Olsen; **Home Environment**-Annika Donlick, Elsie Donlick; **Decorated Cake**-Joannah Rossnagel, Rachel Houston.

Outstanding Recognition:

A special plaque recognition to youth who have worked very hard this year achieving their goals in the Dairy, Agriculture, Livestock, and Horse areas.

4-H Dairy Member Award

Annika Donlick

4-H Livestock Member Award

Sam Birdsall

All-Around 4-H Member 12-14

Annika Donlick

All-Around 4-H Member 12-14

Sam Birdsall

All-Around 4-H Member 15-19

Sonya Helms

All-Around 4-H Member 15-19

Avery Gordinier

To close the evening, the 4-H Teen Council members held a traditional Candlelight Ceremony and shared refreshments to end the evening.

Cooperative Extension staff would like to also thank our sponsors, volunteers, friends, grandparents, parents, alumni 4-H'ers, as well businesses that supported and sponsored trophies, plaques, and cash awards for the youth fair and year-end awards and making our 4-H year a success!



**4-H TEEN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH**

Are you interested in becoming a strong leader in the 4-H Community and beyond?

Come join the 4-H Teen Council meeting every first Monday evening of the month!

Our next meeting will be on January 15th - TBA – we are planning a skating party at the JM McDonald Center. **More info will come!** Call the 4-H office for details. Come ready to have a great time learning about leadership and community involvement. **This is a fantastic opportunity for all 4-H'ers ages 13 - 19!!**

**CORTLAND COUNTY
4-H DAIRY BOWL PRACTICES**

Do you have 4-H members ages 9 and up that are interested in the dairy industry and would like to participate in dairy quiz bowl? Do you have an adult volunteer within your club that would like to coach them? Individuals and teams (teams consist of 3 to 4 youth) may practice within their club and compete at the county quiz bowl competition in February for a chance to represent Cortland County at the regional competition in March. Individuals and teams must register in January of their intent to participate, and both individuals and teams must have an adult coach. All 4-H members are also eligible to participate in any scheduled dairy quiz bowl educational meetings held on the county level.

- **Previous years practice packets:**
<http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal/programs/dairy/dairy-quiz-bowl/>
Packets from the regional and state contests:
<http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/4-h-projects-and-activities/4-h-dairy>

HORSE: HIPPOLOGY & QUIZ BOWL

ATTENTION 4-H'ERS (8-18) - You do not need to own a horse to join in on the fun! Learn about and care for the horse. Weekly practice Schedule (TBA) starting **in-mid January** & cost is approx. \$7.00 for books for first time comers. Project manuals, feeds samples and educational kits/photos will be available.

Open to both junior (8-13) & senior (14 -19) as of January 1, 2018). 4-H'ers and those who may want to go onto the March District Contest in **March 2018**. **Sign Up today**, by calling the office. If you love horses this is a great way of learning and caring for them.

IMPORTANT: ENROLLMENT & COMPLETION INFORMATION

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

- Deadline for re-enrollment for **all** clubs and independent members is 11/15/17.
- Current club members and independent members must re-enroll by 12/31/17 to avoid late charges on enrollment fees.
- New 4-H Clubs must be established by 12/31/17 to get credit for the year
- **Youth must be re-enrolled** by 3/31/18 in order to show animals at the Cortland Jr. Fair.
- **New members must** be enrolled by 5/1/18 in order to show animals at the Cortland Jr. Fair.
- New Member Enrollment is due within 30 days of the first 4-H club meeting attended, before participation in any county, regional or state event or activity.
- New members who enroll after June 1, 2018 will not be able to enter exhibits for evaluation at the Cortland County Jr. Fair or the New York State Fair.

NOTES

- Members not enrolled will not receive the Clover Dispatch and are not covered by our insurance.
- 4-H age—youth must be 8 yrs. old on or before 12/31/17, and cannot have reached their 19th birthday by 1/1/18. Any new member youth turning 8 after 1/1/18 will have to enroll as a Cloverbud for the remainder of the 4-H year.
- Cloverbuds need to be 5 yrs. old on or before 12/31/17 during the club year, and cannot have reached their 8th birthday by 1/1/18. Any new youth turning 5 after 1/1/18 must wait until the next 4-H year on 10/1/18 to enroll as a Cloverbud.

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT FEE

- ***Please include enrollment fee with enrollment form:***
 - \$ 5.00/youth for Cortland County residents, with a maximum of \$25/family
 - \$15.00/youth for out-of-county residents, with a maximum of \$30/family
- After December 31, 2017 -late enrollment fee increases to : in-county \$15/youth out of county \$25/youth, no family maximum).

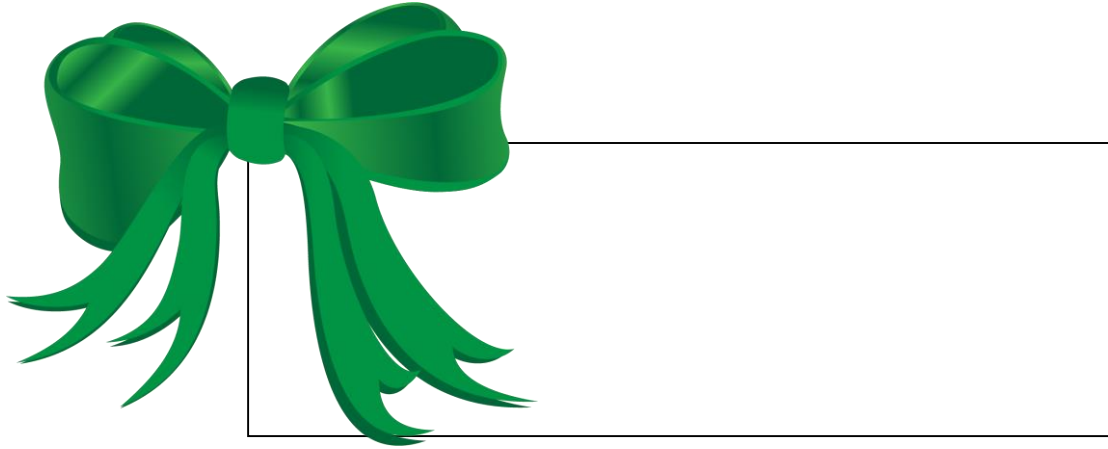
COMPLETION FORMS

- 4-H year ends September 30, 2018 (new year begins October 1st)
- 2017-2018 Year End forms due no later than September 10th
- Forms to be submitted are: Annual Club Program Calendar, Community Service Report, Financial Statement, Honor Club, Seal of Achievement, Summary of Project Records.
- 2017-2018 Club Financial Report also due September 10th (Every club must submit a form. If your club does not handle money, indicate this on the form and return it with the rest of the year end forms)
- All forms may be found on the website under Year End Paperwork:
<http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/4-h-forms>

Questions? Call the 4-H office at **607-391-2660**



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