

Annual Events

For a full calendar and event details, contact our main office.

Program & Project Opportunities:

- 4-H Heritage Garden Project (Jan-Sept)
- Public Presentations (Feb-April)
- Capital Days (May)
- Dairy and Horse Bowl (March)
- Hippology Competition (March)
- Tractor Safety Training (March-May)
- STARR Retreat (April)
- Dairy Rodeo (May)
- Career Explorations at Cornell (June)
- Cortland County Junior Fair (July)
- State Fair in Syracuse (Aug/Sept)
- 4-H Curriculum Activities (ongoing)
- Incubation & Embryology (upon request)

Fundraisers:

- 4-H Plant Sale (February)
- 4-H Local Product Sale (October)

Recognition:

- CCE Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition (October)
- Achievement Night (October)

Leadership Opportunities:

- 4-H Teen Council
- 4-H Club Leader Meetings and Professional Development Workshops
- Teen Leaders & Assistants at State Fair
- Judges' Assistants & Jr Superintendents for County Fair
- Room Hosts & Teen Evaluators for Public Presentations

Resources for Success

Cooperative Extension of Cortland County and 4-H of Cortland County

Printable forms and a calendar of events contact info, directions, and other programs
<http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu>

The Clover Dispatch

Cortland County 4-H's main publication, a one-stop shop for up-to-date and important information. Find on our website:
<http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu>

Parent & Leader Email List

Provide your email address for fast-breaking news, timely reminders, and special opportunities.

New York State 4-H

<https://nys4-h.org>

National 4-H

www.4-h.org

Animal Science Resources

<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/>

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Cortland County 4-H Program



A resource guide for:

- Leaders and Parents
- Club Members
- Independent Members
- Prospective Members



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4-H Clubs



4-H Clubs come in all shapes and sizes, with members ranging from age 5-19. They learn and grow through regular meetings, trips, contests, projects, and fair events. Call Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County for information on starting or joining a club.

Children ages 5-7 (as of January 1st) are considered Cloverbuds, who have special rules for projects and exhibits.

When clubs participate in annual fundraisers, profits support program and trip scholarships and a portion is returned to the club.

To Make the Best
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Independent Members

Independent 4-H members often pursue specific interests, complete projects, and participate in county and state fair.

They benefit from access to most of the same resources available to clubs. Annual fundraisers support program and trip scholarships for which they are eligible. Although they are self-directed, "independents" have countless opportunities to interact and learn with other 4-H members!



4-H Pledge

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living,
For my club, my community,
My country, and my world.

Leaders & Parents

Volunteers are at the heart of 4-H as teachers, mentors, and helpers. Their work leads to the formation of well-rounded, confident, and successful youth.

Important Reminders

- Parents of both new and current 4-H members must register youth by October 1st every year.
- Submit year-end club and individual project reports by September 15th.
- For Junior Fair entry details, see the Fair Book. Animal exhibits must register by January 1st for market steers and June 1st for all other species. Other essential deadlines may apply.
- Non-ownership options are available for youth who do not own an animal, but wish to work with, and exhibit one, at fair.

