



# Clover Chronicle

Cornell University Cooperative Extension

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*You are invited to*

# Winter Fair

*Hosted by the Thrills and Skills  
on Thursday, December 8, 2011*

*from 6:00 - 7:30pm*

*in the*

*Tamarac High School Cafeteria*

*or*

*Hosted by the Green Earthlings  
on Friday, December 9, 2011*


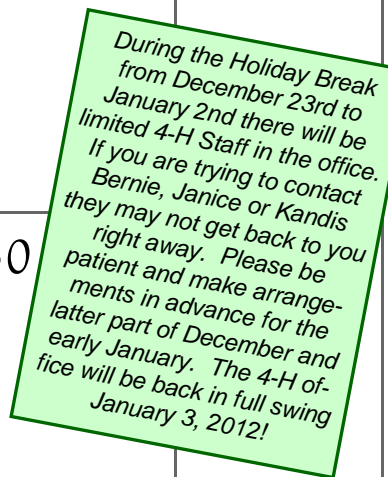
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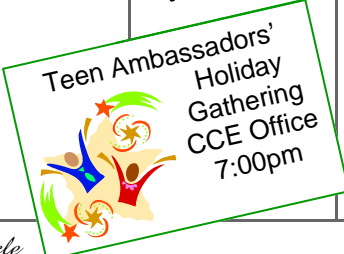
*at the*

*Salem United Methodist Church  
in West Sand Lake*



# December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			 Friday Night Chefs CCE Kitchen 6:30pm	1	2 All Cookie Sale Money is due in the 4-H Office	3
4	5	6	7 Teen Council CCE Office 7:00pm	8 Winter Fair at Brittonkill/ Tamarac H.S. Cafeteria 6:00 to 7:30pm	9 Winter Fair Salem United Methodist Church 6:30 to 8:00pm	10
11 Horse Bowl CCE Office Noon	12	13 4-H PDC CCE Office 7pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Upcycle and Redesign CCE Office 10am to 2pm	29	30	 During the Holiday Break from December 23rd to January 2nd there will be limited 4-H Staff in the office. If you are trying to contact Bernie, Janice or Kandis they may not get back to you right away. Please be patient and make arrangements in advance for the latter part of December and early January. The 4-H office will be back in full swing January 3, 2012!





# 4-H Club Reports

## WELCOME!

We are always pleased to welcome new clubs to Rensselaer County . . .

### Barn Bums

Just organized under the direction of Cathy Kilby, the Barn Bums are located in the Schaghticoke area. The new club will focus on horse projects.

### Turtles & Hares

Just organized under the direction of Amy and Randall Caccia, the Turtles & Hares are located in the Johnsville area. This new club will be working on a wide variety of projects in the arts and sciences.

Health Officer, and Kendra Davis is Environmental Officer.

We went over the cookie sales and figured out how many cases we should order. We also congratulated Hunter and Kendra for their projects being selected to go to the NYS Fair. We then talked about a possible trip to Schuyler Ridge Farm. We voted and agreed to go.

In October, we went over our field trip to Schuyler Farms where we were going pumpkin picking and picking out our gourds for an upcoming project. We talked about what places we wanted to have our cookie sale. We talked about the Achievement Night Dinner Friday October 21st at the Tamarac High School and reminded everybody to bring a dish to share and our own place settings and utensils. Our group decided to do a gift bag for dinner table centerpiece. We also mentioned the Friday Night Chefs, 4H week and Shooting Sports. We briefly reviewed the Clover Chronicle. We also decided not to do Winter Fair this year due to the new location being too far to travel to.

At a second meeting in October we took our gourds we purchased from our trip to Schuyler Farms and started working on our project. We decided we would reschedule our next meeting since it would have been on Halloween.

### Clover Club

#### Abby Tarbox

**Brunswick:** The Clover Club met in October to elect officers and schedule meetings for the coming year. The officers are: president—David Tarbox; Vice President—Anthony Grab; Secretary—Courtney Luskin and Abby Tarbox; Treasurer—Vance Gardner and Katlyn Stancliff.

The yearly activities include scarf and wreath making for the holiday season and many agriculture and horticulture projects. The Clover Club is excited to start a new year.

### Green Earthlings

#### Merrill Wrenn and Adam Film

**West Sand Lake:** The Green Earthlings held their September meeting to organize for the next 4-H year. Nine out of the ten members were there. We selected our new officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer,

## Club Reports

At the end of each month, club secretaries should submit the Secretary's Monthly Report form to the 4-H office, ATTN: Janice Fox. Refer to page 27 in the "4-H Club Secretary's Handbook" for examples and forms.

Even though the Clover Chronicle is printed bi-monthly, Secretaries should submit their reports every month. Honor Club criteria require that "a minimum of seven Secretary's Reports be submitted on a timely basis." The Secretary's Monthly Report is available on the Rensselaer County 4-H web site. You can find it on the *Members and Leaders Only* page.

Secretaries may email reports to [jpf26@cornell.edu](mailto:jpf26@cornell.edu).



### Claws, Paws 'N More

#### Kendra Davis and Makayla Ranieri

**Schaghticoke:** At our September meeting we elected our officers for the year. They are as follows: Hunter Galvin is President, Kendra Davis is Vice-President, Derek Cipolla is Treasurer, Makayla Ranieri is Secretary, Victoria Ranieri is Historian, Christopher Timberlin is Reporter, Samantha Anuszewski is Recreation Officer, Hunter Galvin is Safety Officer, Christopher Timberlin is

Project Record Manager, and Snack Manager. We discussed ideas on hosting the Winter Fair at the Salem United Methodist Church in West Sand Lake. We made a list of ideas for projects during the upcoming year.

As a service project we are going to provide dinner for Joseph's House. We brainstormed menu ideas and decided on ziti and meatballs with a green salad and a make-your-own sundae dessert. We plan on cooking and delivering the meal on October 16th.

We discussed important dates for activities during the autumn season. We are looking forward to a great year!

In October the Green Earthlings went to Joseph's House for our first service project. All of our members cooked spaghetti and meatballs, sauce, salad and for dessert homemade brownies for the clients. It was a great meal. Our members attended the annual Recognition Night at Tamarac.

In November, we sold lots of cookies and we sold some at Stewart's in West Sand Lake. We also planted bulbs at the church in Poestenkill as our service project. Also at the church, we raked leaves and cut prickers.

We would like to welcome Keara and Jessie to the Green Earthlings.

Our club plans to get together and make holiday ornaments and plan Winter Fair on November 11th.

#### **Horses R Us Plus Courtney Luskin**

**Nassau:** In August, members attended various shows and had a club meeting. The meeting was to discuss the fair and upcoming events. Jenna, Morgan, and Courtney attended State Fair for hippology - their team placed third. Members also worked on displays for the fair during this month.

In September, members attended the fair with their horses. We put up displays and worked at the snack bar. All members enjoyed a fun week at the fair. Some of our members are getting ready to attend the Elmira Horse Show. Members had a meeting to discuss the upcoming banquet.

#### **Rensselaer County 4H Trail Blazers Merrill Wrenn**

**Averill Park:** The Trail Blazers were busy during the month of October. We displayed our club exhibit at Agway during National 4H week. During our business meeting we discussed our ideas for hosting the Horse Clubs Year-End Recognition Pot-Luck Banquet. We decided on a theme, colors and contests for prizes. Unfortunately, the banquet was postponed due to weather, but we look forward to hosting the banquet in January.

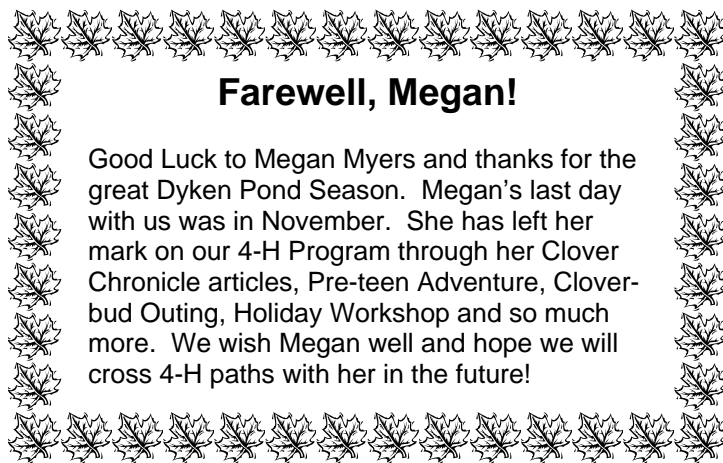
We also decided that the club would be taking a trip to New York City to see the Broadway production of "War Horse" - we cannot wait to go! At our fun meeting, we discussed centerpieces and enjoyed planting over 100 daffodil bulbs.

#### **Stablemates Lindsey Rosen**

**Melrose:** In October, the Stablemates talked about the Lohnes Award nominees. We nominated Courtney Luskin and Jaclyn Paquette. We also elected our club officers. Kim Carabis is president, Kayla Brooks is vice president, Lindsey Rosen is Secretary, Brittany Whitford is Recreation Leader, Taylor Hanson is Treasurer, and Brigham Logue is Snack Leader. The news reporters are Sierra Parker and Michaela O'Brien, Olivia Logue is Historian.

The Horse Banquet will be held October 29th at the East Greenbush Firehouse. The Trailblazers are hosting it and a Halloween Costume Contest will take place. The Equine Affair is November 11th and all are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to the Rensselaer County Team at Elmira for taking second over-all team. The team consisted of Olivia Logue, Riley Dunn, Kerry Judge, Courtney Luskin, and Morgan Kunz.



### **Farewell, Megan!**

Good Luck to Megan Myers and thanks for the great Dyken Pond Season. Megan's last day with us was in November. She has left her mark on our 4-H Program through her Clover Chronicle articles, Pre-teen Adventure, Cloverbud Outing, Holiday Workshop and so much more. We wish Megan well and hope we will cross 4-H paths with her in the future!

**This year TWO Winter Fairs  
will be hosted by  
Thrills and Skills on December 8, 2011  
at Tamarac High School  
and  
Green Earthlings on December 9, 2011  
at Salem United Methodist Church**

If you plan to attend, be sure to call the 4-H office to sign up for the Winter Fair of your choice by December 5th. Registration for Winter Fair is probably more important than for any other event throughout the year. In case we need to cancel the Winter Fair for weather or other reasons we want to be able to contact folks accurately. We also need a minimum participation rate to warrant having a Winter Fair and we rely on signups to make that determination. Refer to the October/November issue for Winter Fair guidelines and entries. If you don't have your Chronicle on hand, check the web site [www.ccerensselaer.org/4H-Youth-Development/cloverchronicle.aspx](http://www.ccerensselaer.org/4H-Youth-Development/cloverchronicle.aspx)

Participants are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item to donate at both fairs, as they will be doing a food drive in conjunction with the Winter Fair.

## Emergency Cancellations

4-H will be using the School Closings Network again this year for emergency cancellations. When we schedule meetings, activities, or events during the winter months we try to account for every contingency but as you know winter in the northeast can be unpredictable.

Cancellations will be posted under Rensselaer County as 4-H Youth Development. You will be able to find our cancellations in a variety of media including web sites for Capital News 9, The Daily

Gazette, The Post Star, The Times Union; radio stations WFLY – FLY92, WGY – 810WGY, WNYT TV, WRGB TV, WRVE – The River, WTEN TV, WYJB – B95.5; and WXXA TV.



### Friends of Our Troops

In 1965 a group of patriotic Americans formed Vietnam Mail Call, for the purpose of getting as many cards and letters as possible to U.S. troops in Vietnam and aboard ships in the area. Following the Vietnam conflict, a new organization was formed to distribute supportive mail to U.S. troops stationed overseas. The campaign further expanded within two to three years when requests were received for mail to also be sent to stateside locations.

If you really want to support our troops, nothing beats the old-fashioned way — cards and letters! For more than four-and-a-half decades Friends of Our Troops has supported the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard through **Fan Mail for the Troops**.

Membership certificates are awarded to organizations (churches, schools, colleges, 4-H — any kind of group) that sends 100 or more Christmas or Valentine letters. If your 4-H club would like to be part of this worthwhile community service project you should contact the 4-H office to get a copy of the **MILITARY MAIL-GRAM**, which includes complete guidelines and instructions for sending Fan Mail for the Troops. If you want to check this out right away go to:

<http://www.fanmailfortroops.net/>

Valentine mail is needed! For the Valentine Mail Campaign, cards, letters, and valentines must be postmarked by January 12, 2012, to allow time for processing and mailing to the troops, so contact the 4-H office today!



### How to reach us -

Call the 4-H Office 272-4210,  
Monday through Friday,  
between 8am and 4pm.

You can leave a voice mail message  
at any other time.

Ext. 104 - **Janice Fox**, 4-H Community Educator

Ext. 105 - **Bernie Wiesen**, 4-H/FCS Issue Leader

Ext. 106 - **Kandis Freer**, 4-H Community Educator

Email to:

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Fax to:

272-1648 - ATTENTION 4-H



### 4-H Program Development Committee

Meets the second Tuesday of each month

*4-H PDC members are available to you.*

*If you have comments or suggestions don't hesitate  
to reach out to any of our PDC members.*

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#### **Teen Representatives**

Morgan Hill

Chris Degener

Daniel von Schilgen (Alternate)

As a Cloverbud you are beginning your journey in 4-H. You will discover amazing things as you begin to "Learn by Doing!"

You have all the tools you need . . .

- 🧠 HEAD to think and question
- ♥ HEART to care and cooperate
- ✋ HANDS to work and help
- 🍏 HEALTH to be strong and safe

The only other thing you need is an  
**ADULT PARTNER** to guide and protect  
you on your journey!



Decorated Clothing is a great way for Cloverbuds to begin Clothing and Textiles projects.

You can begin to explore color and design, can learn about measurements, and can create projects that you can wear in the Fashion Event or that you can enter in the Schaghticoke Fair. This T-shirt is fun to make and perfect to wear during the holidays. Make one for yourself, or better yet, make one to give to your parents or grandparents!

## Reindeer T-Shirts

### What you need:

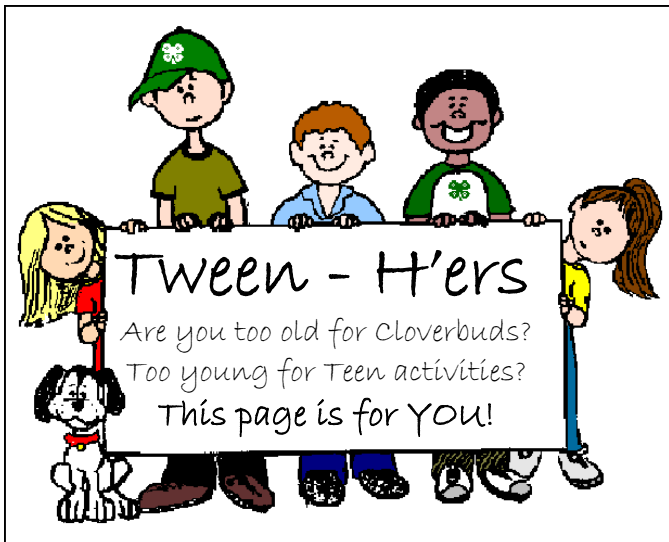
- T-Shirt (wash before painting)
- Tan Fabric Paint (for Reindeer head)
- Brown or Black fabric paint (for Reindeer antlers)
- Red or Black Pom-Pom
- Googly Eyes
- Fabric Glue

### What you do:

1. Paint the bottom of your foot tan.
2. Firmly step on the middle of the t-shirt, toes pointing to the top of the shirt, then carefully lift your foot off of the shirt.
3. Wipe your foot clean with baby wipes.
4. Paint each hand brown (or black) and press them onto the T-shirt above the footprint to make antlers.
5. Wipe your hands clean with baby wipes.
6. Use fabric glue to attach wiggle eyes and a red or black Pom-Pom nose.



If you want to give this as a gift ~ great for your parents or grandparents ~  
sign and date the shirt with a permanent marker.

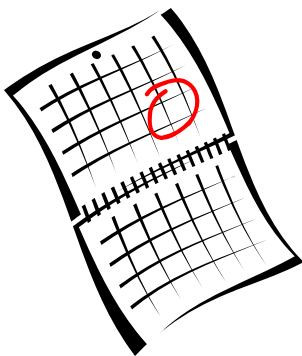


## The Pre Teen Adventure is held in early July at Dyken Pond

4-H members ages 8 through 12, who are in grades 3 through 6, are invited to enjoy this adventure at Dyken Pond every summer. There are lots of opportunities for members to get to know each other through full-group activities and during the pot-luck lunch. Through the Pre Teen Adventure friendships are forged, so that when young teens venture out to Cornell for Career Explorations, they do not feel like they are heading out alone.

The Pre Teen Adventure gives pre-teens the chance to try natural resource projects. They might choose from canoeing and kayaking; a 'catch and release' fishing activity; archery; a natural resource discovery, or an outdoor craft

**The application must be completed by the end of March.** It's never too early to start working on it. You can begin organizing your facts, certificates, and awards then when you are ready to fill out the application you will have all the facts you need right at your fingertips.



Mark your  
calendars  
for  
February 18th

**WHO** — 4-H members who are 5 to 12 years old

**WHAT**— Pre-Teen Fun Day

**WHERE** — Tamarac Middle School

**WHEN** — The Day will begin at 9:30am and will conclude at 2:00pm

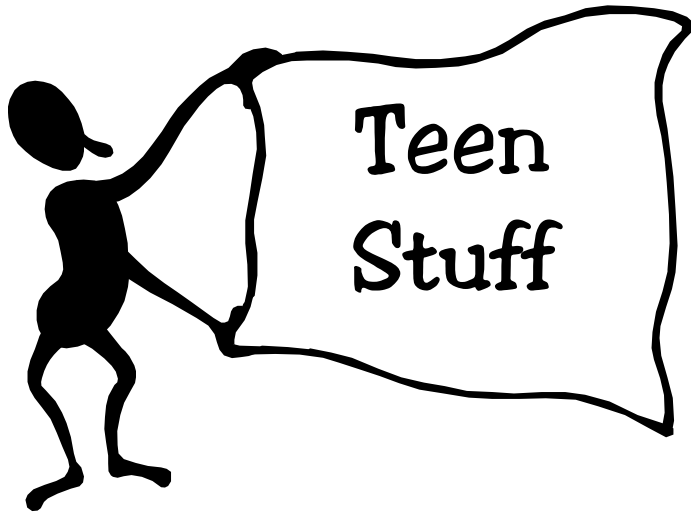
**WHY**— To have fun and to get to know 4-H'ers from around the county

**WHAT YOU NEED** — Nothing! Teen Council will provide pizza for lunch and it is a free event!

This Year Teen Council invites members 12 years and under, including Cloverbuds, to participate in a day of Science. Join us as we explore new ways to RECYCLE. Our Teens are working hard developing age appropriate hands-on lessons that are fun and engaging!

**Please call the office to sign up for the fun  
by Friday, February 3rd!**





## Teen Ambassadors

The new project year has gotten off to a great start for the Teen Ambassadors. They hosted the annual 4-H information night for prospective members and leaders. Teen Ambassadors gave an overview of the projects available through 4-H and then introduced a simple project to new members while their parents could learn more about 4-H during a question-answer period.

The Teen Ambassadors invited prospective Ambassadors to their meeting to explain what being a Teen Ambassador is all about. They are pleased to welcome Maeve Doin, Shannon Doin, Melanie Donlon, Maddie Hoyt, Ingrid Morton, Kathleen Renna and Rachel Wright into the group and are happy to report that many of the new Ambassadors jumped right in and helped with dace painting at Tremont's First Annual Pet Extravaganza.

Mikaela Marbot gave an excellent presentation on 4-H when the Ambassadors celebrated National 4-H Week with their traditional visit to the county legislature.

Teen Ambassadors served as Masters of Ceremonies for Achievement Night and began working on a new leadership curriculum. They are planning their annual Holiday Gathering and are looking forward to welcoming back alumni. Tanner Reed will serve as President; Madison Woodley will serve as Vice President; and Danielle Hilt will serve as Secretary.

## Teen Council

Teen Council last met on November 2nd to start planning the 2011-2012 calendar. We discussed ideas for Pre-Teen Fun Day and have decided on the theme Recycling.

We would like to welcome new members Holly Garrison, Taylor and Bobby Burl, David Carroll, Rebecca and Jennifer Rem and Eliza Johnson! And congratulate our 2011-2012 officers: Chris Degener as President, Brad Hoyt as Vice President, Connor Hoyt

as Treasurer, Gregory Kopache as Secretary, Morgan Hill and Chris Degener as 4-H PDC Reps and Dan vonSchilgen as the alternate PDC Rep. At our next meeting Teen Council will be donating to the Mitten Tree and celebrating the holidays with our year end holiday party.

THANK YOU to all our volunteers that helped collect election results this year and we are sorry for those of you that ran into difficulties. This is not only a great community service it is also a hands-on learning experience. This year our volunteers reported 86% of the election polls assigned to 4-H raising \$602.00!! THANK YOU!!

For those of you that would like the chance to participate next year or would like to be taken off the list please contact Kandis.

## Teen Exchange

We are all looking forward to more fundraising to help aid us in financing our trip to WI this summer. We will have spent the Saturday after Thanksgiving constructing wreaths. This is typically our largest fundraiser of the year since we typically sell a lot of wreaths and our cost of inputs is fairly low. We have two dinners scheduled: Roast Beef Dinner at the United Methodist Church in East Greenbush located near Goff Middle School on Gilligan Road as well as a Spaghetti Dinner at the United Methodist Church in Pittstown on February 4th. See the flyers for both dinners enclosed and make your reservations! As always, a sincere thank you for all who continue to support our fundraising efforts and hope to see you at one of our dinners this winter.

## New York State 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarships

Information for the 2012 4-H Opportunity Scholarship is available on the NYS 4-H Foundation website [www.nys4hfoundation.org](http://www.nys4hfoundation.org)

This is open to all 4-H members who will be attending college in the fall of 2012. This is an extensive application - don't wait until the last minute - check it out today.

Applications can be sent electronically or mailed to NYS 4-H Foundation. The application and all required materials are to be postmarked or date-stamped **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2012**.

Please note that you need an endorsement from a Rensselaer County educator as well as a recommendation from someone who can comment on your 4-H career. Be sure you contact Bernie, Kandis, or Janice if you plan on applying for this scholarship.



# Leaders Digest

## Leader Checklist

- Club Re-Organization Packets were distributed** at the Schaghticoke Fair. If you were not able to pick up your club's packet at the fair, it is waiting for you in the 4-H Office. Have you sent in your club enrollment? Check the list on page 12. This could be your LAST Clover Chronicle. We will begin using our 2011-2012 address list in December. Did you submit your club's financial statement? (**Tool L-19** found in your 4-H Leaders Handbook)
- Do you have teens for Capital Days? Details can be found on page 14. **Applications must be postmarked on or before January 3, 2012.**
- Encourage your members and their parents to attend Pre Teen Fun Day and Cabin Fever Workshop. This is a great day for the whole family from Cloverbuds to adults!
- Are your members getting ready for Demonstration Days in March? Help your members decide on a topic so they can begin planning and practicing.
- Career Explorations **Applications need to be postmarked on or before February 24, 2012.** There are new guidelines for resumes. Be sure to have your teens contact the 4-H Office before they begin to prepare their applications.
- Pre Teen Adventure Applications are due April 2, 2012. That may seem like a long way off, but it wouldn't hurt to have your pre-teens start working on the application now.



## New Leaders

At recent meetings of the 4-H Program Development Committee, applications and recommendations for volunteers were reviewed. We are happy to welcome newly approved 4-H leaders, and are especially pleased when 4-H alumni join our ranks!

☆ Donna Bradbury — Rensselaer County 4-H Trail Blazers

☆ Rachel MacNeil — Stateline Livestock



## Winter Fair

If you have members planning to go to the Winter Fair on December 8th or on December 9th, please stress the importance of signing up by calling the 4-H Office (272-4210). In case we need to cancel for weather or other reasons we want to be able to contact all of the folks who are planning to attend.

You can refer to the October/November issue of the Clover Chronicle for details on Winter Fair classes.

[www.ccerensselaer.org/4H-Youth-Development/cloverchronicle.aspx](http://www.ccerensselaer.org/4H-Youth-Development/cloverchronicle.aspx)

If you have any questions, just call the 4-H Office!

## Cabin Fever Workshop

Saturday, February 18, 2012

Tamarac High School

10am to 2:00pm

Registration, coffee, and get-acquainted at 9:30am

Cabin Fever Workshop runs in conjunction with Pre-Teen Fun Day every year. It is a full day of training for adults — leaders and parents. The day offers opportunities to explore a project in depth, to network with other adults around the county, and to enjoy a wonderful pot-luck luncheon. In the past we have explored, sewing, woodworking, electricity, felting, adventure activities, and baking (yeast breads, pie crusts, quiches, scones, and popovers).

This year we will get back to basics with a simple crochet project. After lunch we will review the fairbook and discuss how to prepare general interest exhibits for the fair.

Mark your calendar to save the date — details will be printed in the February Chronicle.



## New Science Tool Kit Available

Take Action at Home— Learn more about energy, its sources, uses, and impacts on our environment and economy, take this kit home to assess how much energy you are using and discover ways to make your home more energy efficient.



Resources from NYSERDA



2011 National Science Experiment Wired for Wind is available for clubs



### What's happening at 4-H Afterschool Sites

- Turnpike— Operation Daffodil and Chemistry Fun
- Menands— Operation Daffodil and Chemistry Fun
- School 16— Operation Daffodils and Chemistry Fun
- Doyle Middle School— Operation Daffodil and Upcycle and Redesign
- School 14— Operation Daffodil
- School 14 21st Century— Operation Daffodil
- School 18— Operation Daffodil
- YMCA— Operation Daffodil
- Heatly— Operation Daffodil
- Gardner Dickinson— Operation Daffodil



The 4-H GET SET Page is for all 4-H members and volunteers! This page is to give an insight to programs that are being used in afterschool sites around the county in hope to give you fresh ideas to use with your club.

If you see anything that interests you, please call  
Kandis Freer at the CCE Office 272-4210 ext 106.

## Herdsmanship/Shepherdship Awards from the Schaghticoke Fair

As many know, Herdsmanship/Shepherdship Awards are presented at year end banquets and we would like to send out our congratulations to the following clubs and members who helped put our best 4-H foot forward to fairgoers at the fair and for presenting such a positive picture of agriculture to the public by having clean animals, clean housing, educational displays and an overall safe environment for both the public, members and animals.

### Cattle

#### 3 way Tie 1st Blue:

Hot Shots, Sargood Family and Hoosick Shamrocks

#### Blues:

Clover Club  
Country Bumpkins  
Critters 4-H Club  
Valley Falls Cattle  
Hoosick Moos  
Cross Hares and Hooves  
Southern Livestock  
Stateline  
Wild Things  
Bryce McCue  
Hannah Wilber  
Tanner Reed  
Stephanie Watrous

### Goats

**Blue:** Heather Morrell  
Sophia Morrell  
Nicole Washburn  
Joe Moore

### Sheep

**Star Junior Shepherd:** Kendra Davis

**Star Senior Shepherd:** Katlyn Weaver

**Blues:** Chris Bevevino  
Brigham Logue  
Olivia Logue  
Mikaela Marbot  
Liz Sheffer  
John Washburn  
Nicole Washburn

## Year End Awards

### 2011 County Medal

Congratulations to Olivia Logue for receiving a County Medal for her Sheep Project. She is to be congratulated for mastering this project area, for keeping good records, and for successfully completing the County Medal application.

### Project Records

Congratulations to the Following for receiving awards for the outstanding quality of their cattle project records. Every year, several members turn in project records for their various areas of 4-H Work. We encourage any members looking for project records for any project area to contact the CCE office.

### Cattle

- ★ Courtney Luskin – Sr. Jersey and Milking Shorthorn
- ★ Abbie Tarbox – Jr. Guernsey

Please look for information on our **Rosenkrans Award** Recipients in the next issue of the Clover Chronicle issue!

### Horse Year End Awards (including Herdsmanship)

**will be in the Feb/Mar issue for 2012.**

The Horse program made history this year for having to cancel their year-end award dinner which was scheduled for October 29th. For those of you who remember what was coming out of the sky that night, you will know why we had to cancel and reschedule our dinner for January 7th. So watch our next issue for highlights of that night including the Lohnes recipient.

## Bowl Season

Horse and Dairy Bowl are FUN competitive educational events that focus on teaching youth cattle and horse science and management. The Bowl season is just beginning and our coaches will be looking for willing youth to participate in practices.

Our bowl teams are made up of up to 6 youth that are non-Cloverbud aged and could compete as Novice (youth that are 13 years and younger as of January 1st, 2012 and competing in regional/district contests for their 1st or 2nd time), Juniors (youth 13 years and younger as of January 1st, 2012) and Seniors (14 to 18 years as of January 1st, 2012). Tentative horse bowl practices can be found on the Calendar. The actual contest involves using quiz buzzers to "buzz" in to answer questions on a head to head format. It is often very fast paced and a lot of fun.

- ★ Horse Bowl practices will be on selected Sunday afternoons starting at noon at the CCE office.
- ★ Dairy Bowl schedules have not been developed at the printing of the newsletter.

If you are interested in participating or learning more, contact the CCE office right away. We do not have regional and district contest dates at this writing but typically they are held on a Saturday in the month of March. Even if you cannot make the contest, the practice sessions will prove to be very helpful in helping you gain more knowledge in the areas of horses and dairy and all are welcome to participate in the practices. Please call the CCE office ASAP if you are interested so you can be contacted with dates and updates to practice schedules.

## Congratulations to the New York State Horse Education Teams

Rensselaer County was home to one member who travelled to the National 4-H Round Up that was held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky in early November. New York is lucky to have 4 wonderful coaches for all areas of the Equine Educational Events offered at Nationals: Horse Communications, Horse Bowl, Hippology and Horse Judging. There were 16 youth that travelled on a bus from Cornell University to Louisville and all got to know each other quite well by the time they all returned to New York. If you talk with any of the teens on any of the teams, the common comment you would hear would be: I wish we had more time in KY; I met so many great people and wow, this was a great experience. All the members of the respective teams really made achieving and getting on the team a priority in their life. Several times you would see such synergy among the team members because they could be themselves and admit they were "Equine Nerds". The majority of members on the trip did not know their fellow team mates and had roughly 15 hours on a bus to get to know each other and study with their coaches. They all ate and slept horses, without a single complaint. Olivia Logue was our 4-H member that was on our New York State Hippology Team. This is the longest contest of all the different events at Nationals. They started essentially around 8am and did not get done until after 4pm. In this event there is a written test, live horse judging, stations and two team problems. This New York Team was comprised of Olivia as well as teens from Livingston, Wayne and Cattaraugus counties.

They all got along extremely well and were coached by Vicki Bolton who is an animal science/biology instructor at Alfred State University and lives in Steuben County. It was great to see them all come together and help each other out when studying and practicing even though they only just met each other. The Hippology team placed 6th in the written test portion of the contest with one of their members placing 3rd individually, additionally the team placed 8th for the stations portion of the contest and Olivia placed 11th individually for the judging portion of the contest. Overall the New York Team placed 8th. New York was very well represented as the Horse Bowl Team placed 3rd and one of their team members placed 10th individually and the public speaker from New York placed 4th and the judging team placed 11th.

All members got to meet top 4-H Equine members from across the country. This will play a role some day in these member's lives as this is the early part of their networking as they go on to follow other equine interests and move on to college and careers.

One message from Olivia to all members interested in horse educational events – get involved and just do it. Come to horse bowl, pick a topic to participate in horse communications and come out for hippology. It is a great way to meet neat people, make friends and learn more about horses and who knows, if you work really hard you may find yourself on a bus to KY some day! Olivia welcomes any questions anyone may have about her experience and she hopes to see oodles of kids at horse bowl which has already started, but it is not too late to join.

## Have You Re-enrolled?

If your club or family name is NOT on this list you will no longer receive the Clover Chronicle or any other mail from the 4-H Office after December 31, 2011. Please contact Kandis Freer at 272-4210 ext 106 or [kmf83@cornell.edu](mailto:kmf83@cornell.edu) if you believe your club has been omitted in error.

You may re-enroll at any time (and we sure hope you do!) simply by sending your re-enrollment information and your registration fee (\$10 per member and \$10 per volunteer) to the 4-H Office. Please call or email Kandis with any questions.

4-H Thrills & Skills  
Barn Bums  
Blazing Saddles 4H Club  
Chix 'n Chaps  
Claws, Paws 'N More  
Clover Club  
Collins Family  
Cross Hares and Hooves  
Davis Family  
Equitation Unlimited  
Extreme Explorers  
Forest Friends  
Freer Family  
Friendly 4-Hers  
Friendly Cottontails

Green Earthlings  
Hallock Family  
Hare Raisers  
Heller Family  
Hoosick Moos  
Hoosick Shamrocks 4-H Club  
Horses R Us Plus  
Hudson Valley 5-H'ers  
Jogging Juniors  
Karmel Family  
Kaufman Family  
Kopache Family  
Lazy Lopers  
McCue Family  
Morrell Family

Reed Family  
Rensselaer County 4-H Trail Blazers  
Saddle Packs  
Stablemates  
Stateline Livestock  
St. Pierre Family  
Sullivan Family  
Sunshine Club  
Turtles & Hares  
Valley Falls Cattle Club  
Washburn Family  
Wild Things  
Woodley Family  
Wright Family

# Treat Yourself to a Hearty Family Meal!

## Roast Beef Dinner

Hosted by the Rensselaer County

4-H Teen Exchange

on

**Saturday, January 14th, 2012**

**From 4:00 to 6:00pm**

at the

**United Methodist Church of  
East Greenbush**

located at

**1 Gilligan Road**

**East Greenbush**



Adults (12 and older) — \$9 w/ reservation, \$10 at door

Children (5-11) — \$5 w/ reservation, \$6 at door

Children (4 and under ) Are FREE

***Reservations Requested***

Please Call 423-7071

# 4-H Teen Exchange Spaghetti Dinner February 4th, 2012

United Methodist Church of Pittstown  
45 Old County Route 7

Serving 4 to 6 PM

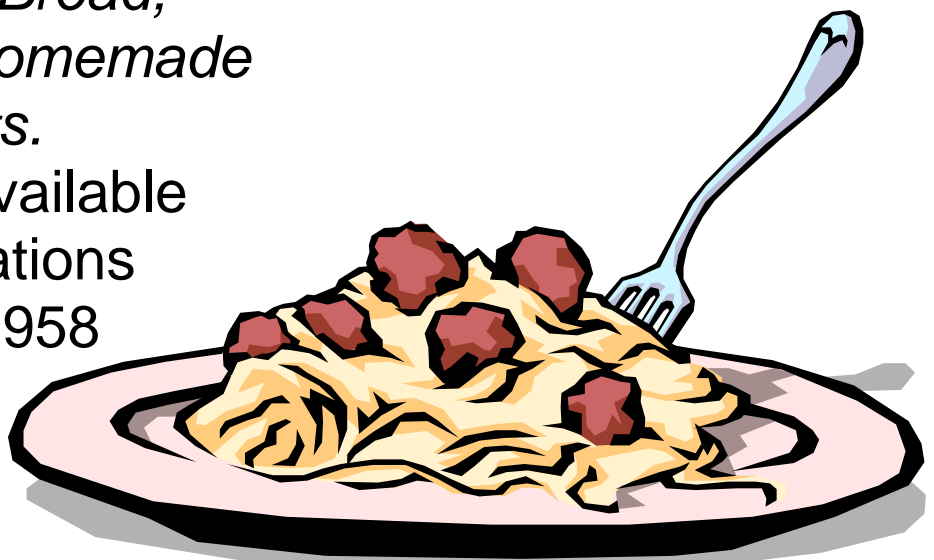
Adults (12 and older) \$7.50

Children (5 to 11 ) \$5.00

4 and under Free

*Home style spaghetti  
meal with meat balls,  
salad, Italian Bread,  
and delicious homemade  
desserts.*

Take out is available  
For reservations  
call 753-9958



## 2011-2012 4-H Cookie Sale

Thanks to everyone who supported 4-H programming in Rensselaer County through our annual 4-H Cookie sale we made over \$4200 on this fundraiser, with over \$560 going directly into club treasuries.

**A special thank you goes to Dennis Tremont and the accommodating and friendly staff at Tremont Lumber.** We are very fortunate to be able to distribute our cookies from their warehouse every year. It would be very difficult to hold our traditional cookie sale without their help.

Congratulations and thank you to the clubs and independent members who ordered and sold cookies:

<b>Chicken Rangers</b> <i>3 cases per member - first time participating!</i>	<b>Hoosick Shamrocks</b>
<b>Claws, Paws 'N More</b> <i>3 cases per member!</i>	<b>Horses 'R Us Plus</b>
<b>Chix 'n Chaps</b>	<b>Jogging Juniors</b>
<b>Clover Club</b>	<b>Kopache Family</b>
<b>Critters Club</b>	<b>Reed Family</b>
<b>Cyber Dragons</b>	<b>Rensselaer County 4-H Trail Blazers</b>
<b>Extreme Explorers</b>	<b>Smith Family</b>
<b>Fox Family</b>	<b>Stablemates</b>
<b>Friendly Cottontails</b>	<b>Stateline Family</b>
<b>Green Earthlings</b>	<b>Sullivan Family</b>
<b>Hare Raisers</b>	<b>Thrills &amp; Skills</b>
<b>Hilt Family</b>	<b>Wagner Family</b>
	<b>Wild Things</b>
	<b>Wright Family</b>

## Mitten Tree

The next time you slip your hands into a cozy pair of mittens or gloves, pull a hat on your head, wrap a scarf around your neck, or put new, clean socks on your feet on a cold morning, just imagine how sad it would be if you had to go through the winter with a cold head, neck, hands or feet! In Rensselaer County there will be many children who face that bleak prospect, but you can lend a hand.

The "Mitten Tree" has been set up in the large education room at the CCE Office again this year with its bare branches waiting to be filled with donations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and socks.

This is a great community service for this time of year. In addition to other agencies utilizing the donations with the families they work with, the Cornell Cooperative Extension Nutrition Program Educators will also distribute donated items to their families in need. Please have items delivered to the CCE Office by December 20th. Be sure to leave your name and contact information with your donated items so thank you notes can be sent out.

## Honor Club

Achieving Honor Club status is not an easy task. 4-H clubs must set this as a goal early in the year, and they have to begin working toward that goal right after the fair. Once they have decided to strive for Honor Club status, everyone — members and leaders — must continue to work towards that goal.

### Congratulations to 2010-2011 Honor Clubs!

#### Clover Club

#### Green Earthlings

#### Horse 'R Us Plus

#### Rensselaer County 4-H Trail Blazers

#### Thrills & Skills

These clubs have done an excellent job this year and have met all of the requirements for Honor Club.

- They started the year on the right foot by participating in National 4-H Week and by confirming their participation with the 4-H office.
- They completed their enrollment paperwork and turned it in to the 4-H office by October 31, 2010.
- They participated in the 4-H Cookie Sale and sold an average of at least one case of cookies per member.
- They completed a Community Service Project.
- They set up a stationary club exhibit at the Schaghticoke Fair.
- They worked at least one shift in the 4-H Snack Bar at the Schaghticoke Fair.
- The Club Secretary submitted seven (or more) Secretary's Reports in a timely fashion.
- Club leaders participated in two or more training workshops.

## National 4-H Week

Thanks to the following clubs for spreading the 4-H message throughout the county during National 4-H Week:

#### Claws, Paws 'N More

#### Clover Club

#### Green Earthlings

#### Horses 'R Us Plus

#### Jogging Juniors

#### Rensselaer County 4-H Trail Blazers

#### Stablemates

#### Teen Ambassadors

#### Thrills & Skills

#### Wild Things

## Chemung County Intercounty 4-H Horse Team Event

Back this year was the return of the Chemung County Intercounty 4-H Horse Team Event held in October at the Chemung County Fairgrounds and coordinated by the Chemung 4-H Program. This is a highly anticipated contest by members as it is a team event comprised of two senior riders, two junior riders and one senior member who is the team manager. The best part of the weekend is that there is no communication allowed between 4-H members participating and adults/parents from about 7 AM until ½ hour after the last class finishes on each day. That means these members are completely on their own to get their horses prepared, warmed up and to their classes with all their proper attire, tack and in some cases knowledge of the patterns. They help each other and the team manager acts as the “mom” for the weekend helping all members manage their time, keep the barn clean, because that is also an area that is evaluated for the team. Rensselaer County only had one team participate this year – Splash of Flash. There were 22 teams that competed this year resulting in over 100 youth participating from across New York and Pennsylvania. Teams are evaluated on a team problem and herdsman-ship and accumulated performance by team members on formal inspection, written test and performance classes. It is a very comprehensive event that considers horse knowledge beyond the show ring.

The Splash of Flash consisted of the manager Morgan Kunz and senior riders Courtney Lusk and Olivia Logue and junior riders Kerry Judge and Riley Dunn. Kerry placed 8th in western equitation, 2nd in equitation over fences, 6th in dressage and 5th in the written test individually.



Riley placed 1st in English pleasure, 6th in English equitation, 3rd in western pleasure and 5th in dressage individually. Olivia placed 4th in English pleasure, 4th in command, 3rd in dressage, 8th in trail and 4th in the written test. Morgan placed 6th in the managers riding class. Overall individually, Riley placed 7th for junior performance and Olivia 5th for senior performance. As a team they placed 5th for team management, 3rd for team knowledge and were the 2nd place overall team.

Congratulations and thanks (including members and parents) for taking the time and energy to haul horses, feed, kids, equipment, food and participate in the event over Columbus Day Weekend. It is a wonderful way for members to work together and bring their show season to a close. In many cases this also inspires members to plan for the next show season, and the next trip to Elmira. Members interested in participating on a team for next year should contact Bernie at the CCE office.

## Farewell and a Well Deserved Thank You

We thank **Bronnie Powers, Maureen Ferraro-Davis** and **Carolyn Stannard-Carlo** for their dedication and valuable insight as 4-H Program Development Committee members for the past 3 years. They brought so many view points based on their extensive experiences and involvement in 4-H. All three are busy with other community organizations and our loss will be those organization's gain. They did an outstanding job on our 4-H Program Development Committee and we thank them for all their contributions and hard work. We know we will continue to benefit from their support in other roles in 4-H.

## Welcome!

Welcome to **Holly Sullivan** a parent of 3 Independent members, **Cathy Kilby** a longtime 4-H parent and organizational Leader of the newly formed “Barn Bums” club, and **Bruce Church** a longtime parent and organizational leader of the Hoosick Shamrocks Club. Each of these newly elected 4-H PDC members will bring unique expertise to the table. We thank them for being willing to run and look forward to working with them on the direction and support of 4-H programming across the county. Their terms officially begin January 1, 2012 and go through December 31, 2014. Welcome aboard Bruce, Cathy and Holly!

We also welcome the following community members to our Program Development Committees and our Board of Directors for CCE. Many of these names may look familiar. If you run into these people be sure to introduce yourself and thank them for their involvement. Newly elected representatives will also begin their terms January 1st of 2012; these terms conclude in December of 2014.

**Board of Directors at Large** – Don Maurer of Troy, Frank Legace of Melrose and our very own Gretchen Morton from the Thrills and Skills 4-H Club in the Brunswick area

**Family and Consumer Science Program Development Committee** – Pat Severson-Wager of Averill Park and Marie Heller of Melrose

**Horticulture Program Development Committee** – Dave Becker of Rensselaer, Ed LeMay and Kathleen Donnelly of Troy

**Agriculture Program Development Committee** – Kris Brock of Schaghticoke and Ben Lusk of Johnsonville.

## Ben and Calli Gaines Named Outstanding 4-H Volunteers for 2011

One of the highlights of our Annual Association Meeting every year, which was held in early November, is recognizing outstanding volunteers from all program areas at CCE. This year we recognized Ben Gaines and Calli Powers-Gaines. Those who know Ben and Calli are likely scratching your heads wondering why it took so long! They have such a wide and varied 4-H Volunteer Resume that we could truly write a book about all the contributions Ben and Calli have made to the 4-H program over the past 23 years.



Ben and Calli met in 4-H and have truly devoted their lives to youth in Rensselaer County. Their involvement is very broad in the 4-H Program. Ben and Calli combined have served as our Horse PDC Presidents for over 20 years. Calli served on our elected county 4-H PDC for 2 terms and has been our Cattle PDC Secretary. They both were primary initiators of the start of Cow Chip Bingo at the fair as a Cattle fundraiser and have been long standing supporters of cattle activities and show sponsors over the years. They are both certified Shooting Sports Instructors and have held leadership roles in our county Shooting Sports Program. They really paved the way to raising awareness of Shooting Sports to other members through the fair, shooting sports presentations at meetings and year end banquets. Their club "Hot Shots" is dedicated to cattle and shooting sports projects which makes an interesting contrast to their other club "Shamrock Riders" being dedicated to horse project work.

They have worked very hard in our community to spread the word about 4-H and to rally membership and new leaders and to create new ways 4-H can help meet an educational need for our county youth. One example is Snowmobile Safety. At one point a couple years back, snowmobile safety in their part of the county was a need for youth. This was an area they felt would be good to offer and as certified snowmobile instructors they did hold a safety course at our CCE office which was an overwhelming success. Ben and Calli coached our Horse Bowl program for 20 seasons and have had several members that went on to compete at the state and even national levels.

What many Clover Chronicle readers can relate to is what a reliable presence they have at the Schaghticoke Fair for fellow 4-H volunteers and members. 4-H members all know when they are at the fair they are always welcome at the Breezy Hill Farm booth. This booth has evolved in many ways to be a 4-H Hang-Out and Reunion destination for members and leaders. Ben and Calli are very watchful of members who may need a kind word or leaders who may need a welcome ear. They are the hub at the edge of the indoor arena. Calli and Ben are not afraid to jump right into action with members which is why so many members look up to Calli and Ben. They are the ones initiating football at the 3 Day Clinic in the indoor arena or basketball at horse bowl, they know equally important to "learning" in 4-H is FUN.

Thanks to Ben and Calli for all their contributions and support of our 4-H program. So if you see Ben and Calli out and about, don't hesitate to congratulate them and thank them for all they do.

# 4-H Capital Days

The 2012 Capital Days event will take place Sunday, March 4th to Tuesday, March 6th. 4-H Capital Days gives youth an opportunity to meet and interact with legislators and tell their 4-H story, create an awareness of career opportunities in New York State government, better understand state government, and network with delegates from other counties. For more information and photos of past events visit <http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/Capitaldays.aspx>

Two teens will be selected to represent Rensselaer County at 4-H Capital Days! This event fits especially well with the 11th grade social studies curriculum; some teens have even gotten "extra credit" for attending Capital Days!

While in Albany, the teens and their chaperone will:

- Tour three centuries of architecture, from the newly renovated Million Dollar Staircase in the New York State Capitol to the awe inspiring "Egg" at the Empire State Plaza.
- Visit with State Senators and Assemblymen.
- Enjoy the accommodations of the Clarion Hotel located just three miles from the Empire State Plaza.
- Network with 4-H'ers from all across New York State.

To apply for Capital Days write an essay of 200-300 words answering the question:

***"If you had 5 minutes to talk to your State Senator or Assemblyman, what would you tell him or her about 4-H in Rensselaer County?"***

Selection is made by an unbiased committee and is based on essay content. Submit your essay **UNSIGNED. Complete the form below and attach it to your essay.**

Submit your application to:

4-H Office (ATTN: Janice Fox)  
CCE of Rensselaer County  
61 State Street  
Troy, NY 12180

Essays may be handwritten or computer generated. **Essays must be postmarked by January 3, 2012.**

## 4-H Capital Days Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

*As the applicant's parent/guardian, I support her/his desire to act as a 4-H delegate for this trip.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Cornell Career Explorations 2012

Scheduled for

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday — June 28, 29, and 30

The purpose of this program is to provide teens with exposure to academic fields and career exploration, to develop leadership skills, to provide hands-on experience in a college setting and to introduce you to Cornell University. You will stay in the dorms, eat in the cafeteria, and enjoy activities on campus.

The event is made up of two grade specific tracts — **University U is for teens in grades 7 and 8** and **Focus for Teens is for those in grades 9 through 11**. To apply for Career Explorations, interested teens must complete an application and return it to the 4-H Office. A committee of volunteers reviews the applications and awards trips to worthy 4-H members.

The application includes a **Cover Sheet**, an **Activity Log**, a **Leader Signature Form**, and a **Resume**.

- By preparing a resume, you will not only be able to apply for our trips, but will begin working on a document that you can use when applying for college or a job.
- **The resume style has changed.** New, updated guidelines and a sample are available at the 4-H Office. Be sure to call the 4-H office to request the Resume Writing Packet.
- Applicants are asked to complete the activity log on the next page and to submit it with their resume. Please note — the Activity Log is to include activities that you participated in from **January 1 through December 31 of 2011**.
- When you have completed your resume and activity log, you need to give it to your 4-H leader to review.
- Leaders need to complete the Leader Signature form which must be submitted with award trip applications.
- The Cover Sheet, Leader Verification Form, and Activity Log can be found on the following pages. (They are also available on our web site on the Members and Leaders Forms.)
- You may mail your application to:  
CCE of Rensselaer County - 4-H  
61 State Street  
Troy, NY 12180
- **Applications must be postmarked on or before February 24, 2012.**

## General Guidelines

- **If handwritten, the resume should be no more than 500 words**, and should be written in blue or black ink. Pay special attention to neatness. There should be no cross-outs or spelling errors.
- **If computer-generated, the resume should fit on one page.** It should be printed in a size 10 or 12 Arial or Times New Roman font.
- Spell-check and proof-read — inappropriate words may be spelled correctly. They will not be picked up by spell-check.

## Your Resume must include:

**4-H Project Work** - Be specific, accurate, and brief describing 3 to 5 of your 4-H projects

- Depth and scope of project (how long you have worked in that project area and how you have progressed)
- What life lessons you have learned from the projects

## Life Skills (from the 4-H Targeting Life Skills Model)

- 3 to 5 life skills you have developed and how they were developed through your 4-H projects

## 4-H Leadership and Participation

- Offices held (in club, in teen groups, or PDCs)
- Fundraising participation (4-H Snack Bar, Capital District Election Service, Auction, Cookie Sale) service activities (Teen Evaluator at Winter Fair or at Demonstrations, County Fair)
- Awards (County Medals, Trophies, Clothing Revue) honors (Award Trips, Exceptional Demonstrator)
- Leadership roles (Teen Leader, Teen Representative to Program Development Committees, Teen Ambassador, Teen Council, Teen Exchange, Teen Leader at State Fair)

## A school summary

- Course of study and special interest courses
- Extracurricular activities
- Awards and honors
- Extra-curricular activities

## Community Activities

- Hobbies, interests, and recreational activities (not related to 4-H)

# 2012 AWARD TRIP APPLICATION

## ~ Cover Sheet ~

2011 Award Trips:

- ☆ Career Exploration Focus for Teens (*for students entering grades 9 through 12*)
- ☆ Career Exploration University U (*for students entering grades 8 or 9 - attending for the first time*)
- ☆ Pre Teen Adventure (*for 4-H members 8 through 12 years old*)

### To be completed by Applicant

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address/PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

Town, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for (name of trip): \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that, upon acceptance, **I will be notified of the cancellation deadline. If I cancel on or after the specified deadline for anything other than a true emergency, I will be billed for the full registration fee.** (In the event a member does not honor this policy, he/she will be disqualified from all future Award Trip consideration.)

I confirm that the information submitted in this resume is a true and accurate profile of my 4-H and community involvement. I agree to the terms as outlined.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### To be completed by Parent/Guardian

I support my child's decision to submit this application for his/her choice of 4-H Award Trip. I understand and agree to the terms outlined.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The 4-H Award Trip program cannot succeed without the support of parents as chaperones. The lack of parent chaperones to fulfill the required quota could result in the cancellation of an Award Trip, or in a limited participation in an Award Trip. Parent volunteers are crucial to the success of the Award Trip program. In appreciation of the service chaperones provide, registration and transportation expenses are covered. Please don't expect "the other guy" to do it — if no one does it, it won't get done. Your help is needed.

Yes, I CAN chaperone \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Award Trip)





## Rensselaer County 4-H Member Activity Log

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities completed from **January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011**

*Please check all that apply*

These activities are worth 5 points . . .

- Enrolled by January 1st
- Worked at the 4-H Snack Bar at the Schaghticoke Fair
- Club Officer
- Teen Ambassador
- Teen Council
- Animal Education Events — Please circle Horse Bowl, Dairy Bowl , Hippology, Horse Judging, Other
- Cookie Sale - Number of cases sold October 2011 \_\_\_\_\_  
(5 points per case - 1 case=12 packages of cookies)
- Donated to the 4-H Auction
- Worked at the 4-H Auction

These activities are worth 10 points . . .

- Winter Fair
- Teen Leader at State or Schaghticoke Fair (4-H Building or 4-H Barns)
- Teen Evaluator (Winter Fair, Demonstrations, Horse Communications, Fashion Revue)
- Service project as part of a 4-H club project
- Service project as an individual member

These activities are worth 20 points . . .

- Fashion Event
- Public Presentations Demonstrations, (Horse Communications)

Fundraising events **sponsored by the 4-H Office** - a minimum of 5 points (a sliding scale similar to cookie Incentives will be applied)

- List fundraisers \_\_\_\_\_

Other activities - points to be assessed by the committee

- List activities \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Leader Signature*

*Building Strong and Vibrant New York Communities*

Cornell Cooperative Extension in Rensselaer County provides equal program and employment opportunities.



List special awards you have received in 4-H (Certificates, Trophies, Rosettes, Exceptional Demonstrator — do not leave this box blank—if this your first year in 4-H please indicate)

Year	Award

List 4-H fundraisers you have participated in (4-H Snack Bar, Cookie Sale, 4-H Auction — do not leave this box blank—if this your first year in 4-H please indicate)

Year	Fundraiser

List your Community Service – include both 4-H and community involvement

Year	Activity

List hobbies, interests, recreational activities and responsibilities that are NOT RELATED to 4-H

Year	Hobby, Interest, Recreational Activity, or Responsibility

# January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3	4 Teen Council CCE Office 7:00pm	5	6	7 Rescheduled Horse Banquet East Greenbush Firehouse 6pm
8 Horse Bowl CCE Office Noon	9	10 4-H PDC CCE Office 7pm	11	12	13 Friday Night Chefs CCE Kitchen 6:30pm	14 Roast Beef Dinner East Greenbush serving 4 to 6pm
15	16	17 Horse PDC Brunswick HS Cafeteria 7pm	18	19	20	21
22 Horse Bowl CCE Office Noon	23	24	25 Teen Ambassadors CCE Office 7:00pm	26	27	28
29	30	31				

The Cooperative Extension Association of Rensselaer County  
Agriculture and Life Sciences Building  
61 State Street  
Troy, NY 12180

Non-Profit Organization  
U. S. Postage Paid  
Permit 937  
Albany, New York

**Contains Dated Material**  
Mailed on or before November 30, 2011

### Dates to Remember

#### December

- 2 Cookie Sale Money is due to the 4-H Office
- 7 Teen Council Meeting at 7pm
- 8 Winter Fair at Tamarac HS 6pm
- 9 Winter Fair at the Salem United Methodist Church 6:30pm
- 9 Friday Night Chefs at 6:30pm
- 11 Horse Bowl at Noon
- 13 4-H PDC meeting at 7pm
- 28 Upcycle and Redesign from 10am to 2pm
- 29 Teen Ambassador Holiday Gathering at 7pm

#### January

- 4 Teen Council at 7pm
- 7 Horse Banquet at 6pm
- 8 Horse Bowl at Noon
- 10 4-H PDC meeting at 7pm
- 13 Friday Night Chefs at 6:30pm
- 14 Roast Beef Dinner in East Greenbush at 4pm
- 17 Horse PDC meeting at 7pm
- 22 Horse Bowl at Noon
- 25 Teen Ambassador meeting at 7pm

#### February

- 4 Spaghetti Dinner in Pittstown at 4pm
- 5 Horse Bowl at Noon
- 8 4-H PDC meeting at 7pm
- 12 Horse Bowl at Noon
- 18 Preteen Funday and Cabin Fever Workshop



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