

Livingston Livewire

December 2025

2025-2026 4-H ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is OPEN!



Age as of January 1, 2025:
Cloverbud: 5-7 years
4-Her: 8-18 years

Nov. 1st Enrollment Fees:
\$15/Youth
\$40/Family (3+ Youth)



Visit our website for a link
to the enrollment form!
OR scan the QR Code!



BE SURE TO READ THE
INSTRUCTION PAGE BEFORE
COMPLETING YOUR
ENROLLMENT FORM



Send payment (cash or check, payable to CCE Livingston County) to:
3 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY 14510

Or use our Paypal link found here: <http://ccelivingstoncounty.org/donate>

Click "Donate", set the amount, and include "[youth name] 4-H Enrollment" in the note section.

Interested in becoming an Enrolled Volunteer?

Applications can be found on our website or contact Jenn for more information!

DEADLINE TO ENROLL IN 4-H: APRIL 30TH



Calendar of Events



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Nov. 28-Dec. 14		Paper Clover Campaign
Dec. 6	10am	Clover Clicks Photography Meet Up
Dec. 6	1pm	Cooking With Ron
Dec. 10	6pm	Livingston County Nibblers Meeting (Chip Holt Nature Center)
Dec. 11	5:30pm	Discovery Club (Chip Holt Nature Center)
Dec. 12	6pm	Pork Quality Assurance (Liv. Co. Auditorium)
Dec. 16	5pm	CCE Annual Meeting (Livingston County Auditorium)
Dec. 17	6pm	Teen Council (CCE Office)
Dec. 18	5:30pm	Animal Activity Night (Chip Holt Nature Center)
Dec. 22	5:30pm	Activity Night - Freezer Jam (CCE Livingston)
Jan. 7	5:30pm	Activity Night - Ozobots (Chip Holt Nature Center)
Jan. 13	4pm	Puppets Alive Club (Chip Holt Nature Center)
Jan. 14	6pm	Poultry Club (Chip Holt Nature Center)
Jan. 21	6pm	Teen Council (CCE Livingston)

CCE Livingston County will be closed
December 24th, 25th, 31st & January 1st for the holidays

TEEN FUN



4-H Members 12+ are invited to join our new offerings for learning leadership, comradery and fun! Questions and RSVPs to Randy (rjs@cornell.edu)

Coming up-

Wednesday, December 17th | 6:00-7:00pm
CCE Livingston Office

Preparing an agreed upon Community service project while enjoying some festive treats and drinks for the upcoming holidays. Also will be planning any Teen Lead Activity Nights

Wednesday, January 21st | 6:00-7:00pm
CCE Livingston Office

Welcoming in the New Year with a couple games and some planning on what should be the next Community Service Project. Coming up with Supply Lists for Teen Lead Activity Nights.

2026 4-H Hemlock Fair Theme

BEACH

Welcome to "FAIR-a-dise"

County-Wide Club Meetings

Puppets Alive



Puppets Alive—a Livingston County 4-H group open to all enrolled 4-Hers—meets on the second Tuesday monthly: 4-6 PM at Chip Holt Nature Center.

We explore puppet making & puppetry theatre, with each year's focus defined by youth members' interests & abilities. Members learn new skills incrementally through guided group activities and independent exploration.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- January 13, 2026
- February 10, 2026

INFORMATION:
beesandland@gmail.com

Poultry Club



UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 14
March 11

This club is open to all enrolled 4-H'ers and we meet at the Chip Holt Nature Center at 6 pm. If you're interested, come check it out. Come to one or all meetings – just RSVP to Jessica Gramkee at jgramkee@gmail.com before the meeting in case of cancellation.

Clover Clicks photography Meet Up



December 6th | 10 am
March 21st | 10am
Location: TBD

Open to ALL
enrolled
4-Her's

Join the Clover Clicks
Facebook Group!



RSVP to Jess (Club Leader) at
jgramkee@gmail.com

LIVINGSTON COUNTY NIBBLERS

This club is open to all enrolled 4-Hers and we meet on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Chip Holt Nature Center. If you're interested, come check it out. Come to one or all meetings - just **RSVP to Jessica Gramkee at jgramkee@gmail.com** before the meeting date in case of cancellation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

December 10
February 4
April 8
May 6



JOIN THE
NIBBLERS
FACEBOOK
GROUP FOR
UPDATES!



What's Going On In 4-H?

4-H DISCOVERY CLUB

Interested in joining a 4-H Club?! Join the Discovery Club! We will focus on a different topic or upcoming event every month!
Open to ALL ages.



Join us for holiday ornaments! We will make a no-bake cinnamon ornament and a cloth ornament.



RSVP by December 5th to Jenn at jls669@cornell.edu

December 11th | 5:30pm-6:30pm
Chip Holt Nature Center, Lakeville

HOMEMADE FREEZER STRAWBERRY JAM



Learn to make Freezer Strawberry Jam, only a little bit of cooking required!

This Activity Night is full but let Randy know if interested in future activities like this!
(rjs546@cornell.edu)

ROBOTICS ACTIVITY NIGHT!

Learn Coding through Ozobots!

Join Randy to work with Livingston County 4-H's Ozobots. They are small robots that will help learn some of the basics of coding using a color coding technique that is special to Ozobots! We will continue to learn more about programming the Ozobots from October!

When: Wednesday, January 7th 5:30-6:30

Where: Chip Holt Nature Center in Lakeville

RSVP by January 5th.

There will be a limit to 12 youth. Make sure to RSVP quickly!



Cooking with Ron

Classes will start December 6th at 1:00 pm. First class we will determine future dates and times that work for everyone.

Bring ideas to create a menu! At the end of the session we will be making that meal and serving it to people you invite. Example; breads, soups, hors d'oeuvres, main course, desserts etc.

After the menu is made, we will be testing your senses of smell and taste! You will sample a variety of spices. Next you can mix spices in a sauce to create what ever your imagination comes up with.

Contact Ron at 585-747-7251 with questions or to RSVP

Animal Science

Animal Activity Night

HOW TO GIVE INJECTIONS

Learn the different types of injections, how to give them, how to read a medication label, and how to follow withdrawal times! We will practice giving injections to fruit.

December 18th | 5:30-6:30pm
Chip Holt Nature Center

RSVP by December 15th to Jenn at
 jls669@cornell.edu

Join NYPP for Pork Quality Assurance Training



PQA PLUS
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AGES 14+



YQCA
 YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

YOUTH AGES 8-13



FREE
 training
 for all
 ages!

**SUNY COBLESKILL-
 CENTER FOR AG & NATURAL
 RESOURCES**

November 20th 6:00pm

Register at: tinyurl.com/PQACoby

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE
 EXTENSION LIVINGSTON**
 1 MURRAY HILL DR, MOUNT MORRIS

December 12th 6:00pm

Register at: tinyurl.com/PQALiv



pork New York
 Pork Producers



****ATTENTION ALL HEMLOCK FAIR 4-H ANIMAL EXHIBITORS****

Pre-Fair Educational Activity Requirement

All Dairy & Livestock and Small Animal exhibitors exhibiting at the Hemlock Fair are **required to complete one 45-minute animal-related educational activity by July 1st**. Cloverbuds are exempt:

- This requirement is for all members exhibiting at least one of the following species: Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry (Fancy & Meat Birds), Dairy, Beef, Goat, Sheep, or Swine
- Only 1 activity required regardless of the number of species being exhibited
- Failure to complete this requirement on time will result in forfeit of all fair animal premiums for the species listed above
- An activity can include any of the following:
 1. Any Livingston County 4-H Animal Activity Night participated in during current 4-H Year
 2. Participation in the Livingston County 4-H Public Presentation Program (**MUST be an animal-related presentation**)
 3. Any county, regional, state or Cornell University-sponsored 4-H animal science activities
 4. Independent 4-H animal activity pre-approved by a 4-H educator. A completed Pre-Fair Educational Activity Form must be completed and submitted with this option. Form may be found at <http://celivingstoncounty.org/resources/pre-fair-educational-activity-form>. Examples may include researching an animal-related topic of interest, attending an animal show, participating in a hands-on animal experience with a knowledgeable adult, watching videos/presentations on raising/showing an animal, etc. Contact Mark or Jenn regarding one of these ideas or if you have one of your own.

If you are willing to work with us, we will work with you to complete this requirement! Questions? Contact Mark at mjw16@cornell.edu | 585-991-5441 or Jenn at jls669@cornell.edu | 585-991-5439.

What's Going On In 4-H?

4-H CAPITAL DAYS TRIP MAY 17-19, 2026

The 4-H Capital Days Trip gives youth (ages 14-18 as of January 1, 2026) the opportunity to meet and interact with state legislators and tell their 4-H story. Youth learn about career opportunities in the New York State government and gain a better understanding of state government. Attendees will Visit the Assembly and Senate Chambers, tour the Capitol building and learn all about its history, and visit the NYS Court of Appeals.

A limited number of youth are able to attend from our county. Attendees will be responsible for full registration fee. Transportation & chaperone provided. If interested, contact Mark @ mjw16@cornell.edu.



CONGRATULATIONS SYDNEY KOLODZIEJ!

Sydney Koladziej qualified for and competed in the National 4-H Horse Communications Competition at the 2025 Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY. She earned 10th place with her speech "Ethical Comparison of ICSI & Live Cover". This was Sydney's second straight year competing at the nation level!



LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H

Stay Tuned

COMING SOON

Public Presentations

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, AND
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

Livingston County Auditorium

Produced in New York

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, AND
SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

Livonia United Methodist Church

Keep a look out for more information regarding registration in coming emails and Livewire!

New for 2025-2026 from the NE Regional Volunteerism Team



2025-2026 4-H VOLUNTEER CONNECTIONS

These programs are structured to offer connection, engagement and networking for 4-H volunteers from all 11 states in the Northeast Region. Zoom sessions start with "connection before content" with fun ice breaker games and conversation. The main session topic is led by 4-H experts, 4-H staff, or volunteer panelists. Volunteers work in breakout sessions to share ideas and learn from one another.

READY, SET, GOAL! JUMPSTART YOUR 4-H YEAR!: Nov 19 - 6:30-8 pm
This session is designed to be interactive, energizing, and practical - giving 4-H volunteers tools and ideas to help youth set meaningful goals and help guide their efforts effectively for the year.

RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENT, INSPIRING GROWTH: Jan 21st - 6:30-8 pm
Hear inspiring 4-H stories including those recognized through the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Award. Come celebrate success, learn from peers and strengthen your own impact. Come away with inspiration and new ideas for recognizing volunteers in your program.

AI FOR 4-H: WHAT TO KNOW AND HOW TO USE IT: Feb 18th - 6:30-8 pm
This webinar will share an introduction to artificial intelligence, ideas for 4-H volunteers, and pitfalls to avoid. No matter your current level of experience, there will be information for you. You will learn what generative AI is and what it is not through real examples of how it might support your 4-H work.

MOVING INTO A NEW ERA OF LEADERSHIP: Mar 18th - 6:30-8 pm
In this session, you will learn how to partner with teen leaders to support the 4-H agenda. We will explore strategies for collaboration and share real-world examples from the Maryland and D.C. 4-H programs.

REGISTER NOW

<https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/volunteer-connections/>

What's Going On In 4-H?

Did You Know

Possible Trips and Awards!

Cloverbud 2A Trip
3A Trip
Tween Trip
STAR (or STARR)
Cornell Career Explorations
Capitol Days
Cobleskill Agri-Business
Career Conference
First Year 4-H'er Award
Project Pins
Animal Science Project Record
Awards
Horsemen of the Year
Outstanding 4-H'er
Russel B. Ace Memorial
Scholarship



Trips and Awards
Descriptions
Summary Book



Did you know that there are many trips and awards you can earn in 4-H?

Here's what you need to start doing NOW!

- Check out the list of all award trips and recognitions along with criteria and requirements using the QR code on the left!
- Choose the ones you want to earn
- Make a plan to fulfill criteria and requirements of each award including doing needed 4-H project work and participating in activities/events.
- Start working on your required 4-H Summary Book now documenting your 4-H project work and activities/events. It's a lot easier to work on it throughout the year then all at once at the of the year.
- 4-H Summary Books can be found using the QR code on the right!
- Just remember that the 4-H Trips & Awards Application and completed 4-H Summary Book are due in September.

Questions? Contact Randy at rjs546@cornell.edu

New York State Guernsey Calf Scholarship

The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of encouraging those who do not presently own Guernseys to become involved with the Guernsey Breed. A purebred Guernsey Calf will be awarded to the applicant who shows interest in the Guernsey breed and who has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential. Applicant must be age 9 – 15 as of January 1st of the application year. You do not have to belong to 4 – H, FFA, or a breed club to participate. Applications are due March 1st. More information and an application may be found at



BINGO HOLIDAY PARTY

16TH DECEMBER, 2025
TUESDAY, 5PM

DINNER
\$12 PER PERSON
\$40 FAMILY OF 4

ANNUAL MEETING
HOLIDAY BAKED GOOD AUCTION

LIVINGSTON COUNTY AUDITORIUM
MURRAY HILL CAMPUS, MT. MORRIS
RSVP BY 12/8 - (585)991-5420
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/CCELIVCOANNUALMEETING](https://bit.ly/ccelivcoannualmeeting)

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TRACTOR SUPPLY

PAPER CLOVER Campaign

NOV. 28-DEC. 14

Twice a year Tractor Supply Co. hosts the Paper Clover Campaign to raise funds for 4-H. For 18 days, shoppers are asked to donate \$1+ to support 4-H. All of the donations support National, State, and County 4-H Programs.

CONTACT JENN OR YOUR LOCAL TRACTOR SUPPLY TO PARTICIPATE!

How to support this campaign?

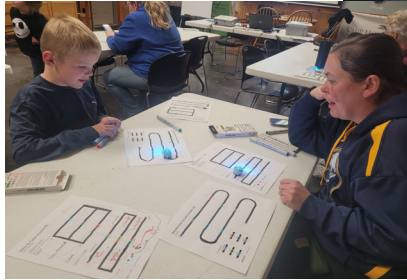
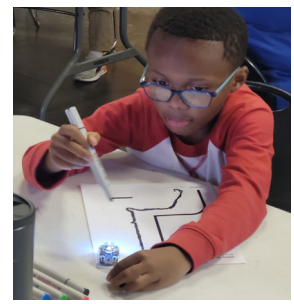
1. Set-up a table/display at your local Tractor Supply location.
2. Shop at a Livingston County Tractor Supply Co. store and purchase a clover! Encourage others to shop at TSC too!
3. Promoting the campaign verbally or via social media. Contact Jenn at jls669@cornell.edu if you would like graphics.

4-H Club Reports & Articles Wanted!

4-H Club Leaders and Secretaries are encouraged to share their club happenings (meetings, projects, activities, events, etc.) with our 4-H community by submitting a brief report or write up for publication in the monthly Livewire. Reports/write ups should be submitted by the 15th of the month to Jenn at jls669@cornell.edu.

3A Trip



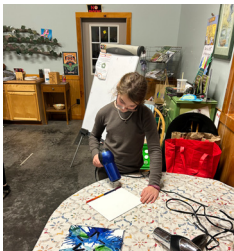


Activity Night: Ozobots

Discovery Club



Activity Night: Crayon Art





Cloverbud Corner



Natural Resources

Cave Formations

Have you ever wondered what those crystal-like things in caves were?

Caves have stalactites and stalagmites that make formations over thousands of years. Stalactites hold tight to the ceiling of the cave and stalagmites are mighty and stand up on the cave floor.

Let's make our own cave formations!

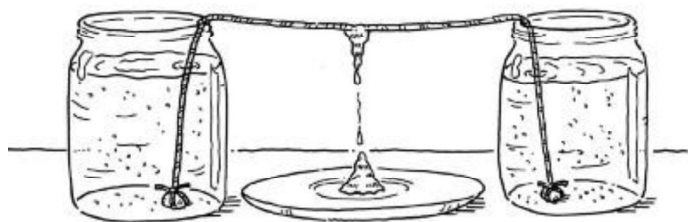
Materials: 2 Jars
Water
Epsom Salts
String
Small Weights (i.e. Rocks or Fishing Sinkers)
Plate

Procedure:

1. Fill both jars with warm water and mix in Epsom salts until no more will dissolve.
2. Wet the string and tie a weight to each end. Drop one end of the string into each jar.
3. Put a plate between the two jars with the string hanging over the plate.
4. Let the stalactites and stalagmites begin! Make sure to check your cave every day to see if any have formed.

Did you have any stalactites form? _____ Where were they located? _____

Did you have any stalagmites form? _____ Where were they located? _____



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Adapted from: Stalactite and Stalagmite Experiment for Kids. TLC Family. <http://tlc.howstuffworks.com/family/nature-activities-for-kids1.htm>



Club News



Clover Clicks Club Report

We had our first meet up in September at the Mount Morris Damsite. This meetup we focused on fall colors. Then we met up in October at Stonybrook and worked on capturing reflections. Next meeting will be in December.



Lightning Bolts Club Report

October

First we went over upcoming events then went over enrollment. Then for our activity we made fall inspired nature artwork. Where we went and collected some leaves, pinecones, and twigs and put them on canvas.

November

We started off by going over upcoming events and a bit about the project summary books. Our activity was making kandi worms out of pony beads and string and did a bit of coloring.



Rising Stars Club Report

The Rising Stars club meet in October and recycled corked into pumpkins and phone holders or the kids own designs. They played games, welcomed new members and kicked off another year of 4-H!



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