



Dutchess County 4-H February Essentials



- TOP NEWS -

2019 Dutchess County Fair Photos

Did you show livestock last year at the Dutchess County Fair? [CLICK HERE](#) to see some photos shot by Brad Paris, a 4-H volunteer! Contact [Brad Paris](#) if you are interested in purchasing any of these photos.

Become a Teen Ambassador



IMPROVING OUR WORLD



DUTCHESS COUNTY TEEN AMBASSADORS

Join us at our next meeting to discuss club clothing, brainstorm ideas for our trip to Lake George, discuss community service and fundraising events, as well as planning a team building exercise field trip!

If you are interested in joining please contact DCTA Club President [Faith Shultz](#) and join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday February 25th, 6:00 pm** at the Farm & Home Center.

County Public Presentations - IMPORTANT!!!

Cloverbuds and 4-H'ers are invited to give their presentation to a community audience at this county-wide event being held at **Dutchess Community College** on **Saturday March 7th**.

Earn-A-Project

Interested in raising hogs? The [Earn-A-Project application](#) from the McFarland family is for any 4-H'er who would like to raise a hog as a 4-H project. Applications are due to Top Notch Livestock by **March 15th**.

DEC Pheasant Rearing Program

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is once again distributing day-old pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to qualified 4-H youths. In order to participate in the program, requests for chicks need to be made before **March 25th**. For more information or to fill out an application, [CLICK HERE!](#)

To become familiar with pheasant rearing, check out the [DEC's guide!](#)

Additional questions on rearing pheasants can also be answered by contacting Evan Wills, manager at the NYSDEC Reynolds Game Farm at:

607-273-2768

evan.wills@dec.ny.gov

NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs, Inc. Scholarship

Applicant must be in his/her senior year of high school in New York State or be a New York State resident already attending college and planning to pursue a degree at an accredited institution of higher learning. Applicant must [download](#) the application from [NYSAAF's website](#). Handwritten applications will not be accepted. Application deadline to participating fair: **Friday April 10, 2020**.

Dutchess County Agricultural Society Inc. Scholarship

Applicant must be a Dutchess County resident and/or participate in the programs operated by [DCAS Inc.](#); demonstrate commitment to an involvement in volunteer service in the community; enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four year college or university to commence no later than the fall of 2020. Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment and attendance for the entire 2020-2021 academic year. **[APPLICATION](#) DEADLINE: May 11, 2020.**

Save the Dates!

County Public Presentations

Saturday March 7, 9:00 am • Dutchess Community College

Cloverbuds and 4-H'ers are invited to give their presentation to a community audience at this county-wide event being held at Dutchess Community College in front of trained evaluators. The evaluators constructively critique each presentation and provide positive feedback as well as suggestions for improvement.

REMEMBER: any 4-H'er who would like to participate at the 2020 Dutchess County fair **MUST** complete a public presentation!!! [REGISTER HERE!](#)

March 16 - 20, 2020

Volunteers will visit local elementary schools during Agricultural Literacy Week to read and talk to children about New York's agriculture industry. At the conclusion of the day's activities, the book will be donated to the school library for students and teachers to use throughout the school year. To become an Agricultural Literacy Week volunteer reader, or if you are a teacher who is interested in participating in NYS Agricultural Literacy Week, please contact [MacKenzie](#).

Fair Review & Discussion with Liz

Saturday April 4th, 9:00 am • Farm and Home Center

This event is for leaders only. Please send [Jane](#) a list of questions or topics that you would like to discuss ahead of time!

Spring Food Festival

Saturday April 18th, 9:00 am • Farm and Home Center

Registration and details to follow!

Sewing Evaluation

Thursday April 23rd, 6:00 pm • Farm and Home Center

District Public Presentations & Horse Communications

Saturday April 25th, 9:00 am • Dutchess Community College

Fashion Revue

Thursday April 30th, 6:00 pm • TBD

[Check out our full 4-H Calendar!](#)

Hour of Service for 2020 Dutchess County Fair - Upcoming Events

These events fulfill Hour of Service requirements if your club wishes to participate!



JoAnn Clovers for Kids

March 1 - April 30, 2020

Our annual partnership with JoAnn Fabric Stores. Stay tuned for details!



TSC Spring Paper Clover

April 29 - May 10, 2020

Our annual spring fund raiser with Tractor Supply Company!

4-H REMINDERS

Advisory Reports

Advisory meeting schedule and meeting minutes must be sent to the [4-H OFFICE](#).

4-H Clubs

All meeting minutes, monthly reports and independent member reports are due by the *10th* of the following month. All documents must be sent to the [4-H OFFICE](#).

Don't forget to fill out and submit a [PERMISSION TO FUNDRAISE](#) form to the [4-H OFFICE](#) before a planned fundraiser. Clubs *cannot* fundraise without the form filed!

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