

# CHENANGO 4-H SNAPSHOT



## 2024 4-H Review in Pictures

*What have Chenango County 4-Hers been doing?*







# 4-H Spotlights

2025 has arrived!

What will your 4-H look like this year?

Take lots of pictures and write a short article about what you do this year so we can **SPOTLIGHT** your 4-H experiences!



Send your stuff to Rhonda: [rlt236@cornell.edu](mailto:rlt236@cornell.edu)

## RIBBON WRANGLERS

The Ribbon Wranglers worked hard along with the Jolly Ranchers to host the Leaders & Volunteer Associations Christmas Tea. This tea is to show appreciation for our volunteers as well as an auction held which raised money for 4-H families in the flooded areas in North Carolina. These kids did an awesome job. They were fantastic helpers and delightful auctioneers. Thank you Ribbon Wranglers!



## THE JOLLY RANCHERS

The Jolly Ranchers 4-H club gave a hand to the Ribbon Wranglers to host the Leaders / Volunteers Associations Christmas Tea. The Leaders Association appreciated all of the hard work these two clubs put into hosting this event. It was a fun event and all of the kids did a super job. They were wonderful hosts at the event! Thank you Jolly Ranchers!



## KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Our 4-H Kids in the Kitchen program was a huge hit! Young chefs gathered to learn, create, and most importantly, have fun in the kitchen! From chopping veggies to making salad dressing and croutons, it was inspiring to see their passion for being in the kitchen! After preparing the fixings for salad and toppings for creamy potato soup, we all shared a delicious meal together.



Following dinner we decorated cookies. The kids let their creativity shine as they decorated the most amazing cookies with colorful icing & sprinkles to bring home to their families.



A big thank you to all the families who brought their children and to Miss Alexis and Miss Whitney who made this event possible! We can't wait to see what these young chefs cook up next month on zoom!

## SHOOTING SPORTS

The weather cooperated in October and November but now that cold weather is upon us shooting sports has moved inside. Safety and marksmanship is the primary focus of the shooting sports program. During the month of November members used their time to establish their benchmark in archery, air rifle and small bore. December saw the youth working on safety items and improving their shooting technique and accuracy. It became evident to the members that cold weather requires more concentration to maintain their safety and accuracy. Thank you to our trained volunteer instructors and Rockdale Rod and Gun Club for making this project a continued success.





# 4-H NEWS



## 4-H WAS AT OXFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

4-H worked with the Catalyst Program Students at Oxford Middle School. The students had a mini-lesson on flower arranging. Then they created beautiful floral arrangements for a community service project! They also made greeting cards, which were delivered with the flowers to the Veteran's Home in Oxford. The residents were happy to see the flowers in their dining rooms. The flowers were donated by the Gilbertsville Farmhouse and it was amazing to be able to re-purpose the gorgeous flowers and spread the joy!

## OUTDOOR COOKING

November's Outdoor Cooking Project had the members making "Hunter's Lunch" and "Craisin Bread Pudding" both of these recipes come from the Camp Cooking 100 Years by the National Museum of Forest Service History cook book. The members enjoy making meals from scratch using cast iron and open fires. After the food is prepared the members eat and critique their creations.

## PRE-TURKEY FEST!

4-H'ers had a great Pre-Turkey fest! They baked butternut squash quick bread and chocolate chip cookies with Miss Carol, Miss Carrie and Mr. Craig! Thank you to this incredible team for leading the program and to the families who participated! We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving

## CRAFT NIGHT

Our talented 4-H crafters gathered for a fun-filled evening of creativity and community! From painting to gluing and mixing to tying, the rooms were buzzing with imagination and teamwork. A special thank you to our volunteers and teen leaders who led craft stations!! We appreciate everyone who came out to craft, connect, and make memories. We love seeing the projects created by our youth and are already looking forward to our next craft night in December!

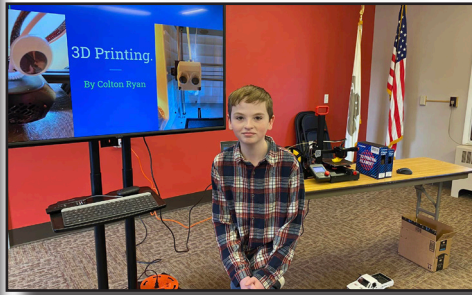
## 4-H WAS WITH LIBERTY PARTNERSHIPS

The students upcycled flowers into beautiful arrangements! They did a great job designing each centerpiece. The flowers were delivered to the residents at the Norwich Rehabilitation Center and Grace View Manor. Thank you to Gilbertsville Farmhouse for donating the flowers! It is really nice to be able to extend their use and beauty.

Chenango County 4-H visited Unadilla Valley LPP where the kids learned how to make beeswax lip balm. The kids could choose lavender or vanilla, and made one for themselves and one to give away.







**EQUIPMENT**

- ✓ DRILL
- ✓ HAMMER
- ✓ SPILES
- ✓ BUCKETS
- ✓ FILTER
- ✓ COOKER
- ✓ TAPS

**Maple Madness**

**PROCESS**

1. FIND TREES
2. TAP TREES
3. COLLECT SAP
4. BOILING SAP
5. BOTTLING
6. TASTING



# Homemade Snow Globes

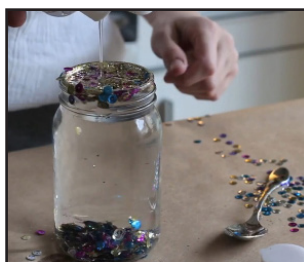
## Materials:

Small glass jar  
A plastic figurine or Lego  
Glycerin (optional: while it's not necessary, it makes the glitter float better)  
Glitter  
Sequins  
Water  
Spoon  
Superglue or a hot glue gun



## Directions:

1. Find the perfect plastic figurine or Lego piece to use in his snow globe. No sense in buying a new one, if there's already something at home!
2. Put glue on the inside of the jar's lid. Place and stick your plastic figurine on
3. Fill the jar with cold water.
4. Add 1-2 teaspoons of glitter and stir.
5. Add a few drops of glycerin. (optional)
6. Screw the lid on the jar. You can glue it if you're concerned about it coming open.
7. That's it! Shake the jar or tip it upside down to make it "snow." Enjoy!



## HERE ARE A FEW FUN FACTS ABOUT SNOW:

### Snowflakes are translucent

Snowflakes are actually clear and colorless, but appear white because light scatters off their tiny surface.

### No two snowflakes are exactly alike

Each snowflake's shape is influenced by factors like temperature and humidity, and it follows a slightly different path through the atmosphere on its way to the ground.

### The world record snowflake

The largest snowflake ever observed was said to have fallen in Montana in 1887 and had a diameter of 38 centimeters.

### Snow is a form of precipitation

Snow forms when water vapor freezes in clouds.

### The biggest snowball fight

The largest recorded snowball fight took place in Seattle on January 12, 2013, with 5,834 participants.

### Snirt

When windblown snow mixes with black dirt, it creates a substance called snirt.

### Earth's fresh water

80% of the Earth's freshwater is frozen as ice or snow, which covers 12% of the Earth's surface.

### Snow Is Not White

Snow is actually clear and colorless.

### What's Watermelon Snow

Watermelon snow is snow with algae growing on it. The algae is a reddish color. It is mostly found in the Canadian Rockies.

### When Does A Snow Storm Becomes A Blizzard?

A snow storm becomes a blizzard when visibility is under 1/4 mile and the storm continues for more than 3 hours with winds of 35 mph.

### Number of Snowflakes that fall each year

Each year, at least 1 septillion snowflakes fall from the sky.

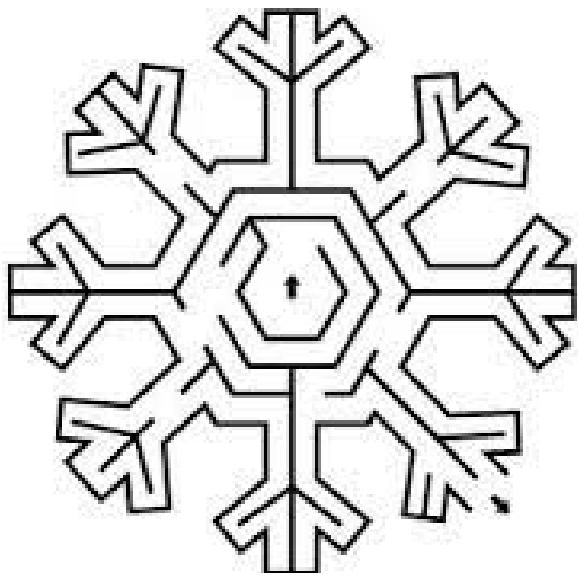
### The air temperature around a snowflake determines its shape

Needle-like crystals form at 28 degrees F, while low temperatures of 23 degrees F will lead to flat crystals.

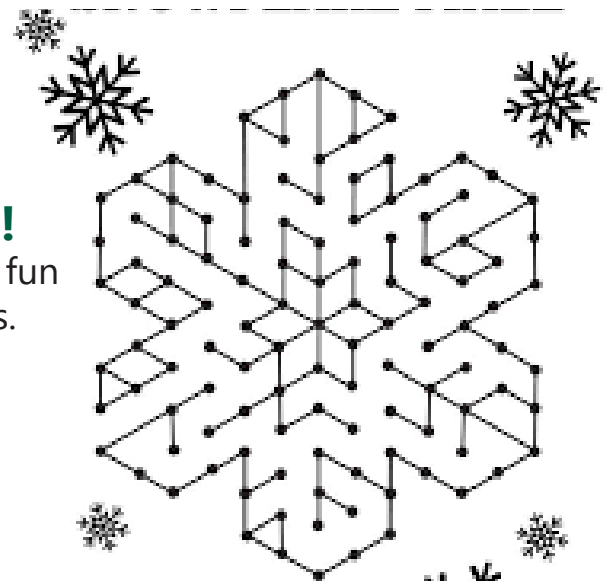
### Snowfields are places that are covered in snow year-round

Examples are the north pole, south pole and in high altitudes on mountaintops.





**It's A-MAZING!**  
Try your hand at these fun  
snow themed mazes.







# LET IT SNOW

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

- ANGEL
- ARTISTIC
- BALL
- BASE
- BLOCK
- BUILD
- CAP
- CARVE
- COLD
- DESIGN
- FIGURE
- FORM
- FORT
- FROZEN
- GIANT
- GLOVES
- HAT
- HEAP
- ICE
- JUDGE
- OUTDOORS
- PILE
- ROLL
- SHAPE
- SHOVEL
- SNOWMAN
- STATUE

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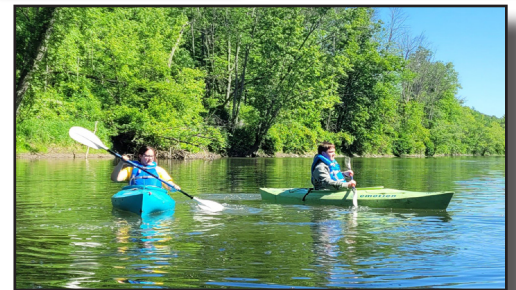
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 Find and circle each word.



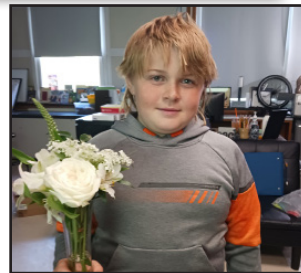


**Keep an eye out for  
all the possibilities!  
Check out all that 4-H  
has to offer!**

- SHOOTING SPORTS**
- OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**
- PRESENTATIONS**
- OUTDOOR COOKING**
- HORSEBOWL/ HIPPOLOGY**
- DAIRY BOWL**
- KIDS IN THE KITCHEN**
- AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**
- COMMUNITY CLUBS**
- EMBRYOLOGY**
- CRAFT DAYS**
- SEWING PROGRAM**
- COMMUNITY SERVICE**
- TEEN LEADERS PROGRAM**









# 4-H'ERS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mark your calendars!



## 4-H KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

**January 14th, February 11th, March 11th, at 5:15pm.**

Cooking on Zoom! We provide the food and youth cook a meal at home! Youth learn cooking basics and how to incorporate more veggies and fruits into their meals. Free program. Adult supervision required.

Register at [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/KidsintheKitchenJan\\_208](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/KidsintheKitchenJan_208)



## 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS (ages 9+)(third Sun. every month)

**January 19th & February 16th**

4-H Shooting Sports teaches youth the fundamentals of firearm safety using archery, air rifle and .22 rifles. Our instructors must complete an intensive 16 hour 4-H training program. We meet on the third Sunday of the month between 1:00 and 4:00 depending on their shooting discipline. For more information contact Richard at [turrellr@protonmail.com](mailto:turrellr@protonmail.com)



## 4-H LEARN TO CROSS-COUNTY SKI

**January 25, Saturday 10am to 11:30am**

Friends of Rogers in Sherburne. Ready to glide through winter's beauty? Our cross-country ski program is designed to get you started on the right foot and help you build confidence on the snow! Skis & gear will be provided, or you can bring your own equipment.

Register at [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Crosscountryski2025\\_208](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Crosscountryski2025_208)



## 4-H OUTDOOR COOKING (second Sat. every month) (ages 12+)

**January 11th & February 8th**

4-H Outdoor cooking emphasizes the use of cast iron and charcoal cooking all while teaching youth to cook nutritious meals without using kitchen stoves. We meet from 10:00am-12:00pm on the second Saturday of the month always completing the program with a discussion of what was good and what could they have done to improve. Outdoor Cooking is for ages 12+. If you would like to join us contact:

Richard at [turrellr@protonmail.com](mailto:turrellr@protonmail.com)



## HIPPOLOGY / HORSEBOWL

Come join Rhonda every Friday night in January as you are guided through the amazing world of horses. You don't have to ride or own a horse to come join the fun. Just bring your curiosity and love for the animal as we journey through an educational equine experience. No riding involved. The season will end in March. More information contact Rhonda: [rlt236@cornell.edu](mailto:rlt236@cornell.edu)



## 4-H PROGRAMS

**Keep an eye out for information on these upcoming events!**

**Dairy Bowl** - January 11th, 25, February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March 1st, 8th, competition on March 22nd.

**Presentation Clinics** - January 8th Youth 8+, Cloverbuds February 18th

**Youth selling animal at fair mtg.** - January 15th

**Ice Fishing** - Sat. Feb 8

**Swine Clinic** - February 12th

**Poultry Clinic** - March 1st

**4-H Presentations** - March 15th


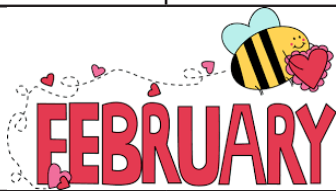
**Skill-a-Thon** - March 27th

## YOUTH BUREAU ITINERARY 2025

**Feb 19, Wednesday** Snowshoe at Cook Park, Greene

**March** Tentatively- Bird of Prey Walk and Raptor Talk. Possibly Bainbridge?



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CCE CLOSED	2	3 Hippology/ Horsebowl Practice	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Hippology/ Horsebowl Practice	11 Dairy Tour Kickoff -Dairy Bowl Outdoor Cooking
12	13	14 Kids in the Kitchen 5:15pm	15 Youth Selling Animals Livestock Meeting	16	17 Hippology/ Horsebowl Practice	18
19 Shooting Sports 1pm	20 CCE CLOSED	21	22	23	24 Hippology/ Horsebowl Practice	25 Youth Bureau Cross Country Skiing Dairy Bowl Practice
26	27	28 4-H Youth 8+ Presentation clinic	29	30	31 Hippology/ Horsebowl Practice	
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**If you have any questions about the events in this calendar, please contact Kristi at: [kg499@cornell.edu](mailto:kg499@cornell.edu)**



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