

The Adventure Begins with 4-H in Schuyler County

by Kim Seaman

Are you ready to explore new interests, develop valuable skills, and create lifelong memories? 4-H in Schuyler County offers a diverse array of exciting activities designed to help youth grow into confident, responsible individuals. Whether you are passionate about technology, arts, science, or outdoor adventures, there's something for everyone. Your journey starts here – the adventure begins now!

One of the most popular activities is the Esports Club, where youth can build teamwork, strategic thinking, and digital skills through competitive gaming. Participants have the opportunity to showcase their talents at local events and even compete at the NY State Fair. Celebrating one of our team members who placed 6th at the State Fair was a proud moment for all. Esports provides valuable lessons in sportsmanship, community involvement, and connecting with peers who share similar interests. It's a perfect example of how 4-H combines modern interests with essential skill-building for young people.



Looking for something less tech? **If you love to craft and create, consider joining the Fiber Arts Club.** Here, you can learn traditional skills like knitting, weaving, and sewing, or explore new textile techniques. Fiber arts foster patience, creativity, and fine motor skills. Plus, you will have opportunities to display your work at local fairs and exhibitions, sharing your artistry with the community – with the chance to showcase your creations at the State Fair as well.

Maybe you're **interested in exploring a variety of topics, the Sparks Club offers a fun and educational environment** to discover new hobbies and learn about science, nature, and community. Meeting once a month, each session presents fresh opportunities to explore the world around you. It's a great way to spark curiosity and lay a foundation for future involvement in 4-H.

Or, if science and problem-solving excite you, the Forensics Series is an engaging option. Participants get hands-on experience in crime scene investigation, fingerprint analysis, and evidence collection while solving crimes. This series promotes critical thinking, attention to detail, and teamwork – skills that are valuable in many fields.

Finally, for those who like outdoor adventure and new friendships, there is 4-H Camp! Youth spend time in nature, participate in team-building activities, and enjoy days filled with games and exploration. Beyond traditional camp activities like sports and arts and crafts, there are special opportunities such as theater productions, Esports



Interested in Joining 4-H?

Walk-ins are welcome for all of our clubs:

- Esports
- Fiber Arts Club
- Sparks Club
- 4-H Forensics

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competitions, Mad Scientist experiments, Wild Edibles workshops, and even a zombie apocalypse adventure.

Getting involved in 4-H in Schuyler County means more than just participating in activities – it's about discovering your potential, making new friends, and having fun while learning. So, what are you waiting for? The adventure begins today. Join 4-H and start exploring all the exciting possibilities that await!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FREE Pressure Canning Gauge Testing

October 1st - October 31st - CCE Schuyler Main Office - 9:00am - 2:00pm

It's Canning Season! Are you unsure if your pressure canner's gauge is in proper working order? Stop by the CCESC Office at 323 Owego Street in Montour Falls Monday-Friday any time between 9am and 2pm to have your pressure canner's gauge tested. **This is a FREE service and walk-ins are welcome.**

2026 Hidden Valley 4-H Camp Fall Weekend

October 2nd - October 4th - Hidden Valley 4-H Camp- Watkins Glen, NY - 4:30pm

Reminder to those already registered - Camp will be holding a fall weekend overnight program focusing on hands-on activity projects and getting outside including Nature, Hiking, Campfires Songs, Campfire Cooking, Pumpkin Art and Carving.

Drop off on Friday is between 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Dinner will be at 6:30pm - late arrivals, please eat before coming to camp. Pickup time is 12pm on Sunday.

Registration Closed September 24th.

4-H Forensics Series: Forgery at the Birthday Party

October 13th (6pm-7pm) & 21st (10am-11am) - Elizabeth B. Pert Library - Hector, NY

Join us for our Forensics Series at the Elizabeth B. Pert Library - 5736 NY-414, Hector, NY 14841. Each month youth will be solving mini-crimes using forensics skills like DNA analysis, fingerprinting, and more! These events are perfect for ages 8-18 years old!

This month's mystery story is, "Forgery at the Birthday Party". Youth will use handwriting & fingerprint analysis to catch the forger. **Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is preferred to reserve your space.** Contact 4-H Coordinator, Kim Seaman at kns57@cornell.edu or 607-535-7161 x3218 for more information.

Little Sparks: Forest Friends

October 14, 2026 - Human Services Complex, Montour Falls, NY - 10:00am-12:00pm

Join us for Little Sparks: Forest Friends at The Family Play and Resource Center, Wednesday October 14th, 2026 4pm - 5:30pm. This FREE event is perfect for youth ages birth to 8 years old. Come explore forest animals through literacy, art, science, and large and small motor skills. **RSVP by October 13th to reserve your activity picnic basket.**

Contact Paula Goodrich at pg347@cornell.edu or call (607) 535 - 7161 x 3229

4-H Forensics Series: To Track a Thief

November 10th (6pm-7pm) & 18th (10am-11am) - Elizabeth B. Pert Library - Hector, NY

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November's mystery story is, "To Track a Thief". Youth will use footprint casting & tire tread comparisons to discover the criminal. **Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is preferred to reserve your space.** Contact 4-H Coordinator, Kim Seaman at kns57@cornell.edu or 607-535-7161 x3218 for more information.

4-H Forensics Series: The Tax Fraudster Murder

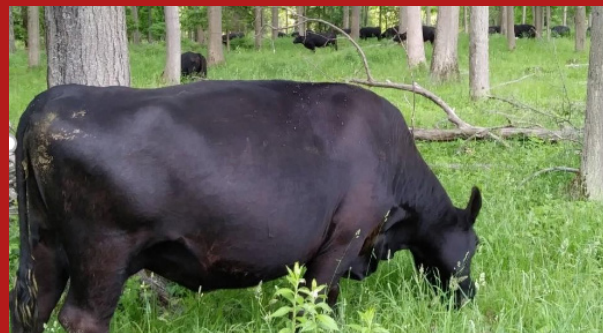
December 8th (6pm-7pm) & 16th (10am-11am) - Elizabeth B. Pert Library - Hector, NY

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December's mystery is, "The Tax Fraudster Murder". Youth will use Chromatography to discover uncover fraud and find the murderer. **Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is preferred to reserve your space.** Contact 4-H Coordinator, Kim Seaman at kns57@cornell.edu or 607-535-7161 x3218 for more information.



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EVENT HIGHLIGHT:



Worried about Energy Costs? Visit Community Energy Advisor, Carrienne Tribe-Filhart!

With rising energy costs, now is the time to learn new ways to save energy and money, and connect to resources, financial incentives, and local contractors to help you improve your home. Drop by CCESC Community Energy Advisor, Carrienne Tribe-Filhart's table at these upcoming events to see what CCE Smart Energy Choices can do for you.

Montour Harvest Festival - Oct. 3rd

Main Street - Montour Falls, NY

Tour the Powerhouse, CCE Smart Energy Choices' demo tiny home full of exhibits that educate renters and home-owners on ways to reduce their energy use and transition to renewable forms of energy.

Watkins Glen Village Christmas - Dec 4th

Downtown Watkins Glen, NY

Carrienne will be on hand to answer your energy questions, stop by and say hi.