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Working at Camp: Building a Lifetime of Skills

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WATKINS GLEN, NY - As Bruce Condie, Hidden Valley 4-H Camp Director, and I make plans to attend the world's largest camp conference, otherwise known as Tri State, organized by the American Camp Association (ACA) of New York and New Jersey we are mindful of all the key operational tasks that happen before we open our gates to the first round of campers on July 5.

One of the most important areas of planning for a successful camping season starts with the hiring of high-quality staff. At Hidden Valley we have several camp alumni in leadership positions, college age staff who return for a few summers, and quite a few staff who join us for the first time. Working at a summer camp provides staff with the opportunity to learn leadership, problem solve, resolve conflict, help campers have fun, and many will make friendships that last a lifetime. We know that staff gain professional skills and expansive tremendous growth while working at summer camp. Helping staff translate the skills that they will leave camp with into their resumes, interviews, and future professional endeavors can help someone who is uncertain say yes to a job offer at Hidden Valley 4-H Camp.

We have entered into summer hiring season and are excited to welcome returning staff back and eager to meet new staff joining us for their first season.

If you are interested in any of our positions for our upcoming summer camp season please visit our jobs page at cceschuyler.org/jobs for individual position descriptions, or for additional information, and to set up an interview, reach out to Bruce Condie at campdirectorbruce@gmail.com.

Open Hidden Valley 4-H Camp Positions

We are actively recruiting the following positions:

- Assistant Director
- Head Resident
- Kitchen Manager
- Kitchen Assistants
- Senior Camp Counselors
- Junior Camp Counselors
- Camp Nurses
- 4-H Specialists
- Art Specialist
- Aquatics Manager

Interested applicants are asked to email Bruce Condie at: campdirectorbruce@gmail.com

Hidden Valley 4-H Camp 2026 Registration Is Now Open!

Space is Limited and Spots are Filling Fast, Reserve Your Camper's Space Today!

Visit www.hiddenvalley4hcamp.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

4-H Simple Circuits

March 10, 2026 - Elizabeth B. Pert Library - Hector, NY - 6:00-7:00pm

Give the youth in your life real-world experience with electrical concepts, and spark their curiosity in the Science and Technology area with 4-H Simple Circuits!

Register for this FREE event at *www.cceschuyler.org/events*

Seed to Supper - Hector

March 19, 2026 - Elizabeth B. Pert Library - Hector, NY - 6:00-7:30pm

Join Garden & Horticulture Coordinator, Shawn Tubridy, for a 5-session gardening class, "Seed to Supper" This series will be focused on practical, low-cost techniques perfect for beginners looking to grow their own food.

Register for this FREE event at *www.cceschuyler.org/events*

4-H Sparks Club - Simple Circuits

March 21, 2026 - Human Services Complex, Montour Falls, NY - 12:00-2:00pm

Join Us for 4-H Sparks Club: Simple Circuits. Continue your youth's Science and Technology journey with real work experience and electrical concepts with this new club!

Register for this FREE event at *www.cceschuyler.org/events*.

4-H Fiber Arts Club

March 21, 2026 - Human Services Complex - Montour Falls, NY - 10am-12:00pm

Do you have a youth interested in the Fiber Arts? The 4-H Fiber Arts club will be working on their crocheting skills by making dishcloths! This club is for ages 8-16, but all skill levels are welcome. **Register for this FREE event at *www.cceschuyler.org/events*.**

Spring Seed Sowing Workshop

March 21, 2026 - Silver Spoon Cafe - Montour Falls, NY - 10:30-12:00pm

Learn a variety of low budget ways to get your Spring Seedlings started with Schuyler County Master Gardener Volunteers and Garden and Horticulture Coordinator, Shawn Tubridy. **Cost is $15** and includes take home seedlings. Visit ***www.cceschuyler.org/events*** to save your space.

Smart Energy Choices Program Meet and Greet!

March 21, 2026 - Human Services Complex - Montour Falls, NY - 10:00am-12:00pm

Learn easy do-it-yourself ways to save energy at home, reduce your energy usage, understand your utility bill, and hear about subscription solar opportunities. Bring the family and discover simple ways to lower your energy costs.

Walk-ins welcome, learn more at *www.cceschuyler.org/events*.

Herbs for Spring Health

March 24, 2026 - Human Services Complex - Montour Falls, NY - 6:00-7:30pm

Community Herbalists Andrea & Matthias Reisen of Healing Spirits Herb Farm & Education Center along with CCE Schuyler will be offering a hands-on workshop discussing herbs and health in the spring. **Cost:** $15 - covers price of materials.

Save your Space, register at *www.cceschuyler.org/events*

4-H Simple Circuits

March 25, 2026 - Elizabeth B. Pert Library - Hector, NY - 11:00am-12:00pm

Give the youth in your life real-world experience with electrical concepts, and spark their curiosity in the Science and Technology area with 4-H Simple Circuits!

Register for this FREE event at *www.cceschuyler.org/events*

Seed to Supper - Odessa

March 26, 2026 - Odessa Community Room - Odessa, NY - 6:00-7:30pm

Garden & Horticulture Coordinator, Shawn Tubridy will be offering a second identical 5-session gardening "Seed to Supper" class, at the Odessa Community Room.

Register for this FREE event at *www.cceschuyler.org/events*

Exploring Plant Medicine

March 28, 2026 - Silver Spoon Cafe - Montour Falls, NY - 10:30am - 12:30pm

Learn about the history of herbs, wild harvesting ethics, safety & liability, research sources, plant identification and preparations. All participants will go home with a jar of their very own herbal creation. **Cost:** $20 and includes all supplies.

Save your space, register at: *www.cceschuyler.org/events*

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WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHT:

2026 Fruit Tree & Berry Growing Workshop

March 28, 2026 - Apples and Moore Orchard Watkins Glen, NY

Ever thought about growing Fruit Trees and Berries on your property? Join experts Alec Moore and Rick Reisinger to learn how you can care for fruit trees and berries! Pre-registration is required and closes 2 days prior to the event.

Cost: Single — $35 Double — $60

Register for this event at *www.cceschuyler.org/events*