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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT...IS IT FOR YOUR CHILD?

The 4-H Youth Development Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), Otsego County offers a world of opportunities for youth ages 5-19. 4-H Youth Development creates environments for youth to develop skills, practical knowledge, and wisdom through observing, doing, and reflecting on experiences. This "learning by doing" model has been active and successful for over 100 years. You're invited to get involved!

4-H is the youth development program of Cornell Cooperative Extension and links the resources of Cornell University to young people. The basic mission of 4-H Youth Development is to create supportive, learning environments in which diverse youth and adults reach their fullest potential as capable, competent and caring citizens.

Through 4-H Youth Development youth will practice effective problem-solving and decision making skills; possess positive work attitudes and skills; accept community and social responsibility; contribute to positive relationships with families, peers and community; demonstrate communication and leadership skills and value lifelong learning.

Adults volunteer their time and expertise in a variety of settings to provide meaningful and enriching opportunities for youth. For more information about 4-H Youth Development and how to get involved, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension in Cooperstown at 547-2536 or Oneonta at 433-2521 or e-mail otsego@cornell.edu. Their website www.cce.cornell.edu/otsego provides additional information. Meetings with adults to find out more about 4-H are arranged on a regular basis and anyone interested is encouraged to make an appointment.