

4-H Youth
Program Update
April - May 2004

Tractor Certification Program

20 teens were instructed in the safety and operation of farm tractors. The program included class time, hands-on driving, and testing for NY State Certification. 18 youth successful completed the certification requirements.

District Public Presentations

10 Youth traveled to Orange County to strengthen their life skill of public speaking. The mall setting creates a new challenge for the presenters. All the participants received a high rating and several were recommended for advancement to the State competition.

Veterinary Science Program

The popularity of this program called for a repeat performance. With the cooperation of Ulster County Community College, 18 teens spent 5 weeks with local veterinarians. The topic was hands-on learning about the normal animal. One adult commented, "I know J. got more out of this class that a whole year of high school biology."

Clothing Revue

23 Youth modeled their garments at Fashions under the Sea Clothing Revue. This was the "reveal" of *many* hours of learning by doing the life time skills of construction. Each of the 30 garments was evaluated before the Revue. Youth did an excellent job on stage. The Seaside setting (created by volunteers) was an awesome backdrop presentation.

TOPS

Approximately 80 students at G. Washington and JFK schools grew basil and cilantro, surveyed the market and became business entrepreneurs. With the sale of their herbs each TOPS class bought 2 books for their school library.

Golf Tournament

This year 18 teams with 67 players participated in the Annual Golf tournament. This fund raiser is to help support volunteer recognition, leader support and award trips. Apple Greens provided a beautiful course on a beautiful day!

Staffing

The resignation of Kornel Brown was received on April 15, 2004. Kornel will be pursuing further education. The Community Educator position has been submitted and approved by Cornell University. We will hire an excellent team member as soon as possible. For the coming months a summer intern and an interim educator will be hired.