

4-H Youth Development

Program Update

November 2005

- **State Public Presentations**

October 1 Jaime Churchill, Jordan Gundberg and Jennifer Weeks represented Ulster County at the New York State Public Presentations. “Mission Impossible: The Crackdown on Eggs” earned Jaime a gold certificate and third place, bronze medallion. Jordan’s illustrated talk on “Chicken Coops” earned him a silver certificate. Jennifer’s dramatic interpretation of “The Lady Liberty” was awarded a gold certificate and a first place, gold medallion. Jaime will advance to the National Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, November 14-18.

- **National 4-H/CCE Week**

Three 4-H Clubs visibly promoted 4-H in their communities during National 4-H Week. Clubs entered their Making the 4-H Connection displays in store fronts and a Library. Judges for the contest were: Howard and Alice Zellmer of Wisconsin. October 6 State Fair “Purple” ribbon winners were invited to the County Legislature meeting. Courtney Weis and Timothy Bruck provided samples of their award winning Patriotic Pie and Banana Bread for the Legislators. Youth present: Samantha and Timothy Bruck, Courtney Weis and Katlyn McCullough all received Pride of New York awards.

- **4-H Achievement Day/Fall Festival**

October 15 we celebrated our Annual 4-H Achievement Day at the Rosendale Recreation Center. All Ulster County Clubs, 4-H Members, 4-H Leaders and 4-H Parents were recognized. In addition, the award winners for the 2005 4-H Club year were announced. See the Observer (www.cce.cornell.edu/ulster/4h/observer), page 4 for a complete listing. After lunch 4-H members enjoyed an afternoon of fall activities: apple tasting, scarecrow building, a scavenger hunt and lots of outside fun!

- **4-H Leader Rally**

October 15 4-H Organizational Leaders met to get the new 4-H year started! 4-H Club locations were “mapped”, priceless moments shared, updates distributed for the Leaders Handbook, 4-H Club packets given out and conversations held concerning future 4-H Activities.

- **New York State 4-H Educators**

October 11-12 Corning hosted the annual meeting/conference of the New York State 4-H Educators. The 4-H Professional Research, Knowledge, and Competency Model, known as the PRKC Model was the focus of the meeting. Each person visited the six integrated, yet distinct competency areas essential to conducting 4-H youth development programs: youth development, youth program development, volunteerism; equity, access, and opportunity; partnerships; and organizational systems.

At the annual meeting it was announced that Patti Zellmer was elected to the Leadership role of Vice President of the New York State Association of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Educators.

- **4-H Fall TOPS**

On October 27th the TOPS program was renewed for the George Washington and JFK Schools for 2006. The budget is being prepared by Patti Zellmer. This fall Mary Lou (Giuliano) will present a Health, Nutrition and fitness program using the new My Pyramid for kids.



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