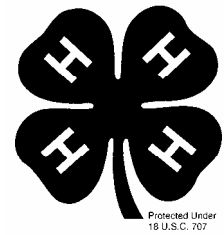


**4-H Youth Development**  
Program Update  
August-September 2004



**Ulster County Fair**

The 4-H Showcase! This year there was a total of 2177 entries. This count includes every item/animal: hamsters, chickens, cows, cookies, art projects, sewn garments, club booths, Master Showmen, Auction participants and more! The youth building was busy with youth activities. We were complemented on the presentation of the 4-H entries. The new All Stars Program was great! 4-Hers were introduced to promoting 4-H and working with the public.

**New York State Fair**

Ulster County static exhibits (non breathing!) were on display in the Youth Building August 30-September 2. Teen Leaders welcomed the public to the Ulster County Booth with Simple Gifts activities. Along with the 80 static exhibits, youth and teens participated in *many* other 4-H areas. Three teens were in the State Clothing Revue. Youth entered rabbits, covies, chickens, horses and dogs. In addition, Ulster County had 4-H participation in the: Hippology Contest, Poultry Science Contest, Avian Bowl, Dairy Goat Judging, 4-H Dairy Goat Knowledge Olympics, Dairy Goat Bowl, Dairy Product Identification and Cavy Knowledge Contest. Ulster County was well represented and did very well!

**4-H Leaders Rally**

September 11, 4-H Organizational Leaders attended the Annual Leaders Rally. This event brought Leaders from across the County together to update their *new* New York State Leaders Handbook. Club Packets for 2004-2005 4-H Year were distributed. Many questions were answered and ideas generated. One of the results of the Rally is a Leader's Network, a directory of 4-H Leaders willing to share their knowledge and expertise with other 4-H Leaders/Parents.

**TOPS**

The funding for this 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Program has been questionable. At a meeting on September 15, the 4-H Program was assured there will be funding. The TOPS Program is scheduled to begin in October at the G. Washington and JFK schools. We are happy to have Mary Lou Guilano continue in this position. Mary Lou anticipates expanding her hours to cover Debbie's former position.

**THANK YOU!**

Jessie Churchill was our summer Cornell intern. Jessie's experience in 4-H, her familiarity with Ulster County Fair, and her technological knowledge were valuable assets to the 4-H Program and a tremendous help in the success of the County Fair. THANK YOU Jessie!

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