E-blast April 30, 2015

**Important Information**
You will start to find information about 4-H at the Wayne County Fair in the eblasts – believe it or not, it is only 109 days away! It will be clearly labeled with a “Looking ahead... to the WAYNE COUNTY FAIR” title to keep it separate from other information each week. Each week the info will be different and timely. **YOU WILL NOT BE RECEIVING A PRE FAIR PACKET THIS YEAR!!** All pre-fair packet info will be added to the eblast in sections each week so that you will have all of the info leading up to fair, with less stress of trying to find the info in the packet or trying to find your packet at all 😊 Please plan to keep the eblasts in a safe place so that you can refer back to the information. We will also be archiving them on our website each week and posting the info to our Facebook page. We do realize that not every 4-H family has access to the internet/eblasts so we are also asking club leaders and friends to be aware of who does not have access and share these important fair updates with them. Please contact the 4-H office if you have any questions! Thanks for your support!

Looking ahead... to the WAYNE COUNTY FAIR!
The Wayne County Fair offers many opportunities beyond exhibiting 4-H projects. Here are a few that you may be of interest:

**Open Class Show** – 4-H’ers, leaders, parents, and the general public are invited to enter items in the open class areas of the Fair (both animal and exhibit hall). All open classes will soon be listed in the Wayne County Open Class Fairbook and online. For more information about open class entries, contact the Fair office or visit [http://waynecountyfair.org/](http://waynecountyfair.org/).

**Wayne County Fair Parade** – The Wayne County Fair Parade will be at 7:00pm on the Friday of fair week. Clubs are encouraged to participate with floats or as marching units. This year the Wayne County Fair theme is “160 Cheers for 160 Years of the Wayne County Fair”

**4-H Benches** – If your club is interested in making and donating a park bench for the fair, directions are available at the 4-H office. The Fair Board provides the wood for the benches, please contact the 4-H office to find out more. This is a great community service project.

4-H Spring/Summer Horse Shows and Registration
This year’s Wayne County 4-H Horse Shows will be Sunday, May 17, Saturday, June 20, and Saturday/Sunday, July 11/12. Registration for these shows and for the County Fair will happen at the 4-H office on Saturday, May 2 from 9:00-11:30am. You must attend registration to be able to show. All current 4-H members must have been re-enrolled by April 1st to participate in shows and new 4-H members must be enrolled at one of the registration events. All paperwork including horse certificate and health forms as required by the state department of Ag and Markets will be due at the registration event.

***SAVE YOUR BOTTLES & CANS***
DONATE THEM TO THE COUNTRY KIDS 4H CLUB
WHEN: MAY 2, 2015, 9am to 3pm
WHERE: TRACTOR SUPPLY, ROUTE 31, NEWARK, NY
***ALSO BUY A CLOVER TO SUPPORT 4H***
ACTIVITY FOR THE KIDS TOO!!!

The 4-H Teen Exchange Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday May 9 from 7:30 - 10:30am at Cornell Cooperative Extension. $5 for 10 and under, $7 for adult. Pre-sale available for $4 and $6. Pancakes, eggs, and sausage all you can eat.

Ready for an International Experience?

Open your home to an exchange delegate and open your lives to the world! Through States’ 4-H International, families will have an opportunity to experience Japan by hosting an exchange delegate between the age of 12 and 16 for four weeks from July 21 through August 19, 2015. One Japanese student will be matched per family based on the host sibling’s gender, age, and interests. There are also opportunities to host adult chaperones for 2 or 4 weeks. Families who host chaperones are not required to have children in the home.

Expectations for Families Hosting Young People:
• Have youth the same age and gender as the exchange student (aged 12-16)
• Have enthusiasm for learning about other cultures
• Attend one host family orientation session before the student arrives

Plus...
• There is no need to plan special activities for the student
• You do not need to be involved in 4-H to be a host family

Last year, eight New York families from Columbia, Ulster, and Westchester Counties hosted delegates and greatly enjoyed the cultural exchange opportunity. As one host mother said, “I think it sparked interest for the kids to see new places and cultures. It will remind us to look outside the box we live in.”

For more information, contact:
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Check out http://labo-exchange.com/ to learn more about the Labo International Exchange Program.

Check out http://www.states4hexchange.org/ to learn more about the States’ 4-H International Exchange Program

The most recent edition of the World of Wayne can be found at http://blogs.cornell.edu/waynecce/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/

Have you visited our Facebook page? It is the most up-to-date source of information! https://www.facebook.com/4hwaynecounty
Calendar:

**May 2015**
May 2—Animal Crackers
May 2 – Amateur Radio Workshop
May 2 – Horse Show Registration (9-11:30am)
May 2 – Country Kids 4-H Club Bottle & Can Collection
May 9 – Teen Exchange Pancake Breakfast at Cornell Cooperative Extension
May 9 – Master Gardener Plant Sale at Cornell Cooperative Extension
May 12– Wayne County 4-H PDC
May 17 – Wayne County Pointed Horse Show
May 19 – Teen Council
May 27 – Fair Clean Up (Tentative)
May 30 – Winter Spring Woodland Walk Rescheduled!

**June 2015**
June 4 – Fair Teen Leader Interviews
June 16 – Teen Council
June 17 – 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting
June 20 – Wayne County Pointed Horse Show
June 22- Mad Scientist Night
June 29 – Pre-fair Meeting and Project Entry Demos
June 30-July 2 – Career Explorations

**July 2015**
July 6 – Fair entries are due!
July 9 – Meeting with Fair Teen Leaders and Superintendents
July 11-12 – Wayne County Pointed Horse Show
July 20-24 – 4-H Camp Beechwood

**August 2015**
August 5 – Fair Set Up
August 6 – Pre-Fair Judging
August 10-15 – Wayne County Fair
August 27-September 7 – New York State Fair

**September 2015**
September 4-7 – Wayne County Exhibits Judged at the New York State Fair and Teens Work in Booth
September 15 – Teen Council