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Horse Feathers – 4-H Friends Flock Together **Cornell University Presents Animal Crackers 2009**

The Cornell University Department of Animal Science is pleased to announce Animal Crackers 2009 "Horse Feathers – 4-H Friends Flock Together" on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at Cornell University. The up-coming program will incorporate both horse and poultry topics for youth ages 9-12 or those with a beginners/intermediate knowledge of the species. All youth, 4-H and non-4-H, are invited to participate. Adult chaperones are also invited to attend to make Horse Feathers a family event!

Interesting, educational, hands-on activities are being planned to make Horse Feathers a memorable teaching event. Participants will have the opportunity to learn horse or poultry care, biology, or management while having fun. There will also be a mini horse demonstration, Parade of Poultry, and much, much more. Join us as we try to set a world's record for dancers as we attempt the infamous Chicken Dance!

Beginner and intermediate 4-H members in the horse area will learn about: Anatomy – Inside & Out, Health and Disease, Grain is for Horses, Nutrition, Parasites, Genetics, Body Condition Scoring, Owner Responsibility, and First-Aid. Those interested in beginning poultry topics will learn about: Raptors, Poultry Health, Everything Eggs, Layers or Liars, My First Chicken, and Fitting & Showmanship

Cost of the program will be \$5 for youth and adult chaperones and everyone is asked to bring their own lunches or visit the Cornell Dairy Store. Registration for the event will be done through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Otsego County, 607-547-2536, extension 225 or sac65 by April 13. More information can be found on the Animal Crackers website: <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/crackers/index.html>. Mark your calendars for one the most exciting animal science programs of 2009!