

Annual 4-H Teen Events

4-H Regional Teen Leadership Retreat: (FALL) *Southeastern NY*

This two-day retreat will provide youth with an opportunity to learn team building and leadership skills with other youth & adults from our region. The theme of this retreat varies annually. All registration fees & transportation are provided by Putnam County 4-H. This retreat is for youth ages 12 and up.

4-H Capital Days - (MARCH) *Albany, NY*

Provides teens from around NY State with an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the "New York State Public Policy Process." Delegates will have an opportunity to meet and interact with legislators as well as tour the Capitol Building. Delegates stay one night in a hotel room. All registration fees & transportation are provided by Putnam County 4-H. This event is for youth ages 13 and up.

4-H Statewide Teen Leadership Retreat: (APRIL) *NYS Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY*

Provides teens from across New York State, an opportunity to develop leadership skills, work in partnership with adults, learn how to become a more active force within their community and more importantly to have a great deal of fun! Youth will spend 3 days & 2 nights in a dorm type setting on the NYS Fairgrounds. All registration fees & transportation are provided for by Putnam County 4-H. This event is for youth ages 13 and up.

Career Explorations: (JUNE/JULY)

Cornell University Ithaca, NY

Open to 4-H and non 4-H members in grades 8 - 12, on a first come, first serve basis. Participants must pay for their own registration. The goals of this 3-day conference are to provide teens with an opportunity to explore a variety of career choices and to experience college life. Youth entering 8th & 9th grades will tour 6 different programs at Cornell. Youth entering 10 - 12th grades will take part in a more intense program where participants spend 3 days with a specific department. Teens stay in college dorms and take part in recreational activities in the evening. Transportation is provided by 4-H.

New York State Fair: (AUGUST) *NYS Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY*

Putnam County Ambassadors - Teens who are selected will spend 4 days working in the Putnam County Booth in the NYS Fair 4-H Building and serve as representatives of 4-H and Putnam County. Teens earn a premium of \$10 per day. Transportation & dorm fees are provided by Putnam County 4-H. This position is for youth ages 11 and up.

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Teen Leaders- Youth ages 13 and older can apply for a variety of positions through the New York State 4-H Program. Teen Leaders must receive approval from their county's 4-H Staff in order to be selected. Transportation & dorm fees are provided by Putnam County 4-H. Teens earn a premium of \$10 per day.

Teen Leadership Positions at the 4-H Fair

4H Fair Night Herdsman: Open to 4-H youth ages 12 and older with experience in Animal Husbandry. Youth will stay over night at 4-H Fair under the supervision of the Animal Fair Chair(s), and will be expected to care for the animals throughout the Fair.

Recommendation form for Night Herdsman must be received at Least 90 Days Prior to the Fair.

TAG Leader: Open to any active TAG member (including Puppeteer Players and/or Techno Teens) who have been enrolled for at least 6 months and/or has received permission from the 4-H Youth Development Program Director. TAG Leaders are invited to camp overnight at the 4-H Fair with the expectation that they will take on a variety of leadership roles in preparation for the fair each day. TAG Leaders will be under the supervision of the 4-H staff. All teens are required to attend a Pre-Fair Orientation and must provide emergency contact information of a parent/guardian for all nights teen will spend at the fair.