

Recap: 2022-2023



A big, big thank you!

Thank you to our amazing members and their families for making 2023 the Young Explorers' best year ever. Here's a list of the fun things we did together. We:

- Hiked 6 miles to the top of Bennington's Bald Mountain and hung out with the awesome view at the White Rocks.
- Learned about stars and galaxies and even used a high-powered telescope at the Stickney Observatory at Bennington College in Bennington, VT
- Practiced first aid and CPR with the experts at Pownal Rescue Squad in Pownal, VT
- Made apple pies from scratch at the Jowett Residence in Bennington, VT
- Made crafty gifts for the holiday season at the Jowett Residence in Bennington, VT
- Practiced using sharp tools safely during a cardboard construction activity at the Trafton Residence in Bennington, VT

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- Learned about maple sugaring and enjoyed sugar on snow at the Roy Residence in Pownal, VT
 - Visited the animals and learned how farms operate at Grateful Morning Farm in Shaftsbury, VT
 - Volunteered picking up trash for Vermont's Green Up Day in Bennington, VT
 - Found a geocache while hiking the Robert Frost Stone House Museum Trail in Shaftsbury, VT, to Lake Paran in North Bennington, VT
 - Learned about how electricity works by building circuits for our own lanterns
 - Explored the Everett Cave in Bennington, VT

A few 4-Hers in our club also did projects on their own this year!

Member Spotlight: Sophia Zampini



Sophia lives in Pownal, VT. She is interested in chicken raising. She learned to sew a tote out of a chicken feed bag. She presented a chicken-raising project at the fair this year. Sophia earned a ribbon! Congratulations to Sophia on her chicken project! Great job!

Gearing up for 2023-2024!

What will the coming year bring? It's up to you! Let us know how you feel about the ideas below by emailing ashleybrenon@gmail.com:

- October 7: Metal Detecting with the Martins
- October 14: 4-H Recruiting Event at Hale Mountain, Pownal, VT
- November: Pumpkin pies from scratch at the Jowett Residence, Bennington, VT
- December: Freedlyville Quarry Hike, Dorset, VT
- January: Farm visit or baking, craft, or technology project
- February: Pizza making, The Log by Ramuntos, Williamstown, MA
- March: Regional Day
- April: Farm visit or baking, craft, or technology project
- May: Green Up Day at Quarry Hill, Pownal, VT
- June: Hike-a-Thon, Pownal, VT
- July: Pownal Valley Fair: Bake sale, exhibits, and presentations
- August: State Fair
- September: Bald Mountain Hike, Bennington, VT, and End-of-Year Potluck

