

*From the Desk
of the Agent*

JOIN | THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

What is the Revolution of Responsibility? It's a movement for positive change in every community in America. 4-H youth are a living breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles and pushing our country forward by making a measureable difference right where they live. That takes uncommon commitment.

The importance of responsibility and service are the values that will help our communities solve the many challenges they face. Whether you're a 4-H educator, volunteer or member, 4-H wants to hear from you. Not sure how to start? To learn how to write YOUR 4-H Revolution story, check out the website at <http://www.4-h.org/about/revolution/>

This is where you can get tips on how to tell your 4-H story, read stories, and submit your own. Stories can be written or in a video format. It doesn't matter how long or short you have been in 4-H. Everyone's story matters!

Are you a parent? Do you use the Internet?

If you haven't completed the Parenting 2.0 survey and entered the drawing for your chance to win a \$100 Amazon.com gift card, there's still time!

The [Parenting 2.0 research project](#), sponsored by the University of Minnesota, is looking for parents who use the Internet to participate in an online research study. The study involves filling out a **20-minute online survey** about how and why you use the Internet.

The purpose of the Parenting 2.0 research project is to learn more about the ways that and the reasons why parents use technology. Results from this study will be used to help develop parent education resources.

If you decide take part in this study, you will be asked to complete an online survey available at: <http://www.cehd.umn.edu/fsos/parent20/survey>. To be able to take part in this study, **you must be over 18, and be a parent or primary caregiver**. Participants will have the option of being entered into a drawing to **win 1 of 10 \$100 Amazon.com gift cards**.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions about the study, please visit our website at <http://www.cehd.umn.edu/fsos/parent20/survey> or contact Dr. Jodi Dworkin at jdworkin@umn.edu or Dr. Susan Walker at skwalker@umn.edu.

Reminders



The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

November 2, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office
February 1, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office

If you prefer a hard copy mailed to your address, please call the office and confirm your updated contact information so we can send you a paper copy. We will only send paper copies to those families that contact us. We hope that 4-H families take advantage of the Grapevine online and help us save the environment.

Club lists are due to the 4-H office by January 1, 2012 in order for members to be eligible for state events.



Going to Rutgers????
Going to miss 4-H????

No Need! You can join the Collegiate 4-H Club!
They do much to support 4-H in NJ
Contact Macy Compton Phone: 732-932-5000 x598
Fax: 732-932-7541 mcompton@rce.rutgers.edu

Our Mission

The Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension 4-H Youth Development program uses a learn by doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens of the world.



This mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults

Family Grapevine
Bi-Monthly Newsletter
Rutgers Cooperative Extension
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What's Up in

NEW JERSEY 4-H



Volunteers wanted

The New Jersey National Guard Child and Youth Program and Operation: Military Kids is searching for caring adults and teens to be trained as Military Youth Programs Volunteers. Trained volunteers will support military children at events throughout the year including camps, Family Days and local community outreach programs. A volunteer training will be held at Rutgers University on November 19 from 9:00am-4:00pm

Questions can be directed to either Kelly Allison at allison@NJAES.Rutgers.edu or Nicole Morgan-Lewis, NJ National Guard State Youth Coordinator at Nicole.I.morgan-lewis@us.army.mil.



Earn the Congressional Award!

The Congressional Award is the United States Congress' Award for America's youth. It was designed to acknowledge and promote service, initiative, and achievement. It is non partisan (meaning Democrats and Republicans both support it equally and don't claim it as *their* idea only) and non competitive (meaning everyone deserving will get the award!).



Youth must have a mentor (non family member adult) to help you set goals for the project. Your 4-H leader or Agent can serve as your advisor. Go to www.congressionalaward.org for more information or contact Congressman Scott Garrett's office directly at 201-444-5454 and speak to Christina Garfinkle.

International Junior Master Gardener Pen Pals

International coordinator of Junior Master Gardeners (JMG) in Korea has contacted NJ 4-H and is looking for youth pen pals! They are an open a multinational-bound gardening class(ourdoor class) at the JMG Kid's Garden of Gwacheon National Science Museum <http://www.scientorium.go.kr> which is the largest science museum in Korea. They also offer JMG class (indoor class) at Insectorium of the museum. Sook Noh implements JMG program in Korea for two years. This year, Sook would like for Korean students to have a cross cultural/international experience with other JMG group(s) in another country through a pen pal activity. Contact: Sook at jmgkids.kr@daum.net if you would like to join in on being a pen pal with a Korean youth who is learning about plants! Then.. let us know! We love to hear about your adventures in 4-H!



Poisonous Plants to Livestock

Cornell Cooperative Extension has a great resource for livestock owners on poisonous plants. Did you know that the beautiful red maple is poisonous to horses? Check out their website at

<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/plants/php/plants.php?action=indiv&byname=scientific&keynum=97>



FAIR NEWS

2012 Farmers' Fair 4-H Theme:

Responsibility!



If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders. ~Abigail Van Buren

Take your life in your own hands, and what happens? A terrible thing: no one to blame. ~Erica Jong

In and out of the show ring, character counts!

Jul. 28 – Aug. 5, 2012

4-H Show Book - has all the rules you need to know to have fun in the many shows! Check it out to be sure you know the rules/times/places of the shows you have entered! The 2012 book comes out in May 2012!

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Attention all Clubs! Your club is invited to put up a club display in the 4-H building for the week of fair. You may use an entire 'bay' and make it three D! Get together at your next business meeting and start planning NOW for the most awesome of awesome displays EVER. They are judged and you get extra points for incorporating the 4-H Fair theme. This year's fair is RESPONSIBILITY. How has 4-H taught YOU responsibility?? Let us know and make a display!

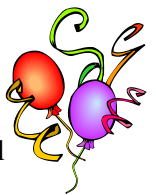
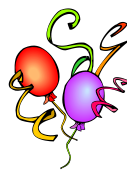
Things to ponder in your next club meeting



**Arts & Crafts/Photography/Sewing/  
Woodworking/ Fine Arts/Cooking/  
Photography and Needlework**

**4-H CELEBRATION AT THE FAIR!**

Hey everyone, **COME ON** to the 4-H Celebration on Friday at the show barn at 6:00 pm for free food and fun! Open to all 4-H members and their families.



Did you know all 4-Hers can make things to display during fair week???

These items are prejudged *before* fair and displayed in the 4-H building the week of fair. All Warren County 4-H youth are welcome to enter items in these shows. **The pre judging dates are July 9<sup>th</sup> for FOODS and 10<sup>th</sup> for everything else.** Drop off Food on July 9 by 4:30 pm. All other items need to be dropped off by 4:30 July 10. For your convenience we will take your craft items on July 9<sup>th</sup> as well. The items can be picked up on July 12<sup>th</sup>



*A splendid time is guaranteed for all – Lennon and McCartney*



# 4-H Club Reports

**Club reports** can be emailed to [4-H@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:4-H@co.warren.nj.us) and reports can also be faxed to the County 4-H Office at (908) 475-6514. Need 4-H Club Meeting Report forms? Contact the County 4-H Office and forms will be sent.

## Stablemates

September, 2011 - Stablemates held a meeting at their leader Wanda Kinney's house on Sunday, September 18th. The members spent most of their time finishing up their project books, but also got around to discussing dates for all of the next year's major events and planning their next roadside cleanup. Afterwards the club headed out to the barn to get a peek at the farm's two baby miniature horses.

Submitted by:  
Rachel Danitz

## Teen Council

October, 2011 – The Teen Council held their October meeting at the Admin building in Belvidere. We discussed different fundraising ideas, like Friendly's fundraiser, bake sales and a car wash. We set a date for the Rummage Sale fundraiser, which will be on November 19 & 20. We also discussed the milk booth at the fair. We discussed NJTC, which is in March and the first meeting for the planning committee is on November 5. We talked about Winter Camp, which is in January 2012. Many ideas for community service were mentioned, such as cleaning up leaves, snow shoveling, working at a soup kitchen during the holidays, and caroling/visiting senior centers.

Submitted by:  
Stacey Giordano

## 4-H Rutgerscience Saturday - Our Ocean World



*Sponsored by the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences*

- **Date:** January 21, 2012
- **Location:** Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences
- **Time:** 10: 00 AM - 2:00 PM
- **Limit:** 50 young people grades 6-9

It may be cold outside but it is time to think about the fastest warming place on Earth...Antarctica. Explore the issue of our changing environment. Learn about how a warming ocean is affecting its living inhabitants from the corals, to fish to the largest whales. This program will include a tour of the Coastal Ocean Observation Laboratory (COOLroom for short) and chance to meet face to face with an underwater robot. Join us for this and much more! Register today at: [4hset.rutgers.edu/downloads/registration2012.pdf](http://4hset.rutgers.edu/downloads/registration2012.pdf)



Warren County 4-H

# Rummage Sale

**Teen  
Council**

**Date of Sale: November 19 & 20, 2011**

**Time of Sale: 8-4 p.m.**

**Extension Conference Room first floor**

*Support the 4-H Teen  
Council!*



**Items needed! Drop off your gently used unwanted items to the Extension Conference Room (first floor) on Nov. 17 and 18 between 8:30 and 5:00 p.m.**

Warren County 4-H

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- Kitchen items
- Books
- Baby items
- Knick knacks
- Gently used clothing
- Jewelry