

## WARREN COUNTY 4-H ARCHERY open house! sept. 29 4-6 p.m. WARREN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



levelled up in the game? why not try real life!

- Meet the archery leaders & 4-H Staff
- Sign up for archery clubs
- Try out the archery range!



*“If we care about the world we’re making for our children, we need to be less tolerant of mean-spirited, discourteous, and impolite remarks and do a better job of teaching and modeling civility.”*



From the Desk  
of the Agent

4-H has a long history of innovation and community impact. Beginning in 1902 with the 4-H Corn Club, all the way up to present-day robotics clubs, 4-H'ers have stepped up to tackle challenges ranging from food security and environmental issues to bullying and emergency preparedness -- and 4-H'ers have succeeded!

**Current research indicates that 4-H'ers are better equipped to contribute and lead, as compared to their peers.\* Results show that youth in 4-H:**

- Are more civically active and make more civic contributions to their communities,
- Report better grades and are two times more likely to plan to go to college,
- Are shown to have significantly lower drug, alcohol and cigarette use than their peers.

\*Reference: 4-H.org; Waves of the Future: Report of findings from the first seven years of the 4-H study of positive youth development; 2010

### Celebrate 4-H'ers!

Help us showcase the role of 4-H youth in driving positive change. How? Visit [4-H on Facebook](#) and tell us about a 4-H'er you know who is making a difference!



Like us on Facebook and get the latest news, deadlines, and connect with other 4-Hers!

<http://www.facebook.com/warren4h>

# Reminders



## The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Wednesday, September 5, 2012 –at 6:30

This is a dinner meeting, so RSVP to Tracy Smith at [bdtsmith@gmail.com](mailto:bdtsmith@gmail.com)

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*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.*

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### The Jr. Breeder loan program

a great program for young adults already participating in 4-H to acquire livestock via a low-interest livestock loan. Contact the 4-H office for the forms and additional information.



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](mailto:mcompton@rce.rutgers.edu)

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### Our Mission

The Rutgers Cooperative 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  
165 County Route 519 South  
Belvidere, NJ 07823  
(908) 475-6502  
[www.warren4-h.org](http://www.warren4-h.org)

Alayne J. Torretta, County 4-H Agent  
Ruth Riedel, 4-H Program Assistant  
Alex Zolla, 4-H Secretary

## Council of Presidents

If you are elected as an officer in your club and are in grades 4-13, this meeting is for YOU! The next Council of Presidents meeting/training is Saturday, October 13 from 10 – 1pm at the 4-H office. The Council is the voice of the youth of 4-H!! Come have some fun, learn about Parliamentary Procedure, and share with others what your club is doing! One of the leadership roles the Council has taken on is meeting the 4-H community service requirement for Member in Good Standing Status.

The Council meets 4 times per year:

- Feb 4, 2012
- April 28, 2012
- July 7, 2012
- **October 13, 2012**



**Note:** Council members, please bring your completed website form to the October meeting. For another form or to R.S.V.P. contact Alayne Torretta [Torretta@rce.rutgers.edu](mailto:Torretta@rce.rutgers.edu)

People want to know about your club online! We will also be posting a picture of your club. Take pictures of your club and vote on which one you want to put online at your next meeting



## 4-h renaissance faire september 8 & 9, 2012

<http://www.warren4-hrenfaire.org/>

Fundraising booths available for clubs. Must be period themed.

Want to see the sights for free?? Dress period and bring your project animal to share with the public how your animal was used during the Renaissance!

Contact Alayne Torretta for more information  
[Torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:Torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu)

## JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

What is the 4-H 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 measurable difference right where they live. That takes uncommon commitment.

Tell YOUR story at:

<http://www.4-h.org/about/revolution/>



## Leafsnap App

*Leafsnap* is an electronic field guide developed by researchers from Columbia University, the University of Maryland, and the Smithsonian Institution. This free mobile app uses visual recognition software to help identify tree species from photographs of their leaves.



<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/leafsnap/id430649829?mt=8>



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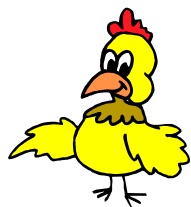
A **free** way to earn money for 4-H!

GoodSearch is a search engine which donates 50 percent of its sponsored search revenue to the charities and schools designated by its users. You use GoodSearch exactly as you would any other search engine. Because it's powered by Yahoo!, you get proven search results. The money GoodSearch donates to your cause comes from its advertisers — the users and the organizations do not spend a dime!

**Start searching Today!**

Add our name before you search:

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Warren County 4-H.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Poultry Fest Delaware County, PA

Sunday, September 9, 2012  
12:00PM to 5:00PM

Backyard Poultry Raising Topics

Dissection & Internal Anatomy of Poultry

Learn About Breeding, Hatching, Incubation & Brooding chickens for Backyard Flocks

4-H Poultry Showmanship Using 4-H Birds\*

U of PENN Vet will be on-site for questions

Bring Your Home-Flock Eggs for Judging

Book Signing Co-Author of *Chicken Whisperer Guide to Raising Chickens*

Dietician Recommendations for Poultry Products

4-H Farm and Education Center  
at Garrett Williamson Foundation  
395 Bishop Hollow Road  
Newtown Square, PA 19073

Admission: **\$2.00** per Person  
(Under 4 yrs old – FREE!)

Contact for Details: Erin Anne Van Yahres  
610-888-3150 [vanyahrese@comcast.net](mailto:vanyahrese@comcast.net)

Penn State **Extension**



## Eastern Equine Encephalitis

Cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) have been found in NJ. Rutgers has a fact sheet on how to protect your horse from this disease.

Your horse relies on you for his/her health!

<http://www.esc.rutgers.edu/publications/general/FS737.htm>



## North East Regional Volunteer Forum

Is a three day event for 4-H leaders in the North East US to meet and share! It's held every other year and this year it has gone virtual. Vermont 4-H is facilitating and will be presented three different dates. Following are the topics:

- October 29 - managing a club with youth of all ages and diverse needs
- November 5 - how to deal with difficult people and how to include the role of teen leader
- November 12 - parents, specifically how to handle challenging parents and how best to include them in 4-H programming

Rutgers will host a site for the **Monday, October 29** presentation at Rutgers University in New Brunswick from 6:30-8:30pm.

Interested? Please let Alayne know and she will forward you an application! Deadline Sept. 10

More information can be found on our webpage at <http://www.uvm.edu/extension/4-Hnerv/> or Like the Facebook page "2012 Northeast Region 4-H Volunteer Forum"



## Science Minded Blog

This new blog, initially written for the San Diego Union Tribune, aims to expose students, parents, and teachers to the world of science as a career. In addition to demystifying what scientists do through scientist profiles, there are tips for young scientists, kids in science, and more.

<http://scienceminded.net/>



## Radical Rocketeers 4-H Club

Meets the 1st Saturday each month, (Except September), 10AM NE Branch Warren Cty library, Rt 46 Hackettstown.

Contact: Glenn 908-637-8499; email:

[garmtn@centurylink.net](mailto:garmtn@centurylink.net) ;  
[groups.yahoo.com/group/radicalrocketeers](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/radicalrocketeers)

## Youth in Action

National 4-H Council is now accepting applications for the annual award, to be presented at the 4-H *Legacy Awards Gala* in New York City on April 18, 2013! This award recognizes an outstanding young person from your 4-H program who is realizing 4-H's vision for youth driving positive change in their communities.

Open to 4-H members and recent alumni ages 16-21. Applicants should have led a project, service or event that:

- Identified a problem in their community;
- Included 4-H as part of the solution; and
- Made an impact in resolving the issue.

### How to Apply

Please download [2013 Youth In Action Award Guidelines](#) for complete details.

### Application Deadline

Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012, at 11:59pm ET.

**Questions?** We're happy to help! Please email Jennifer Bellamy at [jbellamy@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:jbellamy@fourhcouncil.edu).



**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!** 03 NOVEMBER 2012

**YOUR STUDENTS CAN BE ROCKET SCIENTISTS!**

Register by **September 28, 2012** to join the fun

Alka-Seltzer® Rocket Contest  
**Saturday November 3, 2012**  
Liberty Science Center  
Jersey City, NJ

With special guest and emcee, science lover **Steve Spangler**  
This project is open to middle school educators and students.

Visit [www.alkaseltzer.com/as/rocketcontest](http://www.alkaseltzer.com/as/rocketcontest) to join the fun and register by September 28!

Teams are registered on a first-come, first-serve basis. The contest is open to 50 schools/informal (e.g. 4-H clubs) students groups.

Leaders will be asked to register for one of two professional development days that will be held October 4 & October 6 at Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ from 9 AM –3 PM. **Attendance at the professional development day is mandatory for participation.**

## Record books due Sept. 17!

Only 1 application (attached to your public presentation judging sheets) is needed.

### Some common questions:

**Q:** Is my book being judged?

**A:** NO. It is being reviewed to determine who is outstanding in a project area. They will however take into consideration how neat and how simply it is presented to them for review. It is all part of choosing the outstanding 4-H project member.

**Q:** Where can I get an application?

**A:** on the Warren County 4-H Website or in this issue of the Grapevine.

**Q:** Do I have to include my public presentation judging sheets? What do I do with them? I lost them! Help!

**A:** YES. Attach them to your application page. Copies are in the 4-H office if you need them.

**Q:** I am doing more than one project book; can't I just put them all in one notebook like before?

**A:** NO. The collegiate group will be looking at all the books in a project area and they will be kept together. What goes into your project book will stand alone.

**Q:** Can't I just photo copy one *Along the Way* page and slip that in all my books?

**A:** NO. List **ONLY** what you did in that project area! Remember, you must not list EVERYTHING you did all year long with cross references to other 4-H projects and things you did in scouts! This cannot be overstated. It is confusing, frustrating and overwhelming for the reviewers to sort through page after page of things that don't pertain to a specific project.

**Q:** I forgot my application. Will my book still be reviewed?

**A:** NO. Only record books that are received by the deadline with an application page will be sent down to Rutgers.

**Q:** I am a Cloverbud, what can I expect?

**A:** Your book will stay in the office for comments by the office staff to give you helpful information about your book and project!

**Q:** Can I type my record book on my computer?

**A:** YES! Please print and staple before submitting

**Q:** Can I photocopy one story for all my books?

**A:** NO. Your story should be about the ONE project in the book you are submitting.

**Q:** Can I submit pictures?

**A:** YES! Pictures of you doing your project are welcome! They get attached in the back of your record book or on a special page if your book has one.

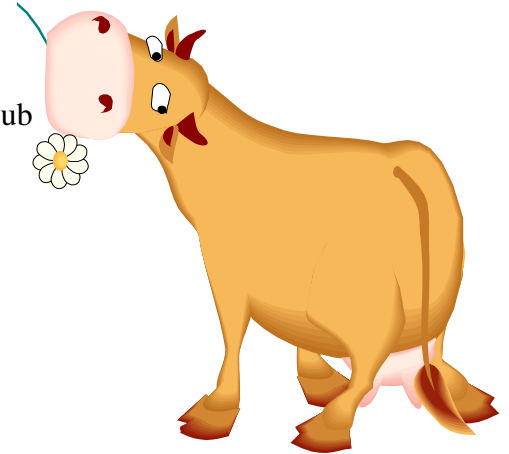
# FAIR NEWS

In and out of the show  
ring, character counts!

## Show Results at 2012 Warren County Farmers Fair

### Beef Show

Champion Showman, Shannon Barton, Cows & Clover 4-H Club  
Best Fitted, Shannon Barton, Cows & Clover 4-H Club  
Jr. Champion Female, Sarah Suydam, Cows & Clover 4-H Club  
Grand Champion Female, Sarah Suydam, Cows & Clover 4-H Club  
Bull Calf Champion, Austin Dante, Cows & Clover 4-H Club  
Grand Champion Market Steer, Austin Dante, Cows & Clover 4-H Club  
Reserve Champion Market Steer, Shannon Barton, Cows & Clover 4-H Club



### Dairy Cattle Show

Novice Showman, Rachel Allen, Shallow Creek Livestock 4-H Club  
Beginner Showman, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
Experienced Showman, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
Champion Showman, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
Jr. Champion Ayrshire, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
Reserve Jr. Champion Ayrshire, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
Honorable Mention, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
Sr. Champion Ayrshire, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
Reserve Sr. Champion Ayrshire, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
Grand Champion Ayrshire, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
Reserve Grand Champion Ayrshire, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
Junior, Senior and Grand Champion Jersey, Maxine Spann, Shallow Creek Livestock  
Jr. Champion and Reserve Jr. Champion Holstein, Leah Makarevich, Valley Acres 4-H Club  
Sr. Champion Holstein, Trent Simmons, Valley Acres 4-H Club  
Reserve Sr. Champion Holstein, Leah Makarevich, Valley Acres 4-H Club  
Grand Champion Holstein, Trent Simmons, Valley Acres 4-H Club  
Reserve Grand Champion Holstein, Leah Makarevich, Valley Acres 4-H Club  
Supreme Champion, Trent Simmons, Valley Acres 4-H Club  
Best Animal Bred, Owned and Shown, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
Dam and Daughter, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
Produce of Dam, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
Club Herd, Asbury Jr. Dairy Club, Washington

### Goat Show

Novice Showman, Riley Overko, Feathers and Fur 4-H Club  
Beginner Showman, Ciara Rodriguez, Feathers and Fur 4-H Club  
Experienced Showman, Jenny Allen, Warren Hills FFA  
Champion Showman, Jenny Allen, Warren Hills FFA

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Jr. Champion Angora, Lucas Yanchok, Warren Hills FFA  
 Grand Champion Angora, Lucas Yanchok, Warren Hills FFA  
 Jr. Champion and Reserve Jr. Champion Meat Breed – Boar, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Sr. Champion Meat Breed – Boar, Jenny Allen, Warren Hills FFA  
 Reserve Sr. Champion Meat Breed – Boar, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Grand Champion Meat Breed – Boar, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Reserve Grand Champion Meat Breed – Boar, Jenny Allen, Warren Hills FFA  
 Jr. Champion Alpine Doe, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Reserve Jr. Champion Alpine Doe, Julie Vence, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Sr. Champion Alpine Doe, Julie Vence, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Reserve Sr. Champion Alpine Doe, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Grand Champion Alpine Doe, Julie Vence, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Reserve Grand Champion Alpine Doe, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Jr. Champion Cross Bred Buck, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Reserve Jr. Champion Cross Bred Buck, Jenny Allen, Warren Hills FFA  
 Champion Cross Bred Buck, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Reserve Champion Cross Bred Buck, Jenny Allen, Warren Hills FFA  
 Jr. Champion Cross Bred Doe, Jenny Allen, Warren Hills FFA  
 Reserve Jr. Champion Cross Bred Doe, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Sr. Champion, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Cross Bred Doe, Jenny Allen, Warren Hills FFA  
 Jr. Champion Nubian Buck, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Reserve Jr. Champion Nubian Buck, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Grand Champion Nubian Buck, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Reserve Grand Champion Nubian Buck, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Jr. Champion Nubian Doe, Jenny Allen, Warren Hills FFA  
 Reserve Jr. Champion Nubian Doe, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Sr. Champion Nubian Doe, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Reserve Sr. Champion Nubian Doe, Jenny Allen, Warren Hills FFA  
 Grand Champion Nubian Doe, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Reserve Grand Champion Nubian Doe, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Champion Nigerian Dwarf Buck, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf Buck, Ciara Rodriguez, Feathers and Fur  
 Jr. Champion Nigerian Dwarf Doe, Ciara Rodriguez, Feathers and Fur  
 Reserve Jr. Champion Nigerian Dwarf Doe, Harley Overko, Feathers and Fur  
 Sr. Champion Nigerian Dwarf Doe, Ciara Rodriguez, Feathers and Fur  
 Reserve Sr. Champion Nigerian Dwarf Doe, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Grand Champion Nigerian Dwarf Doe, Ciara Rodriguez, Feathers and Fur  
 Reserve Grand Champion Nigerian Dwarf Doe, Harley Overko, Feathers and Fur  
 Jr. and Sr. Champion Saanen Doe, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Reserve Sr. Champion Saanen Doe, Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Saanen Doe, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy  
 Sr. Champion and Grand Champion Toggenberg Doe, Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy



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## Horticulture Exhibit

Best of Show and Best of Division 4 and 6, Tyler Johnson, Feathers N' Fur  
Premier Exhibitor, Gus Semanchik, Feathers N' Fur  
Honorable Mention and Best of Division I, Gus Semanchik, Feathers N' Fur  
Best of Division 3 – Rachel Danitz, Wild & Wooly  
Best of Division 7 – Ivana Waldele, Feathers N' Fur



## Poultry Show



Junior Showmanship, Brooklyn Fellner, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Senior Showmanship, Gus Semanchik, Feathers N' Fur  
Best Bantam, Kaitlin Smith, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best of Show and Best Waterfowl, Callan Semanchik, Feathers N' Fur  
Best Standard, Holly Whitmore, Warren Hills FFA  
Best Eggs, Brittany Smith, Warren County Hare Raisers

## Rabbit Show

Best Rabbit in Show, Jenny Allen, Warren Hills FFA  
Best in Breed, Mini Lop, Jenny Allen, Warren Hills FFA  
Best Reserve, Stacey Giordano, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best in Breed, Himalayan, Stacey Giordano, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best Senior Showman, Stacey Giordano, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best in Breed, Lionhead, Holly Whitmore, Warren Hills FFA  
Best in Breed, New Zealand, Courtney Sodalbers, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best in Breed, Rex, Brittany Smith, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best in Breed, Netherland Dwarf, Brittany Smith, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best in Breed, Mismarked Dutch, Brittany Smith, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best in Breed, English Spot, Brittany Smith, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best in Breed, Angora, Ciara Rodriguez, Feathers N' Fur  
Best in Breed, Jersey Wooley, Pier Semanchik, Horsin' Around  
Best in Breed, Holland Lop, Kayla Suiter, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best in Breed, Mixed, Craig Cronce, Cows and Clover  
Best in Breed, Mini Rex, Kaley Maguire, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best in Breed, Flemish Giant, Jacob Strojan, Feathers N' Fur  
Best Fur, Kaley Maguire, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best Junior Showman, Nicole Kilhullen, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best Doe and Litter, Jamie Miller, Warren County Hare Raisers

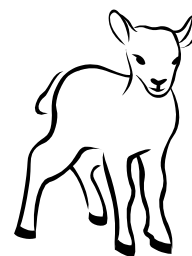


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## Sheep Show

Experienced Showman – Jenny Allen, Washington, Warren Hills FFA  
Beginner Showman – Brittany Smith, Oxford, Asbury Jr. Dairy 4-H Club  
Novice Showman – Craig Crouce, Harmony, Cows and More  
Champion Showman – Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy 4-H Club  
Best Fitted Meat Breed – Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy 4-H Club  
Grand Champion Grade Ewe – Jenny Allen, Warren Hills FFA  
Reserve Grand Champion Grade Ewe – Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy 4-H Club  
Grand Champion Grade Ewe - Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy 4-H Club  
Champion Market Lamb –Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy 4-H Club  
Best Animal Bred, Owned and Shown - Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy 4-H Club  
Exhibitor Flock - Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy 4-H Club

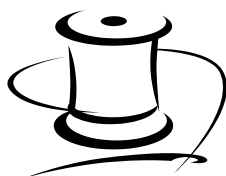


## Small Animal

Best of Breed – Madison Cathers, Wild and Wooly  
Best of Breed – Stacey Giordano, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best of Breed – Brittany Smith, Warren County Hare Raisers  
Best of Show – Madison Cathers, Wild and Wooly  
Reserve Best of Show – Brittany Smith, Warren County Hare Raisers

## Swine

Brest Sr. Breeding Gilt – Courtney Sodtalbers, Asbury Jr. Dairy 4-H Club  
Best Market Hog and Best of Show – Brittany Smith, Asbury Jr. Dairy 4-H Club



## Sewing Exhibit

Best of Show – Rebecca Tapp, Green Land Clovers  
Honorable Mention – Rebecca Tapp

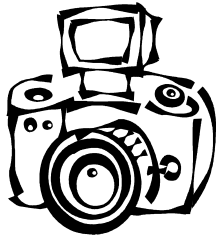
## Fine Arts

Best of Show – Chelsea Wistuk, Wild and Wooly  
Honorable Mention – Angelina Saggese, Wild and Wooly

## Needlework

Best of Show – Mary Tapp, Green Land Clovers

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### Photography

Best of Show – Nicole Kilhullen, Feathers N’ Fur  
Best of Show – Elizabeth Farley, Feathers N’ Fur  
Honorable Mention – Nicole Kilhullen, Feathers N’ Fur

### Creative Crafts

Best of Show – Maggie Weagley, Little Derby  
Honorable Mention – Nicholas Tapp, Green Land Clovers

### Wood Craft

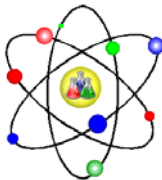
Best of Show and Honorable Mention – Stacey Giordano, Warren County Hare Raisers

### Open Seeing Eye Dog Show

Best of Show: Mary-Kate Linn and Mayo

Best of Division:

Class A & B: Mary-Kate Linn and Mayo  
Class C & D: Desli Norcross and Timmy



### Science Exhibit

Best of Show – Stacey Giordano, Warren County Hare Raisers

**Congratulations for a successful fair!**

"Probably no activity is of more importance to the future standing, prosperity and social position of agriculture than the Boys' and Girls' Farm Clubs. Their activities warrant the belief that they will greatly aid in the solution of many of the problems of farm life, and it gives me very great pleasure to accept the Honorary Chairmanship of the National Committee on Boys' and Girls' Club Work"

President **Calvin Coolidge**. 1927

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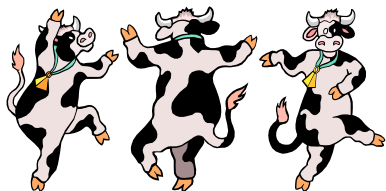
# What's Up in

**NEW JERSEY 4-H**



## 2013 State Dairy Activity Dates

March 16<sup>th</sup> - Dairy Quiz Bowl (location TBD)  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Livestock Symposium @ Rutgers  
April 13 or 20<sup>th</sup> - Dairy Judging @ Cedar Lane  
(Not Confirmed)  
State 4-H Dairy Show will go to Salem next year



**HOLD THE DATE**

## NJ Junior Breeder and Young Farmer Symposium

Saturday – March 23, 2013  
Rutgers University  
School of Environmental and Biological  
Sciences  
(Round House - College Farm Road, New  
Brunswick, NJ)  
Feeder Pig Auction 3:30 pm  
More Information to Follow  
Call 609-984-4389 or Email –  
[Lynn.Mathews@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:Lynn.Mathews@ag.state.nj.us)  
[Debra.Moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:Debra.Moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us)



## State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology and Poultry Show

Saturday, September 8  
Gloucester County Fairgrounds in Mullica Hill.

Entry forms are due to the Cumberland 4-H  
Center on August 28.

Contact Jeannette Rea-Keywood  
(856) 451-2800, Ext. 3.

## Hunterdon County Cloverbud Family Camp

September 28-30, 2012  
"Back to Nature"

Warren County Cloverbud families as well as youth up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to join Hunterdon 4-H for a weekend of Smokey Bear and Forest Fires, Edible Nature Crafts, Fishing, Boating, Hiking, Campfire, Scavenger Hunt, Games, Bird House Project, honey bee program, and possible night program either Snakes and Scales, Zoo to You, or Wolf Program!

Contact: Sherri Peterson:  
[speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us)  
Phone (908)788-1341 Fax (908) 806-4735



## National 4-H Conference

is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Citizenship, providing the opportunity for young people 15-19 years of age to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, their nation and their world.



The purpose of National Conference is to

1. engage 4-H youth in personal development experiences that will increase knowledge, resources, and skills;
2. discuss topics affecting youth and 4-H programming nationwide; and
3. empower and mobilize 4-H youth to create positive social change in their communities in a meaningful and genuine way.

<http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/about/>

2013 Conference is April 6 – 11, 2013  
Contact the 4-H office for an application!

## Record books

To wrap up the 2011-2012 4-H Year, your completed project record books are submitted to the 4-H office for review. In this newsletter, you will find the **APPLICATION PAGE** that **must accompany your record book!** Print it and put it with your record book. We will also need proof that you did your public presentation in March of 2012 or at the 2012 Fair. That would be your judging sheet.

Project Record Books are due to the 4-H Office September 17 by 4:30 p.m. 4-H Alumni from around the country at Rutgers University will again review your record books. These former 4-H members will give you feedback we hope will help you to see strengths in your record keeping, project area(s), community service, and leadership abilities. Also, they can point out how you can improve in these areas as well!



Record books are the only way that reviewers can see, in detail, what you have learned over the past 4-H year – so the books are very important in getting to know you and acknowledging your accomplishments.

We realize that many kids HATE to write (especially when it is not for school) and that record books are the farthest things from your mind in September. But, if you haven't waited until September to begin your record keeping, finishing them up in a month should be a SNAP! Ask mom or dad (or your leader!) to help you set a time to work on your book.

If you need a project record book, you can download from [www.warren4-h.org](http://www.warren4-h.org) and follow the link for RECORD BOOKS, however, keep in mind that filling one out in one month CAN be a burden!

### **Clover bud record books available**

If your child is a clover bud member (grades k-3) of 4-H, or if you have one in your club, you can get them started right. Clover bud record books are a great way to introduce the record keeping skills youth need for an independent adulthood. We would love to display them at the Achievement Night this October.



## County Recognition

Remember, in order to be recognized at the county level we need to hear from **YOU!** **Fill out the one page application.** The page is included in this newsletter. (You can also get it on line or the office) and submit it with your record book. Also you must have:



- Attended 70% of your club meetings
- Given a formally judged presentation at the county or state level (include the judging sheets with the book)
- Completed a project record book in the area you would like recognition by the deadline
- Participated in this year's fair
- Participated in a 4-H sponsored community service project

**Don't miss out because you forgot the application page! The office cannot fill one out for you!!!!**

If you have completed all of the above *and* have COMPLETED 4th grade or higher, county recognition is in the form of achievement medals, or pins, in your project area and are given out at the achievement dinner in the fall.

Recognition for cloverbud members (grades k-3) is in the form of a certificate of participation.

You and your family are invited to participate in **Achievement night October 27** whether you've completed a record book or not! 4-H will honor you with certificates of merit or participation, depending on how active you have been this year.

### **Outstanding Project Member**

In addition to the achievement medals, one outstanding project member is chosen in the more popular project areas and will be announced at the dinner. A 4-H member can be awarded this recognition more than once. This is why your record books are turned in and sent down to the Rutgers 4-H Collegiate Group.

### **Are YOU an Outstanding 4-Her??**

Warren County 4-H will select two outstanding 4-H members for the year, but a 4-Her must apply for this recognition. Call the office for an application. It can only be awarded once in a 4-H career.

**Outstanding 4-Her applications are available in the 4-H office and are due September 17.**

# Record Books and their use in 4-H

Record books are part of the member in good standing status for participating in state 4-H shows and events and specifically in Warren County, used to determine who will be the outstanding 4-H project member.

Some hints or comments about what reviewers have said in the past:

- 1) Too much information about ALL their projects have been put into pages of the books. It's hard to determine what they did in the project we are looking at. There are so many record books to review and searching through it is time consuming.
- 2) Stories are a great way to summarize how active a youth was in their project area. That is the first thing we look at so we get an idea of who the youth is.

What the reviewers look for in an outstanding 4-H project member....

Project area:	Points
A complete and quality, age-appropriate record book in project area (neat, organized, easy to find pertinent information, etc.) 2      4      6      8      10 comments:	
Project skills gained based on goals and appropriate to years in project 2      4      6      8      10 comments:	
Evidence of ongoing, in-depth, engagement in <b>project area</b> (daily/weekly/monthly activities, and/or project related events, goals, etc.) 2      4      6      8      10 comments:	
Participate in any county, state, national <b>general 4-H</b> sponsored events (presentations, fair, CWF, NJTC,) <i>one      two      three      five or more</i> 2            5            7            10 (NOTE: This total score should be the same for each project area for this individual) comments:	
<b>Project Area Total:</b>	

In your handwriting or typed with only information about the project and general 4-H listed. A strong story about your project will tell a lot!

Unchallenging goals are frowned upon. After 3 years in a project area, learning the parts of that animal are not appropriate

Show the reviewers what you have done for this project throughout the year. But let's face it: a primary project area is going to get most of your attention. THAT'S OK!

This means how active you were in 4-H in general. There is more to 4-H than just a project area! Leadership and community service opportunities are all around! (CWF, Congress, NJTC, state presentations, etc.)

A complete project record book gives a snapshot of what you have done in 4-H this past year. If you are more active than you write down in your book, it is not the reviewers fault for not seeing this. A life skill is being able to keep accurate records and expressing yourself in print. Don't be shy!

## Tips for writing a good story

- Write legibly
- Introduce yourself – age, grade, club, project, etc.
- Tell the reader what you learned in 4-H from this past year from the activities you did in your project area.
- Tell the reader the best thing you did/ the challenges that you had in your project area
- Tell the reader what you plan for next year in this project area.



## Warren County 4-H County Recognition Application Sheet

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year: 20\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

In order to be eligible for county recognition you must turn in a completed record book and do ALL of the following. Please indicate and check all you have done.

- Attend 70% of your club meetings:

Name of Club	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	Office Held

- Participate in the Warren County Farmers' Fair: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Participation in the fair means: building watch, exhibiting a project, working a milk booth shift, giving a public presentation during fair, showing, etc.

List what you did at fair: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Participate in a 4-H sponsored Citizenship/Community Service project: yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_

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- Give a Public Presentation: county level \_\_\_\_\_ state level \_\_\_\_\_

Topic \_\_\_\_\_ Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to submit your presentation judging sheets with this application!



In addition to these requirements, you may have done the following. Check & describe what you have done.

Leadership role: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Instructions for turning in your record book for county recognition**

- This application page should be filled out ONCE no matter how many books you turn in.
- If you participated in fair, community service, public presentations, or took on any leadership roles, describe what you did on the application for county recognition form
- All pictures should be added at the END of the record book to which they pertain
- Public presentation judging sheets should be attached to this application
- Project judging sheets must be included in each project record book.

## **Completing record books**

- Try to set at least 2 project specific goals and 2 general goals. Make sure to list the project specific goals in their project book.
- Events/activities for a specific project area should be listed on the “OTHER 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS I PARTICIPATED IN” page in their project book. Do not mix project areas! Keep rabbit events in your rabbit book and photography events in your photography book. General 4-H activities, such as presentations or road clean ups can go in each of the books. It may be a little extra writing, but it will help the reviewers know what you did in your project area and 4-H year. Things outside of 4-H should not be listed. The reviewers do deduct points if they feel there is TOO much information listed and they have to hunt for information pertaining to your project area.
- If you do more than one record book “My 4-H story” should be written for each story based on that project area. Please don’t photo copy one massive story for reviewers to sort through to get a picture of what your 4-H year in that project was like. It is acceptable to type a story. Again, points are deducted if they have to hunt for information.
- If you do more than one book, please do not write anywhere “see my \_\_\_\_\_ (other) book.” Reviewers will be looking at your books one at a time and will not cross reference for each youth.

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