

National 4-H Congress 2014

The 2014 event is scheduled for Nov. 28 – Dec. 2 in Atlanta, Georgia.

It is a national leadership conference held each year over the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend at the Hyatt in Atlanta, Georgia.

For over 80 years, youth from the US have participated in this youth leadership development conference. Congress provides youth with a quality educational and cross-cultural experience. Cost is \$950, broken up into two payments of \$475. Youth are encouraged to look for sponsors and scholarships to participate.

At the time of the event youth must be enrolled in grades 11-13. This means they must be enrolled in grades 10-12 as of September 2013 in order to be eligible to apply

Deadline to apply is April 16

For an application package, email
Torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu



4-H is on Face Book!

<http://www.facebook.com/NewJersey4H>

<http://www.facebook.com/warren4H>



From the Desk
of the Agent

Fact Sheets now available

FS1191. Can Animal Feeding Practices Influence Nutrient Runoff? Westendorf, M, Williams, C.
<http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/fs1191/>

FS1192. Storing Manure on Small Horse and Livestock Farms. Kelly, F., & Westendorf, M.
<http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/fs1192/>

FS1193. Managing Manure on Horse Farms: Spreading and Off-Farm Disposal. Westendorf, M. & Arogo-Ojogo, J.
<http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/fs1193/>

Retirement!

On February 1, 2014, Warren County 4-H said good luck to a dear friend! Our own Ruth Riedel retired after 25 years of service! Ruth was honored on January 22 with a retirement luncheon.





Reminders

The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Wednesday April 2, 2014.

All registered Warren County 4-H leaders are welcome. Please RSVP when you receive the invite!

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.

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

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

Alayne J. Torretta, County 4-H Agent
Alex Zolla, 4-H Secretary

Council of Presidents

If you are elected as an officer in your club for the 2013-2014 4-H year and are in grades 4-13, this meeting is for YOU! You will learn how to run a business meeting, what all those terms mean, have some fun and help plan the countywide community service project! The next Council of Presidents meeting/training is Saturday, April 12 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!

The Council meets 2 more times this year. MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Sat. April 12, 2014
- Sun. Jul 13, 2014

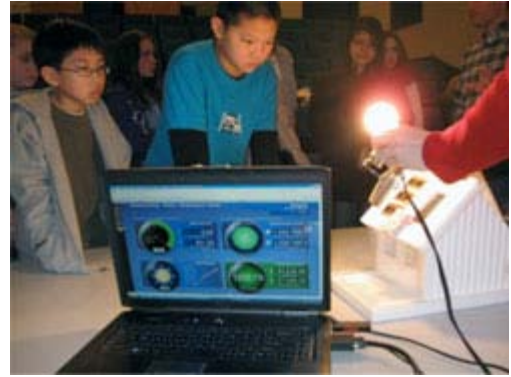


Warren County has a unique opportunity with the US Department of State to host youth from Italy May 19 - June 10, 2014! We are currently taking applications and screening host families for this exciting program.

For more information on how you can get the application to become a host family for the exchange program, contact Maureen Overko at Mho16@scarletmail.rutgers.edu



Rutgerscience Saturdays



4-H Rutgerscience Saturdays invite young people to experience the cutting edge research going on at Rutgers University through hands on investigations in science and engineering alongside Rutgers University scientists and engineers. As a youth development organization, our objective is to provide an exciting, supportive, and intellectually stimulating environment for young people to explore STEM career fields.



- How do I register my child for a 4-H Rutgerscience Saturday? Download a [registration form](#) & [permission form](#) All programs run from 10 am – 1:30 pm.

Upcoming Rutgerscience 4-H Events

Event	Date	Location
Spy Technology	March 29, 2014	This event is being planned with the Rutgers University Engineering Program.

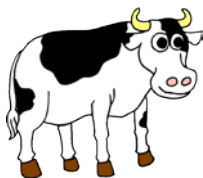
<http://4hset.rutgers.edu/set-programs>

Dairy Quiz Bowl

March 22nd
Monmouth County

There will be a Dairy Art contest and a Dairy Management contest held at the competition. Registration for both contests is due March 15th

Contact Torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu for a registration packet



State 4-H Small Animal Project Educational Symposium

March 22, 2014

4-H Rabbit Hopping Competition
4-H Avian Bowl
Animalology Contest
4-H Rabbit, Small Animal, Cavy, Herpetology & Poultry Project Art Show
4-H Poultry & Rabbit Showmanship Workshops
Reptile Workshop
Writing for Show Judges Workshop
Show Etiquette Workshop

deadline for registration *March 3, 2014 registration packet available at* www.warren4-h.org



Rutgers Day

April 26, 2014

5th Annual Expressive Arts 4-H Showcase,
Imagination in Action
10-4PM, on the Voorhees Mall of the College Avenue Campus,

4-Hers are invited to share their talents in visual, performing and media arts (e.g., music, dance, magic, clowning, drawing, painting, photography, drama, writing, filmmaking, puppetry, etc.). 4-Hers need not be registered in an arts related 4-H club to participate. 4-Hers can perform, or exhibit work they have created on their own, in their club, or school. Individual and group entries are welcome. Registration deadline is April 18.

Contact Torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu for registration packet

NJ Junior Breeder's Livestock and Poultry Symposium

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Rutgers University – School of Environmental and Biological Science
Round House
College Farm Road, New Brunswick, NJ

Registrations Due By: March 15, 2014

All EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS ARE GEARED TO YOUTH AND ADULTS

\$12.00 per person for all day programs – this includes lunch

For registration form: email Torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu



SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H DOG SHOW

Hosted by the Wags 'n Whiskers Dog Club

Saturday, March 15, 2014

Somerset County 4-H Center
Milltown Road, Bridgewater
Registrations due March 5, 2014

For registration packet: email Torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu



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Rabies fact sheet available

Learn what rabies is, which of your livestock/pets can get it, and how to recognize it! All 4-H members should learn the importance of vaccinations against this deadly virus

<http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/fs1228/>

Family Garden Club

Vegetable gardening is a fun and rewarding hobby that can start in childhood and last a lifetime. Our Family Garden Club sessions are a great opportunity for children to learn the skills to grow their own vegetables and to develop a connection with nature and an appreciation of healthy, home grown foods.



Ages: 4-6 year olds with an adult (Adults attend for free) 7-12 year olds (older children should contact us about vegetable garden internship opportunities)

Dates: April 5, May 3, June 7, and June 21, 2014

Time: 9:30-11:30 am

Fee: \$80.00 per child for 4 classes or \$25.00 each class - 10% discount for siblings.

[Rutgers Gardens Members](#) receive an additional 10% discount

Location: Rutgers Gardens - meet at the Holly House

hands-on classes will take place in the Rutgers Gardens greenhouse and community youth garden. Come dressed to garden! Activities will include:

Planning the Garden- choosing cool and warm weather crops; starting seeds

Planting the Garden- soil preparation; composting; plant spacing

Tending the Garden- mulching; watering; plant supports

Harvesting the Garden - harvesting; tasting; food preparation

Participants will also take home plants to grow in their own gardens and harvest vegetables to eat at home.

<http://rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu/familygardenclub.html>

Free Webinar and Twitter Chat Offer Spring Advice on Backyard Poultry

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is hosting a free webinar and simultaneous Twitter chat with experts to help both groups acquire and grow a healthy flock.

Called "Spring into Action: Maintaining a Healthy (and Growing) Flock," the webinar and chat is an hour-long, online presentation by three poultry experts. They will share information and answer questions about introducing new birds to your flock, buying and raising healthy poultry and how to keep them free from disease and predators. The webinar will take place on Thursday, February 27 from 2 – 3 p.m. EST. To guarantee a place at the webinar, go to the Biosecurity For Birds' website for the link.

<http://communique.adobeconnect.com/healthybirds/event/login.html>

To join the Twitter Chat use #Chickenchat2014. To submit advance questions visit Healthy Harry's Facebook page.

Hosting the webinar are: Andy Schneider, also known as "The Chicken Whisperer@," a national radio personality who serves as the Biosecurity For Birds campaign spokesperson; Twitter questions will be answered by an APHIS veterinarian expert in bird matters.



This event is part of Bird Health Awareness Week (BHAW), an annual observance promoted by the USDA's Biosecurity For Birds campaign that helps support healthy practices for raising backyard birds. This year BHAW is being held from February 23 through March 1.

For more information about Biosecurity For Birds and to send information about your Bird Health Awareness Week event, please visit the Biosecurity For Birds website,

<http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov> .

FAIR NEWS

8 day Fair!

2014 Farmers' Fair 4-H Theme:

Caring



How does 4-H teach you about caring? Include this in your club display for the 4-H building!

Things to ponder in your next club meeting



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

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

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 date is July 8. Drop items off at the 4-H office between 8:30 and 5:45. Pick up your items the next day.

4-H Celebration at the Fair!

Friday night 6:00 August 1 at the show building!

After a long hot week of shows and keeping your animals cool and clean, come relax and have dinner on the 4-H alumni!

The celebration includes:

- 1) Special Cloverbud ceremony to welcome them to full membership!
- 2) Dinner
- 3) Cheering for your leaders!

In and out of the show ring, character counts!

Jul. 26 – Aug. 2, 2014

Do your Public Presentation at the fair!

It's not too late to sign up for public presentations at the fair. Keep your member in good standing status and DO your presentation! Entry forms are available on the Warren 4-H website. Due June 30!

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 3- D! Get together at your next business meeting and start planning NOW for the most awesome of awesome displays EVER.

Download the club booth entry form online!
One form per club please.



Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care. ~ Theodore Roosevelt

**Deadline for fair entries
is Monday June 30th
entry forms are online at
www.warren4-h.org**



All animals must have been owned/cared for since **May 1** of this year to show at this year's fair!

A splendid time is guaranteed for all – Lennon and McCartney

HORSE NEWS



Warren County Equestrian of the Year Contest

Entries due to the 4-H office: March 28



Warren County Qualifying Horse Show

June 1, 2014



Save the date!



Horse Registrations

Horses used as 4-H projects must be registered, just like you! The deadline for registering your horse in 4-H is April 1.

Health forms, including Coggins, and proof of West Nile Virus vaccination are due May 15, 2014

Annual Horse Show Awards

July 9, 2014
Save the date!

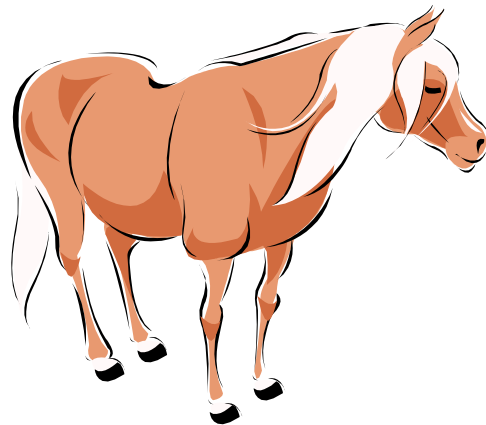


State Horse Judging and Hippology

March 29-30, 2014 at
Centenary College

Horse Bowl Snow Date

March 8, 2014





Club reports can be emailed to 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.

Name of 4-H club: Kidding Around

County: Warren

Date: January 14, 2014

Place of meeting: Hope Community Center

Town: Hope, NJ

Leaders' names: Kylie Baker & Mo Overko

Business:

We welcomed a new member: Shelby Ciccone. Then, we discussed the Goat Extravaganza and what we did there. Harley collected club t-shirt and jacket orders. We discussed parasites found in goats. Next, we talked about the history of drop spinning and compared fiber from goats, rabbits, sheep, and alpacas. Then, we made our own drop spindles and learned how to use them. We also answered a challenge question about how to show respect for yourself.

Next meeting: The next regular meeting will be on February 11, 2014 at 6:30pm at the Hope community center.

Written by, *Kristine Zurouchak*

RENAISSANCE FAIRE COSTUME WORKSHOP

March 30, 2014
1-5 p.m.

Want to help out at the Faire next year, but don't know what to wear? Didn't finish your project at the first costume workshop? The Baroness is BACK and ready to help you!

Join us for a fun & informative sewing workshop. Learn to make a simple but appropriate outfit for the renaissance period. You can portray a peasant or a prince, a lady or a wench. It all starts with a simple tunic, shorter for the lads and longer for the lassies.

Class will be taught by several experienced sewers including Baroness Rhiannon from the Society for Creative Anachronism, an educational historical society that recreates the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Sign up now!
Class size will be limited.

Your confirmation will include a list of equipment and suggested materials. Go home with a finished (or nearly) outfit to wear at the Warren County 4H Renaissance Faire!

Some examples:



Register today! Call the
Office 475-6502 or email:
Torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu

