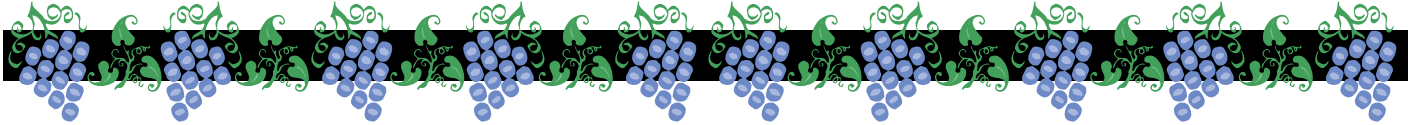


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Family Grapevine
Information for 4-H families
January/February 2015



HAPPY NEW YEAR



From the Desk
of the Agent

This past 4-H year, Warren County 4-H has grown to 287 members! Most of our membership was in 7th grade (47 members) followed closely by 6th grade (38 members), and 8th grade (33 members). We saw 9 members become alumni of the program and welcomed 15 in Kindergarten.

Youth Protection Policies put in place

All of us understand the importance of keeping youth safe from harm. Rutgers University recently adopted a Protection of Minors policy that mandates criminal background checks and youth protection training for all employees and volunteers supervising minors in Rutgers programs, including the Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development programs. Strengthening the screening process provides greater security for youth, parents, volunteers, and employees involved in the New Jersey 4-H program.

One of the new policies requires that two screened and trained leaders be present when working with minors. In some instances, a club may only have one leader. With this new policy in place, we are looking for a few more parents to step in and work alongside the current leader for one year. Please consider volunteering! Contact: Alayne Torretta at torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu for more information about how YOU can make a difference in the lives of youth!



North Jersey 4-H Teen Conference

This conference is open to all North Jersey 4-H teens in grades 8-13. The conference provides an opportunity for teens to broaden their circle of friends, learn new skills, and have fun! The conference is planned and run through a partnership of 4-H teens and adults. For further information, email Alayne Torretta torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu
Registration \$180 (scholarships are available!) **registration deadline is January 30**

North Jersey
4-H
Teen Conference
March 13-15, 2015

**NORTH JERSEY
TEEN CONFERENCE**

2015



4-H WORLD'S FAIR

Regency House Hotel
Pompton Plains, NJ



Reminders

The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Wednesday February 4, 2015.

All registered Warren County 4-H leaders are welcome.

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
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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 2014-2015 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 Council of Presidents meeting/training is 10-1:00 on the following dates:

~~January 19*~~
April 11
July 19

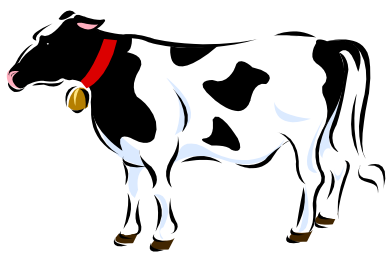
**January 19th date to be rescheduled*



State 4-H Dairy Show

Wednesday August 26, 2015
at
Hunterdon County Fairgrounds
(South County Park) Ringoes New Jersey.

Save the date!



NJ Junior Breeder and Young Farmer Symposium

HOLD THE DATE

Saturday – March 28, 2015
Rutgers University

School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
(Round House - College Farm Rd, New Brunswick, NJ)

More Information to Follow
Call 609-984-4389 or Email –
Lynn.Mathews@ag.state.nj.us

Citizenship Washington Focus

July 5-11, 2015

Citizenship Washington Focus is a citizenship and leadership program conducted by the National 4-H Council for youth in 9th -12th grade at the time of application and must go through a local selection process. For further information about attending as a New Jersey delegate click on the link below. Applications are due on March 1 for the conference in July. The cost for the week is approximately \$900, which includes registration, lodging, transportation, all activities, and most meals.

<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/citizenship/washingtonfocus/>



7th annual Morris County 4-H Science-sational Day!

March 28, 2015.
Registration: 10:00 am

Workshops are educational focused, incorporate hands-on activities, and encourage youth engagement in science.

Volunteers are needed to present fun, hands-on, science related workshops to youth in grades K-6. Anything from how a camera works to basic engineering, we are looking for youth and adults to present workshops on what they know and love.

Youth participants will then divide into groups based on grade (K-3 and 4-6). These groups will rotate through a three 50 minute workshops appropriate for their grade level.

If you are interested in presenting a workshop, please contact the Warren County 4-H office for a workshop proposal form and return it to the Morris County 4-H office by January 23, 2015. Also, the Morris 4-H office has several ready-made science workshops complete with curriculum and materials if you would like more information on available workshop kits.

We hope you will join in the fun at the 2015 Morris County

Discover the Leader in You! Regional Conference

March 21, 2015
10:00 AM-3:30 PM

Former Agricultural Museum of New Jersey, 103
College Farm Road, Cook Campus, New Brunswick

4-H members in grades 6-7 are invited to attend this leadership conference. You will have fun, meet new friends and develop leadership and personal development skills that you can utilize at home, in school, in your 4-H club, and in your community.

Cost

\$30.00 (includes snacks, lunch, and supplies)

Registration

Registration materials including permission forms are available now! EMAIL Alayne Torretta at torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu for your electronic copy!



Laughing Lagomorphs 4-H Club Invitational Rabbit, Cavy Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show



Saturday, January 17, 2015
Salem County Ware Building
51 Cheney Rd.
Woodstown, NJ 08098

Registration: 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Show Begins: 10:00 a.m.

Show Phone: 856-981-6631
Entry Phone: 856-769-0701
Mailed entries Postmarked by January 9, 2015
Email and Phone entries must be received by 9:00pm
Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Contact Alayne Torretta for entry forms
torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu

4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Project Educational Symposium

February 28, 2015
10:00 AM-3:30 PM
Gloucester County Office, Clayton NJ

Activities Scheduled

4-H Rabbit Hopping Contest 4-H Avian Bowl

4-H Poultry & Rabbit Showmanship Workshops
Reptile Workshop
4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry
Project Art Show
4-H Small Animal Skill-a-Thon
Animalology Quiz Bowl

Registration materials available in the county 4-H office
OR For more information, contact Jeannette Rea-
Keywood, State 4-H Small Animal Project Advisory
Council Liaison at 856-459-1900 ext. 4522 or
reakeywood@njaes.rutgers.edu



Rutgerscience Saturday: The Human Brain

March 7, 2015 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New
Brunswick, NJ
Students in grades 5-8 (parents welcome to register
and attend the event).

Date Registration Opens: 1/7/15
<http://4hset.rutgers.edu/blog/event/rutgerscience-saturday-the-human-brain/>



HORSE NEWS



2015 New Jersey State 4-H Model Horse Show

Saturday, Jan. 24 2015

Middlesex County 4-H Center, East Brunswick, NJ

Registration begins at 8:30 am. Judging begins at 9:30

OPEN TO all 4-H members in good standing. Juniors are in 4th to 7th grade. Seniors are in 8th to 13th grade as of September, 2014. (This is different than other State 4-H Equine Events.) Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Judging Begins at 9:30 a.m.

(Snow Date: Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, call (908) 892-3255 for recorded message if weather is questionable in any part of the state).

QUESTIONS? Contact Lillian Shupe
lshupe@frontiernet.net (908) 948-1271 or (908)892-3255 or
Carol Ward ward@aesop.rutgers.edu (908)526-6644.



Save the date!

2015 State 4-H HORSE SHOW
August 21, 22, AND 23
at the Horse Park of NJ

NJ 4-H Equine Arts Show

Held in Conjunction with the N.J. State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest

Saturday February 21, 2015
Somerset County 4-H Center

Open to any 4-H member grades 4 to 13. Any type of art, craft, or photo may be entered as long as it has an equine theme. Pre-registration must be received by February 13th. Entries must be received by 10 am on the day of the show.

For registration materials, contact Alayne Torretta at torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu



2014 New Jersey Eastern National Round Up Results

Congratulations to Warren County participants who joined the NJ delegation at the 2014 Eastern National Round Up held in Louisville, KY

Public Speaking- Naomi Cronce placed 5th
The New Jersey Communications team placed 10th

Horse Bowl Team- which included Pier Semanchik, placed 10th overall

The Horse Judging Team, which included Ryleigh Semanchik, placed 6th overall, 3rd in Performance and 7th in Reasons.

Ryleigh Semanchik placed 3rd overall individual, 3rd in conformation, 6th in performance and 10th in reasons.

Horse Management Seminar

“Grazing Rewards and Concerns:
How and Why to Manage Your
Pastures”

February 8, 2015

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cook Campus Center
Rutgers, the State University
Sponsored by

Rutgers Cooperative Extension
in cooperation with the
Equine Science Center
and
New Jersey Horse Council

For more information, or to register
by telephone,
Carey Williams.....848-932-5529
cwilliams@aesop.rutgers.edu

Laura Kenny848-932-3229
kenny@aesop.rutgers.edu

email torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu for registration
materials

Early bird discount registration: post marked on or
before Jan. 23rd is \$55 for adults
\$25 for Children/Students/Seniors

Normal registration post marked after Jan. 23rd is
\$65 for Adults
Children/Students/Seniors = \$35
Registration includes boxed lunch



Save the date!

July 25 – August 1 2015



2015 4-H Rabbit Academy

Saturday, February 21st
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Monmouth County Agricultural Building
4000 Kozloski Rd. Freehold, NJ (P.O. Box 5033)
Hosted by the Monmouth County 4-H Small Animal
Advisory



Pre registration \$5 (post marked by 2/16/15)
Day of registration \$7
Make checks payable to Monmouth County 4-H SAA



Pre-Registration: Postmarked By – 2/16/15 (Address Listed Above)

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Club Name _____ County _____

Email _____ Phone # _____

*****EACH 4-H'er AND their parent must fill out a registration form*****

1. Rabbits 101
2. Cavy Presentation
3. General Breed Identification
4. Nutrition – Purina Representative
5. Genetics
6. Emergency Preparedness for Animals
7. Writing for a Judge/ Filling out a Registration for a Show
8. Rabbit Wellness

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE
PRESENTATIONS LISTED
MAY BE COMBINED OR
DROPPED BASED UPON
REGISTRATION TOTALS



Hold the Date:

April 24-26, 2015

State shooting sports training for interested in
becoming shooting sports leaders. Training to be held
at the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp



Club News!

The Stablemates 4H Club held their meeting on November 9th and chose the following officers for 2015: President Megan Lay, Vice-President Maddie Crisp, Secretary Megan Baker, Co-treasurers Megan Lay and Gracie Klimas and Reporter Katee Inscho.

The club participated in two community events during the Christmas season. They attended a food and toy drive to benefit needy families in Independence and Liberty Townships. The food collected was donated to the Vienna United Methodist Church food pantry.



On December 14, members of the club visited the House of the Good Shepherd retirement home in Hackettstown. They sang carols and brought 4 miniature horses to visit with the residents. The seniors really enjoyed it and loved seeing the minis. We hope to go visit with them again in the spring.

The next big event being planned is a trip to the Pennsylvania Horse World Expo at the Harrisburg Farm Complex in March.

**Got club news? Send it to
4-H@co.warren.nj.us**

Kidding Around 4-H Club has been very busy this year, we have had 4 meetings, a community service and a fundraiser! They cleaned a mile or so of the Paulinskill Trail Blairstown, collecting over 6 large bags of trash!!!!



For the rest of the December they were very busy making crafts and chocolates for a fund raiser at Hope Christmas Craft market, where they not only sold crafts, they promoted and informed the public about 4-H! They even had a chance to tell Santa and the Grinch a little about what they do!



The club took some of their profits from their hard work and decided to make two donations to Hieffer International.



4-H Public Presentation Guide



? What is a Public Presentation

A talk given to a group is a presentation. Practice giving talks at your club meeting. Presentations give you the opportunity to tell others about something you know.

? Time Limit for a Presentation

Cloverbud members have no time limit, but 1-5 minutes is good. First time presenters may be 3-5 minutes; experienced presenters 5-8 minutes; 8th graders and up who want to qualify for a state presentation must be 8-15 minutes. Time limits will be enforced! **No presentation may be more than 15 minutes.**

? A Public Presentation Hostess

This is someone who will help things run smoothly during the presentations. They welcome the judges, introduce each participant, collect the score sheets when judges are finished and average the scores. When all presentations are complete and scoring is done, they present the original score sheet to participants along with their ribbons. If you would like to be a hostess, mark the box on your registration form.

? When are Presentations

Presentations for 2015 are March 3 and March 11. The deadline to sign up is February 16.

? The Night of Public Presentations

When you arrive, check in and get your room assignment. In that room you and other 4-H'ers will give your presentations to the families present. Please plan to stay through all presentations in your room and applaud all efforts! At the end of the speeches, the judges will score your presentation and you will receive a judging sheet and a ribbon.

? How Do I Get Started?

Pick a topic.

When choosing a topic for presentation, start with something easy that you know. Keep an open mind. There are many topics you can choose from. Consider a variety of areas and topics. Your 4-H project? A hobby? A sport? Your favorite music group?

Gather your information

Organize your information

► The Introduction

Introduce yourself and tell what you are going to do. Tell why the audience would be interested.

► The Body of the Presentation:

“Show & Tell” what you are doing so the audience may learn. Give accurate and complete information. Use charts or pictures, but don't turn away from the audience. Be sure your charts or pictures are large enough to be seen by the audience.

► The Summary

Emphasize the main points. Tell the source of information. Ask, “Are there any questions?”

Need more information:

Call the 4-H Staff 908-475-6502

Or email: 4-H@co.warren.nj.us

2015 Public Presentation Entry Form

Member(s) _____

Individual _____ Team _____ (list everyone's name and grade) Grade K-3 Cloverbuds _____
Grade 4 – 7 _____ Grade 8-13 (eligible for state competition) _____

Time Length _____

(Cloverbuds 1-5 minutes; first time 3-5 minutes; experienced 5-8 minutes; 8th - 13th graders qualifying for state presentations 8 minutes minimum and 15 maximum)

Title/Subject Area _____

Please check one of the following:

Tuesday, March 3 6-8:00 pm _____

Wednesday, March 11 6-8:00 pm _____

Check ONE TYPE of Public Presentation below:

My presentation is a **Demonstration** _____ please check here and ONE description below:

- * _____ cooking
- * _____ messy project
- * _____ live animal
- * _____ other – please describe _____

My presentation is an **Illustrated Talk** _____ please check here and for your equipment needs

- * _____ easel
- * _____ VCR

My presentation is a **Formal Speech** _____ please check here and ONE description below:

- * _____ speech written by me
- * _____ speech written by noted individual _____ (name)

My presentation is a **Performing Art** _____ please check here and ONE description below:

- * _____ Oral interpretation of literature
- * _____ Creative movement/dance
- * _____ Musical performance - vocal or instrumental – without demonstrating the instrument
- * _____ Puppetry

Comments Only _____ (no judging score, you will receive written feedback - good for first time presenters. Cloverbuds are automatically **Comments Only**)

I would like to be considered for a **Hostess** the night of Presentations _____ YES _____ NO

Deadline for registration is Monday February 16!