



Hunterdon 4-H Happenings

A Newsletter for 4-H Members, Parents, and Leaders

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A Few Words...

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Harry Brochinsky, and I am the temporary, part-time Program Coordinator for Hunterdon County 4-H. I am filling in until a permanent replacement is hired.

4-H is a huge part of my life these days. While I was not involved in 4-H as a youth, growing up in Connecticut, I have become very active as a parent. I began as a Prep/Cloverbud club leader when my eldest son joined 18 years ago. Since that time, I have continued as a club leader and started clubs in archery and cooking as the years went by and my other sons joined 4-H. Even though my sons have graduated out, I still run these clubs. I have been a member of the Somerset County 4-H Association for 15 years and served as vice-president and president. I am currently a Fair Manager in Somerset County.

I am excited to be back in Hunterdon County. For 33 years, I was a science teacher at North Hunterdon High School. Many of my former students were 4-H members and I got to know quite a bit about the program from them and members and leaders who attended events run by my clubs. I love to see when Hunterdon County 4-H'ers sign up for these events.

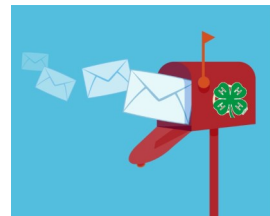
If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me.

I am looking forward to working with you all.



Some Housekeeping Items...

- ◆ Current room reservations can be viewed through the link on the RCE website under "Check Availability" (<https://hunterdon.njaes.rutgers.edu/>)
- ◆ Please cancel any reservation if your club is not going to use as there may be another group wanting the room that was unable to meet due to the room already being booked.
- ◆ If you are meeting in the RCE Office (Room 1, Room 2) please remember to sign in/out on the clipboard by the door and complete the room checklist.
- ◆ Activities other than business type meeting should use the folding plastic tables next to the refrigerator.
- ◆ Any use of the wood tables other than business meetings requires them to be covered. Office staff has had to remove paint and other craft items from the wood tables. Also, be careful when moving or putting away tables as we have corners that have been damaged by slamming into wall or other tables.
- ◆ Please remember that in order to reserve / use rooms, a meeting room rules form was signed and agreed to yearly.



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4-H Mission Statement

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.

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



4-H EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Paper Clover Campaign



The Spring Paper Clover Campaign sponsored by Tractor Supply will take place at the Flemington Tractor Supply April 26th - May 7th, and Fall Campaign is anticipated during October 4th - 15th. Tractor Supply will sell paper clovers to customers during those days and proceeds will benefit the 4-H program. Spread the word to your family and friends and ask that they support 4-H when shopping at Tractor Supply.

Mother's Day Arrangement

Thursday, May 11th at 7 pm

Register at the Extension Office by May 5th to make a flower arrangement for Mother's Day. \$10/person due at registration. Bring your own pruning shears!



Leaders Association Meetings

Thursday, May 18th and Thursday, July 20th

7:30 PM - Extension Center

4-H Association members are hoping that more leaders will attend the meetings. Plans for the 2023 Fair are well underway. It is time clubs put serious thought into events they would like to hold at the fair. Please plan on joining the 4-H Association at the May and July meetings for continuous updates.

Antique Show

Sunday, May 21st

7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

The Antique Show is a big fundraiser for our 4-H Association. It will be held at South County Park fairgrounds on Sunday, May 21st. Please sign up by clicking here <https://tinyurl.com/Antique4HBake>.

Please contact Jackie Majorossy with any questions, Jackiemajorossy@gmail.com.



4-H Flea Market

Louisa Cole is reaching out to all clubs about holding a 4-H Flea Market at the Rt. 12 building #1 on Saturday, June 10th (set up date 6/9).

Please contact Louisa at 908-369-4184 to sign up or if you have any questions!

2023 4-H Theme

Each year we select a creative theme for the library displays and fair booths. You can help by sending us your creative ideas for a theme for 2023. Submit your ideas to the office by May 1, 2023 for the summer newsletter.



Looking ahead for the 2023 4-H and Agricultural Fair

Wednesday, August 23rd to Sunday, August 27th

Below is a list of reminders to help you prepare for the fair. Start now to make plans for the fair.

- Project animals need to be owned by **Monday, May 1st.**
- Animal Lease forms are due by **Monday, May 1st.**
- Independent Project forms are due by **Monday, May 1st.**
- All Superintendents who will oversee shows, need to have their rules updated and submitted to Kevin so they can be placed on the website.
- All Superintendents need to submit judges names and address to the Fair Office.
- All show ring schedules need to be submitted to the 4-H Office.
- Fund Raising and Fair Improvement Forms are due at the May Leaders Association meeting.
- **Volunteers are needed to sell ride tickets.** Please volunteer by clicking on the sign up genius link: [2023 Ride Sign Up](#)



Drill Team Notice

Calling all horsey 4-Hers – Do you love riding? Are you looking to try something new and different? The Hunterdon County 4-H Equestrian Drill Team provides an opportunity to develop your riding skills while having fun in a supportive environment that builds confidence without the stress of competition. Riders learn to perform synchronized maneuvers to music with a focus on teamwork, creativity, loyalty, and leadership. If you want to learn more about our team, come check us out. We will be having our first meeting of the year on Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Center. Membership is open to any 4-H member in good standing in 5th grade and above. You do not have to join a horse club but you must register as an Independent Horse Project member. If you have any questions you may contact leader Kathy Piparo (908)303-3855 or kiparo64@gmail.com.



Club Exhibits at Holcombe Jimison Farmstead—2023 Schedule

The Holcombe Jimison Farmstead was created to preserve our local agricultural history and would LOVE having 4-H'ers showcasing their projects and interacting with the public throughout the season of May-October but especially on our opening day! The Farmstead would allow all clubs to showcase their projects including animals, dog, family consumer science, shooting sports and robotics. This is a great opportunity to show the public who we are.

Please contact Jackie Majorossy with any questions, Jackiemajorossy@gmail.com

April 30—2nd Annual Flea Market on the Farmstead

August 6—CornFest

May 7—Opening Day-Poultry Day

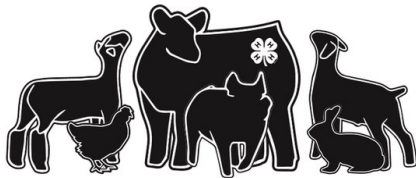
September 10—2nd Annual Craft Festival & Hands-On Colonial Crafts

June 4—Dairy Day

October 29—Then & Now Day & Farmers Honor Roll

July 9—Tractors, Trucks, and Engines

December 9-10—4th Annual Christmas on the Farm



4-H Ambassador Contest

Wednesday, August 2nd, 2:00 PM
Extension Center

Teens in grades 11 and 12 with good public speaking skills, knowledge, enthusiasm, and understanding of 4-H, are invited to participate in the Hunterdon County Ambassador Contest on August 2nd beginning at 2:00 PM. 4-H Ambassadors represent 4-H to the public at various events. Applications are available on the Hunterdon County 4-H website. **Applications are due Friday, July 21st, by 4:00 PM. Late applications will not be accepted.**



Hunterdon County Dairy Princess

Do you have a love for milk, butter and ice cream? Are you interested in the promotion of these products? Do you raise dairy cows or dairy goats? If you answered yes, then maybe you would be interested in applying to be the 2023 Hunterdon County Dairy Princess. For information and application please contact Sarah Phillips, County Dairy Princess Committee Head, at sarahrose4@comcast.net or (908) 894-3394. To apply you must be 17 - 24 years of age. Applications are due to Sarah Phillips or the 4-H Office no later than Monday, May 1st.

Snyder Loan Application Available Seniors Pursuing a Career in Agriculture Interest Free Loan



High school seniors who plan to pursue a career in Agriculture can apply for an interest free loan. The Clifford E. and Melda C. Snyder Loan Fund was set up for students in Hunterdon County to receive interest free loans to help further their education. The fund can be used for undergraduate, graduate and post graduate degrees. Recipients of the loan will be selected based on academic record, extracurricular accomplishments, related work experience and career goals.

Applications are due by April 15th to the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture. Interested applicants should access the application at <https://hunterdon.njaes.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Snyder-Loan-Application.pdf>



Daisy Scholarship for 4-H Shooting Sports

Each year Daisy supports 4-H Shooting Sports with two \$500 scholarships for high school seniors. Scholarship application is due April/May. See below for details.



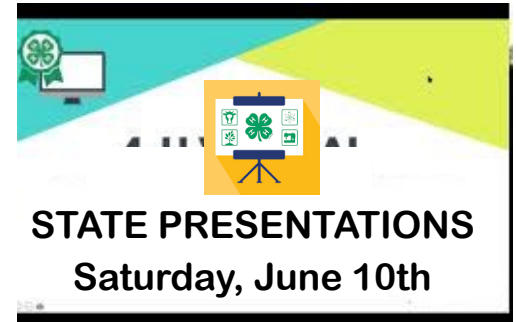
The scholarship contest generally has a shooting component and also a written component on safety, etc.

1. Minimum of a 3.0 GPA from your high school
2. Three years participation in 4-H shooting sports
3. Recommendation of HS counselor or principal
4. Recommendation of 4-H coach or equivalent who is not a relative
5. Scholarship would be payable to any two-year or four-year accredited Jr. College, College or University
6. Applicant required to submit personal resume
7. Application would require a 250 - 500 word essay about "How participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports better prepared them for college and for life."
8. Certified copy of high school transcript.
9. Scholarship money would be available in the second semester of the freshman year and can be used for books, housing, and or college fees.
10. The scholarship of \$500.00 will be awarded at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships each year (you do not need to be at the Championships to receive this scholarship).
11. Application and due date will be available soon.



State Public Presentations Contest Saturday, June 10th

4-H'ers in 8th grade and above who received an "Excellent" on their County Presentation are eligible to attend the State Presentations virtually on Saturday, June 11th. All 4-H'ers who are eligible should have received registration information via email on 3/27/23. Deadline for registration is 5/26/23.



Model Horse Clinic

Atlantic County 4-H Horse Council and Atlantic County 4-H Equine Rescue Horse Club are hosting a Model Horse Clinic on Saturday, April 8, @ 1 p.m. Clinicians Jillian Tozer and Tammy Tozer will be available to share their knowledge of model horses with 4-H members. The clinic will take place at the David C. Wood 4-H Center, 3210 Route 50, in Mays Landing. For registration and information, contact: Joe Morgan j.filamenthead@att.net

4-H Sheep Showmanship & Fitting Camp

Friday, June 2nd—Sunday, June 4th

Students will fit the animal they bring and time will be spent on fitting, proper showing and what it takes to get there. There will be break out sessions and students will be teamed up with youth partners. For additional information and registration, please contact Tracy Smith 908-887-2630.



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2023 Summer Camp Season...

Classic 4-H Camp

Each summer at camp is not just defined by what's changed and what's stayed the same, but mostly by *who is here*. This is why we can't wait to have you join us so we can all embark on the adventure of Summer 2023 together.

The staff at L.G. Cook 4-H Camp are working on plans for 2023. Camp registration is now open and sessions are filling up fast. Please visit <https://nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/>. Be sure to click on all tabs so that you are fully aware of all camp details for 2023 season. For more information on the New Jersey 4-H Camp and our classic overnight camping program in Stokes State Forest, visit our main site or call the Camp Office (973-948-3550).

Camp at Rutgers Gardens

Rutgers Gardens and The New Jersey 4-H Camp have partnered to create a brand new day camp experience this summer: 4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens.

Serving youth ages 6-12 throughout July, this program will combine the social/emotional learning of 4-H Camp's friendly, communal, tech-free experience with the beautiful environment and educational opportunities of Rutgers Gardens. Campers will bond with their "cabins" throughout the week, as they enjoy a unique mixture of hands-on outdoor education and carefree games played outside.

The program will provide both the Rutgers and larger New Brunswick communities the opportunity to learn from university experts as campers come together, meet new friends, and enjoy a summer week exploring all Rutgers Gardens has to offer. Check out our website <https://nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/gardens.html> and camper guide: <https://nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/pdf/Gardens/Gardens%2520Camp%2520Guide%25203.pdf%23view=fitv>

4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens

Inaugural Mini-Session: Session One: July 5th - July 7th

Session Two: July 10th - July 14th

Session Three: July 17th - July 21st

Session Four: July 24th - July 28th

The program offerings (classes, activities, etc.) in the 4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens will be the same each session. The program is designed for campers to enroll in a single session of camp. However, for 2023, campers can enroll in the Inaugural Mini-Session and a full session as well.



TOPS Camp

JUNE 26-30, 2023, TED BLUM 4-H CENTER, 310 MILLTOWN RD, BRIDGEWATER NJ



4-H TOPS CAMP
JUNE 26 - JUNE 30 2023

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS,
FIELD TRIP...

COMPLETED
GRADES 1 - 5

HEALTHY SNACKS, GAMES,
NEW FRIENDS, & MORE!

310 MILLTOWN RD. BRIDGEWATER, NJ

COST:
\$300 - 5 DAYS
8:30AM - 4:30PM

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SOMERSET COUNTY

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-12 on an age-appropriate basis, with no regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, physical handicap or other physical or mental condition, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status and any other category prohibited by law. For additional information, contact: 609.984.4444. Cooperative Extension, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Board of County Commissioners. Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.

TOPS Camp is a 5-day week of fun, friends, and fascination! With a combination of outdoor activities, educational workshops, experiments with science, and making new friends – this is the perfect week-long Summer Day Camp! Experience opportunities like woodworking, arts, theater, nature, animals, geology, Olympics, water fun, games, a field trip, guest speakers, dancing, cooking, tie-dyeing, leadership, and bonding!

Ages: Completed Grades 1-5

Registration / Information:

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RUTGERS DAY

Saturday, April 29

Free

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

LEADER APPRECIATION



Commitmint, Encouragemint, and Involve mint, was this year's theme for Leader Appreciation! Thank you to all our Leaders who help make the 4-H Program what it is today! A celebration for our leaders was held on Thursday, January 19th in Building 1 of the Hunterdon County Complex. Thank you to our 4-H Ambassadors Annabelle Majorossy and Eva Zajac who emceed the program!

Each year we recognize two of our volunteers for outstanding service to the 4-H program. 4-H Alumni are very important within our 4-H Program. Alumni understand how the 4-H Program works and how to get our members involved in activities. This year's Alumni Award recipient is **Colleen Ewing of Kick Butt Kids Goat Club**. Thanks for all you do to benefit our children!

All of our leaders are very special, and it takes a lot of time and commitment to plan, organize and operate a club. This year we recognized **Christina Wilson of S.A.V.E.** for Leader of the Year.

A huge Thank You goes out to all of our club volunteers! We would not have the program we have today without you.



Junior Leaders

We've been quite busy since our September meeting! At our October meeting, we had our annual Mystery Dinner where everyone gets to pick things randomly on a list of Halloween-themed names and that's the order they get their food or utensils or napkins - it's always a lot of fun. Of course, that included our regular business meetings where we cover things like upcoming community service, fun activities for the club, trips like Citizenship Washington Focus and North Jersey Teen Conference, etc. In fact, some of the community service projects Junior Leaders have done so far are things like collecting cards for soldiers overseas; adopting needy families for Thanksgiving through the Food Pantry; and making/wrapping cookies for the Food Pantry to give out at Christmastime. We just had our March meeting last night, which we started by re-potting and decorating flowers that will be delivered by Meals on Wheels with their food deliveries and then finished with a regular business meeting.

Our next meeting is April 25th at 7:30 pm at the Rt. 12 Extension Center, and there are going to be some fun games after the meeting like Uno and Spoons (along with other card games and some free candy)! We take new members all year-round - you have to be at least 14 years old - but this is going to be a good meeting to get to know everyone if you are interested in joining. If you can't make it though, that's okay! Our meetings are the 4th Tuesday of every month, and if you have any questions about the club, you can get the contact information from the office for Louisa Cole or Mark Brubaker and pick their brains.



Mt. Airy Dairy

Mt. Airy Dairy has been busy preparing for our 100th year celebration! Members have been working together on a T-shirt design, bulletin board display and gathering ideas for the fair booth. Members have also been doing hoards dairyman judging, attending the symposium, practicing for the dairy bowl, and planning Dairy day at Holcombe Jimson farm on June 4th.

Club Reporter
Courtney Barlow

Round Valley Riders

The Round Valley Riders have had a very busy winter! Some members of our club studied for the State Horse Bowl event. On February 25th, they had the State Horse Bowl event where Adyson and her team placed 3rd overall in the senior division. Bri and members of the Centaurs club, in the junior division, placed 5th overall! Sophia collected hats that she donated to the Food Pantry. Ambassador Eva represented our county at the Vegetable Growers Convention in Atlantic City! We all worked really hard and had a very successful Pasta Dinner Fundraiser where we celebrated 45 years of RVR with friends and alumni. It was so much fun giving back to the community and seeing people enjoy a nice meal! Our members have been working hard on their club presentations and are now moving onto county presentations. We are looking forward to spring with lots of horse clinics, riding clinics, and Pink Ladies practices!

Creative Kids

We had a fun time this winter. We made tin can lanterns to shine light in the dark days. There was a candy workshop, that we all did together. We made peppermint patties, Oreo truffles and cherry gummy bears. We talked about how to present these goodies for sale and took home our candies in little bakery boxes. All the kids did exciting presentations for the group.

Club Reporter
Luzie Rea Hotz

Hunterdon County Cloverbuds

After a slight delay, the Cloverbuds Club was reestablished in late Fall, 2022. The Club has a registered enrollment of nine members, ranging in age from Kindergarten to Third Grade. We have had several meetings and one presentation to the group by the Hunterdon Hoppers. The Cloverbuds did a clean-up at Bull's Island on March 18. The group collected three bags of garbage, one bag of recycling, one very soggy blanket, and four tires! The Cloverbuds meet on the first and third Mondays of each month and hope to schedule many more presentations during 2023-2024.

Centaurs

The Centaurs Horse Club has been working hard to prepare for the Horse Bowl and Hippology & Horse Judging contests. The junior team from Hunterdon earned fifth place and the senior contestant earned third. The Cloverbuds did a great job as well! Some of the club members attended the Horse World Expo where they learned a lot about various topics and watched a number of interesting demonstrations. The Theater Equus show was amazing this year! Several of our members entered pieces in the NJ State 4-H Equine Art Show and won ribbons!! We continue to have fun learning about horse care and breeds through members' presentations and discussing future field trips at our regular meetings. Next up is the Hippology & Horse Judging Contest! Good luck to our members that are participating!!!



Fur ‘n Feathers

We are learning and having a lot of fun in the Fur ‘n Feathers Club. We have had new members join and we are all getting to know each other. We have spent the last few months learning about our birds and guinea pigs. We are learning things such as how to properly care for them. First, we learned about their different body parts, what to feed them, and the different types of things they need for shelter. We have also been learning about different breeds of each animal and the traits that make them unique from one another. We have been discussing diseases and how to treat them. At each meeting, several group members have been giving their presentations as well. Soon we will start talking about the fair and what we need to do to be prepared. We are looking forward to future events and warmer weather!

Club Reporter
Alex Ader

Hunterdon Hoppers

The Hoppers have been hard at work presenting in preparation for county & performing community service work these past few months! In January, Julia Pacifico did her presentation on Hairballs and their Remedies in rabbits. In February, we had Bentley Haxton presenting on Stationary Housing vs Pasture Housing, Olivia Ostrander on Rabbit Behavior, and Naomi Cantilina on Breeding Rabbits. In March, we had our club members Madison Strauss present on Rabbit Body Types, Ashley Vanatta on Digestive System in rabbits, and Lindsay Chudy on Color Genetics in Rabbits.

Our club’s recent community service has extended over the past few months. In February, a few of our members brought rabbits to the CloverBud club meeting and told the younger members about rabbits and our club. At our recent March meeting, our club donated items and put together Easter bags for the Flemington Food Pantry. Additionally, one of our club members, Lindsay Chudy, is running a community service collection for the Woodlands Wildlife Refuge. The collection box will be at the 4-H office until April 9th.

Our club members have also participated in some run activities and shows. In March, some of our members purchased travel rabbit cages and we had a workshop to put them together. Members also showed their rabbits at the Somerset County 4-H rabbit show. Congratulations to Julia Pacifico for winning Best in Show!

Club Reporter
Lindsay Chudy

Robostorm

On Sunday, February 20th, Robostorm Team 12601, part of the Hunterdon County 4H Robotics Club, participated in the First Tech Challenge (FTC) Upper-Central League Tournament held at Kean University. Twenty-five teams competed. Robostorm placed second in the "Connect Award" (team(s) that the judges feel most connected with their local STEM community. Recognized for helping the community understand FIRST, FIRST Tech Challenge and the team itself). Club President and team captain, high school junior, John Brereton, was selected as a 2022-2023 FIRST® Dean's List Award Semi-Finalist.

Spot On Shooters

The mild winter allowed Spot on Shooters to have practices every single month. Our meetings and practices have been well attended. In February, the Spot on Shooters put up the office bulletin board. The theme was 4-H Puts You on Target for Success. It was decorated in a Valentine's Day theme with hearts, arrows, and targets. The club helped Max and Sawyer raise funds for Nationals. We hosted a Super Bowl Pool Fundraiser and a Pampered Chef Fundraiser. We had a great time on Presentation Day on Feb. 26th. We had interesting topics, just to name a few: How to Make a Grilled Cheese, Extinction of Animals, Dinosaurs, Bullets, and Lava. Three of our members participated in the Fun Shoot. In March, three of our members and one instructor will be participating in the Hawkeye Archers Competition.

Calendar of Events:

4/8	Model Horse Clinic	6/10	State Public Presentations
4/14-19	National Conference	6/25-30	Citizenship Washington Focus
5/11	Mother's Day Arrangement Workshop	6/26-30	TOPS Camp
5/13	NJ 4-H Spring Model Horse Show	7/20	Leader's Association Meeting
5/18	Leader's Association Meeting	7/21	4-H Ambassador Applications Due
5/21	Spring Antique Show	8/2	4-H Ambassador Interviews
6/2-4	4-H Sheep Showmanship Clinic	8/23-27	Hunterdon County 4-H Fair
6/10	4-H Flea Market		

Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____

Youth Council Workshops are open to all registered 4-H club members. Payment must be received with the registration, or you will not be registered. Make check payable to 4-H Youth Council.

_____ Mother's Day Arrangement Workshop, Thursday, May 11th, 7:00 PM, Cost: \$10.00

_____ Amount Enclosed

Please send this form along with payment to:

Hunterdon County 4-H Youth Council

PO Box 2900

Flemington, NJ 08822