

From the Desk of  
the Agent



Guess What That Means????

Presentations are coming.....

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## ARE YOU READY?

See page 5 for all the details on the 2016 Public Presentation Events





# Reminders

## The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

**February 3, 2016 at 7:30pm**

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

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# Mark Your Calendars!

## Teen Council

Wednesday, January 6, 2016  
Wednesday, February 3, 2016

The next regular Teen Council meeting will be Wednesday, January 6 at 4pm at the 4-H office. We will be discussing our plans for a spring Relay for Life team, the upcoming North Jersey Teen Conference, and much more.

January 6<sup>th</sup> we will have a presentation by Habitat for Humanity.

Teen Council is open to current 4-H members in the 8<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup> grades.



## Beekeeping Essay Contest

January 15, 2016

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. is hosting an essay contest. The 2016 Essay topic is:

**Bees and Pollination. How Important is it?**

Essays are due to the 4-H office **Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**. All essays received will be sent to the State 4-H Office for review and one essay will be selected to submit for the national contest from New Jersey.



**Keeping the topic in mind, the 750-1000 word essay should research and answer the question "What will happen if the bees are gone?"**

For more information, contact the 4-H Office or Jeannette Rae-Keywood at [reakeywood@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:reakeywood@njaes.rutgers.edu)



## Public Speaking Workshops

Friday, January 22, 2016 at 6pm  
Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 4pm

Michelle Teitsma will offer 2 public speaking workshops at the 4-H Office to help 4-H members prepare their public presentations. The workshops are open to all current 4-H members!

The workshop is geared towards both beginner and seasoned presenters and it offers a "how to" guide on picking a topic, types of presentations, content order, using visual aids, tips of the trade, and helpful hints on how to not be terrified.

Friday, January 22 will start at 6pm and Wednesday, January 27 will begin at 4pm.

Michelle will also take the workshop to your club meeting!



## Council of Presidents

February 6, 2016

If you are elected as an officer in your club for the 2015-2016 4-H year and are in grades 4-13, this meeting is for YOU! The Council of Presidents meets 4 times per year. 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!



We  
want  
you!



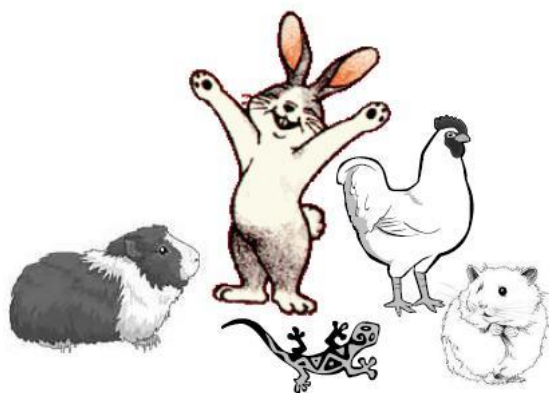
## 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Project Educational Symposium

February, 27, 2016  
10am – 3:30pm

Gloucester County Office of Government Services

This event is open to 4-H members in grades 4-13 and activities will include:

- Rabbit Hopping Competition
- Avian Bowl Winter Event
- Animalology Contest
- Art Show
- Poultry & Rabbit Showmanship Workshops
- Reptile Workshop
- Care & Management Workshop
- Preparing for a Show Workshop



For more information, please visit <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/educational-symposium/> or call Jeannette Rae-Keywood at 856-459-1900.



## New Jersey Youth Institute of the World Food Prize

March 4, 2016

Become a student leader in the global fight against hunger! Rutgers will host the 1st NJ Youth Institute of the World Food Prize on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Cook Campus. This event is open to students in the 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information please contact Dr. Laura Lawson at [ljlawson@sebs.rutgers.edu](mailto:ljlawson@sebs.rutgers.edu).

## North Jersey Teen Conference “Lights, Camera, Leadership”

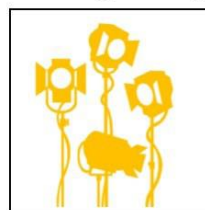
March 11-13, 2016  
Pompton Plains, NJ

This conference is open to all 4-H teens in grades 8-13 in Northern New Jersey counties. The conference will provide an opportunity for teens to broaden their circle of friends, learn new skills and have fun!

The theme for this year’s conference is “Lights, Camera, Leadership” and will focus on ways that you can build your leadership skills to help be ready to “take center stage” in school, in college or with your future career.

For more information and registration materials, please call the 4-H office.

### *New Jersey Teen Conference 2016*



**LIGHTS CAMERA LEADERSHIP**



## Discover the Leader in You 4-H Conference

Saturday, March 19, 2016  
New Brunswick, NJ

4-H members in grades 6-8 are invited to attend this leadership conference. Have fun, meet new friends, and develop leadership and personal development skills that they can utilize at home, in school, in their 4-H club, and in their community!

Registration material can be found at <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/discover-the-leader-north/>



# Sheep and Goat Video Contest/Film Festival

Saturday, April 2, 2016

The NJ 4-H Goat Advisory Council, in cooperation with the New Jersey Junior Breeder Symposium is sponsoring a Sheep and Goat Video Contest and Film Festival. The film festival will be a part of the sheep and goat track of the Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium. **Entries are due March 7, 2016.**



Youth in grades 4-13 are eligible to participate and may work individually or as a team to create an educational video (3 minutes or less) about sheep and/or goats.

A selection of the videos will be shared at the film festival in the Round House at the Rutgers Cook Campus Farm during the final session of the Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 2pm.

Videos will be scored on educational value, creativity, clarity, pacing, and technical quality. The top three scoring videos will receive awards.

Registration materials will be available at <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/> in early 2016. For more information, please contact Chad Ripberger at 609-989-6833 or [ripberger@rce.rutgers.edu](mailto:ripberger@rce.rutgers.edu).



## 2016 Public Presentations

March 2016

Public speaking is a skill that you will use your entire life! For example: Book reports and oral reports in school, college interviews, job interviews etc. Being able to communicate your thoughts to a group of people in an organized fashion takes practice! Lots of practice!

All 4-H members including Cloverbuds are encouraged to give a presentation!

## **TENTATIVE** Presentation Dates and Locations

**Tuesday, March 8** 7-8:30 pm at Oxford Central School {no animals allowed} (maximum 20 presenters – approx. 5 per room)

**Thursday, March 10** 7-8:30 pm at 4-H Office (maximum 10 presenters)

**Wednesday, March 16** 7-8:30 pm at Oxford Central School {no animals allowed} (maximum 20 presenters – approx. 5 per room)

**Tuesday, March 22** 7-8:30 pm at 4-H Office (maximum 6 presenters)

If you are using a live animal in your presentation, please plan to present at the 4-H office as Oxford School will not allow animals.

Nights will be filled on a first come-first served basis so if you need a particular night, DO NOT wait until the last minute to turn in your registration form! **Registrations are due Wednesday, February 10, 2016. LATE registrations WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Don't forget the new presentation time limits:

- 3-5 minutes for Cloverbud members
- 5-15 minutes for regular members (the more experienced you are at public speaking the longer you will be expected to talk – for example 1<sup>st</sup> time presenters will only be expected to speak for 5-6 minutes where-as a 9<sup>th</sup> year presenter will be expected to speak for 12-15 minutes.)
- 10-15 minutes for team presentations (team presentations are given in pairs. No more than 2 presenters can make up a team.)

County Level Requirements: If you plan to give a county level presentation to qualify for **ANY** State level 4-H event, the presentation **MUST** be given at the March presentation events! No other presentation dates will be accepted as county level for qualifying purposes.

# Horse News



## Horse Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Reminder that the next Horse Leaders Meeting is on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7:30pm at the 4-H Office



## State 4-H Model Horse Show

January 30, 2016

Middlesex County 4-H Center in East Brunswick

Registration materials are on the State 4-H website at <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/modelhorseshow/>

If you any questions, please contact Lillian Shupe: [lrshupe@frontiernet.net](mailto:lrshupe@frontiernet.net) or 908-948-1271 or 908-892-3255 or Carol Ward: [ward@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:ward@njaes.rutgers.edu) or 908-526-6644



## State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest

February 20, 2016

Cedar Creek High School in Egg Harbor City, NJ

The annual 4-H State Horse Bowl contest will take place in Atlantic County this year. The snow date is Sunday, February 21, 2016. The information packet is available at <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/horsebowl/>

For more information, please contact Carol Ward at [ward@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:ward@njaes.rutgers.edu) or 908-526-6644.



## HOLD THE DATE!

### Warren County 4-H Tack Sale

Saturday, March 19, 2016



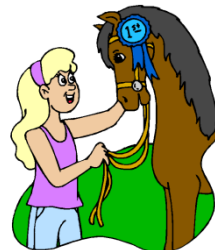
### Equine Presentations

Sunday, March 20, 2016



### NJ State Horse Judging and Hippology Contest

Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10, 2016



### Warren County 4-H Qualifying Show

Sunday, June 5, 2016



Two repeats shown



## News! 4HOnline Update

January 1, 2016 was the registration/“re-enrollment” deadline for State level 4-H events. All current 4-H members who wish to participate in a State level event **MUST** be registered in 4HOnline by January 1. If you did not register with 4HOnline or complete the re-enrollment process before January 1, you will not be eligible for events such as (but not limited to) NJ State Horse Bowl competition, State Presentations, State Rabbit, Cavy, and Small Animal Show, State Horse Show, etc.

New members can sign up for 4HOnline at <https://nj.4honline.com>.

Returning members need to “re-enroll” each fall with the start of the new project year. **Please make sure you have “reactivated” your membership for the 2015-2016 project year!**

Fortunately, the process is very simple. Just login to your Family account in 4HOnline. (If you’ve forgotten your password, you can request a new one on the program’s entry page.)

Once in, click the **Edit** button next to your name. Click the **Enroll for 2015-16** button at the bottom of the page. You’ll type/sign for the Code of Conduct and Media Release Policy. Click **Submit** and you’ll



be done. Your registration will then be confirmed by the club leader and accepted by county staff for the new program year.

**Once you have been accepted at the county level, you cannot add or change your membership in current clubs. To add a club, delete a club, or switch from one club to another during the project year, you will need to contact the 4-H staff in the county office!**



## It’s never too early to start thinking about summer camp!

Summer camp at the beautiful Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp is right in our back yard in neighboring



Sussex County. Camp weeks are themed and activities, games, and fun are focused around the theme! Themes in the past have included Pirates, Wizards, Dinosaurs, Vikings, Chaos (the most popular week at camp), Spies, and so on!

For the summer of 2016 the camp guru’s Jim and Ben have announced the 7 week themes....

- Week 1 – July 4-9 – Classic Camp 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Week 2 – July 11-16 - Color Wars
- Week 3 – July 18-23 – Out of this World
- Week 4 – July 25-30 – Spy Week
- Week 5 – August 1-6 – Heroes and Villains
- Week 6 – August 8-13 – CHAOS
- Week 7 – August 15-20 – Camp Smorgasbord

Early Bird registration opens in January! And current, active 4-H members receive a discount!

4-H camp builds independence and self-confidence in the campers. LGC provides a challenging yet nurturing setting, where children “learn by doing” in the hands on learning environment based on the philosophy of 4-H. The unplugged environment of camp allows children to try new things, open new doors, meet new challenges and make new friends.

For more information, visit the 4-H camp website at



<http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/> or email [4hcamp@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:4hcamp@njaes.rutgers.edu)

# Club News!

## Teen Council

On December 10<sup>th</sup> 4 members of the Teen Council took a field trip to Sussex County to join with their Teen Council to package cookies for Meals on Wheels.



**Teen Council needs your help!**  
Please collect your soda can tabs and drop off at the 4-H office at your convenience (during business hours of course)! There will be a collection bucket at the front desk. We are looking to help the Ronald McDonald House reach their goal of collecting 5,000 pounds of tabs!



**We would LOVE to hear what your club has been up to! Please drop us a line or photograph!**

Got club news? Send it to  
[4-H@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:4-H@co.warren.nj.us)