

From the Desk of
the Agent



Presentations are coming.....
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ARE YOU READY?

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Reminders

The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

February 1, 2017 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

Family Grapevine
Bi-Monthly Newsletter
Rutgers Cooperative Extension
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Belvidere, NJ 07823
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www.warren4-h.org

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Alex Zolla, 4-H Secretary

Mark Your Calendars!

Teen Council

Wednesday, January 4, 2017
Wednesday, February 1, 2017

The next regular Teen Council meeting will be Wednesday, January 4 at 5pm 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.

Teen Council is open to current 4-H members in the 8th through 13th grades. Join Us!



Public Speaking Workshops

Friday, January 20, 2017 at 6pm
Wednesday, January 25, 2017 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 20 will start at 6pm and Wednesday, January 25 will begin at 4pm.

Michelle will also take the workshop to your club meeting!



Foróige's Leadership for Life Conference in Maynooth, Ireland

July 27-August 5, 2017
Application Deadline February 1, 2017



NJ 4-H is planning to take another small delegation to the Leadership for Life Conference at the University of Ireland in Maynooth in July 2017.

We are looking for 4-H members with an interest in leadership and who have a desire to serve 4-H, their school, and their community. We are looking for 4-H members who can set goals, inspire others to action, and lead effectively. We are looking for 4-H members who exhibit strong character and serve as positive role models in their club and community. If this description describes you, then this leadership experience may be for you!

This exciting opportunity is open to 4-H members who meet the following criteria:

- 4-H member in good standing in the 4-H Youth Development Program at the time of application
- Are in grade 10-13 during the 2016-2017 school year
- Have been a 4-H member for at least 2 years

Foróige's Leadership Program is a personal development program aimed at equipping young people to explore their vision and passion, and to develop key skills such as planning, decision making, critical thinking, goal setting and problem solving that are core to leadership.

For more information on this exciting opportunity, please contact Sharon Kinsey, Camden County 4-H Agent at 856-216-7130 ext. 2.



Council of Presidents

February 20, 2017

May 6, 2017

July 21, 2017 5pm-8pm at Fairgrounds

If you are elected as an officer in your club for the 2016-2017 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!



New Jersey Youth Institute of the World Food Prize

March 3, 2017

Join student leaders from around the state for a one-day conference at Rutgers that identifies the challenges of global hunger and food insecurity. The World Food Prize New Jersey Youth Institute will be held on March 3rd.



Four steps to start your fight against hunger:

1. Go to worldfoodprize.org/newjersey to choose a country and critical global food security factor.
2. Work with a teacher or mentor at your high school and write your paper
3. Submit your research paper and register by January 30, 2017
4. Attend the event on March 3, 2017

For more information please contact Meredith Taylor Lawson at 848-932-9337 or meredith.taylor@rutgers.edu



North Jersey Teen Conference

"Expanding Your Horizons"

March 10-12, 2017

Pompton Plains, NJ

Registration deadline is January 27, 2017

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 "Expanding Your Horizons" and will focus on ways that you can build your leadership skills by learning new abilities in hands on workshops designed and presented by fellow teens from around Northern New Jersey.

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

Registration deadline is January 27, 2017!



Discover the Leader in You 4-H Conference

Saturday, March 18, 2017

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/>

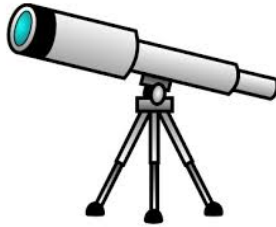


4-H Rutgerscience Saturdays

March 25, 2017

Optical Science with Edmund Scientific

Dr. Tad Pryor, Rutgers University and Rebecca Emerich from Edmund Scientific will explore light refraction, reflection and more! Participants will tour the Rutgers observatory and see the Physics Department's telescope.



There is a limit of 30 participants for this workshop! For more information please visit <http://4hscience.rutgers.edu>



Sheep and Goat Video Contest/Film Festival

Saturday, April 1, 2017

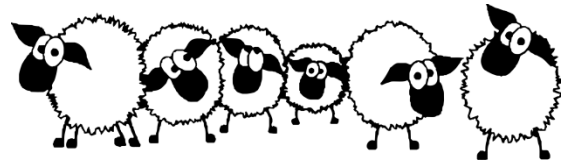
The third Sheep and Goat Video Contest/Film Festival will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017. The film festival will be a part of the sheep and goat track of the Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium. **Youth created videos are due March 13, 2017.** However, you must register your video by March 6 by emailing Marianne King at mking@mercercounty.org for a link to use to upload your video, entry form and media release forms.

Youth in grades 4-13 are eligible to participate and may work individually or as a team to create an educational video (3:30 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 1, 2017 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 2017. For more information, please contact Chad Ripberger at 609-989-6833 or ripberger@rce.rutgers.edu.



Ocean County 4-H Poultry Show

Sunday, May 7, 2017

The 7th Annual Ocean County 4-H Poultry Show will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at Handy Acres Farm, 49 Grawtown Road, Jackson, NJ 08527. The show is open to all 4-H members and 4-H Cloverbud members. For more information please contact Teresa McGayhey at 732-929-4924 or teresamcgayhey@yahoo.com.



State 4-H Presentations

June 10, 2017

If you receive an excellent on your 2017 county level presentation and are in 8th through 13th grade, you will receive an invitation to participate in the State Presentation Contest at Rutgers University!

This is a great opportunity to represent your county at a state event! Presentations will be given in classrooms throughout Hickman Hall. There are usually 6-8 presentations in each room. Presenters will also have an opportunity to see presentations given by 4-H members from throughout the state.

NOTE: If you plan to give a state level presentation it needs to be 8-15 minutes in length!



2017 Public Presentations

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

SNOW DATE: Friday, March 31, 2017

Registration Deadline: February 10, 2017

Does the thought of Public Speaking give you the shakes?

Are you more afraid to talk in front of a group than you are of snakes or spiders?

Did you know that public speaking is the #1 fear in the world?



More people are afraid to speak in front of a group than are afraid of spiders, snakes, heights, and even death!

It's never too early to start thinking about your public presentation for the new project year!

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!

Presentation Dates and Locations:

Thursday, March 9 7-8:30 pm at 4-H Office (maximum 16 presenters)

Thursday, March 16 7-8:30 pm at 4-H Office (maximum 16 presenters)

Tuesday, March 21 7-8:30 pm at Belvidere High School (maximum 50 presenters – approx. 10 per room)

Tuesday March 28 7-8:30 at Warren Hills High School (maximum 50 presenters – approx. 10 per room)

SNOW DATE: Friday, March 31 7-8:30 at Warren Hills High School

If you are using a live animal in your presentation, please plan to present at the 4-H office as Belvidere High School and Warren Hills High 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 Friday, February 10, 2017. LATE registrations WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Things to remember:

- 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.
- 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 1st year members or 1st time presenters will only be expected to speak for 5-6 minutes where-as a 9th year member 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.)

Registration materials will be available through 4HOnline.



HORSE NEWS



Horse Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Reminder that the next Horse Leaders Meeting is on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7:00pm at the 4-H Office



State 4-H Model Horse Show

January 21, 2017
Somerset County 4-H Center

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 or 908-948-1271 or 908-892-3255 or Carol Ward: ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644



State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest

February 25, 2017
Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center

The annual 4-H State Horse Bowl contest will take place in Burlington County this year. The snow date is Sunday, February 26, 2017. The information packet is available at <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/horsebowl/>

For more information, please contact Carol Ward at ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644.



SAVE THE DATE!

Equine Arts Show

Saturday, February 25, 2017



Equine Presentations

Sunday, March 19, 2017
Burlington County



NJ State Horse Judging and Hippology Contest

Saturday and Sunday, April 22-23, 2017
Somerset County



Warren County 4-H Qualifying Show

Sunday, June 4, 2017



NJ State 4-H Horse Show

August 25-27, 2017



Two repeats shown



News! 4HOnline Update

January 1, 2017 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 2016-2017 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 2016-17** 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 2017 the camp guru Ben has announced the 7 week themes....

- Week 1 – July 3-8 – Classic Camp 4th of July
- Week 2 – July 10-15 – Spy Week
- Week 3 – July 17-22 – Chaos!
- Week 4 – July 24-29 – Holiday Everyday
- Week 5 – July 31-August 5 – Broken Time Machine
- Week 6 – August 7-12 – Color Wars
- Week 7 – August 14-19 – 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. The camp community is intentionally small because they want to provide individual attention, which each camper needs in order to be

successful. For more information, visit the 4-H camp website at <http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu> or email 4hcamp@njaes.rutgers.edu



Club News!

Out of Our Shells

Members of Out of Our Shells did a presentation at Gourmet Gallery in Blairstown and asked them to take “The Straw Challenge” – would they be willing to be the first restaurant in Blairstown to switch from plastic straws to paper straws? Gourmet Gallery said Yes! By switching to paper straws Out of Our Shells and Gourmet Gallery made a sizable difference for wildlife and the environment in our area.



Bow Benders

Christopher Wilson qualified in Archery to participate on the state team for National Shooting Sports Championships in June 2017!



Teen Council

2 Warren Teen Council members and 1 Sussex County Teen Council member helped out at the Holiday Craft Workshop held on December 2, 2016. They also partnered with Sussex County Teen Council and baked cookies for Meals on Wheels at their December meeting. Sussex County Teen Council has invited the Warren Teen Council to their January meeting to be held at Sky Zone in Mt. Olive.

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

