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NJ 4-H SERVICE PROJECT SURVEY

Dear 4-H Family:

"I pledge my hands to larger service". For more than 70 years, community service has been an important part of 4-H. So has hands-on, learning-by-doing learning. When you put those two ideas together appropriately, the result goes beyond a "feel good" experience. Service activities tied closely to what youth are learning positively impact learning, and, genuinely help the community.

Community service, citizenship, and service learning are all part of the Citizenship Mission Mandate for the 4-H Youth Development Program. These programs build a solid foundation that helps youth understand and acquire the skills that will allow them to become astute leaders for the 21st Century. Participating in service projects empowers young people to be well-informed citizens who are actively engaged in their communities and the world.

Keeping track of community service hours is extremely important for both volunteers and communities. With state and local budgets tighter than ever, showing that 4-H is providing valuable learning experiences that will benefit communities is vital. Those of us involved in 4-H know that our 4-H members contribute hundreds of hours to their communities every year but our key leaders, politicians, and potential funders may not! The 4-H Office may know the community service you do in the county, but we can't really tell others what the 4-H members learned from what they did or how they might plan to use what they learned in the future.

To help NJ 4-H, and our county 4-H program, tell the story of how 4-H members provide community service and develop valuable life skills in the process we need your help.

We are asking 4-H clubs to complete an online survey, *NJ 4-H Service Project Survey*, for every community service, service learning, and/or citizenship project they complete. We ask that **only the leader or one designated 4-H member complete** the survey.

The survey can be found at https://rutgers.qualtrics.com/SE?SID=SV_1QSZFig1Bzd2jsh&Q_CHL=email&Preview=Survey and takes about 20 minutes to complete. You are strongly encouraged to look over the survey and ask the entire club to help with answering the questions before completing it online – but remember there should only be one survey completed for each project.

At the end of the 2015-2016 project year, the NJ 4-H Citizenship Committee will compile all of the surveys to tell of our 4-H contributions and the life skills our 4-H members gain as a result of doing valuable service projects. It will also help in developing new materials or trainings that might be needed to help our clubs and leaders provide more meaningful community service projects

NJ 4-H would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this survey. You can participate online by clicking the link to the survey or on your mobile device using the following QR code.

In 4-H Spirit,

Deborah L. Cole
County 4-H Agent

Kendrin Dyitt
4-H Program Associate

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING
Friday, February 5 ~ 7 p.m. (tentative)

LEADERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING
Tuesday, January 19 ~ 6:30 p.m.

FAIR ASSOCIATION MEETING
Tuesday, January 19 ~ 7:30 p.m.

SENIOR MEMBER WINTER CAMP
Friday, January 15 – Sunday, January 17
L.G. Cook 4-H Camp (registration closed)

OPEN HORSE SHOW AWARDS & SILENT AUCTION
Friday, January 22
Five Points

SOUTH JERSEY TEEN CONFERENCE
Friday, March 4 – Sunday, March 6
Holiday Inn, Cherry Hill

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS WORKSHOP
TBA

COUNTY PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
TBA

HORSE PROJECT OVERNIGHT CLINIC
Saturday, April 2 – Sunday, April 3 (tentative)

WELCOME TO 4-H

New Volunteer

♥ Sidney Mathis ♥

ATLANTIC COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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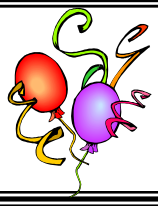
4-H MISSION STATEMENT: The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn-by-doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens of the world.

SPECIAL EVENTS



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We thank everyone for the great job done at the 4-H Awards Banquet and Program. Over 200 members, volunteers, and families attended the dinner and program enjoyed the food and socializing while members and volunteers received recognition. We thank everyone who helped set up/take down the tables and chairs, as well as clean up after the event. With everyone's help it didn't seem like work at all!

AWARDS NIGHT SILENT AUCTION

Thank you to EVERYONE who took part in the Silent Auction at the 4-H Awards Night program in December. We would like to thank all of those who donated items and the individuals who secured those items. Your help and donations were greatly appreciated!

Silent Auction Donors
Assink Family
Auto Plaza
The Craft Barn
Daily Family
Doherty Family
Estremera Family
Foster Family
Pat Goldberg
Tatum Henry
The Hub
Diane Kilborn
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Daniel Ramirez
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NJ 4-H EQUINE ARTS SHOW

Saturday, February 20
Cedar Creek High School, Egg Harbor

This event is open to all NJ 4-H club members (grades 4-13 – there is no Cloverbud division). ***Participants do not need to be a 4-H horse club member, just a registered 4-H club member as of January 1, 2016.***

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 12. Entries must be received by 10 a.m. on the day of the show.

For more information, visit http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/equineartsshow/ or call the 4-H Office, 625-0056.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS WORKSHOP

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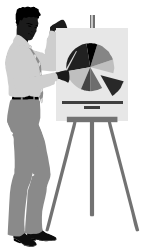
4-H Office



Interested in participating in the Public Presentations contest, but not sure what it entails? Want to enhance your public presentation knowledge and skills? Then, make sure to attend the 4-H Public Presentations Workshop!

This annual workshop will help you learn how to give a better 4-H public presentation, explain how the Public Presentations contest works, and introduce you to the different types of speeches, the basic parts of speech, and what the judges are looking for.

All 4-H members and leaders are invited and encouraged to attend. Informative handouts and presentations will be provided.

Pre-registration is required. A minimum of ten registrations is needed to hold the workshop.

HOLD THE DATE….4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

TBA

Yes—you, too, can learn how to give a great speech and the date of 4-H Public Presentations will be announced soon. This is your opportunity to learn how to speak in public and get rid of that old stage fright. Public Presentations is for YOU and all of your 4-H friends.

★ **What is a Public Presentation?**

A public presentation is a talk or demonstration given in front of people (that's what makes it "public.")

★ **What kinds of Public Presentations can I give?**

Demonstration—This is when you demonstrate or show how to do or make something, such as how to make an aquarium, how to sew a waistband, or how to apply first aid.

Illustrated Talk—This is when you talk about something and have charts to "illustrate" to help the audience understand better. An example of this kind of presentation would be talking about the parts of a sewing machine and having a chart with a picture of the machine with the parts labeled.

Formal Speech—A formal speech is a speech in which you write about a subject that you're interested in. An oratory is a speech given by someone else, such as the Gettysburg Address.

★ **I've never done a presentation before; which type should I choose?**

Probably the demonstration or illustrated talk. The formal speech is usually easier to do after you have some experience.

★ **What topics may I use?**

Your presentation may be on any topic you'd like. The topic you choose does not have to deal with your 4-H project. To choose a topic, just make a list of things you like to do or things you are interested in, and narrow it down until you find a topic you feel comfortable with. Remember, if this is your first presentation, choose something easy.

★ **So, how can I get involved?**

First, ask your leader to help you put a presentation together. You can also call the 4-H Office for a copy of the NJ 4-H Public Presentations Members Guide. The entry forms will be sent to you in the March/April issue of *4-H News*, so you'll be pretty much set by then.

Set aside one club meeting where every member brings and works on their public presentation. Practice at the club level, then take your presentation to county level. If you receive an "Excellent" rating and are a senior member, take it to the state level.

Call the 4-H Office if you have any questions. If your club is interested in a special workshop at your club meeting, call the office.

★ **Is there a state 4-H Public Presentations program?**

Yes, there is. NJ 4-H Public Presentations is open to all Senior members – grade 8 and above – who receive an "Excellent" rating at County Public Presentations.

SAVE THE DATE…NJ STATE PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
Saturday, June 11

SCHOLARSHIP & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

2016 WOOD/DILKS 4-H MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Do You Fit these Qualifications?

1. Been an active 4-H member for at least three years.
2. Enrolled in an institution of higher learning.
3. Need financial assistance.

If you answered "yes" to all three of these qualifications, then you may be eligible for a Patricia Wood-Barry Dilks 4-H Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships are offered to those members who are actively involved in furthering their education. Scholarship applications are available from the 4-H Office and must be returned by **April 30**.

ATLANTIC BOARD OF AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP

The Atlantic County Board of Agriculture announces the availability of a scholarship program to assist students of agriculture. The Board will award one $500 scholarship annually to an Atlantic County resident enrolled in a recognized school or college for the study of agriculture (including animal, plant or marine sciences and related fields such as agricultural economics and marketing, entomology, plant pathology, weed science, veterinary medicine, or food science).

Interested individuals may obtain an application form through their high school guidance office or by contacting the Atlantic County Board of Agriculture, 6260 Old Harding Highway, Mays Landing, NJ 08330 or call (609) 625-0056. Applications are due Thursday, **March 24**.

MILITARY EXTENSION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

A partnership between the Cooperative Extension System and the Department of Defense has provided funding for a national, military childcare/youth development internship program. Through this initiative, students and recent graduates have the opportunity to develop professional skills in childcare and youth development through practical work experience with military children, youth, and families.

Interns are placed on military installations across the United States with limited opportunities for international placement and receive an hourly wage or stipend and assistance with travel expenses for their efforts.

More information and application materials can be found at https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/militaryinternships

Applications for the summer 2016 class will be accepted until **January 31, 2016**. Specific questions regarding the internships may be referred to Jessica Wandless, Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service Internship Coordinator at jwandles@purdue.edu

YEARBOOK UPDATE

2015-2016 4-H YEARBOOK CONTESTS

The Yearbook Contests give members a chance to contribute their talents to the annual 4-H Yearbook. All entries are due in the 4-H Office by **May 15**. You may enter as many designs as you like. Here are descriptions and rules:

★ "WHY I LIKE 4-H" ESSAY CONTEST

- Open to All 4-H members.
- Essay must be 25 to 300 words.
- Each essay must be printed clearly or typed.
- On the back of each entry, please include name, grade, address, phone number and name of 4-H club.
- Judging will be based on originality, sincerity, style, and content.
- Entries must be in the 4-H Office by **May 15.**

"Why I Like 4-H" Essay Contest Awards – Each member submitting an essay, or essays, will receive a participation ribbon. The member with the selected winning entry will have their essay printed in the Yearbook and will be recognized during the Fair with an award. Youth Council sponsors this contest.

★ COVER DESIGN CONTEST

All 4-H members are eligible to submit entries! You don't have to be an artist to enter a cover design! The idea is more important than fine art work. The yearbook printer is able to make the winning design professional. Come up with a theme, and create your design around it. Here are the rules:

1. The size of your design should be 8½" x 11".
2. Your design should be vertical (up and down).
3. Somewhere on your design should appear "2015-2016 Atlantic County 4-H Yearbook."
4. No more than two colors should be used, not counting the background paper color.
5. Don't use copyrighted characters, such as Disney characters, Superman, etc.

Cover Design Contest Awards – All members submitting an entry, or entries, will be recognized in the July/August issue of *4-H News*. The member submitting the winning entry will have his/her design printed on the cover of the yearbook. In addition, the winner will be featured in the Yearbook and will receive an award. This contest is sponsored by 4-H Fair Association.

★ PHOTO CONTEST

We want to see your 4-H events, activities and fun times – that's the main purpose of this contest.

1. All registered members are eligible.
2. There are two categories:
   Single Photo – one picture of a 4-H activity, club, member, etc.
   Sequence of Photos – a group of photos about a 4-H activity, such as a planned event, which would include before, during, and after shots.
3. All photographs must have been taken by the 4-H member entering the contest.
4. Each photo, or group of photos, must have a caption relating to 4-H. One caption may be used for the entire sequence, but must still be put on each photo.
5. Each entry needs to be mounted on a piece of 8½" x 11" poster board or heavy paper. Sequence photos should be mounted together on the same piece of poster board – use a larger piece if needed. Don't glue it permanently – we recommend rubber cement.
6. You must include: **name, grade, address, phone number,** and **club on the back of each mounted entry**. You may submit as many as you wish.

Photo Contest Award – All members submitting one or more entries will have their entries on display during the fair. A cash prize will be awarded to the winning entry in each of the two categories.

YEARBOOK INFO

The planning stages of the 2015-2016 Atlantic County 4-H Yearbook have begun. Call the 4-H Office to find out more. Anyone that is

interested in being on the Yearbook Committee should contact the office.

The Yearbook Committee asks that clubs keep the following things in mind throughout the 4-H project year.

★ **CLUB PICTURES AND WRITE-UPS**
Each club is asked to provide the Yearbook Committee with a club photograph and a paragraph about your activities. The committee will take a picture of your club if you contact them! All write-ups are the clubs' responsibility—this is a great job for the club's Historian! **Please do not refer us to your facebook page for a club photo; it is a blocked website and we cannot access it**. All write-ups are due in the 4-H Office by **May 15**.

★ **PHOTOGRAPHS**
A picture is worth a thousand words! Tell us what your club does through photographs. Take pictures of your club's activities during the year. If you have a special event, call Tammy Schaab she will take pictures for you. Any pictures you take should be sent to the 4-H Office for the yearbook. We are looking for **EACH** club to send in at least ONE picture of them completing their community service projects.

★ **AD SALES**
Selling ads is how the 4-H Fair Association pays to have the Yearbook printed. As a reward for those members and clubs who work especially hard at selling ads, we have special gifts for Top Selling Commercial Ads, Top Selling Friends of 4-H Boosters, Top Selling Club, and Quota Clubs.

TRIPS, TRAINING & FUN

OFFICERS' TRAINING

Friday, February 5 ~ 7 p.m. (tentative)
4-H Office, Mays Landing

New and old club officers are encouraged to participate in Officers' Training on Friday, February 5, at the 4-H Office. It's important to be a good officer! The workshop is designed to help officers understand and perform their job better. Activities will help officers communicate better, organize activities, and develop teamwork, as well as explain the specific duties of each other and how to conduct a club meeting. Please call the 4-H Office to RSVP by February 1. This workshop will be canceled if less than ten clubs register (half of club officers need to attend per club).

HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE

2016 JAPAN HOSTING – Host a Japanese Youth in Summer 2016 through State's 4-H International

Hosting Period: 4 weeks from July to August 2016

When you host through S4-H, you partner with one of the largest youth-serving organizations in America. 4-H is built on a model of positive youth development. Hosting is an educational opportunity, not just for the

delegate, but also for the host family and entire host community.

S4-H programs focus on life skill development, including communication, tolerance, respect for others, and engaged citizenship. Their support network is always available to help with questions, problems, or just need advice.

S4-H recognizes that opening your home to a youth from a different county is a big change for most families, and they are there to support you every step of the way!

For more information, visit http://states4Hexchange.org or contact Michele Mathews at mmathews@co.burlington.nj.us or (609) 265-5052.

BEYOND 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE TO COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING – HOW DOES SERVICE-LEARNING DIFFER FROM COMMUNITY SERVICE?

Example:

Community Service – Youth prepare and serve a meal at a local homeless shelter.

Service-Learning – Youth research homelessness in their community and contact local homeless shelters to learn about the types of services they provide. Youth then decide together on a service project that will support this community need. After planning and completing the service project, youth reflect upon both the Service-Learning process and the service project.

Community Service Learning is a form of hands-on learning where youth apply the subject matter they are learning along with critical thinking skills to address genuine community needs.

Service-Learning projects:

- Are developed by youth and focus on what they see as important community needs
- Help the community while providing a powerful learning opportunity for youth
- Allow youth to connect learning outcomes and skills to real world experiences
- Allow youth to have structured time to reflect, talk, and write about the actual service activity
- Are typically not “one-time” efforts

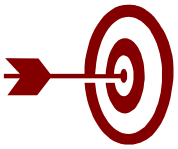
When youth are involved in selecting and planning such efforts they:

- learn more
- become more confident about what they have learned
- improve in their problem-solving and leadership abilities, and their social skills improve
- take more enjoyment in the overall learning experience
- retain the subject matter longer, and
- are more likely to volunteer to serve the community in the future

Want to find out how to include Community Service Learning in your club? Contact the 4-H Office for materials and training.

CAMPING CHRONICLES

NJ 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING



Participants will be certified to teach the discipline to youth participants as part of a formal 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Each state maintains its own standards for certification which may exceed those established by the National Committee. Participants may complete requirements in only one discipline. All equipment is supplied.

The workshops will focus on youth development, risk management and the shooting disciplines.

Instructor candidates must be 21 years or older, assistant instructors (18 + years of age) and Junior Instructors (16 to 18) are welcome. Candidates under the age of 18 must be accompanied and supervised by a paying adult. Adult candidates for firearm disciplines must have a current Firearms ID card (or proof of application) and all candidates must have completed the volunteer leader training and registration process in their respective County—NO EXCEPTIONS.

Contact 4-H Camp for more information. You can also log on to the website, http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/shooting-sports/

PLAN NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp

If you are thinking about going to camp this summer at the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp, now is the time to start planning. Located just off Route 206 in Sussex County, this camp offers environmental, arts, and sports activities each week. Members and friends may attend any one of the following weeks.

Session 1:	July 4-9 ~ Classic Camp 4th 0f July
Session 2:	July 11-16 ~ Color Wars
Session 3:	July 18-23 ~ Out of this World Week!
Session 4:	July 25-30 ~ Spy
Session 5:	August 1-6 ~ Heroes and Villains
Session 6:	August 8-13 ~ Chaos
Session 7:	Aug. 15-20 ~ S'moregasbord

For more information, log on to the website www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu

HOOFBEATS

2016 HORSE PROJECT EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 22:	2015 Open Show Year End Awards
April 2 & 3:	Overnight Clinic (tentative)
April 24:	Open English Show
April 29:	Open Game Show
May 7:	Open Western Show
May 20:	Open Game Show (4-H Qualifier)
May 22:	Open Dressage
June 4:	Open VSE & Driving Show (4-H Qualifier)
June 11:	4-H English & Western Qualifiers
June 24:	Open Game Show
July 9:	Buzby Memorial Show
July 15:	Open Game Show
July 23:	Open English/Western Combined
Sept 10:	Open Western
Sept 17:	Open VSE & Driving Show
Sept 23:	Open Game Show
October 8:	Open English/Western Combined
October 16:	Open English Show
October 21:	Open Game Show
October 23:	Open Dressage Show

Horse Project registration forms are due by April 1. Watch your mailbox for this important mailing.

SAVE THESE DATES

Equine Spring Health Clinic
TBA

Overnight Clinic
April 2 & 3 (tentative)

LIVESTOCK LIVERY

4-H GOAT EXTRAVAGANZA RESULTS

Congratulations to **Cana Patterson** and **Giavanna Criscione** of AC Livestock & Poultry. Cana won first place in 2-D Art, Novice Division, and Giavanna won 1st Place in Skill-a-thon, Novice Division. The NJ 4-H Goat Extravaganza took place on January 9 in Hunterdon County.

NJ JUNIOR BREEDER PROGRAM

The New Jersey Junior Breeders' Fund is looking to future generations of agricultural education/FFA students and 4-H members to continue to advance the breeding of purebred livestock and the production quality of grade livestock. In doing so, they offer loans to help agricultural education/FFA students and 4-H members of the state to carry out this goal. The terms of the loan is specific for each project (dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, poultry, turkeys, goats, equine, lambs and other livestock). For an application, log on to http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-2014-Junior-Breeder.pdf or call the 4-H Office.

LIVESTOCK REGISTRATIONS DUE MAY 1

All 4-H livestock projects being considered for participation in county and state 4-H livestock events will need to be formally registered by **May 1**.

Registered project members will receive information and official forms the first week of March. Club leaders are encouraged to work with members to see that forms are completed and sent in. However, it is the members' and parent's responsibility to see that requirements for their project area(s) are fulfilled. Animals that are born to registered project animals after the deadline will be eligible for participation. Animals born from non-registered projects, purchased, or given to a member after May 1 will be ineligible.

TEEN UPDATE

SENIOR MEMBER WINTER CAMP

January 15 - 17
L.G. Cook 4-H Camp

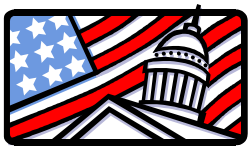
Active seventh grade and up senior 4-H members who have pre-registered are looking forward to attending Winter Camp to be held at L.G. Cook 4-H Camp in Sussex County. Registration is closed at this time.

SOUTH JERSEY TEEN CONFERENCE

Friday, March 4 – Sunday, March 6
Holliday Inn, Cherry Hill, NJ

The theme for the 2016 SJTC is *"Stay Strong and Live Long with 4-H."* County delegate teams and STAC (State Teen Advisory Council) are planning many exciting, interactive games, activities, and workshops.

This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Cherry Hill. All members in grades 8 and up are eligible to attend received a mailing about the event. Registration is due **January 29**, and fees can be offset by Youth Council or Yearbook credit.



TEEN LEADERSHIP EVENTS

Applications will be going out soon to teen members for Citizenship Washington Focus and National 4-H Congress. If you don't get one and are interested, call the office for an information/application packet.

Citizenship-Washington Focus will be held at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD from July10 -16. 4-H'ers enrolled

in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to apply. CWF is a six-day educational program using the 4-H learn-by-doing concept to teach youth about citizenship and government. Participants meet with 4-H youth from other states and learn about the process of government and tour Washington, DC.

Leadership Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program for youth entering grades 7 through 9. The program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center on July 18-22. For more than 50 years, thousands of 4-H'ers have participated in our high school program, Citizenship Washington Focus and now we are happy to introduce its precursor for middle school 4-H'ers.

National 4-H Conference: The purpose of the conference is to bring together youth and adults to help with strategic planning for the 4-H program nationally. The event is attended by approximately 350 young people from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and Canada. The event is held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD on April 9-14.

National 4-H Congress: November 25-29 in Atlanta, GA. Congress is a national leadership conference held each year over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The program combines plenary sessions, seminars, discussion groups, and a service learning experience.

2017 CWF/Presidential Inauguration: January 17-21, 2017 at the Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD. This is a special session of Citizenship Washington Focus being offered during the presidential inauguration. Anticipated cost of this trip is $1,075 per delegate, and funding may be available, but is not guaranteed. If interested, please contact the 4-H Office for an application. Applications are due February 19.

VOLUNTEER FORUM

THE BUTTON'S BEEN "PUSHED" ON MEMBER ENROLLMENT DATABASE

A mailing sent to club leaders in October 2015 required that forms for members were due back to the Office by November 13. These forms tell us which 4-H members completed projects for the past project year and who is deserving of project completion pins and certificates, as well as county awards. Re-enrollment allows us to comply with federal regulations, which requires users to update mailing lists yearly in order to use official mail privileges.

REMINDER: If a member did not re-enroll for the 2015-16 project year, they are NOW INACTIVE in our database. That means they are no longer considered active 4-H members and they will receive NO FURTHER MAILINGS and will be INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE in county, state, or other 4-H events – including Public Presentations, SJTC, Winter Camp, and the 4-H Fair.

BUSINESSES USED FOR 4-H ITEMS

As a reminder, any vendor that uses the 4-H name and emblem must have official approval by either the state 4-H Office (if it is an in-state vendor selling only in state) or National 4-H Headquarters (if it is from another state or selling across state lines). If you are using a vendor for t-shirts, trophies, etc. without official approval, it needs to be corrected as soon as possible.

For New Jersey vendors, we can get approval very quickly. They need to complete an Application for Authorization to Use the 4-H Club Name and/or Emblem.

LEADERS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 19 – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 20 ~ 6:30 p.m.
4-H Center

The 4-H Leaders' Association is the 4-H program's advisory group and is open to volunteers, leaders, parents, and members. The group works together to develop and provide leadership for the 4-H program, events and activities, and members. This is an opportunity for clubs to share ideas, meet new people, and have fun while supporting the 4-H program. We hope you will join us.

FAIR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 19 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13 ~ 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 12 ~ 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 20 ~ 6:30 p.m.
4-H Center

Immediately following the Leaders' Association, the meeting of the 4-H Fair Association will begin at 7:30 p.m. On the agenda will be the approval of this year's budget, an update on building fundraiser, and updates on many issues related to the fairgrounds and building. If you're not a voting member, you may still attend meetings, get involved on committees, and provide valuable input into future plans for the maintenance of our facilities and the 2016 4-H Fair.

LEADERS' ASSOCIATION MEMBER/VOLUNTEER INSURANCE

Invoices will be going out soon for your club's insurance payment. This insurance coverage is a result of Fair Association's insurance carrier no longer providing protection for 4-H events and activities not physically conducted on the grounds. Unfortunately, we are requiring clubs to pay for a portion of the insurance cost. Clubs can determine how they will collect the amount due for payment. Below are a few suggestions to offset the cost:

- participation in the annual fundraisers and using your club's profits.*
- Yearbook ad sales credit *
- holding a club fundraiser for the purpose of the insurance payment
- finding an "insurance" donor – someone or a business willing to pay for the cost of the club
- collect dues with a portion designated to the insurance cost OR collect insurance directly from members

* Remember, under the credit policy, these funds need to be requested BEFORE April 1 of the following year; funds do not accrue.

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4-H AWARDS

Congratulations to our 4-H members who received county project award pins, certificates, and Honorable Mentions for their accomplishments and achievements during the 2014-2015 4-H project year.

Faith Assink
Performing Arts
Honorable Mention: Demonstration
Honorable Mention: Fashion Revue
Honorable Mention: Clothing & Textiles

Emily Barbera
Veterinary Science
Honorable Mention: Horse

Michael Bellace
Leadership
Citizenship
Personal Development
Public Speaking

Cole Charydczak
Honorable Mention: Demonstration

Connor Curry
Honorable Mention: Rabbit

April Ernst
Pets
Rabbit

MacKenzie Esposito
Horse
Photography
Veterinary Science
Honorable Mention: Personal Development
Honorable Mention: Public Speaking

Sarah Flaherty
Horse
Honorable Mention: Achievement

Kira Foster
Achievement
Citizenship
Demonstration
Leadership
Personal Development
Pets

Malena Foster
Rabbit
Honorable Mention: Demonstration

Tristen Foster
Demonstration

Jake Garwood
Photography

Zoey Gross
Demonstration
Fashion Revue
Food & Nutrition
Clothing & Textiles

Jack Hall
Citizenship
Healthy Living
Honorable Mention: Leadership
Honorable Mention: Public Speaking

Abigail Hart
Honorable Mention: Public Speaking
Honorable Mention: Veterinary Science

Allison Hart
Honorable Mention: Public Speaking
Honorable Mention: Veterinary Science

Brandon Henry
Achievement
Citizenship
Leadership
Personal Development
Pets
Public Speaking
Honorable Mention: Demonstration
Honorable Mention: Food & Nutrition

Tatum Henry
Pets
Honorable Mention: Demonstration

MacKenzie Homan
Gardening & Horticulture

Zoe Johannessen
Community Service
Honorable Mention: Horse
Honorable Mention: Visual Arts

William Makres
Cooking
Personal Development
Honorable Mention: Citizenship
Honorable Mention: Leadership

Alyssa Manansala
Honorable Mention: Horse
Honorable Mention: Personal Development

Alexis Mathis
Community Service
Healthy Living
Performing Arts
Honorable Mention: Leadership
Honorable Mention: Public Speaking

Maria Meineke
Demonstration
Food & Nutrition
Gardening & Horticulture

Erin Moran
Leadership
Judging
Horse
Photography
Veterinary Science
Honorable Mention: Public Speaking
Honorable Mention: Visual Arts

Gwen Moran
Judging
Veterinary Science
Honorable Mention: Personal Development
Honorable Mention: Public Speaking
Honorable Mention: Visual Arts

Kyle Murray
Rabbit
Honorable Mention: Pets

Cheryl Neveling
Achievement
Horse
Leadership
Public Speaking
Veterinary Science
Honorable Mention: Judging
Honorable Mention: Visual Arts

Kaitlyn Quirk
Leadership
Citizenship
Public Speaking

Issie Scheel
Cavy

Matthew Schreiber
Achievement
Citizenship
Leadership
Personal Development
Public Speaking

Sarahann Schreiber
Achievement
Citizenship
Leadership
Personal Development
Public Speaking
Rabbit
Visual Arts

Christefano Semilia
Achievement
Community Service
Horse
Honorable Mention: Leadership

Michael Simpkins
Citizenship
Personal Development
Honorable Mention: Achievement

Ben Taylor
Community Service
Honorable Mention: Leadership
Honorable Mention: Pets

Brooke Walters
Honorable Mention: Personal Development

Alison Wuyts
Honorable Mention: Horse
Honorable Mention: Personal Development

Cloverbud Moving Up
Justin Assink
Alec Baraonowitz
Shelby Cottrell
Faith Frick
Sarah Glass
Autumn Hayes
Nicole Keen
Rebecca Makres
Nathan Mejlak
Jules Oliver
Cana Patterson

Honor Clubs
Barn Ratz
Brumbies
Cologne Busy Bees
Tae Kwon Do

2015 Character Award Winners
Junior: William Makres
Senior: Michael Simpkins
Adult: Colleen Denelsbeck

4-H Volunteer of the Year
Norm Ruf

4-H Alumni of the Year
Melissa Mathis

January

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
					1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016 *(office closed)*	**2**
3	**4**	**5**	**6** Jr. Horse Council, 7 pm Full Horse Council, 7:30pm	**7**	**8**	**9** State 4-H Goat Extravaganza
10	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15** Sr. Member Winter Camp, Jan. 15-17	**16**
17 Sr. Member Winter Camp, Jan 15-17	**18** *Dr. Martin Luther King Day* *(office closed)*	**19** Leaders' Assoc., 6:30 pm Fair Assoc., 7:30 pm	**20** Youth Council, 7:30 pm	**21**	**22**	**23**
24	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30** State 4-H Model Horse Show
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February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	**2**	**3** Jr. Horse Council, 7 pm Full Horse Council, 7:30pm	**4**	**5** Officers' Training, 7 pm	**6**
7	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12** *Lincoln's Birthday* (office closed)	**13**
14 	**15** *(office closed)*	**16**	**17** Youth Council, 7:30 pm	**18**	**19**	**20** State 4-H Equine Arts Show State 4-H Horse Bowl Competition Discover the Leader in Youth—South
21	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27** State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Educational Symposium
28	**29**					

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March

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
		1	**2** Jr. Horse Council, 7 pm Full Horse Council, 7:30pm	**3**	**4** South Jersey Teen Conference, Mar. 4-6	**5**
6 SJTC, Mar. 4-6	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**
13 *Daylight Saving Time begins*	**14**	**15**	**16** Youth Council, 7:30 pm	**17**	**18**	**19** AC Livestock & Poultry Egg Hunt
20 State 4-H Equine Presentations *Spring begins* 	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25** *Good Friday (office closed)*	**26**
27 	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**		

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April

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
					1 Horse registrations due in 4-H Office	**2** Horse Project Overnight Clinic, April 2 & 3 (tentative) Jr. Breeder Livestock Symposium
3 Horse Project Overnight Clinic, April 2 & 3 (tentative)	**4**	**5**	**6** Jr. Horse Council, 7 pm Full Horse Council, 7:30pm	**7**	**8**	**9** State Shooting Sports Jr. Air Rifle match Horse Judging & Hippology
10 State Shooting Sports Jr. Smallbore match Horse Judging & Hippology	**11**	**12**	**13** Leaders' Assoc., 6:30 pm Fair Assoc., 7:30 pm	**14**	**15**	**16** State Shooting Sports Jr. Archery match
17	**18**	**19**	**20** Youth Council, 7:30 pm	**21**	**22** *Passover begins at sundown*	**23**
24 4-H Open English Show	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29** 4-H Open Game Show	**30**

April 9-14: National 4-H Conference

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May

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
1 Livestock registrations due in 4-H Office	**2**	**3**	**4** Jr. Horse Council, 7 pm Full Horse Council, 7:30pm	**5**	**6**	**7** 4-H Open Western Show
8 	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12** Fair Assoc., 7:30 pm	**13**	**14**
15	**16**	**17**	**18** Youth Council, 7:30 pm	**19**	**20** 4-H Open Game Show (4-H Qualifier)	**21**
22 4-H Open Dressage Show	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**
29	**30** *(office closed)*	**31**				

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June

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
			1 Jr. Horse Council, 7 pm Full Horse Council, 7:30pm	**2**	**3**	**4** 4-H Open VSE & Driving (4-H Qualifier)
5	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11** 4-H English/Western Qualifiers
12 4-H English/Western Qualifiers (raindate)	**13**	**14**	**15** Youth Council, 7:30 pm	**16**	**17**	**18**
19 	**20** *Summer begins*	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24** 4-H Open Game Show	**25**
26	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**		

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July

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
					1	**2**
3	**4** *(office closed)*	**5**	**6** Joint Horse Council, 7:30pm	**7**	**8**	**9** Buzby Memorial Show
10	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15** 4-H Open Game Show	**16**
17	**18**	**19**	**20** Volunteer Eat & Meet, 6:30pm Youth Council (following)	**21**	**22**	**23** 4-H Open English/Western Combined Show
24	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**
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July 10-16: Citizenship Washington Focus
July 18-22: Leadership Washington Focus

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August

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
	1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**
7	**8** Pre-Fair Animal Health meetings	**9**	**10** Fair Entries, 6-9 pm	**11**	**12**	**13**
14	**15**	**16**	**17** Youth Council 7:30 pm	**18**	**19**	**20**
21	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25** State Goat Show	**26** State Horse Show, Aug. 26-28	**27**
28 State Horse Show, Aug. 26-28	**29**	**30**	**31**			

Atlantic County 4-H Fair, August 11, 12, & 13

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September

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				1	**2**	**3**
4	**5** *(office closed)*	**6**	**7** Joint Horse Council, 7:30pm	**8**	**9**	**10** 4-H Open Western Show State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetolgy & Poultry Show
11	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17** 4-H Open VSE & Driving
18	**19**	**20**	**21** Youth Council, 7:30 pm	**22** *Autumn begins*	**23** 4-H Open Game Show	**24**
25	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	

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October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 State Shooting Sports Sr. Archery match
2 *Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown*	**3**	**4**	**5** Jr. Horse Council, 7 pm Full Horse Council, 7:30pm	**6**	**7**	**8** 4-H Open English/Western Combined Show
9	**10** *Columbus Day (office closed)*	**11** *Yom Kippur begins at sundown*	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**
16 4-H Open English Show	**17**	**18**	**19** Youth Council, 7:30 pm	**20**	**21** 4-H Open Game Show	**22**
23 4-H Open Dressage Show	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**
30	**31** 					

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November

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
		1	**2** Jr. Horse Council, 7 pm Full Horse Council, 7:30pm	**3**	**4**	**5**
6 *Daylight Saving Time ends*	**7**	**8** *Election Day* *(office closed)*	**9**	**10**	**11** *(office closed)*	**12**
13	**14**	**15**	**16** Youth Council, 7:30 pm	**17**	**18**	**19**
20	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24** *(office closed)*	**25**	**26**
27	**28**	**29**	**30**			

November 25-29: National 4-H Congress

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December

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
				1	**2** 4-H Awards Night	**3**
4	**5**	**6**	**7** Jr. Horse Council, 7 pm Full Horse Council, 7:30pm	**8**	**9**	**10**
11	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**
18	**19**	**20**	**21** Youth Council, 7:30 pm *Winter begins*	**22**	**23**	**24**
25 	**26** *Kwanzaa begins* *(office closed in observance of Christmas)*	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**
January 1, 2017 	**January 2** *(office closed in observance of New Year)*					

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