



Hunterdon 4-H Happenings

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A Few Words

Happy New Year to all of our 4-H families and friends. I hope the New Year brings lots of happiness, good health and another year of 4-H Fun! As we begin the new year I wish all of you and your clubs success as we all strive to "Make the Best Better!"



Thank you to all of you for your dedication and support in 2019, our success is truly due to your participation and commitment.

Please sit back and take a few minutes to read about the events that are coming your way during the next few months. Hopefully you will find something to interest you during these winter months.

4-H Leader Appreciation Thursday, January 16th, 7:00 PM County Complex, Rte. 12, Bldg #1



We are "Berry" fortunate to have the volunteers in our program! Throughout the year they are planning meetings, special events and fun for our club members. Please help us honor them on Thursday, January 16th, 7:00 PM at the County Complex, Route 12, Building #1. Club Presidents were mailed details, please check with your club president to see how you can help.

Leaders, mark your calendar and plan to attend this year's Leader Appreciation!

We hope to see all of our leaders attend this special evening!

Leader's Association Meetings New Leaders Welcome Thursday, January 16th, 7:00 PM County Complex, Rte. 12, Building #1 Thursday, March 19th, 7:30 PM Extension Center, Rte. 12, Building #2

Important decisions regarding the program direction, event planning and fundraising are made at 4-H Leader's Association meetings. Please join us and become a part of the planning at our meetings. **Please plan to attend the Association meeting on Thursday, January 16th following Leader Appreciation, 7:00 PM at the County Complex, Route 12, Building #1. Our March meeting will be held Thursday, March 19th, 7:30 PM at the Extension Center.**

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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.

Important Treasury Information

As we begin 2020, we want to make sure that each club fills out all necessary forms and paperwork. **All clubs are required to hand in a 4-H Club Treasury Audit Form and 4-H Club Annual Financial Form. Your club's 2019 December Bank Statement and a list of club assets and value of the assets is also required. These requirements are mandated by the State 4-H Office.** The forms can be accessed from the Hunterdon County 4-H [Website](#). All forms are due back by **Friday, February 28th!**

Keep your club in good standing

Clubs who are in good standing will be awarded the Honor Club Award at Achievement Night. In order to be recognized, clubs must have attendance at 4-H Association Meetings, participate in 4-H Association fundraising and hand in all important treasury information by Friday, February 28th.

New Leader Training

Tuesday, January 28th

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 PM, Extension Center

A new leader training will take place on Tuesday, January 28th, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. This will be a training for all new leaders who are starting up a new club. Please contact the 4-H Office (908) 788-1341.

Club member lists and new online database

Club membership lists were mailed to the main organizational leader of each club. There are several youth who have not enrolled for 2020. Please check with your members and ask them to do so immediately. Your updated membership list is due to the 4-H Office by February 28th.

New members and families will need to register online as well as hand in a hard copy registration form. Please be sure to instruct your new families to register their child(ren). Members cannot participate in any 4-H activities until they are registered.

4-H Meeting Rooms

There are three available county buildings at which leaders can book meetings. The three locations include the Extension Center (our office); County Complex, Route 12, Building #1; and the Senior Center, Route 31. Rooms are filling up fast for 2020. If you need to schedule a room, please contact Kim Frey (908) 788-1338 at least one week prior to your meeting date. We will try to do our best to find you a location to hold your meeting. A room rules and county rules sheet must be signed and returned to Kim in order to reserve a room. If something comes up and you need to cancel a scheduled meeting, please let Kim know ASAP so that she can let the appropriate offices know.

Kim has developed an online calendar for the Extension Center, please check out the calendar for availability prior to calling the office. You can also check to see if your room reservation has been booked at all three locations; to access the calendar click on this link: <https://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php?crd=hrcemeetings&&PHPSESSID=c712b0aac36349971f5d951787f7bfe9&jsenabled=1&winh=757&winw=1600&inifr=false>

If you are using the Extension Center...There will be a check off sheet left in the room for you as a reminder of what you should do at the close of your meeting. Clubs entering the building after hours/weekends must sign in and sign out. A few friendly reminders....please leave the room in the condition you found it. Remember to cover tables, clean up your mess and load chairs correctly on the racks.

Thank You!

Winter Camp

Friday, January 31st-Sunday, February 2nd

L.G. Cook 4-H Camp

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 13th

Our 2020 4-H Winter Camp will be held at the L.G. Cook 4-H Camp, Stokes State Forest, Branchville, NJ, Friday, January 31st through Sunday, February 2nd. We will be camping with Hudson, Essex, and Union Counties. Teens in grades 9 -12 are invited to spend a fun-filled weekend enjoying the company of other 4-H teens and fun outdoor activities (think snow!) The fee for Winter Camp is \$70.00 per person; please call or stop by the 4-H Office for a registration form. **Registration deadline: Monday, January 13th. Space is limited to 14 teens, so don't delay...register today!**



Presentation Skills Workshop

Tuesday, February 11th – 7:00 PM

Extension Center, Room #1

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 17th



A fun and creative Presentation Skills Workshop has been scheduled on **Tuesday, February 11th, 7:00 PM**. You will learn how to put together a presentation, design a good poster, what to wear, and how to deliver your presentation. This workshop will be especially informative for first and second time presenters. *Registration is a must; this program will be canceled if we do not have a registration of 20 participants.* To register, please fill out the form at the end of this newsletter, or call the 4-H Office at (908) 788-1341, by **Friday, January 17th**.

Remember you are required to do one club presentation each year to be a member in good standing, and at least one county presentation during your 4-H career in order to receive a gold certificate and/or county medal.



Attention Club Presidents:

By now, you should have received very important information regarding Leader Appreciation. **Please** be sure to follow through with the request made from Youth Council. Feel free to contact the 4-H Office (908) 788-1341 if you have any questions. Be sure to follow the due dates of the requested items, and feel free to get your club involved!

Record Book Workshop

“Get the Inside Scoop”

Wednesday, March 4th, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

County Complex Route 12, Building #1

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 14th



Record Books are a vital part of our 4-H Program, and you are awarded for all your efforts and for what you put into your records. There are always questions about the judging of the books and how to put the books together properly, as well as what awards to apply for, and when to apply for them. If you are frustrated over filling out Record Books, and want to know how they are judged, what the judges look for, and the proper way to compile your information, then it is time to “Get the Inside Scoop” and learn how you can improve your Record Book. **This workshop is especially helpful for parents. Come to the workshop on Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 PM, and your questions will be answered. Pre-registration is a must. Please register for this workshop by Friday, February 14th. The workshop will be canceled if registration is lower than 20 participants.**



Cloverbud Members, Parents and Siblings are invited to the Cloverbud Eggstravaganza Tuesday, March 31st 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Extension Center

Each participant should bring with them:
A smock or apron
6-8 Blown out eggs (white or brown)
Or 6-8 hard boiled eggs



Please fill out the form in the back of this newsletter or call the 4-H Office (908) 788-1341 to register your family by Monday, March 9th. We must have fifteen participants otherwise the event will be canceled.



Calling all Volunteers, Alumni and teens (grade 11 and 12)...

Join the planning of the 20 year Anniversary of the Hunterdon County 4-H and Agricultural Fair. Your ideas, creativity and enthusiasm are needed. If you are interested in helping plan ideas for the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the fair, please kindly fill out the registration form on the back of this newsletter or email speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us. A meeting date has not been set but Sherrie will contact all those who wish to be involved.

Once ideas are approved by the fair committee we will inform clubs of how they can be involved. Thank you in advance for your participation!

County Public Presentations Contest

Route 31, Senior Center, Building #1

Tuesday, March 17th (4:30 - 6:30 PM) or Friday, March 20th (4:30 - 6:30 PM)

Tuesday, March 17th (7:30 - 9:30 PM) Friday, March 20th (7:30 - 9:30 PM)

This year's contest will be held on Tuesday, March 17th and Friday, March 20th. All presentations will be held at the Senior Center. We need a host/hostess to help keep time and distribute ribbons for each room. Please consider volunteering to serve as a host/hostess. Be sure to complete the registration form in the back of this newsletter and return it to the 4-H Office. **Over the phone registrations will not be accepted.** **Registration deadline is Monday, February 24th. There is a limit of 24 participants on the first session and 40 participants in all other sessions, which will be granted on first come, first served basis.** Please be sure to have all the information filled out, we cannot register you if you send in your form without a title or type of presentation. Please be sure everything is 100% correct before registering.

There are many of you who give Power Point presentations, which are very popular. Given the number of Power Point presentation complications with equipment in the past, **it is imperative that you have your own laptop** if you are presenting with Power Point. You **must** know how to set up your laptop to our projector. Our equipment is not set up for Macintosh, you will need to have a special cord to work on our projector. **We do not have internet access,** so please keep this in mind when putting together your presentation.



There will be one room for live animals during each session of presentations, available on first come first served. Please be sure to do posters for your Live Animal Presentation. There will not be a projector or laptop available in the live animal room.

Club Mailboxes

Please be sure to check your club mailboxes at your next visit to the 4-H Office. The 4-H mailboxes work out well and save postage. Please pick up your mail prior to each club meeting.



2020 4-H Theme

Each year we select a creative theme for the library displays and fair booths. This year we will be celebrating 20 years of excellence of our fair, it would be nice to have a theme to go along with the celebration.

You can help by sending us your creative ideas for a theme for 2020. Send us your theme idea no later than March 2nd by filling out the registration form in the back of this newsletter. We look forward to hearing your theme title.



Inclement Weather

If there are dangerous roads and hazardous conditions due to winter storms, your 4-H events may be canceled. Please be sure to check with the 4-H Office or your club leaders prior to venturing out!

4-H Youth Council...

The next 4-H Youth Council meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 8th, 7:00 PM at the Extension Center.** All 4-H members are welcome to join Youth Council. The purpose of Youth Council is to help plan workshops and fair community service projects. If you like the workshops listed in this newsletter then maybe you should be a part of youth council.

Youth Council Workshops will be offered throughout the year. All 4-H members are invited to attend. Some workshops are free of charge, while others have a small fee to cover supplies. Be sure to register for the workshops by their deadlines. **Registration fees must be paid in advance at the time you hand in your registration.** Workshop instructors have the right to cancel workshops if there is not enough participation.

Birdhouse Workshop **Tuesday, January 7th** **7:00 PM, Extension Center**

Give the birds a place to stay warm this winter. Come and create a Birdhouse with Jonathan Francis. The cost of the workshop is \$7.00, participants should bring a hammer. Registration deadline is Friday, December 20th.



Cigar Box Decoupage Workshop **Friday, February 7th** **7:00 PM, Extension Center**

Put your creativity to work on Friday, February 7th and come make a decorative picture frame box! The workshop will be held at 7:00 PM at the Extension Center. The workshop will be instructed by Megan Hagman. Please register by Friday, January 24th. The cost of this workshop will be \$5.00.

Homemade Pierogi Workshop **Saturday, March 28th** **10:00 AM, County Complex Building #1**

Wear your apron and bring your rolling pin. You will learn how to make pierogi dough, filling and how to prepare your pierogis. Nothing is more delicious than this fine polish food. Paisley Fox will be instructing this workshop at the County Complex, Rte 12, Building #1, March 28th, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM , the cost of the workshop is \$5.00. Kindly register by Monday, March 16th.



Winter Foods Judging **Monday, March 2nd- 6:30 PM** **Rte. 31, Senior Center, Building #1** **Registration Deadline: Friday, February 14th**



Attention foods members, the Winter Foods Judging is scheduled for **Monday, March 2nd.** Please call the 4-H Office to register and receive an exhibitor number by Friday, February 14th. Rules, score sheets and tally sheets can be found online at hunterdoncountyfair.com/show-information/county-4-h-shows and exhibitor cards are at our office. All forms and your FCS record sheets/summary sheets need to be filled out prior to attending the judging or your items will not be accepted. The judging will take place at the Senior Center, Route 31, Building #1.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Members must be registered through the 4-H Online Enrollment by January 1, 2020, in order to be eligible to participate in any State 4-H event or State 4-H show.

- Deadline date to submit paperwork for Independent Project and Animal Lease forms are due Friday May 1st.
- Deadline date to purchase your project animal is Friday, May 1st.

Fair Fundraising, Fair Improvement and Fair Dates for 2020

It is not too early to begin to think about the Fair. Our 2020 fair dates are Wednesday, August 19th - Sunday, August 23rd. Request for your club to do a fundraiser at the fair, or for your club to receive funds from the Association for fair improvements or projects are due by May 21st. Requests will be approved on May 21st at the 4-H Association Meeting. Requests made after May 21st will not be reviewed.



Attention Show Superintendents

You will receive a copy of your show rules and ribbon order sheet first week in January, please be sure to return your ribbon order by the February 10th due date.



State Goat Extravaganza
Saturday, January 11th
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Senior Center, Route 31

The 4-H State Goat Council has planned a fun learning event for all of our goat club members. Hunterdon County is hosting the event at the Senior Center, Route 31. There are many activities and fun events planned for this educational day. Included in the events for the day are a poster activity, goat bowl, skill-a-thon, pizza lunch, photo and art show, and ice cream social. Please visit <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/extravaganza/> for all information.

2020 State Horse Events

The following dates have been scheduled for State Horse Show events. Please mark your calendar and consider participating in the events. Registration information will be available soon, please visit the NJ 4-H [Horse](#) website for information regarding the events listed below.

State Model Horse Show - January 18th, Somerset (snow date Jan. 19)
Horse Bowl - February 22nd, Burlington (snow date Feb. 23)
Equine Presentations - March 15th, Burlington
Hippology/Horse Judging - April 4th to 5th, tentatively Somerset

Jr. Breeder and Young Farmer Symposium
Cook College, Rutgers University
Saturday, March 28th
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM



The Jr. Breeder and Young Farmer Symposium will be held at Rutgers University on Saturday, March 28th. The day will be filled with hands-on activities for dairy, equine, rabbit, poultry, and small ruminant. There will be a minimal cost for the program, which includes lunch, program materials and guest speakers. Registration forms will be emailed to your club leaders.

4-H Animal Science Video Contest and Film Festival

New Jersey 4-H, in cooperation with the New Jersey Junior Breeder Symposium, is sponsoring the 4-H Animal Science Video Contest and Film Festival (now expanded to include ALL 4-H animal project areas).

Youth may work individually or as a team to create short educational videos (3:30 minutes or less) about alpacas, cats, cattle (beef/dairy), dogs, goats, herpetology, horses, llamas, poultry, rabbits, sheep, small animals, and swine to enter in the 4-H Animal Science Video Contest. **You must upload your video, entry form, and media release by the end of the day March 9**. A selection of videos will then be shared at the **film festival in the Round House at the Rutgers Cook Campus Farm during an afternoon session of the Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium on Saturday, March 28**. Youth of the top scoring videos will receive awards, including gift cards. Videos will be scored on educational value, creativity, clarity, pacing, and technical quality (sound, lighting, etc.) – 20 points each, total of 100. You are encouraged to have fun and be creative in designing their video entries!



Rutgers Day 2020
Saturday, April 25th
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Rutgers Day is an annual celebration of our community spirit which is supported by Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Science students, faculty, staff, alumni, volunteers, and New Jersey residents.

Rutgers Day is an opportunity for members of the public to learn about and participate in our programs. Rutgers Day is a community event which gives participants a time to learn about Rutgers University through

tours, performances, hands-on activities, demonstrations, exhibits, and lectures across the L.G. Cook/Douglass, Busch, Livingston, and College Avenue Campuses.

New Jersey 4-H events will take place during the day. More information will follow but for now...hold the date.



CWF – Presidential Inauguration 2021

4-H members enrolled in grades 9-12 as of September 2019 who have an interest in politics, government, citizenship, civic engagement and/or presidential history are eligible to apply to attend the CWF-Presidential Inauguration 2021 event scheduled for January 17-21, 2021 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center located in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

During this 5-day event (Sunday-Thursday), Washington, DC will serve as a working classroom to provide the opportunity for program participants to learn about the Executive Branch of government; the democratic process; presidential history and the election process; citizenship and civic education; and to explore careers in politics.

The cost of this trip is \$1625.00 per delegate. Applications are due to the county 4-H office by **January 24, 2020**. For more information and an application contact our office.



State Shooting Sports Calendar of Event

The following events have been scheduled for State Shooting Sports. For information on NJ 4-H Shooting Sports please click <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/shooting-sports/>

- Skill-a-thon Planning Meeting - Monday, January 6th and Monday, February 3rd, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Extension Center
- Mandatory Team and Parent Meeting - Thursday, January 30th, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Extension Center
- State 4-H Shooting Sports Skill-a-thon - Saturday, February 22nd, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Senior Center
- State 4-H Spring Instructor Training - Friday, April 24th-26th, 4-H Camp
- State Shooting Sports Banquet - Saturday, May 9th, 4:30 PM, County Complex, Rte. 12, Building #1

Growing Clover Travel and Savings Card State 4-H Association Fundraiser

The State 4-H Association is now selling Growing Clover Cards. Each card will earn you savings while putting funds back into the hands of our State 4-H Association. The card costs \$10 and once activated your savings will begin.

For more information on the Growing Clover please visit <https://www.bloomforgood.com/single-post/2018/07/25/Fund-4-H-with-Growing-Clover>

To purchase a card please stop by the 4-H Office make your check payable to the State 4-H Association. Your card can be presented at many national and local retailers.

SAVE THE DATE

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

February 22, 2020
9:15 AM-3:45 PM

Gloucester County Office of Government Services, Clayton

Hosted by the State 4-H Small Animal Advisory Council



Activities Scheduled

4-H Rabbit, Small Animal, and Cavy Workshops
Reptile Workshops
Poultry Workshops

4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Project Art Show



Visit the NJ 4-H Website for registration materials available in December 2019:
<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/educational-symposium/>

For more information, contact Jeannette Rea-Keywood, State 4-H Small Animal Project Advisory Council Liaison at 609-827-0199 or reakeywood@njaes.rutgers.edu.



SAVE THE DATE!

Discover the Leader in You! 4-H Conference



Dates & Locations

South - February 1, 2020
10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Atlantic County RCE Office, 6260 Old Harding Highway, Mays Landing

North - March 21, 2020
10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Somerset County 4-H Center, 310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater

Purpose

4-H members in grades 6-8 are invited to attend this leadership conference. You will have fun, meet new friends and develop leadership and personal development skills that you can utilize in school, in your 4-H club, and in your community.

Cost

\$35.00 (includes lunch and supplies)

Registration

Registration materials will be available in December 2019. Contact your County 4-H Office for more information or Jeannette Rea Keywood by phone (609-827-0199) or by email (reakeywood@njaes.rutgers.edu).

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grade K-12, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, official boundary outline or blood ties, marital status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status, and any other category protected by law.

**Citizenship Washington Focus
Call for Applications
July 12-18, 2020
Due Friday, February 28, 2020**

Citizenship Washington Focus is an excellent opportunity for teens in grades 9-12 (you need to have completed 9th grade by the time the trip occurs) to spend a week at the National 4-H Center with other outstanding teens from New Jersey and other states. Participants will learn a lot about how our government functions through workshops, visits with legislators, and tour of our nation's capital. **Application information is available, please call the 4-H Office if you are interested in applying. Applications are due to Hunterdon 4-H Office by 4:00 PM, Friday, February 28th.**

Leadership Washington Focus

LWF is a sister program to CWF. During the week long trip participants of LWF will:

- Build confidence and motivational skills to lead others in meaningful action
- Practice effective inter-personal communication skills through group discussions and public speaking
- Work with others to create and accomplish goals
- Develop a personal leadership style
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other 4-H'ers from across the nation
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, D.C.



Congratulations to **Sarah Hagman of Fur n' Feathers and Olivia Ostrander of Hunterdon Hoppers** who will be a NJ Delegate at Leadership Washington Focus Conference 2020.



**Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills
Application Due April 3, 2019**

Each year the Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills sponsors scholarships for Hunterdon County students planning to further their education in the areas horticulture, botany, floriculture, landscape design, agriculture, forestry, conservation, environmental studies, urban planning or associated areas of studies. Two awardees will be selected to receive \$750—\$1000. For more information and application process and requirements please contact Sherrie Peterson at speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us

**Clifford E. and Melda C. Snyder Loan Fund
Applications due April 15, 2020**

The Snyder Loan Fund provides interest-free loans to students pursuing their education in agriculture. Applicants must live in Hunterdon County a minimum of five years before applying. Payments for this revolving fund begun one year after graduation and are based upon a five year pay back. As soon as payments are received, the money is redistributed to other students, so timely payments are essential to the ongoing success of the program. Since inception, 67 students have received a total of \$614,000. For application and additional information please click here <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/rutgers/4H.htm> .



Opportunities from



APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE NJ AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Scholarship for H.S. Seniors Interested in a Career in Agriculture or the Sciences

New Jersey residents who are entering their senior year in high school this fall and are planning a career in agriculture or science may apply for the New Jersey Agricultural Achievement Award. One winner will be selected and awarded a scholarship to honor their achievements. The New Jersey Agricultural Achievement Award, sponsored by Dr. Amy Butewicz, a former New Jersey Equestrian of the Year, was started because of her desire to give back to the community. Worth \$500, this scholarship is meant to assist its recipient in beginning their future in agriculture. ***Please contact Sherrie Peterson for an application!***

The qualifications for receiving this award include submitting an application, found here www.jerseyequine.nj.gov/agachievementapplform.pdf, a resume along with an essay answering the question, “How has your involvement within your respective nominating organization helped to shape your future career choice?”

The winner of the Agricultural Achievement Award must attend the Annual New Jersey Bred Equine Breeders Award Luncheon to be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 in Hamilton, NJ and will read his or her essay to the attendees.

Please mail application, resume and essay by January 10, 2020 to:
NJDA
Attn: Lynn Mathews
P.O. Box 330
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

New Jersey Jr. Breeder Loan

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, we are offering loans to help agricultural education/FFA students and 4-H members of the state carry out this goal.

ELIGIBILITY Applicants for loans must reside within the State of New Jersey and have adequate facilities for caring for the livestock. An applicant must be either a 4-H member or a student of agricultural education/FFA. Any active member of a 4-H club may apply for a loan.

MEMBERSHIP Every borrower who secures a loan from the New Jersey Junior Breeders’ Fund, Inc., becomes a member of the New Jersey Junior Breeders’ Fund. This membership continues for three years provided the borrower continues to own the original animal or animals or their progeny. Membership is terminated if a borrower reaches the maximum age limit for 4-H club membership or agricultural education/FFA membership.

For more information and a full application packet, please contact Lynn Mathews.

2nd Annual Feed Bucket Feud

The second annual Feed Bucket Feud was enjoyed by many. The families that attended had a great time. Congratulations to participating clubs. The winning team was Hunterdon Deadeyes. Participants enjoyed relay races including wet t-shirt and archery as well as family BBQ. The Feed Bucket Feud was a terrific way to kick off National 4-H Week. Great job to Betty Jane Hunt and her committee who put together this fun family day!



Achievement Night

Over 250 participants attended our 4-H awards program. Congratulations to the members who turned in a record book and applied for awards. You all did a great job. Congratulations also to the members who participated in the “Best 4-H Story,” **Jr. Member winner was Logan Tynan and Sr. Member winner was Mackenzie Snyder of Round Valley Riders. High honors were received by Jack Dabb, Jr. Achiever Winner; Lindsey Davis received the Community Service Award sponsored by Kick Butt Kids, Rachel Ewing and Zachary Majorossy received Outstanding 4-H Members; Ryan Mallea was Ramsburg Memorial recipient; and Avery Schaefer was Anna Schick award recipient. Hunterdon County Library was honored with the Friend of 4-H Award.**

Special thank you to Adelaide Reist and Cheyenne Young for leading of the pledges and to Lindsey Davis, Rachel Ewing and Leah Urmston for Emceeing. The CWF Presentation and LWF Presentation were a great addition to the event. Thank you to Lindsey Davis, Rachel Ewing, Cassidy Hunt, Taylor Lengen, Annabelle Majorossy, Cecelia Ossi, Emma Weniger and Josie Whitmore for putting together the presentations.

Thank you to Anna Marie and Elizabeth Coppola, Julia, Kate and Kim Seminaro and Leah Urmston who assisted with set up of the Event. Thank you to all the volunteers as well as Jack Dabb, Andrew Lederach and Zach Majorossy who helped with the clean-up. Many hands make light work and your help was greatly appreciated.

Princeton Agricultural Leadership Award

Congratulations to **Jessie Ditzel** who was this year’s recipient of the **Princeton Agricultural Leadership Award**. She received the recognition at the Annual meeting of the Princeton Agricultural Society on December 5th. Congratulations Jessie!



The Holiday Workshop and Cloverbud Craft Event was a terrific success. The building was filled with holiday spirit. Clubs made and sold beautiful craft items. **Thank you to Round Valley Riders for working the refreshment table and selling sweatshirts.** The evening was complete with a special visit from Santa. Thank you to the many families and members who stayed and helped with the clean up.

The following clubs helped create this festive event Centaurs, Crafty Cookers, Creative Kids, Fur n’ Feathers, Gregarious Goat Kids, Hunterdon Deadeyes, Hunterdon Hogs, Hunterdon Hoppers, Hunterdon Homesteaders, Kick Butt Kids, Mt. Airy Dairy, P.A.W.S., Robostorm, Round Valley Riders, S.A.V.E., Sew, Bake n’ Bloom, Hunterdon Sheep, and Spot of Shooters. Thank you to all of you for helping with clean up and for making the Holiday Workshop a success!



Share your club news with the entire Hunterdon 4-H Community. Email your club news to apinkerton@co.hunterdon.nj.us by the following dates:

- Spring club news is due Friday, March 6th, 2020
- Summer club news is due Friday, May 1st, 2020
- Fall club news is due Friday, August 7th, 2020
- Winter club news is due Friday, December 4th, 2020

Hunterdon Hoppers Rabbit Club

The Hunterdon Hoppers rabbit club had elections in September to select members who will be holding positions for the new year. For 2019-2020 Ryan Mallea will be president, Taylor Lengen as vice president, Ashlee Gibbons as secretary, and Kaitlyn Payne as treasurer. Anika Jensen will be corresponding secretary, Olivia Ostrander as reporter, Summer Yarusinsky as club photographer, Julia Pacifico as librarian, Georgia Tynan as refreshment coordinator, and Maguire Mallea in charge of the monthly newsletter. Thank you to last year's office holders and good luck to this year's!

At the fair in August, members of the club participated in many events such as round robin, novice round robin, the judging contest, costume class, and stage show. Congratulations to both the junior round robin team for placing 3rd and the senior team for placing 4th. Everyone had lots of fun and can't wait until the fair next year!

The last few petting zoos held in September went very smoothly and were highly attended as well. They were at the Good News Home for Women and at the Hunterdon Care Center. The public and residents had the opportunity to learn and pet some of the rabbits that club members brought. At the end of the month, Georgia Tynan, Julia Pacifico, Anika Jensen, and Katelin Hornsby did a fantastic job making the scarecrow for the scarecrow contest!

In October some of the club members attended the state rabbit show that was held in Somerset County. The show was highly attended and the members that went did a fantastic job! Aubrey Whitmore's Mini Rex even won best of show! Also, thank you to all the members who helped out at the Antique show. This show helps to make some money for our club in order to hold workshops and for any needed supplies at the fair.

One of the biggest things that 5 of the club members participated in was the Feed Bucket Feud. The members had fun competing in different activities and games, trying to win their clubs name on the feed bucket! This is a fun event that members enjoy participating in! The Hunterdon Hoppers has had a fantastic start to the new club year and hopes to continue this into 2020.

Olivia Ostrander
Club Reporter



Creative Kids Club

One of the things that the Creative Kids club has been doing so far is that there was a mystery Halloween workshop where we would go to the workshop without knowing what we would be doing. There was also a Holiday Paper Wreath workshop where we had paper plates with holes in them and we had construction paper that we cut into leaves, we also had some gems and other craft items to decorate the wreath. The Holiday workshop is also coming up, we are thinking of ideas to do for our stand.

Hashini Karthikeyan
Club Reporter

Hunterdon County Sheep Club

The Hunterdon County 4-H Sheep Club had their election of officers at our November meeting. Rebecca Kornhaber is our new president. We had a workshop to decorate all the wreaths we sold for our fundraiser. At our December meeting we had our Christmas party and planned our club events for the winter.

Steven Quattroch
Club Reporter



Pink Ladies Performance Drill Team is seeking Riders

Do you like to ride horses? Do you want to make a difference in your community? If you answered yes to both of these questions than perhaps you would like to join something BIG! The Pink Ladies performance drill teams looking for riders (Ladies or Gentlemen)! The team practices throughout the summer and performs at the Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair as well as Sussex County Fair. If you have question or would like to join this performance team than please contact Mackenzie Snyder (908)323-4591 or Chelsie Malavasi (team coach) 908-442-5452.



Round Valley Riders Horse Club

FIRST let's give a warm welcome to all our newest members: Lauren, Devon, Aiden, Anna and Emma J.! R.V.R. has been very busy since the start of the new 4-H year, just a sneak peak of some of the multiple events our group attended. The fall antique show we provided baked goods with some extra helping hands at the snack table. We also attended the scarecrow making event and placed 1st, What an awesome scarecrow! Georgia was the chairperson in charge of the scarecrow. The attendees for the feed bucket challenge were Devon, Emily and Veronica, even though we didn't place we had an awesome time! The rain didn't stop anyone! Lots of donations made for Kenzie's Wildlife donation: with collections of hot chocolate and hats. Trick or Trunk was run by Kenzie and our theme was pirates. Everyone was a winner in a pirate costume! Plus, we decorated Barri-Lynn's car as a pirate ship which landed us in 2nd place for the best decorated. At county achievement night our club member's won a lot of awards for the following: Avery, Jessie, Kenzie, Eva, Lydia, Veronica, Georgia, Molly, Emma J., Emma B., Emily, Lizzy, Josie and Aubrey CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL! Everyone in the club donated to the holiday food drive in November to help a family in need, plus Emma J. donated to make a difference day.

Emily Brunner
Club Reporter

P.A.W.S. Club

After the fair the PAWS club did not slow down. In September we baked sweet treats and worked the annual Antique Show at the fairgrounds. We also participated in the Feed Bucket Feud and had lots of laughs. In October we created a scarecrow and celebrated Halloween by having a Halloween costume contest for the dogs. Abby F. and her dog Bailey won first prize with Bailed dressed as a sausage! In November we celebrated our achievements at Achievement night. We earned some awards and had fun. Finally, in December, we helped our community by donating gifts to the Salvation Army. We made and sold handmade treats and toys at the Holiday Shop on December 6th. All in all, our club has had some wonderful trainings and participated in lots of fun events.

Katie Thumann
Club Reporter



Mt. Airy Dairy Club

The year has just begun, and Mt. Airy Dairy has begun learning about different aspects of dairy farming. At the September meeting we went over our record books and corrected them before handing them in for county judging. Early in October we participated in the Feed Bucket Feud. At this event different teams, consisting of members of many Hunterdon County 4-H clubs, competed in a friendly competition. We had a lot of fun at this event and can't wait for next year! At our October meeting we started working on our dairy project books. We came up with three to four goals, appropriate for our skill level, that we want to accomplish by the end of the 4-H year. On October 26th we had a club trip to Cherry Crest Adventure Farm. At this farm they focus on agriculture education and give the public an opportunity to make their own butter and watch pig races! At our November meeting we worked with the Hoard's Dairyman Magazine as well as identifying different tools you might see around a dairy farm! We are looking forward to a very educational year!

Ashlee Gibbons
Club Reporter



Kick Butt Kids Club

Kick Butt Kids has had a very busy start of the year! We started off our year by helping out at the Sheep and Fiber Festival. At this event we ran a food stand with a variety of foods and gave people the opportunity to spin their own yarn. At our October meeting, we held elections for club office positions. Our president is Rachel Ewing, our vice president is Avery Schaeffer, our secretary is Marisa DeVito, our treasurer is Meghan Bruner, Autumn Hayes is our snack coordinator and Ashlee Gibbons is our club reporter. We then had a breed exhibition which gave new members an opportunity to see and touch different breeds of goat. In November, the club went grocery shopping for multiple families that needed a Thanksgiving dinner. This food was assembled and donated to them along with a few toys. At the end of November, we started to get ready for the Holiday Workshop! We prepared soap and lotion using goat milk provided by goats owned by club members. We are looking forward to continuing a very exciting year!

Ashlee Gibbons
Club Reporter

S.A.V.E. (Student Adventures in Veterinary Experiences) Vet Club

In September, S.A.V.E. had a meeting of interest for potential new members. We also had nominations and elections to decide on officers. After the meeting was over, members had the choice of staying to watch a goat necropsy. We learned a lot about the respiratory, digestive, and circulatory systems. This meeting resulted in many new members deciding to join us for the new 4-H year.

When the October meeting rolled around, we watched and listened as one of our leaders gave a presentation on animal first aid. Later that month, club members attended and observed as the leaders did pregnancy checks on dogs at a Labrador retriever breeder. They took some x-rays and did a few ultrasounds, and it was a fun and educational experience for the club.

At the November meeting, we worked on our projects for the Holiday workshop. We used templates to trace and cut bandanas out of fabric. Each of us made a pin cushion from jars, stuffing, and fabric. We also watched a presentation created by our leaders about injectable medications in large animals, then had an opportunity to assist with giving a donkey his medicine. Dr. Wilson also ran some blood tests on the donkey, so we were taught how a centrifuge works to test certain blood levels. At the same meeting, we met a goat that she had nursed back to life that day. The S.A.V.E. club is selling pet first aid kits, pin cushions, cat toys, and decorate-your-own pet bandanas at the holiday shop.

On December first, S.A.V.E. took a field trip to Martinsville to watch a spay procedure on two French Bulldogs. Dr. Freeman first talked about the anatomy of a dog's reproductive system and walked us through the procedure that was about to take place. She also taught us how to properly scrub in for surgery and what "sterile field" means. Each group was able to scrub in and observe one of the two dogs have the surgery. It was a very fun and educational field trip. Our first aid kits were also assembled during this trip and some of the cat toys were made.

It has been a great year, with a lot of field trips and fun experiences, for all of the members of S.A.V.E.! A great big thank you to Dr. Wilson and Dr. Freeman for their leadership and the time they invest in our members' veterinary education!

Abigail Drake
Club Reporter



Fur n' Feather Club

At the September Fur n' Feathers meeting we elected new club leaders. Our President is Lindsey Davis, our Vice President is Emma Weniger, our Treasurer is Sarah Hagman, our Secretary is Mia Gillooly, our Club Reporter is Meghan Hagman, our Snack Organizer is Jimmy Hagman and our Corresponding Secretary is Rose Taylor.

In October some members of our club participated in the 4-H 2nd Annual Feed Buck Feud. We had fun and ate a lot of food! In our November meeting we made blankets for veterans to support Jack Dabb's community service project. We did this community service as the activity in our club meeting. For the past couple of months Fur n' Feathers has been having a blast!

Meghan Hagman
Club Reporter

4-H Event Workshop Registration Form

Please fill out this registration form and **send all registration fees** to the 4-H Office ASAP to sign up for these fun and educational winter workshops. Registration fees are due when you sign up, if you do not have the fee than you will not be registered. Thank you for your cooperation!

Name: _____ Club: _____

Phone: _____ Grade: _____

Email Address: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

**I will be attending the following Youth Council Workshops and have included my registration fees:
(make check payable to 4-H Youth Council of Hunterdon)**

- _____ Bird House Workshop, January 7th, 7:00 PM, Extension Center, \$7.00
- _____ Cigar Box Photo Frame, Friday, February 7th, 7:00 PM, Extension Center, \$5.00
- _____ Homemade Pierogi workshop, March 28th, County Complex Building #1, \$5.00

Cloverbud Registrations

_____ Cloverbud Eggstravaganza - Tuesday, March 31st, 4:30 PM-6:30 PM, Extension Center

20th Anniversary Planning Committee

_____ (name)
_____ (email)

_____ yes, I am interested in helping plan ideas for the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the fair.

Please register me for the following 4-H Events and Workshops:

- _____ Presentation Skills Workshop, Tuesday, February 11th, 7:00 PM, Extension Center
- _____ Winter Foods Judging, Monday, March 2nd, 6:30 PM, Senior Center, Rte. 31, Building #1
- _____ Record Book Workshop, Wednesday, March 4th, 7:00 PM, County Complex, Rte. 12, Building #1

2020 Theme: _____

Presentation Contest Registration Form
Senior Center, Route 31, Building #1

(All information must be filled in or this registration will not be accepted!)

Tuesday, March 17th _____ 4:30 - 6:30 PM (limit 24) _____ 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Friday, March 20th _____ 4:30 - 6:30 PM _____ 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Presenter's

Name: _____ Email: _____

Topic of Presentation:

I am doing a team presentation

with: _____ Grade: _____

Club: _____

Type of Presentation:

<input type="checkbox"/> Power Point	<input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration	<input type="checkbox"/> Live Animal (no power points)
<input type="checkbox"/> Illustrated Talk	<input type="checkbox"/> Formal Speech

I would like to be a room host/hostess

This is my first presentation

I am a Cloverbud

The topic of my presentation is sensitive, and should be viewed by teens only!

Happy Holidays



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