Today's 4-H Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders

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Dear Members, Leaders and Parents:

As you can see from the front cover RCRE and 4-H offer several fun summer camp options. We hope you will consider attending this summer our Somerset County day camp, our Somerset County 4-H Family Camp or the 4-H overnight camp in Stokes State Forest. Look through this issue of Clovertales to find out more information about these opportunities. Please ask about our camp scholarships.

Thank you for helping Make the Best Better!!

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

Carol Ward
County 4-H Agent

Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension of Somerset County. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age appropriate basis, without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, or disability.

4-H Mission Statement

The Rutgers Cooperative Research & 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 the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.
Leaders' & Parents' Outlook

County Fashion Review

Everyone is invited to attend this lively fashion show which scheduled for June 13 at the 4-H Center. Come see the “super models of the future” model their very own creations.

**Judging** – Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 pm or Saturday, June 10, 12:00 - 1:30 pm, at 4-H Center

**Rehearsal** – Monday, June 12, 7:00 pm, at 4-H Center

**Fashion Review** – Tuesday, June 13, 7:30 pm, at 4-H Center. (Models need to be here at 7:00 pm.)

**New this year** - All 4-H’ers are invited to decorate jeans and participate in the Fashion Review. See back page for more info...

Leaders May Nominate Outstanding 4-H’ers

Members in 11th or 12th grade should be encouraged to apply to be a Somerset County Outstanding 4-H’er. If you feel a member of your club has proven themselves outstanding in the areas of leadership, personal growth, participation, achievement, attitude and contribution to the total program, you may write a reference for them and help them to complete the application. Applications are available online at http://somerset.rcre.rutgers.edu, in Maryann's Evening Office or the 4-H Office. Due date is June 1 and recipients will be honored at the July 19, 4-H Association Meeting and again at the Fair.

Outstanding Service to 4-H Recommendations Sought by June 9

Each year at the Somerset County 4-H Fair, individuals, groups, and businesses are recognized for their support of 4-H. This award is for the support of the 4-H program year-round. If you have suggestions, please contact the 4-H office to submit a nomination. Give us the name and short justification of why this individual, family, business, or group deserves this award. **Due by June 9.**

Important Dates

- **4-H Day at Six Flags** May 6
- **Drill Team** May 15
- **Prep Advisor’s Meeting** May 16
- **Jean Decorating Workshop** May 18
- **Animal Project Advisory** May 31
- **Outstanding 4-H’er Form Due** June 1
- **Fashion Review Judging** June 6/10
- **Outstanding Service to 4-H** June 9
- **State Presentations** June 10
- **Fashion Review Rehearsal** June 2
- **Fashion Review** June 13
- **Herdman's Applications** July 14
- **4-H Room Request for 06/07** August 1
- **Fair Grant Requests** August 1
- **Food Judging** August 5

Yearly 4-H Room Request August 1

4-H clubs may request use of rooms for club meetings in 2006/07 from MaryAnn DelGiagante, the 4-H Center evening superintendent, beginning the first business day in August, Tuesday the 1st, and may reserve the rooms through August of the next year. Requests must be renewed annually. The evening superintendent may be contacted between the hours of 7:00-10:00 pm at the 4-H Center, Monday through Friday, 526-8242.
Leader’s Roundtable

Thanks to the 50 leaders that participated in this successful discussion in March. Subjects covered were the 4-H Association, the 4-H Program and the 4-H Fair. There were lots of good suggestions and many questions were answered, but more importantly, rapport is building among leaders, officers and staff. A second roundtable is planned for the fall after the Fair. Plan to join us then!

Club Pictures

Don’t forget to submit your club pictures for the 4-H Yearbook & Catalog. If you would like, Abner Mathews is available to take pictures of your club. Please contact the 4-H Office to get information on setting up an appointment. Thank you.

Mark These Show Dates...

**Dogs:**
- June 3: Ocean County Circuit Show

**Dairy:**
- May 20: State Dairy Judging Contest
- August 14: State Dairy Show in Hunterdon County

**Equine:**
- May 6 & 7: State Horse Judging & Hippology, Middlesex County
- May 23 & 24: Equine Presentations at Rutgers
- June 25: Qualifying Show
- July 16: Qualifying Show
- August 19: Equestrian of the Year in Monmouth County
- August 25-27: State Horse Show at Horse Park of NJ

Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum

Join us October 12 - 15 at Ocean Plaza Resort in Long Branch for the 2006 Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum. Go to the NJ 4-H website [http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/](http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/) for information about registration. Many exciting and educational trips and workshops are planned for 4-H volunteers. We hope you will join us!

Alumni Reign Supreme

The second basketball game was a huge success. Alumni Alli Piscaretta and Meredith Quick kept score as all 11 members (at once!) of the Woof Dog Club Basketball team put up a good fight against alumni Preston Quick, Rob Arena, Rob Lubas, Doug Farley and alum for a day, Jake Quick. Thanks to the Alumni team for being such good sports!

State 4-H Animal Project Advisory Council - May 31

The State 4-H Animal Project Advisory Council will meet at 7:30 pm at the Somerset County 4-H Center. This meeting is open to all 4-H livestock, poultry and small animal volunteers. Input is needed for 2006 State 4-H Animal Project events.
State Public Presentations June 10

Entries were due May 3rd. If you are entered and intend to go and would like tips on how to make your presentation even better, plan to give your presentation at one of two workshops that will be offered at the 4-H Center. Call to register for May 10 at 4 pm or at 7 pm. If you have any questions, please call the Mrs. Navatto at the 4-H office.

Outstanding 4-H’er Applications Due June 1

Members who are in 11th or 12th grade this year, should apply to be an Somerset County Outstanding 4-H’er. You will need to complete an application and have a written reference from a 4-H volunteer.

This award is given to 4-H members who have proven themselves outstanding in the following areas: leadership, personal growth, participation, achievement, attitude, and contribution to the total program.

Applications are available online http://somerset.rcrc.rutgers.edu, or in Maryann’s office at night, or in the 4-H office during the day. Due date is June 1 and recipients will be honored at the July 19 Association Meeting and again at the Fair.

Volunteer Opportunities for Teens

Family Camp Helpers: spend the weekend at Family Camp, June 2 - 4, helping younger campers with crafts, boating and other activities, call Valerie Kreutler, at the 4-H office, 908-526-6644.

Summer Camp Helpers: spend a week or two in July as a counselor assisting Summer Day Camp Program, SAW (Summer Adventure Week) or WOW (Week of Wonders) participants on field trips and activities at the 4-H Center. Call the 4-H Office 908-526-6644, stop by to pick up an application or visit our website: http://somerset.rcrc.rutgers.edu/

Herdsmen Applications – due July 14

If you are in high school and are interested in being a herdsman at the 4-H Fair, you MUST fill out an application and attend an orientation. Look for more information in Fair Facts.

New Kickball League

Chelsea Maciborski, Secretary of the Stablemates, would like to start a recreational kickball league, to be held throughout spring and summer. This would be a great way to interact with other 4-H’ers, so when the fair comes along (especially headsmen time), we’ll all know each other. The games will be club vs. club, so if you’re in two or more clubs, choose one to play in as your team. All interested 4-H clubs, please contact the Stablemates at 732-469-6295, in order to come up with an official roster.
Plan Your Club’s Fair Exhibit

Now is the time to start planning your club’s exhibit. What would be fun for a visitor to do at your exhibit in your 4-H tent? Pick a committee to dream up an exciting display to attract visitors and to show others what you have learned!

Remember the 2006 theme…
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Foods Judging –
August 5

Any 4-H member who would like to have Breads, Cake Decorating or Dairy Foods judged should bring these items between 9:00 and 11:00 am on August 5. These are Open Divisions and rules are listed in the 2006 Exhibitor Guide. Foods and Nutrition Project members may also have their food and nutrition units judged at this time.

Drill Team

All Horse Project Members are encouraged to participate in the Mounted Drill Team. You do not need a horse to be involved. Members are needed as flag helpers and announcers, all a necessary part of a Drill Team. Our “kick off” meeting will be Monday, May 15 at 7:00 in the Green Room at the 4-H Center.

Important preliminary factors such as a suitable night to practice with horses, drills, music and shirts are determined at this meeting. It is important to attend even if remotely interested in participating. Any questions, call Mrs. Carol Maciborski at 732-469-6295.

4-H on Parade

Senior Council members, Golden Stirrups and the K-9 Leaders enjoyed marching to the beat of the Irish at the annual Somerville St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

The Somerville Memorial Day Parade Committee is looking for groups to march on May 29th. Why not help "get the Clover out" and bring your club?

Deadline to sign up and be listed in printed roster is May 10. Entries received after the 10th will be placed at the rear of the parade.

Contact- Al Van Ravensway, Parade Coordinator, 908-722-7891. Please notify the 4-H Office if you plan to attend. We have banners and flags you may carry.

Fund Raising Opportunity

The Quick Chek NJ Festival of Ballooning is offering local community service organizations the opportunity to raise funds by staffing concession stands at this year’s event. The festival concessionaire will need approximately 150 people to serve as cooks, cashiers, hosts and hostesses and clean-up crew for the July 28-30, 2006 weekend event. Interested parties should contact Ken Staats, the Festival’s Director of Operations, at 937-882-5464 or Sharon Grim at 954-584-1925 or email: puffs.stuff@att.net
The Great NJ 4-H Alumni Search

The Great 4-H Alumni Search is on! From High Point to Cape May and Salem to Hackensack, we are looking for all 4-H alumni who grew up in New Jersey or who currently live in New Jersey. Our goal is to find 20,000 4-H alumni by the end of the year.

Help us reach our goal by telling us about yourself and sharing your favorite 4-H memory. Use either of the forms below. Please visit the NJ 4-H Web Page at www.njrh.rutgers.edu/alumnisearch/ and complete the 4-H Alumni Information Form.

Somerset County 4-H Alumni Search

We are hoping to find 4-H Alumni who are willing to get involved in our program. If you would like to participate, please call Barbara Navatto at the 4-H Office, 908-526-6644. Car decals available free at the 4-H Office.

Snow in April?

by Erin Posbergh

Snow. Rain. Sleet. Sun. These were the elements that 4-H Club Camp participants had to endure throughout the weekend. The 4 Leaf Clovers had lots of fun hanging out by the campfire after catching snowflakes on their tongues! Numerous fish were caught, and to celebrate, campers played four square, Frisbee, and billiards! The 4 Leaf Clovers hope to have more clubs participate next year and have even more fun!

Safe Night, April 7

A party for youth in a safe place. 4-H Senior Council once again provided ice breakers for Safe Night, April 8th at Somerset Co. Vo-Tech. Senior Council members, Matt Batzer, Jayson Kolb, Sara Macombie, Jason Metting, Kathleen Kerwin, Jake Quick, and Patti Linnell engaged the participants in The Human Knot, and I Like People Who.. Interactive games were instrumental in the youth having a great night after a motivational speech by Cornelius Baker. There was basketball, volleyball, Frisbee, dancing, "Fatal Vision" goggles, and even door prizes. A successful night for the many youth that participated in Somerset County.

Junior Council on the Go

by Joe Shreve

Looking to keep busy, while having a lot of fun? Well, the Junior Council has had a lot of fun so far. The club has been helping out at multiple prep events including Prep Family Night, where they helped ring in the New Year, and making puppets at the Prep Rally. Club members participated in the Food & Fun Luncheon where they all won blue ribbons! The club is currently planning spring and summer activities, hikes, bike rides, movie nights and maybe even a camp out!!

If you are in 6 - 8 grade, don’t miss out on a great summer. Contact the 4-H office about joining Junior Council!

Community Service Ideas

Allies, Inc. is an agency that supports adults with physical or mental disabilities in their own homes or apartments. 4-H clubs are invited to become involved with these clients. Allies, Inc. has homes in Somerset County and they would be happy to work with leaders to brainstorm, make contacts with house managers and do a brief training. Clubs would be welcome to visit on a quarterly basis. Call Linda D’Agostino-Barton, Community Connector, Allies, Inc. at 609-689-0136 x 142.
Hurray for the 4-H Members that participated in Public Presentations! They are Daniel Ajamian; Jon Ajamian; David Allison; Arvind Anandacumar; Daniel Basile; Matt Batzer; Allison Becker; Meghan Behr; Tara Berezansky; Kim Bergen; Julia Bergen; Lexi Berko; Kyle Berko; Travis Biely; Callie Biely; Monica Bogado; Emma Boganski; Mollie Booker; Melanie Boyea; Melissa Bright; Carly Brisebois; Alyssa Brisebois; Gwen Brown; Dan Brown; Joshua Bruss; Levi Bruss; Caleb Bruss; Jessi Brygier; Sylvia Calabrese; David Carro; Jessica Casteline; Gabriella Chaya; Stephanie Christian; Shanna Cliford; Becky Contarino; Justin Dagnall; Laura Davidson; Emily Davidson; Neha Deshpande; Shilpa Deshpande; Emily Diettmann; Daniel Diettmann; Sean Diettmann; Michael Duan; Keith Espineira; Sarah Fenwick; Holly Fitzpatrick; Kelly Fitzsimmons; Trey Ford; Tana Ford; Sandra Forktus; Alexander Franchuk; Brian Franchuk; Jennie Frank; Elizabeth Frank; Wendy Franzysjen; Tiffany Freuler; Alex Frey; Christopher Furmato; Victoria Gaffney; Ashley Gallagher; Brook Gallagher; Aimee Garb; Megan Gardner; Elyse Geibel; Cody Gerlach; Emily Gerlach; Bryce Gerlach; Ian Gilsman; Kyle Graham; Kelsey Graham; Erica Gyimesi; Jes Hala; Scott Hammell; Alma Hasanovic; Brianna Havel; Ken Hayward; Casey Hennessy; Tom Hilbert; Julia Hill; Elizabeth Hobbie; James Hobbie; Charles Hoffman; Paula Hoffman; Joseph Hoffman; Kirsten Johnson; Charlie Johnson; Bryn Keck; Charles Kennedy; Mariel Kennedy; Kathleen Kerwin; Megan Kieffer; Eric Kinney; Christi Kinney; Alex Kinney; Katie Kouril; Megan Kouril; Hannah Kwiatek; Sarah Lerch; Kathryn Levin; Chelsea Linke; Patti Linnel; Erik Loreng; Lisa Magulak; Sarah Martino; Gavin Mazzaglia; Trevor Mazzaglia; Jenna McBride; Andrew McCamley; Elise McKeen; Joe McNulty; Shannon Merrill; Caroline Merrill; Caitlyn Merrill; Jason Metting; Amy Miller; Veronica Moditz; Brianna Mulrooney; Jessica Nunn; Kristen Obermeier; Christine O'Brien; Brittney O'Brien; Sarah Ongaro; Andrea Ortu; Steven Osinski; Hayley Owens; Ben Parker; Claire Pasquale; Michelle Paterno; Jonathan Patterson; Stephanie Perlitz; Daniel Peterson; Angela Philipsheck; Kristi Philipsheck; Dan Philipsheck; Nicole Phillips; Carolyn Pirro; Katherine Pirro; Chris Posbergh; Benny Przewozny; Andrew Puntillo; Matt Puskas; Chris Puskas; Jake Quick; Missy Race; Mathew Ramachandron; Paul Rasmussen; Lars Rasmussen; Colleen Rieder; Paul Rohrbach; Nathan Rohrbach; Roxanne Rosinsky; Carolyn Rubinfeld; Brian Rubinfeld; Sarah Rusk; Elise Schiver; Nathalie Schlosser; Ryan Shreve; Joe Shreve; Mellissa Smutko; AJ Stahoski; Kelly Steimle; Kaitlyn Thomas; Ashley Thompson; Tyana Truong; Jadelyn Truong; Ashley Tursky; Alyssa Varsalone-Basile; Case Vogelaar; Jay Vogelaar; Ashley Ward; Amanda Weinstein; Scott Weiss; Alyson Weiss; Dan Whalen; Kalen Whitney; Kara Whitney; Katie Winters; Brian Zelkovsky; Shannon Zimmitti.

And congratulations to those who qualify for State Presentations to be held at Rutgers, Livingston Campus, on June 10th. We look forward to seeing you there! David Allison; Matt Batzer; Meghan Behr; Tara Berezansky; Julia Bergen; Lexi Berko; Monica Bogado; Alyssa Brisebois; Gwen Brown; Dan Brown; Jessi Brygier; Gabriella Chaya; Becky Contarino; Justin Dagnall; Emily Davidson; Shilpa Deshpande; Keith Espineira; Kelly Fitzsimmons; Tana Ford; Jennie Frank; Wendy Franzysjen; Tiffany Freuler; Elyse Geibel; Bryce Gerlach; Cody Gerlach; Erica Gyimesi; Jes Hala; Scott Hammell; Alma Hasanovic; Ken Hayward; Julia Hill; James Hobbie; Charles Hoffman; Paula Hoffman; Joseph Hoffman; Charlie Johnson; Bryn Keck; Charles Kennedy; Kathleen Kerwin; Christi Kinney; Patti Linnel; Lisa Magulak; Sarah Martino; Trevor Mazzaglia; Gavin Mazzaglia; Caitlyn Merril; Shannon Merrill; Brianna Mulrooney; Brittney O'Brien; Christine O'Brien; Andrea Ortu; Steven Osinski; Matt Puskas; Chris Puskas; Missy Race; Paul Rasmussen; Roxanne Rosinsky; Carolyn Rubinfeld; Sarah Rusk; Elise Schiver; Nathalie Schlosser; Kelly Steimle; Kaitlyn Thomas; Ashley Tursky; Amanda Weinstein; Alyson Weiss; Dan Whalen; Katie Winters; Shannon Zimmitti.

All participants are encouraged to present their topics at the Somerset County 4-H Fair on August 16th, 17th, and 18th. Presentations are also welcome at Prep Clubs. Be generous, share your knowledge!
Results of the
Woofminster Dog Show

Jr. Showmanship Advanced Junior:
1st Amanda Weinstein

Jr. Showmanship Open Senior
1st Brittney O’Brien
2nd Patti Linnell
3rd Gabrielle Chaya
4th Tanya Ford

Jr. Showmanship Open Junior
1st Lexi Berko

Jr. Showmanship Novice Senior
1st Andrea Ortu
3rd Alma Hasanovic
4th Elise Schwer

Jr. Showmanship Novice Junior
2nd Christine O’Brien
3rd Wendy Franzyschen
4th Ashley Ward

Jr. Showmanship Beginner Senior
1st Shannon Zimmitti

Best Open - Brittney O’Brien
Best Beginner - Kyle Graham

Obedience Beginner A
3rd Kelsey Graham

Obedience Beginner B
4th Daniel Basile

Obedience Pre-Novice B
3rd Elizabeth Frank

Obedience Intermediate
1st Ashley Miller
3rd Andrea Ortu
4th Kyle Graham

Obedience Novice
1st Elise Schwer
2nd Lexi Berko

Obedience Advanced Novice
1st Patti Linnell
2nd Gabrielle Chaya

New Jersey 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to the 4-H Dairy Club members who participated in the March 18th NJ State Dairy Quiz Bowl, held at the Monmouth County Extension Office. The senior participants were Matthew Puskas, Kelly Steinle, Ashley Tursky, and Brittney O’Brien. The junior participants were Jessica Brygier, Christine O’Brien, Julia Hill and Christopher Puskas. The Somerset County Junior team competed against 5 teams and finished 3rd for the NJ State Dairy Quiz Bowl.

2006 County Dairy Princess

The County Dairy Princess Pageant was held at the beginning of March at the Ted Blum 4-H Center. There were four knowledgeable contestants competing. The Judges were Rachel Everett, past County & State Dairy princess, currently the Morris County 4-H Agent, and Vincent Waters of Renaissance Nutrition Inc. The new Somerset County Dairy Princess is Caitlyn Merrill of Raritan and the County Alternative Princess is Brittney O’Brien of Bridgewater. Both Caitlyn and Britney will compete for the State Princess title in November at the Ted Blum 4-H Center. If you are interested in attending please contact Debbie Norz for more information at norzhillfarm@hotmail.com

4-H Dairy Presentation Contest

Meghan Behr, member of the New Centre Dairy 4-H Club, won the 2006 Dairy Presentation Contest with the presentation: “Strawberry and Banana Smoothie.” She also gave attendees a score sheet so they could determine their success in having a bone healthy lifestyle.
Thank You to All the Volunteer Judges!

Thanks to the following volunteers for judging presentations: Amy Anderson, Mary Aun, Kathy and Joe Bakes, Lindsay Bizak, Helene Blum, Yvette Calvo, Paul Cirello, Yvette Choma, Denise Coyle, Bonnie Coddington, Lisa Darby, Mike DeFazio, Richard Federici, Doug Farley, Jeanie Fasullo, Nancy and Rob Giurlando, John Graf, Deb Graham, Ruth Haggen, Ann Harris, Judy Hennessey, Sarah Israel, Rivi Israel, Bruce Jordan, Lynne and Bob Kinch, Nancy Kirby, Florence Klimas, Beth Kullback, Gary Liotta, Jo-Ann Liptak, Carol Macaborski, Becky Moore, Elaine Mulrooney, Irene Natale, Joe Navatto, Debbie Norz, Caitlin O'Neill, Rose Oldenburg, Cari Plotkin, Nadine Powylan, Ginger Quick, Meredith Quick, Preston Quick, Lenore Rassmussen, Janice Reitman, Stephen Rothenburger, Catherine Schlosser, Suzanne and Al Stahoski, Laura Stanik, Elaine Stanis, Andrew Sverdlove, Erin Szakaes, Jeremy Van Hecke, Dave Van Skiver, Linda Van Zandt, Ron Vitale, Sue Waring, Val Whalen, Phil Zezulinski

Congratulations...

to volunteer Dave Rieur, who was nominated and recognized for his efforts by the Somerset County United Way and the Courier News 2006 Star Awards, held on April 27.

Dave has been a 4-H volunteer for over 15 years and is most noted for his popular program “Panning for Gems” which he does for Science-Sational Day, Summer Day Camp and School Enrichment, where he teaches young children all about gems. As the Logistics Coordinator at the fair, you can always find him in a golf cart at the drop-off point.

Woof Dog Club Adopts K-9 Soldiers

The 4-H Woof dog club has started another community service activity. Not only do they help raise funds for the K-9 dogs in the Sheriff’s department, they are now helping the K-9 soldiers in Iraq.

There are many K-9 soldiers helping human soldiers in Iraq. These dogs need bedding, toys, and other fun doggy things. The 4-H Woof club started collecting these items at their last dog show. They plan on hosting more collections and will soon be shipping items to Iraq for the dogs. The K-9 soldiers helping to protect America will benefit from this club’s generosity.

THANKS WOOF!

4-H Science-sational Day

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made 4-H Science-sational Day a success: Angela Menoutis, Lee Hammell, Pam Zelkovsky, Paul Cirillo, Dave Rieur, Michele Nichols, Meredith Dornbach, Megan Durant, Christopher Shepherd, Vinci Zaddem, Ann Harris, Teri Bellows, Jim Nichnadowicz, Linda Au, Brittnay O’Brien, Meghan Behr, and Stephanie Warrlein. Teen Helpers: Rebecca Dryl, Jason Ning, Jonathan Menoutis, Brianna Mulrooney, Sarah MacCombie, Liz Young, Greg Maaks, Adeleena Mookerjee, Jessica Hodge, Thomas Duh, Kimberly Duh, Clarissa Chu, Christine Liaw, Debbie Chen, Natalia Tamzoke, Angela Chen, Jenn Frank, Abdul Kenana, Erin Posburgh, Gwen Brown, Dan Lang, Jake Quick, Shannon Zimmitti, Tom Armstrong, Kelly Steimle, Jessi Brygier, Jason Metting, Christine O’Brien, Jayson Kolb, Sabrina Lewis, Dan Brown, Scott Hammell, Shawn Harrity, Katherine Pirro, Nathan Rohrbach, Brian Zelkovsky and Nathalie Scholosser. Volunteers: Letitia Chan, Stephen Rothenburger, Glenn Valis and Purusottom Mookerjee. Many thanks also to Debbie Norz and the Exchange Club for providing lunches and Letitia Chan and the Chinese Culture Club for assisting with clean up after the event.
Judy Hennessy Honored

Judy Hennessy, a Somerset County 4-H Horse Volunteer for over 25 years, was recently recognized by the NJ Association of 4-H Agents as their “Volunteer of the Year.” Although Judy dedicates a great deal of her time to Somerset County 4-H, she is also a very involved volunteer for the State 4-H Horse Program. Judy is the State Hippology Coach and works with a team of young people every year to compete at the Eastern National Round-Up in Louisville, KY. Judy is also active in the State 4-H Horse Show committee and the State 4-H Horse Project Advisory Council.

Judy received a plaque at the annual NJA4-HA meeting in February and was also recognized by the Somerset County 4-H Association at their March meeting.

I Nominate Judy Hennessy...

For Volunteer Highlights because Mrs. Hennessy is an extremely involved club leader in the Somerset County 4-H horse program. Aside from her club, she is involved in setting up the state horse show and the education events such as horse bowl and hippology. When not involved in some sort of 4-H project, she is most likely working at the Mid-Atlantic horse clinic. She pushes the educational events with as much heart as anything else and because of this the Somerset team is always very competitive at all of the educational events we go to.

by Justin Dagnall

Lucille Razzano Wins Award for Excellence

Lucille Razzano, 4-H Program Coordinator, has been a valued member of our staff for over 20 years. Last fall she was the recipient of a 2005 Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension Award for Excellence. This is the highest award presented to RCRE staff to recognize achievement and contributions to the program. She has been a certified Character Counts trainer and True Colors trainer since 1999. She provides training for youth and adult volunteers and professionals from other educational organizations. In Somerset County 4-H, she coordinates Family and Consumer Sciences. Ours is one of the few counties with a 4-H Clothing program and annual Fashion Revue. Throughout the years, Lucille has taught nutrition programs to over 5,000 youth and coordinates the Somerset County Food and Fun Luncheon. In addition, Lucille is a team member of the RCRE Summer Adventure Weeks, having been the coordinator of this event for many years. She contributes to most other 4-H events including Open House, Public Presentations, Science-sational Day and of course, the Fair. Congratulations Lucille!

Irene Ning Wins Scholarship

Irene Ning has been selected as one of ten across the state to receive the prestigious 2005 - 2006 Martin Luther King Scholarship. Although Irene continues her extensive involvement in community service at TCNJ, she was selected largely based on her Somerset County 4-H record, including President of the Senior Council, Outstanding 4-H’er, delegate to National 4-H Congress and Somerset County 4-H Scholarship recipient.

On Behalf of the 4-H Program

Erin Posbergh, of the Four Leaf Clovers, Poultry Plus, Wooly Ones, Senior Council and 5th H Club, and Chris Posbergh of the Four Leaf Clovers, Poultry Plus, Wooly Ones and Junior Council, accepted the Freeholders Proclamation during Somerset County 4-H Week in March.
What is Exchange? The Somerset County 4-H Exchange Association...is a 4-H club that focuses on expanding your horizons. Yes we travel, but it's more than that. It's a really exciting way to learn.

What is traveling all about? Members of the club stay in the homes of other 4-H families throughout North America. The objective is to learn about other lifestyles; how other 4-H clubs work. Is their 4-H club a community club or a project club? How big is their county, how many people live in their county and their townships? Are they like us? How are they different from us? Do they wear sneakers or tennis shoes? What is a bubbler? Are they rural or farm? What is their part of the country like and what do they do for fun? These questions are answered every time the club travels. And it doesn’t even feel like learning.

What do we do when we host? When you travel you are expected to host. When our guests come from out of town we like to take them to the Jersey shore, New York City and the Statue of Liberty, Philadelphia and a tour of our county. You will be amazed at the things there are to do in our own county. In fact the members help plan the trips. Where we go, when we go…but we always go on a school bus. Don’t worry, we don’t all wear the same shirt and hold on a rope!

How do you become a member and what is expected? Members of the Exchange club are expected to plan fundraisers to help offset expenses, primarily so when our guests come and stay with us there is no cost to them, except what they want to purchase. Examples: buses, entrance fees, dinner in New York City. Fund raising is everyone’s part. That’s why the more hours you (not your parents or family) put in at an event the more you earn towards your trip.

To be a member of the Exchange Club you must belong to one other 4-H Club in Somerset County and be a member in good standing of the club. You may join the summer you are going to start eight grade. Our largest fundraiser starts at the fair. You need to be a registered member by January 1st in order to travel that summer. You must attend 80% of the meetings and 3 fundraisers.

Extra benefit of Exchange...friends that last a lifetime. Not just throughout the country but right here in Somerset County.
Calling all Somerset County 4-H Prep alumni! Do you remember all the fun you had at Prep Camp? Were you a camp counselor or attended summer camp at Stokes? Well, here’s your chance to come back and relive those times boating, making crafts, singing around the campfire and renewing old friendships...and we can’t forget all that good food! Prep Camp is NOW Somerset County Family camp, open to all Somerset County 4-H members and their families.

June 2, 3, 4, 2006
Lindley G. Cook NJ 4-H Camp

Cost is $50 per person and includes EVERYTHING! You can come for the whole weekend or just Saturday. But by all means...plan on coming. Call or stop in at the 4-H Office for a registration packet. They will also be available in the 4-H Center lobby. Better yet, fill in this handy form and mail it into the office. Your packet will be in the mail to you as soon as we get the request. You can contact Mrs. Valerie Kreutler at 908-526-6644 for more information.

Please send me my registration packet for
Family Camp on June 2 - 4, 2006

Name __________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________
City ____________________________State ______ Zip___________
Phone __________________________________________________
Email __________________________________________________

Please let us know if you prefer us to email the packet to you. Thank you!

Club ___________________________________________________________
### SAW! Summer Adventure Week
For Children Grades 1-3
July 10-14, 2006, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

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### WOW! Week of Wonders
For Children Grades 4-6
July 17-22, 2006, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

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<td>Experience prehistoric life like never before with a genuine “Dig”. See and touch real dinosaur eggs, teeth and footprints.</td>
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<td>Touch and see the icky and the slimy. See the world of reptiles and discover these unusual creatures that live among us.</td>
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Many exciting activities are planned for the most fun filled Summer Day Camp Program ever! Any boy or girl completing these grades may enroll even if he or she is not in 4-H. The cost of **Week 1, SAW, is $300.** The cost of **Week 2, WOW, is $325.** Both weeks include field trips, snacks, games fun and more. Space is limited. For more information or to receive our brochure/registration packet, call 908-526-6644 or email: somersetcounty4h@co.somerset.nj.us

Forms also are available on line at: [http://somerset.rcre.rutgers.edu/](http://somerset.rcre.rutgers.edu/)

**SAW is filled, submit your name for our waiting list!**
4-H Summer Camp 2006
Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp, Stokes State Forest

Located 1½ hours from the Somerville Circle, 4-H Camp is one of the most beautiful places in NJ. Nestled on 108 acres of state forest there is an 8 acre lake with swimming and boating, a large dining hall with terrific food, 11 cabins that can house up to 16 campers each, a craft hall with many activities and, most important, a caring, well trained and experienced counselor staff. 4-H Camp has everything boys and girls in grades 3-10 could want to do for a week, including dances, camp fires, hikes, shooting sports, and lots of other kids for company.

Register now! Summer camp will run for six one-week sessions, Monday -Saturday, from July 3-August 12. In the hope that Somerset County 4-H’ers will get to know one another better by attending camp at the same time, the Somerset County 4-H Preference Week is July 31 - August 5.

The camp schedule is packed with fun & exciting activities from dawn to dusk. Campers wake each day at 7:00 am and are busy until “Lights Out” at about 10:00 pm. On the website there is a sample Daily Schedule, a week in Review, as well as Activity (Class) Descriptions to give you an idea of some of the activities available. You will also be able to view photos of the buildings and activities and download a detailed packing list.

Programs and Activities Offered:
Swimming, canoeing and kayaking, riflery, archery, rope courses, team building, volleyball, ping pong, leadership, counselor-in-training, drama, camp newspaper, arts & crafts, batik/tie-dye, ceramics/pottery, drawing/painting, woodworking, backpacking, nature/environment/water study, camping/camp fires, fishing, hiking, survival skills, and many more!

To register for camp you may download and fill out the Summer Camp Registration Form on the website www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu or call the 4-H Office and we will print one for you. Registration is $335. Full payment is due at the time of registration. Fees cover the cost of housing, food and all activities during a session. There are special discounts for registered 4-H members as well as discounts for multiple family members.

More information can be found on the camp website; www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu

Camp Open House
May 21, 2:30 - 5:00
Trying to decide if you want to go to camp? Come and meet the Summer Camp Staff, take a tour and participate in a variety of activities. Free, rain or shine.
The open events and divisions in the Fair have been designed to give 4-H members an opportunity to try new things and compete in areas that are not club related. Rules and requirements for each of these divisions are in the Exhibitor Guide. Call Mrs. Razzano to register for food divisions.

**Dairy Foods Demonstration**- Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Arts Tent.

**Bread Baking Contest**- Thursday at 10:00 am in the Arts Tent.

Sheep, Alpaca, Rabbits and Goat Club members may participate in the **Fiber Division**.

**Horticulture/Agriculture** will be displayed in the Somerset County Board of Agriculture tent. Bring your best veggies or blossoms.

**Crafts** includes basketry, holiday crafts, ceramics, tie dying, candle making, jewelry design or anything else you like to make. **Decorated flip-flops are a terrific craft project.**

School projects welcome in **Woodworking**.

**Creative Arts** is for paintings, drawings, sculpture or other art projects.

**Creative Writing** only needs a little imagination.

**Horse Science** and **Model Horse** Divisions are for kids with or without horses.

**Needlecraft** includes knitting, crocheting, embroidery and weaving.

**Photography** includes film and digital.

**Wear Your Art On Your Jeans**

Today’s clothing rage is **decorated denim**: jeans, jackets, vests, skirts. With a little creativity, you can create this luxury look for much less than in the stores and have your own original, one of a kind, design.

You can start with a new garment or something you already own. You may sew or glue on patches, appliqués, laces, or buttons, paint designs, embroider, attach grommets or studs, insert leather laces or fabric swatches. The options are endless and you may exhibit your creations in the **Needlecraft or Crafts Open Division** which will be judged Thursday, August 10th at the 4-H Center. You may drop them off any time that week.

You may also have garments judged before the Fashion Revue and model them in the show. You do not have to be a member of a Home Ec. club to participate. See page 3.

Need Help? Need Ideas? Come to the workshop on May 18, 7:00 pm at the 4-H Center. See back page for details.
**4-H Fair Herdsmen**

All project areas are encouraged to send teens to sleep overnight on the fairgrounds. Their job is to make sure everything; animals, exhibits, and equipment, is safe and secure for the night and that the grounds are clean. Rich and Debbie Norz are the Herdsmen Supervisors and Pauline Kodak makes a great breakfast each day. A Bridgewater police officer is also present all night.

4-H members, grade 8 (in the spring) and older may apply. Applications are available at the 4-H Office/4-H Center and are due back by Friday, July 14. Members need permission and approval signatures from parent’s, a 4-H Leader, a 4-H Agent, and approval from a Herdsmen Supervisor. **Late applications will not be accepted.** Everyone selected to be a herdsman must attend one of two Herdsmen Orientation Meetings at 7:00 p.m. on either Monday, July 24 or Tuesday, August 8. Adults may also serve as herdsmen. They must complete the NJ 4-H Volunteer Overnight Agreement.

**Get Inspired to Take Our 4-H Stage**

S4HL! (Somerset 4-H Live!) takes the Showmobile Stage for the 4th year running! Again, we are looking to load the Noon hours with 4-H talent!

To host it, we’re on the look out for a House Band! If any individual of your band is a member of 4-H, then your band is eligible to audition. So send us a demo (CD or cassette) of your best songs ASAP. Better yet...let us know about your next gig and our teen members will show up to hear you play live!

Not only are we in search of a House Band, we’re also in search of other 4-H talent to fill those Noon hours. It’s easy to be eligible! If you didn’t already perform at the County Presentations in March, a quick audition at the 4-H Center is all we need. For inspiration, check out the description of the Open Division 14: Performing Arts in the 2006 Exhibitors’ Guide.

All talented 4-H’ers should contact Betty Sommerville (908-281-5238) or the 4-H Office by May 15.

**HERDSMAN SWEATSHIRTS PRE-ORDER**

The cost for HERDSMAN and OVERNIGHT HERDSMAN ONLY will be $15.00. You are entitled to one at $15.00. If you preorder your sweatshirt you will get the right size. Please mail a check payable to the 4-H Association with the size to Debbie Norz, 116 South Branch Rd, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Any questions email: norzhillfarm@hotmail.com

If you are not a herdsman, you will not receive a sweatshirt and will be refunded your money.

**HERDSMAN SWEATSHIRTS SPONSORS**

If you are interested in being a sponsor on the sweatshirts, please contact Debbie Norz at: norzhillfarm@hotmail.com or (908) 369-8586.

**Fair Improvement Grants Available**

The 4-H Association is happy to announce that clubs, divisions or tents seeking funds to make the fair safer, more educational or fun are invited to complete a grant application. If your group received funds under this program last year, but have a new idea or would like continued funding for a successful program, you are welcome to apply again. Requests over $500 will be subject to review. Applications will be available at the 4-H Center and on the website after May 1. **Deadline August 1st 2006.**
**Fair Planning Meeting**

**May 24, 2006, 7:30 pm 4-H Center**

Get the whole scoop and have your suggestions heard. Fair Managers will discuss the following topics:

- Traffic & Parking
- Fair Manager Awards
- Supplies/ribbons available at the 4-H Center
- Planning & Prep prior to Fair
- Activities & Opportunities during the Fair
- Packing Up, Friday & the 2nd Shift Clean-Up, Saturday morning
- Food, Commercial & Entertainment Committees
- Publicity & Sponsorships
- Inclement Weather Procedures
- Service to 4-H Awards

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**Space for Commercial Vendors**

Parents, friends or ad customers may be interested in having a commercial booth at the fair. Space is limited, but the rental prices are good and the exposure, terrific. The Commercial Gallery is a success and we hope to make it even better. Contact Dawn Hribik, 908-725-6292, and reserve your space now!

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**Space for Food Vendors**

Are you craving sausage and peppers? Cotton Candy? Chinese Bubble Tea? Or something new and different? Is your 4-H Club, Scout Troop, Church Group, Key Club, Band Council or other non-profit organization looking for a fund raiser? Ask them to volunteer to work in the food tent. New groups may not have to commit to running a booth! We are looking at new ways to organize this tent and if we know we have willing workers, maybe we can find a way to benefit all. Call Lucille Razzano, at the 4-H office at (908) 526-6644.

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**Member in Good Standing Requirements**

All 4-H members are expected to meet the following standards each year to be eligible to compete at the Somerset County 4-H Fair and any state 4-H event. In addition, you must meet these requirements to be eligible for county pins. These are the minimum requirements. Your club or division may have additional requirements (check Fair Exhibitor Guide).

- Attend at least 70 percent of regular club meetings and/or activities.
- Complete a 4-H project, doing one’s own work with minimal assistance from parents or others.
- Give a community, club or county 4-H public presentation.
- Complete a project record book.

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**Ad Sales**

Thank you to all that purchased and sold ads. **4-H'ers who sold ads** - remember to take a copy of the Yearbook & Catalog to your ad customers as well as green supporter ribbons, available at the 4-H Center.
"Clover Outreach" 4-H Club
by Jason Ning

In the past year, the 4-H Clover Outreach Club volunteered at United Way and Operation Shoebox. On October 30, club members attended the Operation Shoebox event at the American Legion Post to pack food and toiletries for the soldiers overseas. On November 13, the club participated in the United Way Family Volunteer Day at the 4-H Center to help make holiday wreaths. Clover Outreach also sponsored four families through the United Way Gifts of the Season campaign for needy families. Clover Outreach is currently working on Birthday Buddies with United Way. It is a volunteer project that hosts a birthday party for senior citizens at the Adult Care Center of Somerset County in Bridgewater.

4-H Cattleman’s Club
by Jessica Gilligan & Emily Gerlach

Most of the members of The Cattleman’s Club did presentations. The members chose a variety of subjects. A discussion was held on a possible trip to a beef and cattle farm in the spring. Members were enthusiastic and excited about participating. Updated reports show that everyone’s cattle are doing well. At their last meeting, the Club participated in an Easter egg hunt. The eggs contained questions and answering them won a prize. The Club is working on ideas for their Fair display as well as opportunities for community service.

Garden Gnomes
by Debbie Norz

The Garden Gnomes met 2/20/6. Some had plants grow from the mystery seeds, (peppers, tomato, broccoli and lettuce) and some didn’t. Some members are experimenting with making their plants drought resistant! The club talked about the fair and a display, what seeds to order for the garden and ad sales. The club has set a target goal to sell at least $500 in ads amongst the 9 members who also belong to other clubs.

Mighty Cavits & Rodents
by Kira Whitney

The Club discussed county presentations, which are required as part of this Club. April activities available for the club included the 4-H Club Camp Weekend April 7 – 9 and the Hillside School Fair, on April 1, for which the club made posters. Ad sales were updated. The Club learned how to make show cards and to be a show secretary.

Criations Club (Alpaca Club)
by Brooke Gallagher

The Alpaca Club has a new logo, a new name and the club is getting new T-shirts. They are planning to hold a carwash as a fundraiser. All club members were encouraged to participate in county presentations. Discussions included BVD and how to prevent it from spreading to alpacas and ideas on how to get the public more involved in the alpaca tent during the fair.

Wags & Whiskers
by Emily Diettmann

Many members from both Woof Dog Club and Wags & Whiskers participated in the recent dog shows held here at the 4-H Center. Please check out “Hurray For” for winning results. The club is encouraging all members to participate in upcoming shows. Wags & Whiskers would like to thank the Gingersnaps Club for the wonderful job they did with the kitchen concession. The club would also like to thank all volunteers for bringing in donations for the animal shelter.

Puppets Here!
Puppets Everywhere!
by Betty Sommerville

The Practically Prepared Pretty Unpredictable 4-H Puppetry Club have been busy! They got out their large puppets to dance their “metamorphosis” with a 5-person caterpillar (thanks to Clowning Around 4-H clowns), cocoon and 3-person butterfly at the 4-H Prep Rally’s “Puppets with Pizzazz!” The club also assisted making sock
puppets during the workshops. Their next big gig is celebrating National Day of Puppetry with other members of the Garden State Puppetry Guild, who also performed and ran puppet-making and puppet-moving workshops at the Prep Rally. This fun and free event was at the Somerville Public Library on April 22. The Club is arranging to do a workshop on puppetry with the Guild at the NERVF event in October. “Puppets Here! Puppets Everywhere!”

4-H Trainmasters Club
by Joe Monaco

The 4-H Trainmasters Club will be purchasing a more expensive engine for new members to use as a test or practice engine. This engine helps first year members get used to the command systems the club uses. The Train Show held in January was a huge success. The Courier News interviewed Club Leader, Doug Pitney and some of the members for an article that appeared in the paper. A highlight of the show was a safety robot contributed by the Amtrak Police. This really attracted a lot of attention and smiles. And those with cameras and videos really had fun with him. With plenty of opportunities to run the trains, a good time was had by all who attended.

Stablemates
by Chelsea Maciborski

Newly appointed officers are Kathleen Smith, President; Jes Hala, Vice-President; Chelsea Maciborski, Secretary; Ashley Serridge, Treasurer; Garrett Spork, Enforcer. The Club is looking forward to a productive and exciting year.

Happy Tails Rabbit Club
by Amanda Cronce

Over the spring, the Happy Tails Rabbit Club participated in many activities. In March, some members attended the symposium at Cook College, learning useful information about rabbits. In April, the club along with the Bridgewater Ladies Garden Club, went to the Bridgewater Library with their rabbits to visit with the children and to read rabbit stories to them. The club would like to congratulate all the winners of the shows in Point Pleasant and Monmouth County. With summer quickly approaching, so is the Fair and Happy Tails is preparing their display and animals for the fair. The club would like to wish everyone a happy spring!

Radical Rodents
by Christi Kinney

Recently the club collected towels for a nearby veterinary office, and participated in several shows, including Somerset and Middlesex. Most members received blue excellent ribbons for their animals. Also, many members participated at the county presentations in March.

Clowns Go to the Circus!
by Laura Graham

The Clowning Around Club was thrilled to receive complimentary tickets to The Big Apple Circus courtesy of Mr. Rich Reitman. They all had a great time watching acrobats, jugglers, trapeze artists, dogs, horses and tumblers. Of course, the clowns were a particular favorite! When the circus ended, the club was given the opportunity to go back stage to meet the clowns in person. They were able to ask lots of questions and take pictures. “Grandma Goes to Hollywood”, what an awesome show!

People Pick-Me-Ups
by Carolyn Rubinfeld

Winter was not a slow time for the People Pick-Me-Ups Pet Therapy Club. In January, the club filled the display case with huggable heroes treasures (i.e. bears, medals, calendars), plus pet therapy pictures and stories. The club also had an award meeting/party. The club has been to visit the Bridgeway Senior Home several times throughout the winter months. The seniors eagerly await these visits and always ask when the club will be back. In February, the club had elections of officers and went to visit the Matheny School. The club enjoyed this visit and feels they made a big difference. At their March meeting, the club planned their activities for the spring, which included a display about pet therapy at the Bridgewater library and a trip to the Runnels Hospital.
Dear 4-H Preppers,

The Annual 4-H Prep Rally was just great! Members of the NJ Puppetry Guild put on several shows. There were hand puppets and little and BIG marionettes. After the show, there were 4 workshops and the kids learned how to make shadow puppets, sock puppets, and envelope puppets and then how to make puppets come alive.

Everyone had so much fun trying out his or her own creations. Now, if you came to the rally, how about taking what you learned and performing a show for a nursing home, children's floor at a hospital, senior citizen center and at the FAIR. You can even show the kids that come to the fair how to make puppets too. Be sure to tell us what you are planning on doing with what you learned so we can write about it in Clovertales.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kreutler
4-H Prep Coordinator

Thank You!

We need to let you know who helped make the Prep Rally so terrific! A big THANK YOU must go to Mrs. Betty Sommerville who arranged for all the workshops and activities and to Mrs. Mary Ann Dryl and Mrs. Laura Graham who helped her. The Garden State Puppetry Guild members were wonderful... thanks to Matt Leonard, Penny Rapicano, and Lois Corwin. Many thanks to our older 4-H'ers who assisted: William, Pamela, and Sally Gilligan, Helen Horn-Mitchum, Willie Sommerville, Faith D'Ambrosia (Puppetry club) Paige Lamberson (Wattles and Snood) and Patty Chen (Country Kickers), Erin Posbergh, Chris Posbergh, Kyle Graham, Joe and Ryan Shreve, Brian and Alex Franchuk, and Mark B. (Jr. Council). Finally, thanks to the group leaders: Mrs. Ajamian, Mr. VanSkiver, Mrs. Kober and Ms. Miller.
Yakety - Yak

4-H Friends News by Kyle and Wesley

"Today we made shadow puppets. Shadow puppets are animals that you could only see behind a light and a shadow box. Most shadow puppets are animals. Most of them have 2 straws."

We have several clubs that meet in their after-school programs. Here’s news from The Triangle Tigers at Triangle School in Hillsborough: Madeline Vailhe’s Mom and Dad led the meeting in February. They taught the kids about the human body and heart. They all got to dress up as surgeons and use real medical instruments. They learned a lot and proved it by answering questions. The members all got goodie bags with great stuff. Included were a teddy bear doctor, microscope set, a pen, a beating heart clip and more! Ethicon sponsored the activity.

4-H Family Weekend Camp June 2-4, 2006

All 4-H’ers and their families are invited to attend this special weekend at the L.G. Cook NJ 4-H Camp in Sussex County, NJ. We have all kinds of neat stuff planned for you to do together. You’ll go boating, study nature, and make some neat crafts, including a ceremonial torch. If you went to camp last year and made a torch, bring it with you for the campfire ceremony. This year you’ll want to add something new to it showing how many years you have been coming to camp.

There will be lots of games, hikes, campfires and great food! You’ll meet other kids and their families and make lots of new friendships. Just have your parent call the 4-H Office and we will send a registration packet to you. Registrations are due by May 19th.
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Thursday, May 18
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Ted Blum 4-H Center

Bring your favorite denim garment - jeans, jackets, skirts or vests - and learn how to decorate it. We will have an array of samples to stimulate your imagination. A variety of decorations and supplies will be available for your use. If you have a specific idea in mind, visit your local craft store to get your own materials.

Call the 4-H office at 908-526-6644 to register.

Decorated denim may be judged prior to the 4-H County Fashion Review and modeled by the designer! These projects may also be entered in 4-H Fair Open Divisions.

Questions? Call Mrs. Razzano at the 4-H Office.
Dated Material