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4-H is TOPS!

Dear Members, Leaders and Parents:

New this year, our county RCE Office is offering a summer camp program in June called TOPS. We hope you will consider attending this great new camp opportunity as well as attending our Somerset County 4-H Family Camp the first week in June, or the 4-H overnight camp in Stokes State Forest open for six weeks this summer. 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.

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County Fashion Review

All 4-H members are invited to attend this lively fashion show scheduled for June 5 at the 4-H Center. Come see the “super models of the future” model their very own creations. Contact Lucille Razzano for more information.

Judging – Wednesday, May 30, 7:00 pm or Saturday, June 2, 12:00 - 1:30 pm, at 4-H Center

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

Fashion Review – Tuesday, June 5, 7:30 pm, at 4-H Center. (Models need to be here at 7:00 pm.)

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 - Applications Due June 1

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://www.4HisTOPS.org, in Maryann’s Evening Office or the 4-H Office. Due date is June 1 and recipients will be honored at the July 18 4-H Association Meeting and again at the Fair.

Outstanding Service to 4-H Recommendations Sought by June 8

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 8. Send your nomination to any 4-H staff person.

Important Dates

No-Sew Blankets for Troops May 3
Outstanding 4-H’er Form Due June 1
Clothing Judging May 30/June 2
Fashion Review Rehearsal June 4
Fashion Review June 5
Outstanding Service to 4-H June 8
State Presentations June 9
Herdsman’s Applications July 13

Somerset County 4-H Polo Shirts Available!!

We will be placing orders for polo shirts with the 4-H clover and Somerset County 4-H volunteer embroidered around the clover.

The cost per shirt will be $20.00. Orders, with the correct amount enclosed are due by June 29. Please fill out the order form located on the back and return to the 4-H Office. Shirts will be available by the Fair.

Available colors are:

- white
- heather gray
- putty
- gold
- pink
- red
- black
- navy
- baby blue
- royal blue
- forest green
- apple green
- apple green
Ever wonder what the Association is, who are the members, and what they do?

**Who are they?** A diverse group of caring adults, working to support the Somerset County 4-H Program. Members are selected each year from the many volunteers that support our programs. Each Clovertales will highlight some of the Association members so that you can get to know them better.

**What do they do?** This is the group that manages the Fair, funds and maintains the Ted Blum 4-H Center, and ensures that our 4-H programs have the support that they need to be successful. Some of the activities that the Association is currently working on include: selecting scholarship and Outstanding 4-H winners, providing judges for the 200+ presentations that were done at a county level, and producing the Yearbook and Catalog.

**When do they meet?** Meetings are held each 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM in the large conference room. Stop in and observe a meeting and learn more about what the Association does and how you can help.

**Meet Rich Norz, President:** Rich has been involved in Somerset County 4-H most of his life. He belonged to the New Centre Dairy 4-H Club, married Debbie, his 4-H sweetheart, and they are now the parents of Alex, a prepper and two future 4-H'ers, Suzie and Megan. Rich owns and operates Norz Hill Farms in Hillsborough, one of the largest dairy farms in NJ. He leases cows to 4-H members and teaches them all aspects of dairy science and economics. He shows his own award winning cows through the NJ Holstein Association and is a member of the Somerset County Board of Agriculture. You can find Debbie and Rich supervising the Herdsman at the Fair each year. Rich enjoys his role as president and is very proud of the accomplishments of Somerset County 4-H members and volunteers.

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**Mark These Show Dates...**

**Dog:**
- June 2  Middlesex County Circuit Show
- June 16 Ocean County Circuit Show

**Dairy:**
- August 20  State Dairy Show in Salem County

**Equine:**
- May 5 & 6  State Horse Judging & Hippology, Somerset/Hunterdon Counties
- August 18  Equestrian of the Year in Monmouth County
- August 24-26  State Horse Show at Horse Park of NJ

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**Senior Council Co-Leader**

Do you like working with teens? Do you want to help teens appreciate community service events and gain leadership skills? Then you might be interested in becoming a co-leader with Senior Council. This 4-H Club is for teens in grades 9-13 who are interested in helping their community. They meet the first Thursday of the month at the Somerset County 4-H Center. For more information about becoming a leader with this group please contact Lisa Rothenburger at: rothenburger@rce.rutgers.edu
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:

1. Participation in Club
2. Participation in County Events
3. Participation in State Events
4. Participation in National Events
5. Demonstration of Leadership Qualities
6. 4-H Community Service
7. 4-H Promotion
8. 4-H Achievement (personal goals, etc.)
9. Attitude
10. Example to others

Applications are available online http://www.4HisTops.org 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 18 Association Meeting and again at the Fair.

Volunteer Opportunities for Teens

Family Camp Helpers: spend the weekend at Family Camp, June 1 - 3, helping younger campers with crafts, boating and other activities. Call Lisa Darby, at the 4-H office, 908-526-6644.

Summer Camp Helpers 8th grade or older: spend June 25 - 29 as a counselor assisting Summer Day Camp Program (TOPS) participants with 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://www.4HisTops.org

Herdsmen Applications – due July 13

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.

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp Counselor Opportunities

Become a camp counselor at Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp in Stokes State Forest. Anyone sixteen or older may volunteer to be a counselor for one or more weeks this summer. Our County Preference Week is July 30 - August 4, but camp is open all summer. Mandatory counselor training is available on-line. Visit the Camp Website for more information: http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/
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 2007 theme…4-H is TOPS!

The first televised award show about changing the world. The BR!CK Award celebrates young people making our world better. They acknowledge some amazing programs/projects that young people have implemented to help others. BR!CK Award winners aren’t just the leaders of tomorrow. They are the leaders of today.

All BR!CK Award winners have a shot at $25,000, international recognition, televised glory, and pro bono legal services.

They exemplify what we teach 4-H youth, the importance of give back, community and global involvement, not only being concerned for our world, but taking action. Applications are available at: http://www.dosomething.org/brick

Foods Judging – August 4

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 4. These are Open Divisions and rules are listed in the 2007 Exhibitor Guide.

Foods and Nutrition Project members may also have their food and nutrition units judged at this time.

4-H on Parade

Senior Council members, Hoofbeats, Go-Karts, Woof Dog Club, K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Club, Mighty Cavits & Rodents, Clown Around, Pocket Pet Rescue, Mad Scientists, People Pick-Me-Ups and Clover Outreach enjoyed marching to the beat of the Irish at the annual Somerville St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Thanks to Jim Puskas for pulling the wagon!

The Hillsborough Memorial Day Parade is Saturday, May 26, rain date, May 27. Contact the 4-H office for information and registration.

The Somerville Memorial Day Parade Committee is looking for groups to march on May 27th. Deadline to sign up and be listed in printed roster is May 5th.

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.

4-H Center Showcase

Show off! Your club can display its projects, achievements, or anything else in the 4-H Center display showcase. Sign up for a month – just call the 4-H Office.
Where can you go to learn about static electricity, pet chickens, dogs and snakes and make butter? And let’s not forget the clowns!

These activities are just the tip of the iceberg offered to 4-H members in grades 1 – 3 when they join a Prep Club. Recently we caught up with members of the Mad Scientists and their advisors Harry and Jill Brochinsky, to learn what they have been up to and discovered:

They have experimented with static electricity, made Q-Tip skeletons while learning about the their own human skeleton, grew soft crystal creations as they learned about their many uses such as for baby diapers, and they decorated wreaths.

And taking their Club “on the road”, members have visited the RVCC Planetarium, the Country Hill Fire Station and marched in the St. Patrick’s Day parade.

The Mad Scientists love to have other clubs visit with them and share their animals and projects. Recent visitors to their club have been Poultry Plus, Woof Dog Club, Woolly Ones Sheep Club and the Sidewinders. They are having the Somerset Sentinels visit them in May.

We also met the All 4-H Club, whose advisors are Mike and Sage Pappas.

This club has been busy making butter and later making syrup from the sap of a tree after a visit to the Environmental Education Center in Basking Ridge.

Other trips for this Club have included going to the Vandermark-Merritt Glass Blowing Studio in Branchburg and after a visit from the 4-H Clowning Around Club, going to the Big Apple Circus.

In addition to a visit from the clowns, other clubs visiting the All 4-H Club have included the Woolly Ones Sheep Club, Wags & Whiskers Dog Club and the Space and Astronomy Club. Like the Mad Scientists, the All 4-H Club welcomes visitors from other clubs to visit with them and share their club interests.

If you’re in Grades 1-3 and are interested in a different adventure every week, then please call Lisa Darby at the 4-H Office about joining one of our many prep clubs.

You can also contact Mrs. Darby if you would like to do a presentation to a prep club. Our office number is 908-526-6644.

Thirty-two members, parents and leaders attended Club Camp at Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp in Sussex County on April 13, 14 and 15. The weather was great on Friday and Saturday, before turning rainy in Sunday.

Ten clubs were represented by the following members: John Garlipp, Pamela Gilligan, Sally Gilligan, William Gilligan, Jessie Maze, Ryan Shreve, Jason Metting, Willie Sommerville, Gavin VanSkiver, Jesse Engesser, Brian Franchuk, Conor Kelton, Erin Posbergh, Chris Posbergh, Joe Shreve, Allison Becker, Ryan Clare, Meghan Hartmann, Alexandra Wick, Rachel Saltzman, and Alex Franchuk. Andy and Isaac, two seeing-eye puppies, from the K-9 Leaders also attended.

Members participated in outdoor activities such as archery, ultimate (Frisbee), hiking, fishing and teambuilding. Inside activities included billiards, foosball, ping pong, air hockey, crafts, board games and card readings. There was plenty to do and plenty of food. S’mores were made on Saturday night. A great time was had by all. We are looking forward to next April already!
Hurray for the 4-H members who participated in Public Presentations!

Hurray for March 27, 28, 29

Daniel Ajamian  Jon Ajamian  Davide Alexis
Tom Armstrong  Alex Barre  Daniel Basile
Allison Becker  Kimberly Bergen  Kylie Berko
Lexi Berko  Cally Biely  Travis Biely
Monica Bogado  Emma Boganski  Mollie Booker
Melanie Boyea  Nicole Boyea  Debbie Czekay
Jessica Casterline  Gabrielle Chaya  Jordan Chiffotte
Stephanie Christian  Shanna Clifford  Taylor Cox
Amanda Cronce  Becky Czekay  Sarah Dagnall
Justin Dagnall  Erica Gyimesi  Jes Hala
Meghan Hartman  Alma Hasanovic  Brianna Havel
Ken Hayward  Casey Hennessey  Tom Hilbert
Julia Hill  Katherine Hill  Vicky Hill
James Hobbie  Liz Hobbie  Paula Hoffman
Nicole Hoffmann  Joseph Hoffmann  Charlie Hoffmann
Abigail Hunnewell  Alex Hunt  Kristen Johnson
Luke Johnson  Taylor Johnson  Kathleen Kerwin
Megan Kieffer  Rachel Kimsey  Christy Kinney
Alex Kinney  Caitlin Kober  Meghan Kouril
Katie Kouril  Hannah Kwiatek  Jackie LaCerte
Nigel Lane  Dan Lang  Sarah Lerch
Patti Linnell  Erik Loreng  Lisa Magulak
Danny Maher  Allie Mahon  Joseph Martinelli
Christine Martino  Sarah Martino  Brenna Massey
Trevor Mazzaglia  Jenna McBride  Andrew McCamley
Fiona McNamee  Elise McVean  Caroline Merrill
Shannon Merrill  Caitlin Merrill  Amy Miller
Ashley Miller  Emily Milz  Veronica Moditz
Renski Nijveldt  Eline Nijveldt  Mollisa Smutko
Sarah Stamets  Kelly Steimle  Emily Tarhoff
Ashley Thompson  Heather Thompson  Sharon Toth
Tanay Trivedi  Tyana Truong  Jadelyn Truong
Ashley Tursky  Karise Vaporakis  Alyssa Varsalone-Basile
Jay Vogelaar  Case Vogelaar  Amanda Weinstein
Alyson Weiss  Kara Whitney  Paul Yanoso
Chris Yanoso
Thank You to All the Volunteer Judges!


State Presentations

These 4-H’ers have received an invitation to State Presentations on June 9

Tom Armstrong
Kimberly Bergen
Lexi Berko
Monica Bogado
Alyssa Brisbois
Gwen Brown
Gabrielle Chaya
Stephanie Christian
Amanda Cronce
Justin Dagnall
Shilpa Desponde
Brittany Dinin
Katie Fenyar
Tana Ford
Brian Franchuk
Jennifer Frank
Victoria Gaffney
Bryce Gerlach
Cody Gerlach
Michael Goetjen
Erica Gyimesi
Jes Hala
Meghan Hartman
Alma Hasanovic
Ken Hayward
Vicky Hill
James Hbbie
Joseph Hoffman
Luke Johnson
Kathleen Kerwin
Megan Kieffer
Rachel Kimsey
Christy Kinney
Jackie LaCarte
Patti Linnell
Lisa Magulak
Christine Martino
Sarah Martin
Trevor Mazzaglia
Andrew McCamley
Shannon Merril
Caitlin Merrill
Bianna Mulrooney
Andrea Ortu
Angie Philipscheck
Chris Puskas
Melissa Race
Larz Rassmussen
Paul Rassmussen
Melissa Ribaudo
Sarah Rusk
Nathalie Schlosser
Elise Schwer
Heather Thompson
Sharon Tdiff
Tyana Truong
Jadelyn Truong
Alyssa Versalone-Basile
Ashley Ward
Amanda Weinstein
Alyson Weiss

4-H Science-sational Day

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made 4-H Science-sational Day a success: Lee Hammell, Angela Menoutis, Dave Rieur, Meredith Dornbach, Ann Harris, Megan Durant, Christopher Shepherd, Teri Bellows, Harry Brochinsky, James Thomson, Brittnay O’Brien, Caitllyn Merrill, Terri Yost, Glenn Valis, Tyhesha Cromwell, Rob Slovik, Mike Chaya, Marshall Hayward, Ken Hayward, Lindsay Hodgson, Georgiana Sutphen, Jon Syby and Stephanie Warrlein. Special thanks to all the members of the Sidewinders Club who came with their pets. Thanks to our Teen Helpers: Jason Ning, Patty Lin, Bianna Mulrooney, Jessica Hodge, Jack Clough, Charley Clough, Clarissa Chu, Debbie Chen, Jenn Frank, Amanda Weinstein, Faith D’Ambrosio, Steven Fang, Michelle Yu, Michael Dunn, Charlie Johnson, Jackie Fisher, Nick Meligari, Rose Cromwell, and Danny Lang. Other volunteers that helped the day run smoothly: Letitia Chan, Purusottam Mookerjee, John Clough, Viola Ning, Wai Hoi Chan, Jim Metting and Nicole Metting. 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.
## Results of the Winter Dog Shows

### Woofminster Winter Dog Show

**Junior Show:**
- **Novice**
  - Melanie Boyea 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Kylie Berko 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Intermediate Novice**
  - Brittny O’Brien 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Emily Rosenfeld 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Advanced Seniors**
  - Patti Linnell 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Lexi Berko 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Tana Ford 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Novice Seniors**
  - Andrea Ortu 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Wendy Franzyshen 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Elise Schwer 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Tom Hilbert 4<sup>th</sup>

### Wags & Whiskers Dog Show

**Junior Show:**
- **Beginner Junior**
  - Colleen Riter 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Sarah Fenwick 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Emma Boganski 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Beginner Senior**
  - Ashley Miller 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Joseph Shreve 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Novice Junior**
  - Kyle Graham 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Kylie Berko 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Ashley Ward 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Daniel Basile 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Novice Senior**
  - Wendy Franzyshen 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Thomas Hilbert 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Gwen Brown 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Intermediate Novice**
  - Kylie Berko 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Open Senior**
  - Tana Ford 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Lexi Berko 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Amanda Weinstein 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Sarah Martino 4<sup>th</sup>

### Obedience

- **Beginner B**
  - Callie Biely 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Allie Mostello 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Casey Hennessy 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Pre-Novice A**
  - Jessica Casterline 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Sharon Toth 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Scott Weiss 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Pre-Novice B**
  - Emma Boganski 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Christopher Furmato 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Intermediate**
  - Emma Boganski 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Kyle Graham 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Novice**
  - Ashley Ward 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Brian Franchuk 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Amanda Weinstein 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Advanced Novice**
  - Emily Rosenfeld 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Andrea Ortu 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Patti Linnell 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Gabrielle Chaya 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Advanced Novice**
  - Nathalie Schlosser 1<sup>st</sup>

## Ryan Clare Local Honoree

Ryan Clare, People Pick-Me-Ups and K-9 Seeing Eye Dog Club, was recently recognized as a Local Honoree by the Prudential Spirit of Community Award Committee for his outstanding volunteer work in the community.

## NJ 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to the 4-H Dairy Club members who participated in the March 31<sup>st</sup> NJ State Dairy Quiz Bowl, held at the Monmouth County Extension Office. The senior participants were Ashley Tursky, Kelly Steimle, and Julia Hill. The junior participants were Jessica Brygier, Christine O’Brien, Joe Martinelli and Alanna Staffin.

## Results of Dairy Clip Off

**Congratulations!**

### Senior Division

3rd Place - Jake Quick & Alex Hunt

### Junior Division

3rd Place - Danny Philipsheck & Joe Martinelli

Also competing Angie Philipsheck, Lizzie McGrath, Kathy Hill and Tom Armstrong
Congratulations... to volunteer Nora Balliet, who was nominated and recognized for her efforts by the Somerset County United Way and the Courier News 2007 Star Awards, held on April 26.

Nora, who has been a volunteer since 1998, has positively affected the lives of over 300 4-H Club members. Even though she no longer has a child in the program, she still volunteers as much as she did in the past. To enable youth to have many different opportunities, she has provided leadership to the Wags “n Whiskers dog club, given countless hours to 4-H dog shows that attract members from throughout New Jersey, supported community service events, and taken vacation time to volunteer hundreds of hours at the Somerset County 4-H Fair.

Nora is a caring, giving person and 4-H has come to rely on her skills and talents. She is certainly deserving of a Star Award.

April Anderson Wins Governor’s Award

Congratulations to April Anderson for winning the 2007 NJ Governor’s Award for her outstanding achievements in the Arts. April is a 2006 graduate from Hunterdon Central Regional High School and is now a freshman at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta, Georgia. She is studying Interior Design and Photography.

April was a 4-H member for the last 6 years and she helped start the 4-H Young Artistes Club 3 years ago. She volunteered as a Teen Leader and planned art projects for the club. She was one of the winners of the 2006 Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarships and volunteers for the Red Cross.

Thank you to Hook'em and Cook'em, 4-H Trainmasters, The Bruss and Gerlach families of the 4-H Cattlemen and the Dagnal family of Chaps and Spurs, for completing bench kits for Vespers Island, LG Cook 4-H Camp. They sawed and drilled and returned a total of 25 benches to camp!

Carol K. Ward Wins Award for Excellence

Carol K. Ward, Somerset County 4-H Agent, was recognized April 26 with the RCE Faculty Award for Excellence.

Carol was recognized for her outstanding service to Somerset, Warren and Atlantic Counties for the past 21 years.

In addition to holding the County Agent position, Carol has coordinated the State 4-H Dairy Program and more recently the State 4-H Horse Program.

Carol has received numerous state and national awards in her career.

NEW DATE! Celebration at Camp!

Everyone is invited to LG Cook 4-H Camp, Stokes State Forest, on September 30th 2007 for the rededication of Vespers Island to the memory of Ted Blum, former Somerset County 4-H Agent.

Campers will be pleased to see all new benches, brickwork and educational labels on the plants this summer. Mr. Blum loved camp and his favorite spot there was Vespers Island, a place for quiet reflection and communion with nature. This will be a fun day to celebrate 4-H Camp and Mr. Blum's contribution to the program. Details to follow.

Thank you... Thanks to all that helped and contributed to the Miniature Golf Outing to benefit Anthony DeVergillo. It was a fun day and the DeVergillo’s appreciate all the effort and support. The 4-H Association was proud to present Anthony with a check for $26,000 at the last Association meeting.
Calling all Somerset County 4-H families! Do you remember all the fun you had at Prep Camp, Club Camp, or Winter Camp? Were you a camp counselor or attended summer camp at L.G. Cook? 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! Somerset County 4-H Family camp is open to all Somerset County 4-H members and their families.

June 1, 2, 3, 2007
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. Your packet will be in the mail to you as soon as we get the request. You can contact Mrs. Lisa Darby at 908-526-6644 or email her at darby@co.somerset.nj.us for more information.

4-H TOPS Camp

June 26 - 29, 2007 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Totally Outrageous Program for Summer

Totally Outrageous Programs - Totally Outrageous Games
Totally Outrageous Snacks - Totally Outrageous Crafts
Totally Outrageous Fun!

Explore the world of dinosaurs and venture beyond the stars to space! Ball Games, Hoola-Hoops, Relay Races! Make your own Smoothies, Yogurt Parfaits, Trail Mix and Tortilla Pizza! Decorate your own T-Shirt, make your own Dream Catcher! Go on a Nature Hike, Pan for Gems, make friends, have fun!!!

Many exciting activities are planned for this new Summer Day Camp Program! Any boy or girl completing grades 1-6 may enroll even if he or she is not in 4-H. The cost is $150 and includes programs, 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 online at: http://www.4HisTops.org.
4-H Summer Camp 2007
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 crafts, dances, camp fires, fishing, swimming, 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 2-August 11. 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 30 - August 4.

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 $325. Full payment is due at the time of registration. Fees cover the cost of housing, food and all activities during a session. These are special discounts for registered 4-H members as well as discount available for multiple family members.

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

New Date!
Camp Open House
May 6, 2:00 - 5:30
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
We're on the look out for a House Band to host our 5th annual noon time S4HL! (Somerset 4-H Live!) on the Showmobile. If any individual of your band is a member of 4-H...your band is eligible! Just send us a demo (CD or cassette) of your best songs ASAP. Better yet...give us the location of your next gig and our teen members will show up to hear you play live!

Again, we're looking to load the noon hours with 4-H performers! Besides the House Band, we're also in search of other talented 4-H'ers in prep or standard clubs. 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 2007 Exhibitors' Guide.

All talented 4-H'ers should contact Betty Sommerville (908-281-5238, cell 908-635-1951) or the 4-H Office by May 15. Let's celebrate our super 60th Fair in style!

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 2007.
Fair Planning Meeting
May 23, 2007, 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

- Security & Safety
- Club Responsibilities & Yellow Pages
- Inclement Weather Procedures
- Service to 4-H Awards

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.

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!

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.

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.
Open Divisions are Fun for Everyone!

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 7:00 pm 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.

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How Sweet it is!

Do you want to make some "sweet" money for your 4-H club? Club parents and kids at least 16 years old can take a turn spinning cotton candy at the 4-H Fair. Cotton Candy has been an exclusive item of the Prep clubs but we would like to make a "sweet deal" and share the fun and profit with folks in other project areas. All you need to do is sign up for at least a 2 hour open time period one or more of the fair days and we will give your treasury 20% of what sales you take in during the time your club is spinning. The chief of operations, will give direction and tally the number of cones sold. Contact Lisa Darby, 4-H Prep Coordinator, at the 4-H office, for more information and to set up a time.

Wanted: Chief of Operations for Cotton Candy! Please apply to Lisa Darby!!

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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 9th 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 Economic club to participate. *See page 3.*

Need Help? Need Ideas? Come to our rescheduled workshop. **Dates to be announced!**
Sizzling Sidewinders
by Karise Vaporakis

The Sidewinders Club did a presentation for the Mad Scientists Prep Club. Five Sidewinders presented as well as two members of the Mad Scientists club who owned reptiles. The following night the Sidewinders met for the Presentations Workshop with the Radical Rodents Club. Both clubs had a lot of fun learning how to give presentations and make posters. On March 24 they went to Turtle Back Zoo. Members were taken behind the scenes of the new reptile exhibit. There they saw reptiles and amphibians being fed, and saw some giant bugs. It was the coolest!

Wags 'n Whiskers Dog Club
by Amy Miller

Wags 'n Whiskers had their dog show on Sunday, March 18. The show was smaller than normal because of cancellations due to the snowstorm the day before. No matter, the food was good and a great time was had by all!

Somerset Sentinels
by Megan Kouril

In April the Club built their rockets. Wesley Spear, the Club Leader, suggested younger members attend Science-Sational Day as well as the TOPS camp being offered. The Club is hoping to get some nice spring weather for launch dates. They are looking forward to the Fair!

Senior Council
by Robby Slovik

In March the Club participated in Safe Night. The activities were a lot of fun and an article, including a picture made the Star Ledger. In April, several Club members came out to help with Science-Sational Day. The Club was also on hand to help with a road clean up on April 22. In May, they will be attending the “Fleece Blanket” workshop to make blankets for the troops. The Club received approval for a snow cone booth at the Fair and they are ordering Senior Council t-shirts.

Sheepfold Club
by Cathy Christy

Sheepfold 4-H members attended the New Jersey Junior Breeders Symposium at Cook College on March 24th. They attended several livestock classes including Horse judging, Sheep Judging, Ruminant nutrition, and learned about Germ Warfare. Several brave members were able to feel the inside of a cow's stomach!

Sugar & Spice
by Tyana Truong

The Club has been busy working on their 2 sewing projects, jackets or pajama bottoms. At their last meeting, the Club discussed ad sales, presentations and upcoming 4-H activities. The club plans to attend both the Decorate Your Jeans workshop and the Fleece Blankets for the Troops workshop.

Mighty Cavits & Rodents
by Megan & Katie Kouril

Club discussions included upcoming small animals shows, the golf outing fund raiser and community service ideas. Presentations have been given by Sarah Ongaro on White Mini Satin, Sarah Stamets on Angoras, Todd Gallagher on Dolphins, Caroline Rubenfeld on Pet Therapy, and Leader Bob Petrovski gave a presentation on Guinea Pigs.

4-H Chinese Culture Club
by Clarissa Chu and Alvin Chiang

The 4-H Chinese Cultural Club has big plans for this spring! Instead of having an Easter party, our club will be having a Dragon Boat Festival celebration. This festival is celebrated on the fifth day of the fifth month on the Chinese lunar calendar. The origin of the Dragon Boat Festival is in remembrance of the beloved poet and statesman from the Warring States Period, Qh Yuan. During this festival, rice dumplings are eaten. Rice dumplings have tasty goodies inside, either sweet or salty. During the Dragon Boat Festival, dragon boat races are also held which is a huge excitement to the crowds. Long, painted boats with dragon heads and tails are launched onto the water, and they race to the finish! How exciting! We can’t wait until our club’s Dragon Boat Festival celebration!
4-H Cattleman’s Club  
*by Joshua Bruss*

Discussions at the last two meetings included the Club’s plan for their Fair display, their community service projects, and presentations. Four members gave their presentations, Jack Egan on Firefighting, AJ Stahoski on Dale Earnhardt, Bryce Gerlach on Gun Safety and Tom Armstrong on Texas Longhorns. It was a good meeting.

Wattles & Snood  
*by Stephen Fenyar*

Wattles and Snood has been preparing for the Fair and new chicks. The chicks will be delivered to members in mid May. Look for them at the fair. A few of the members did presentations and are looking forward to doing them again in the future.

Puppets Get Out & About  
*by Betty Sommerville*

The Pretty Cool 4-H Puppetry Club went to the Skillman J&J Child Development Center on April 9 to entertain their toddlers with nursery rhymes & songs "sung" by puppets. They also "danced" the metamorphosis of their 6 foot tall butterfly to celebrate 9th National Day of Puppetry on April 28 with professional puppeteers of the Garden State Puppetry Guild. They all joined together with Monmouth County 4-H puppeteers at their 4-H Building to present various aspects of this performance art. Maybe even more puppeteers will grow up in our garden state as this cooperation continues!

Country Kickers Gathering  
*by Betty Sommerville*

Some of the Kickers went to Club Camp and "danced up a storm" on Saturday night. They look forward to dancing at the Fair during S4HL and at night at the Showmobile. As usual they meet in the gym on the 2nd & 4th Fridays & welcome those teens who frequent Colorado Cafe to come on down and enjoy some elbow room as they kick up another storm with dances old and new.

4-H Young Artistes  
*by Jennifer Hodge*

The Young Artistes would like to congratulate April Anderson for winning the 2007 NJ Governor’s Award. All the members loved working with her and she always spent time with each one. Thank you, April for all your hard work and dedication.

Yearly 4-H Room Request August 1

4-H clubs may request use of rooms for club meetings in 2007/08 from MaryAnn DelGigante, the 4-H Night Center Manager, beginning the first business day in August, Wednesday the 1st, and may reserve the rooms through August of the next year. Requests must be renewed annually. MaryAnn may be contacted between the hours of 7:00-10:00 pm at the 4-H Center, Monday through Friday, 526-8242.

Need to Reach the 4-H Center at Night?

The 4-H Center Night Manager is Maryann DelGigante  
Phone: 908-526-8242  
7-10 pm Monday - Friday.
Dear 4-H Preppers,

Another “Trip Around the World” Prep Rally has flown by and what a great trip it was. The day started with hands-on activities, charting the day’s schedule on a map and having passport pictures taken. Then it was off to exotic countries abroad. We landed in Russia, China, France, and Denmark. The presenters of each country taught us so many fun and interesting things about the countries. We learned that hot air balloons originated in France and that for breakfast they eat crescents, Baggett’s and drink hot chocolate out of bowls. In Russia everyone made either a Russian crown or a shield with a coat of armor on it. China showed us how to make origami pigs because it is the year of the pig and how to use chopsticks. A Danish birthday was celebrated in Denmark. We also got to taste Danish, rye bread and pickled herring. We landed in Mexico for lunch where there were piñatas, dancing to the Mexican Hat Dance and we got to taste salsa and chips. What a fun and interesting trip we had. It was a great day! I hope to see all of you at Family Camp June 1st thru the 3rd.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Darby
4-H Prep Coordinator

Thank You!

Without our volunteers this Prep Rally would never have gotten off the ground. A BIG thank you goes to: The presenters of each country, France: Paula Barrameda with help from Tina Pirro, Katherine Pirro, Mrs. Duff and Kelsey Graham. Russia: Alayne Torretta with help from Jeanette Torretta, Smita Patel and Suzanne Maggio. Denmark: Rachel Everett with help from Elizabeth Frank and Molly Booker. China: Letitia Chan with help from Patty Chan and Christine Liaw. Mexico: Betty Sommerville, Laura Graham and the Clowning Around Club members, Faith D’Ambrosio, Pamela & John Gilligan, Ryan Shreve, Jesse Engesser, Willie Sommerville and John Garlipp. Registration Sue Posbergh, Pictures Kathy Bergen, Fixing the camera, Dan Gray, Passports Smita Patel, Ann Linke, and Joe Basile, Pilots and Co-Pilots Mike Pappas, Herb Rottner, Ann Linke, Jill Brochinsky, Steve Miller, Dave VanSkiver, Asha Chandra, Stephen Rothenburger, Amy Frank, Jennifer Frank and my wonderful teens: Chris Posbergh, Ryan Shreve, and Kyle Graham. Also, many thanks to all the staff members who gave a helping hand.

Hope to see you all at Family Camp!!!
**Yakety - Yak**

**Little Woofers** by Amy Franks

Members participated in their first dog show, Woofminster, on February 3 at the 4-H Center. Congratulations to the following Little Woofers who had a great “First Outing” with their dogs: Dominic Basile, Brian Batori, Austin Biely, Owen Booker, Samantha Cavallaro, Kristen Clerico, Gia Defex, Samantha Eristavi, Alyssa Franchino, Erica Franchino, Emily Helm, Marlena Mandic, Amy Susco, Jodi Vadinsky and Margaux Winchock. Everyone had fun. Keep up the good work!

**4-H Tops Club** by Shriti Ramanathan

The 4-H Tops Club learned how to make their own compass, how to use one if they were lost and that a compass always faces north. Did you know that the Chinese made the first compass? The Club learned that a volcano is a hole in the earth’s crust where melted rock (magma) flows. Then they made their own volcanoes. Did you know that a volcano erupted in Hawaii on Thursday, February 8, 2007? Mrs. Norz reports that on 4/09/07 the club made kites using the 20 minutes, 20 kids, 20 kites method. They looked just great.

**Chaps N Spurs Prep Club** by Kristin Johnson

The preppers learned about the different colors of horses. They also made Valentines Day cards for the veterans. You should’ve seen the foam horse stickers they brought! Next month they will cut out pictures of horses that are different colors and make a collage.

**The Mad Scientists Prep Club** by Harry Brochinsky

2/27/07- The Sidewinder Club brought a giant iguana and many other snakes and lizards for the club to see and touch. Joey brought his lizard named Alex and told us how he cares for it. 3/13/07- The meeting started by the club choosing a design for the club ad and discussing what they might like their fair exhibit to look like. The Hsu family helped the club grow all different color crystals. 3/27/07- the Club went to the Country Hills Volunteer Fire Company on Milltown Road for a tour of the Fire House and equipment.

**All 4-H Prep Club** by Mike Pappas

2/10/07- the club went to the Somerset County Environmental Center in Basking Ridge. They learned how syrup is made from trees. 2/20/07-The club went to the Vandermark-Merritt Glass Blowing Studio in Branchburg. 3/06/07-The 4-H Clowning Around Club visited the Club. As a follow-up the Club went to the Big Apple Circus. It was a great show! 4/03/07- A visit from some of the older 4-H members and their chickens. 4/17/07- Chris Posbergh from the Woolly Ones and the Four Leaf Clovers 4-H Club spoke about small animals.
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4-H Polo Shirt Order Form

$20.00 each
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