IT'S FAIR TIME!

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Opening Ceremonies

Once again, all 4-H members and their families are invited to help cut the ribbon! Join the celebration at 10:00 am Wednesday of the Fair, at the bridge in front of the Information Tent.

Let’s Make the Best Better! 2008 was a great 4-H Fair, but 2009 promises to be even better! Please read this special Fair issue of Clovertales carefully as we have made several significant changes. Thank you!

Get Ready for the Best 4-H Fair Ever!

Show your 4-H Club Spirit with banners, T-shirts, mini-floats, a cheer or a song! Each club that marches will receive a participation ribbon and a special designation such as Most Creative, Loudest Cheer, Best Animal Representation, etc. (No live animals please) Let's have ALL the clubs participate in this year’s longer, more exciting parade! Watch the Weekly emails for more details.

Date: Wed. Aug. 12th  Meeting Place: Outside the RC Car Tent
Meeting Time: 5:15   Parade Starts: 5:30
Parents...

Please support the efforts of your children as they prepare for the fair. This is their big day! It is a time for them to exhibit their accomplishments with pride. We have an old saying around here, "4-H is a family affair, and in 4-H, you're part of the family." Share the 4-H experience with your child. Please consider assisting your child's club leader or helping with other tasks at the fair. Read this newsletter for ideas or call your leader or the 4-H office. If you haven't already, we would love to have you join us!

2009 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide

This document was mailed earlier in the year. It is important to review the orange pages in the front. Review your division guidelines, and any Open Divisions in which you are interested.

All 4-H members are welcome to participate in Open Divisions. If you didn’t receive one, please contact the 4-H Office.

• You may have craft projects, creative arts, needlecraft, woodworking and photography that you did during the school year that you can exhibit. Read the rules and requirements carefully, changes have been made.
• All exhibits in Open Divisions should be turned in to the 4-H Center no later than 3:00 pm on Thursday, August 6.
• Check the listing for each division in the Exhibitor's Guide for details and if pre-registration is required.
• Prep members may participate non-competitively and will receive 4-H Fair participation ribbons.

Yearbook and Catalog

Catalogs will be available at the 4-H Center mid August. Please be sure your advertisers get one. Say thanks to Joanna Lieuallen, Kelly Allison, Abner & Kitty Mathews, Susan Posbergh, Chris Posbergh, Sandy Clare, Pauline Kodack, Joe Bakes, Rivi Israel, and Sarah Israel for a terrific 2009 Edition of the Yearbook and Catalog.

Yearbook & Catalog T-shirts

4-H members (or volunteers) with $50 or more in ad sales receive a special edition 4-H Fair T-shirt for their efforts. Pick up shirts at the 4-H Center, 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27 or Tuesday, August 4.

Event Permission Forms

• Each member who plans to participate in the fair must complete two Event Permission Forms.
• Give both copies to your leader.
• Leaders will keep one copy in the tent and put one in an envelope to be stored in the information tent for use by the rescue squad only.

If there is an accident on the fairgrounds, we will have all the necessary emergency information to recognize allergies or health conditions and to contact parents. Please cooperate in this attempt to keep all 4-H members as safe as possible. If your family needs more forms, they are available from the website: www.4HisTops.org.

Fair Supplies

Fair supplies will be available at the 4-H Center starting the first week of August. These include:

• Exhibitor tags/cards, livestock exhibit cards
• Exhibitor buttons for 4-H members
• Danish ribbons for classes. Rosettes, trophies and medallions for outstanding work
• Green participation ribbons
• Non-competitive club ribbons
• Leader ribbons to be worn as identification
• FAIR OFFICIAL name badges for tent superintendents, division chairs and committee chairs.
• Division Banners for tents
• Judges food tickets and identification ribbons
• Forms to report show results, awards, interesting stories (for Clover Tales and the Press Notebook in the Information Tent)
• “No Dogs Allowed” signs for inside tents
• Event permission forms
• Labels for supplies to be stored in pole barn

Please return all leftover or borrowed supplies to the 4-H Center by Wednesday, August 26.
Press Releases
Do you have an interesting story about your project or other 4-H experience that would encourage other kids or adults to join or volunteer? Please complete the form in the Press Book and we will send your suggestion to the papers. There will be a PRESS BOOK in the information tent and we will be working with local newspapers to give them up to the minute news.

We can also use this as a vehicle to tell our story. We cannot guarantee they will print our stories, but the more information we make available, the more we can hope to spread the word!

Fair Improvement Grants
Due August 1
The 4-H Association will give divisions/tents monetary grants to make the fair better. Applications are available at the 4-H Center and on the website, www.4HisTops.org/4hfair.

Got 4-H Talent?
Today's youth can become tomorrow's stars! Join us during one of the noon hours and show off your talent! Play a little ditty, sing the song that's in your heart, or dance your dreams away! The 7th annual S4HL! (Somerset 4-H Live!) will again be a showcase for our talented 4-H’ers. Check out the description of the Open Division 14: Performing Arts in the 2009 Exhibitors' Guide. It's not too late to register with the Entertainment Committee. Call Betty Sommerville, Home: 908-281-5238, Cell: 908-635-1951 or e-mail her at ilsomm@comcast.net (put "4-H talent" in the subject line).

Keep It Neat!
Every year 4-H members, parents and leaders are welcome to turn their tents into their home-away-from-home during the three days of fair. However, it is important to remember that this home is on display to the public and that personal items should be stored out of public view.

Herdsmen
- 4-H’ers who have completed 8th grade or older may sleep overnight at the fair to make sure animals and exhibits are safe and secure.
- Herdsmen Supervisors are Debbie and Rich Norz, 4-H Association members.
- Herdsmen are people of character and pledge to uphold the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.
- Return a completed application by JULY 10 to the 4-H Center. Late applications will not be accepted! Applications are available online: www.4HisTops.org.
- Herdsmen applicants must attend one of two herdsmen orientation meetings, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. or August 4 at 7:00 p.m. If you have been a herdsman for the last 2 or more consecutive years, your parent or guardian does not need to attend. Members need permission and approval signatures from a parent, a leader and a 4-H Agent on the application.
- A breakfast will be provided, Wednesday through Saturday mornings from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. on the fair grounds.
- We also need adults to serve as herdsmen. They must complete the NJ 4-H Volunteer Overnight Agreement.

Volunteer Workforce Yellow Pages
The Fair is successful because of the many, many volunteers that assist, including you and your club. In addition to working within your division, plan to volunteer to help other areas. The electricians need lots of help, as do the food and commercial tent committees. You may help either setting up or cleaning up! Call the 4-H office or these teams directly to volunteer.
Lost Children
All lost children must be taken to the Information Tent. Managers and Park Rangers will proceed to locate parents from there. If a parent is missing a child, notify a Park Ranger and the workers in the Information Tent immediately!

Injuries or Illness
The Rescue Squad is on the fairgrounds at all times and available for any health emergency. They may be reached by radio from the Information Tent or by any Park Ranger, Fair Manager or Staff. All injuries must be reported on an Incident Report form available in the Information Tent.

Fair Hours
The Fair is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Therefore, all exhibits must be in place during those hours on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Exhibits must be ready by 10 a.m. on Wednesday and no one is to take down or remove exhibits until after 10 p.m. Friday.

Delayed Opening: If there is a weather alert, call the 4-H Office, 908-526-6644, 7 am – 8 am for further information. Listen to WCTC – 1450 AM and WMGQ 98.3 FM.

Early Closing: If it becomes necessary to close the fair early, an official announcement will be made over the PA system. Notification thru the chain of command, as outlined in the Thunderstorm Procedure, will begin as soon as the decision is made. If the Fair will reopen, the same procedure will take place.

Parking
- Weather permitting, there will be parking on the fairgrounds. If there is inclement weather or other events beyond our control, which prohibit parking on the fairgrounds, additional shuttle buses from Raritan Valley Community College will be added as needed. THIS INCLUDES MONDAY AND TUESDAY EVENINGS BEFORE THE FAIR.
- Tuesday before the fair when everyone is unloading, please do not leave vehicles along the roads. Unload and move your vehicle to the parking lot. This will decrease the congestion and allow traffic to flow more freely.

• AVOID THE FUSS, ENJOY THE BUS
- Buses will run between the fair grounds and Raritan Valley Community College from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. all 3 days of the fair.
- Handicapped parking will be available either on the grounds or at RVCC.
- On Fair Days, parking at the 4-H Center is ONLY for those visiting the offices or employees. If the Fair parking lots are closed, one pass to the 4-H Center lot will be issued per club. See Carol Ward

• DROP-OFF during fair hours The paved area off Horse Ring Road is the designated drop-off point. There is no parking there, but a sheriff’s officer will be on hand to radio for a golf cart if you need to have supplies dropped off. Please help load the golf cart/trailer and have someone available to help unload at the tent. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Germ Busting in the Animal Tents
- All divisions with petting areas need to instruct fair visitors to clean their hands before and after petting the animals and before eating.
- Each animal tent will be given two hand sanitizing stations and posters.
- All exhibitors need to clean and disinfect equipment prior to coming to the fair. This includes trailers.

Livestock and Horse Trailers
- Please plan to unload animals on Tuesday, take trailers home, and return on Friday evening after 10pm.
- One trailer per division will be allowed to stay on the fairgrounds in a designated area. This trailer will not be moved until Friday evening after 10 pm. See Carol Ward for permit. Any additional trailers will be parked on the grounds from Tuesday evening until 10:00 pm on Friday in the small paved lot behind the drop-off on Horse Ring Road.
### Member Responsibilities

- Complete projects and bring to the Fair. (Some projects are judged before the fair. Check Exhibitor’s guide.)
- Get signatures and apply to be a herdsman on time.
- Design, set up and clean up club exhibit.
- Set up projects, displays, boards/stalls.
- Decorate tent area.
- Staff tent (with club leaders and parents.)
- Help set up & take down cinder blocks/ planks in food tent. Volunteer where needed.
- Wipe tables in food tent -- sign in at food tent committee booth and receive free food tickets.
- Raise and lower the flaps each day. On Friday night after the Fair, do not remove the flaps.
- Leave ideas for interesting stories in the "Press Book" in the Information Tent.
- Give your Event Permission Form to your leader. These are available to download on the website.

### Adult Responsibilities

#### 4-H Parents & Guardians

- Support the efforts of your child(ren).
- Assist club leaders with Fair responsibilities.
- Assist in other areas as needed by volunteering for jobs outside your division.
- Pick up Bumper Stickers in the 4-H Center lobby or the 4-H office to advertise the Fair.
- Sign Herdsman Applications.
- Complete health and permission forms.

#### 4-H Club Leaders

- Discuss Exhibitor’s Guide with parents/members.
- Contact the 4-H Office if you need ideas for exhibit signs or posters.
- Determine and coordinate needs of club for Fair.
- Assign roles/responsibilities.

- Please collect the Event Permission Forms from your members. Put one set in a sealed, labeled envelope and leave them at the information booth before Wednesday at noon. They will only be used in an emergency which would require information for the rescue squad. Keep the other set in your tent.
- Keep phone numbers & emergency numbers of club members accessible at the Fair at all times.
- There will be a PRESS NOTEBOOK in the information tent. Appoint someone to keep this book up to date with results of all judging events for reporters from local newspapers and Clover Tales. Interesting story ideas are welcome too!
- Organize club effort to help in other parts of the Fair (See yellow pages).
- Sign Herdsman Applications.
- Assign parents or teens to Saturday, 2nd Shift at 10 a.m. Call the 4-H Office to sign up.

#### Division Chairpersons

- Are responsible for projects that make up that Division.
- Obtain exhibit information from club leaders.
- Work with club leaders, making note of changes for the 2006 Exhibitor’s Guide and give to the 4-H Office.
- Obtain judges and if there is no parking, notify judges as early as possible or make other arrangements.
- Appoint someone to report judging results in "Press Book" in the Information Tent.
- Submit division schedules to 4-H Office.
- Order ribbons ASAP. Pick them up at the Center before your show.

#### Tent Superintendents

- Oversee set-up and take-down.
- Design layout and designate electricity needs.
- Oversee the activities and schedule in the tent.
- Keep herdsmen’s personal belongings to a minimum.

#### County 4-H Staff & 4-H Fair Managers

- Oversee general operations of the 4-H Fair. Feel free to call them with questions or concerns. See Directory for phone numbers.

*Thank you to all the members, parents and volunteers who contribute so much time and energy to making the 4-H Fair a success.*
Fair Set Up
The Fair Managers will move supplies to the fairgrounds very early the Saturday morning before the fair. Everything in the pole barn that has a division label on it will be placed in the appropriate tent. Horse club members will help at the pole barn at 6 am and Dairy club members at 8 am.

After tents are secure and electricians have completed wiring, 4-H clubs are permitted to set up fencing, exhibit boards, etc. Club exhibits must be set up by Tuesday evening before the Fair. Any leftover supplies should be placed on a pallet and shrink wrapped. Please make every effort to hide your leftovers and pallets in your tent. If this is impossible, please label them and contact a Fair Manager Tuesday evening to have them returned to the pole barn. Trash should be marked for the dumpster.

How to Pack a Pallet
- Position pallet on the ground so the tines of the forklift fit between the slats.
- Make sure top of the pile is flat enough to place another pallet on top. DO NOT build a pyramid.
- Shrink wrap VERY tightly, especially PVC pipe and wire cages.
- Do not allow anything to hang over the edges.
- Do not put rented tables (those labeled Miller Party Supply) on any pallet.
- If you have delicate items, do not put them on pallet. Please make other arrangements for their storage.
- Label clearly. Tent superintendents will receive labels in their tent packets. If you need more, please let the 4-H Office know ahead of time.
- If you have questions, ask a fair manager or forklift operator. They are willing to help you make the job go smoothly.

Fair Clean Up
SEE EXHIBITOR GUIDE FOR DETAILS
- Exhibits may be taken down after the Fair closes at 10:00 p.m., Friday night.
- Remove all new staples after taking down your display.
- Upon obtaining an electrician’s approval, each superintendent should assign members to help remove all items from tent, drop, roll and label electric wire and pack wire and bulbs in barrels.
- Rake or clean litter from tent areas.
- Friday night, August 15 and/or Saturday morning, August 16, all divisions will shrink wrap their pallets and label them. Shrink wrap and labels will be provided.
- Fair managers will be available from 6:00 a.m.–12 noon on Saturday after the Fair to help load the pole barn.
- There will be a forklift and flat bed truck to help bring items from the Fairgrounds to the pole barn.
- Divisions are expected to have a representative at the Fairgrounds to make sure the correct items are brought to the pole barn.
- Any items left on the Fairgrounds or at the 4-H Center after Saturday noon will be thrown away!

2nd Shift on Saturday
Each club should plan to send a few people for a second shift on Saturday after the fair. When the herdsmen and other helpers leave the fairgrounds around 9 or 10 a.m., the electricians and fair managers are left to continue the clean up on their own. Last year each club sent one or two well rested people at 10 a.m. Clean up went much faster, everyone was home by 1:00 and everyone felt supported and appreciated.
Food Tent News

Help Spin Cotton Candy at the Fair!

If you volunteer to spin cotton candy during the fair, you will receive a free tee shirt and a cotton candy. Volunteers who spin cotton candy need to be at least 16 years of age. Ticket takers can be younger. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Lisa Darby at the 4-H Office, 908-526-6644.

Egg Hunt at the Fair

The Poultry division held this event the past 2 years and it was a huge success. They are asking other divisions to help this year. Prizes in the eggs could be coupons for something children would have to pick up in your tent, encouraging that family to see more of the Fair. Call Steve Fenyar if your division would like to participate, 908-359-7288.


Fair News for 4-H Alumni

Holly Dunbar is collecting information to publish the third annual issue of the Somerset County 4-H Alumni Newsletter. This publication was a hit last year and if you have any news or ideas for reaching Alumni, please call the 4-H Office.

If you wish to help assemble the photo exhibit, please call the 4-H office, 908-526-6644.

Landscapers Needed!

The Somerset County 4-H Association is looking for quality landscapers, garden centers or landscape designers to donate their expertise and materials for decorative plantings and mulch beds at the entrances to the 4-H Exhibit tents during the Somerset County 4-H Fair. The displays will be accompanied by an 8.5 x 11 inch sign with the company name and logo for an estimated 20,000 people to view for 3 days. If you are a landscaper or know a landscaper, this is a great opportunity to show off your craftsmanship! Call the 4-H Office at 908-526-6644 for more details.

You’re Invited To Pre-Fair Fun!

Come one! Come all!

Be a part of the fun on Friday, July 31st at 7:30 pm as we get ready to kick-off the 4-H Fair! This is a great chance to hang out with old buddies and meet new friends. Test your fair knowledge with games and win some prizes. Here’s your chance to relax and have fun BEFORE the fair!

Ted Blum 4-H Center
RSVP Sue Posbergh at (908) 303-6024 cell or ksec@att.net

Each family is asked to bring a dessert or snack to share. Drinks will be supplied by the 4-Leaf Clovers.
Volunteers Supporting Volunteers

The 4-H Association Oasis Committee supplies drinks, snacks and meals for the Fair Managers and electricians working on the Fairgrounds from the Wednesday before the Fair until Tuesday evening before the Fair. This committee supplies the Tuesday lunch for everyone. They are there again the Saturday after the Fair with breakfast, drinks and lunch for all workers. Members decide what they will provide on which day. If you or your club would like to help, please contact Tina Pirro at kmpirro@msn.com to be involved in the planning. This is funded by the 4-H Association.

Attention: All Rabbit, Alpaca, Sheep and Specialty Dog Club Members...

Please save your fleeces and fibers for show and judging at the fair. Judging of all entries will take place in the sheep tent during Sheep-to-Shawl on Thursday. Awards will be presented to all entrants.

If you have questions or need additional information, please email Pauline Kodack at pmkodack@verizon.net.

Emergency Procedures

Please read the thunderstorm and lightening procedures carefully. Leaders should remind families to have an emergency plan. As you can see in the Chain of Command, tent superintendents will be called upon to help relay information to the members and the public in your tents. FAIR OFFICIAL name badges will be available at the 4-H Center before the Fair. All tent superintendents, division chairs and Fair committee chairs are asked to wear them whenever you are on the Fairgrounds. This will enable visitors and 4-H families to identify people that can answer questions or give directions. In the event of an emergency, a badge will give authority to your directions. Thank you for helping to make these emergency procedures work smoothly.

Please note the change from previous instructions: Rule #5 is that no one should stay in a tent during a thunderstorm. Go to a building or vehicle.

2008 4-H Fair Chain of Command in Case of Emergency

✔ Mike Amorosa- Fair Manager Liaison to the Park Rangers
✔ Joe Bakes- Public Address Announcer
✔ Mike Pappas- Fair Manager Liaison to Bus company, County Transportation,
✔ Joanne Vuoso, Public Information Officer and vendors in the small county tent.
✔ Britt Powell- Fair Manager Liaison to Dawn Hribik, Commercial Chair and Chris Ireland, First Aid.
✔ Tony DeVergillo- Fair Manager Liaison to Betty Sommerville, Entertainment Chair
✔ Scott Szakaes-Fair Manager Liaison to the Food Tent Committee
✔ Abner Mathews- Fair Manager Liaison to the Sheriff’s Officers
✔ Dave Rieur- Liaison to the tents/activities by the brook and flying field, sno-cones
✔ Barbara Navatto- 4-H Staff Liaison to the 4-H Office.

4-H Office will notify the Association Executive Committee, Buildings and Grounds and some County Departments 4-H Staff, with the help of tent superintendents, will inform divisions and tents.

✔ Carol Ward- horse, dogs, sheep, goats, dairy, beef, poultry, and show tent
✔ Lisa Rothenburger-Trains, mechanical sciences, rc cars, go-kart track, small animal
✔ Lucille Razzano- Arts, Board of Ag
✔ Lisa Darby- Prep, Ice Cream, Cotton Candy
✔ Rachel Bijaczyk- Science, Master Gardeners, Herpetology
All 4-H families and Fair volunteers should have a plan for inclement weather, including a means of communication and a designated place to meet.

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch** (National Weather Service definition)
This is issued by the National Weather Service when conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms in and close to the watch area. A severe thunderstorm by definition is a thunderstorm that produces 3/4 inch hail or larger in diameter and/or winds equal or exceed 58 miles an hour. The size of the watch can vary depending on the weather situation. They are usually issued for a duration of 4 to 8 hours. They are normally issued well in advance of the actual occurrence of severe weather. During the watch, people should review severe thunderstorm safety rules and be prepared to move a place of safety if threatening weather approaches.

1. When the Somerset County Park Commission Staff or the Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers receives a Thunderstorm Watch for Somerset County from County Communications or the National Weather Service they will contact Fair Managers and all Rangers, P.C. stage manager, P.C. maintenance, and Bridgewater Township Police Department Officer via radio about the situation.
2. Fair Managers and 4-H Staff will be responsible for informing their assigned areas and fair personnel.
3. The Public Address Announcer will then periodically inform the public about what to do when a thunderstorm approaches.
4. Roving Ranger staff and 4-H Volunteers will inform vendors and people conducting activities about the situation.
5. SCPC staff and Sheriff’s Officers at the drop off point should prepare for bad weather and the possibility of park visitors leaving the area, i.e. assisting with traffic control at a last moments notice. Drop Off Points will remain operational.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning** (National Weather Service definition)
This is issued when either a severe thunderstorm is indicated by the WSR-88D radar or a spotter reports a thunderstorm producing hail 3/4 inch or larger in diameter and/or winds equal or exceed 58 miles an hour; therefore, people in the affected area should seek safe shelter immediately. Severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes with little or no advance warning. Lightning frequency is not a criteria for issuing a severe thunderstorm warning. They are usually issued for a duration of one hour. They can be issued without a Severe Thunderstorm Watch being already in effect.

1. When the Somerset County Park Commission or the Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers receives a Thunderstorm Warning for Somerset County or a thunderstorm is seen heading towards North Branch Park, all the above parties will be informed.
2. The Public Address Announcer will announce that 4-H’ers, volunteers and the public should immediately seek shelter and take appropriate precautions.
3. All activities on the fairgrounds are to cease immediately.
4. SCPC staff, Fair Managers, 4-H Staff, and Roving Rangers, will inform public and 4-H families on the grounds to seek shelter immediately.
5. Fair attendees that have vehicles on site should retreat to their cars. All others should seek shelter in a shuttle bus or the 4-H Center. DO NOT STAY IN A TENT. (This is a change from what was previously stated. Your cooperation is appreciated)
6. Buses will take people to RVCC and the 4-H Center or stay on the grounds to be used as shelters.
7. All staff and volunteers should seek shelter themselves.
FAIR CLOSING
The Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers and Somerset County Park Commission will decide whether or not to close the Fair, based on the severity of the weather and the condition of the parking lots. They will notify the chain of command.

If the Fair is closed:
1. The Public Address Announcer will make an announcement from the information tent
2. Buses will not bring people to the Fair and all parking lots on the Fairgrounds will be closed.
3. Buses will take people to RVCC and the 4-H Center or stay on the grounds to be used as shelters
4. The Drop Off points will continue to operate, but only to pick up people leaving
5. The 4-H Center driveway will only be used as a drop off/pick up.
6. A Sheriff’s officer will direct traffic at the 4-H Center. Parking will be extremely limited.

FAIR REOPENING
The Fair will reopen only when The Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers and Somerset County Park Commission agree and pass the word along. Parking lots may or may not open immediately.

The following are taken from FEMA guidelines pertaining to thunderstorms.

- Remember the 30/30 lightning safety rule: Go indoors if, after seeing lightning, you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.
- Get inside a home, building, or hard top automobile (not a convertible). Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.
- Remember, rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning. However, the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal.
- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage.
- Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.
- Cordless and cellular telephones are safe to use. Use a corded telephone only for emergencies.

Avoid the following:
- Natural lightning rods such as a tall, isolated tree in an open area.
- Hilltops, or open fields
- Isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas.
- Anything metal—tractors, farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts, bleachers, and bicycles.
# 2009 Somerset County 4-H Fair Volunteer Workforce

If your club can **NOT** fulfill the responsibility listed, please call the 4-H Office, 526-6644.

Everywhere you see “Need Help” is a place **YOU** can make a difference.

## Prior to the Fair

4-H Fair Managers and Office Staff
- Tent contract
- Publicity
- Layout
- Shuttle bus
- Golf Carts
- Porta-Jons
- Bumper strips/promo items
- Bleachers
- Portable radios
- Highway signs

### Permits: construction, electric, food
- Security/traffic/parking
- Schedules/maps
- Electricity/smoke detectors
- Ribbons/trophies/medallions
- First Aid/Fire
- Opening Ceremonies/4-H Hour
- Fork Lifts/Trucks

## Wednesday–Friday, August 5–7, Evenings

1. Move electrical supplies to Fairgrounds
   - Need Help
   - Tony DeVergillo
2. Erect snow fence in Commercial Tents
   - Dog Clubs (8/7 6:30 p.m.)
   - Dawn Hribik

## Saturday before the Fair, August 8

1. Transport supplies from pole barn to fair
   - Fair Managers, horse, dairy
   - Mike Amorosa
2. Unpack pallets and label for return to barn
   - All Divisions
   - Mike Amorosa
3. Electric (unpacking bulbs & wiring)
   - Need Help
   - Tony DeVergillo
4. Electric (stringing wire in tents)
   - Two volunteers per tent
   - Electricians
5. Man Volunteer Oasis
   - Need Help
   - Tina Pirro
6. Install Show Tent fence
   - Livestock clubs (9:30 am)
   - Livestock leaders
7. Science Tent exhibit boards set-up
   - Science and other Clubs
   - Sue Posbergh

## Sunday before the Fair, August 9

1. Fire extinguishers
   - Somerset Sentinels 4-H Club
   - Mike Amorosa
2. Prep Tent set-up
   - 4-H Prep Clubs
   - Dave VanSkiver
3. Electric (stringing wire in tents)
   - Two Volunteers per tent
   - Electricians
4. Exit and No Smoking Signs
   - Teen Volunteers
   - Kelly Allison
5. Arts Tents exhibit boards set-up
   - Arts and other Clubs
   - Laura Graham
6. Info. Booth set-up
   - Need Help
   - Joe Bakes
7. Milkshake booth set-up
   - Committee, Go-Kart Club
   - Janet Kolb
8. Install recruitment kiosks
   - Senior Council
   - Maggie Navatto
9. Install hand sanitizers
   - Teen Volunteers
   - Kelly Allison
10. Cotton Candy set-up
    - Need Help
    - Kyle Miholics

## Monday before the Fair, August 10, 6:30 p.m.

1. Show Tent set-up
   - Livestock Clubs
   - Pauline Kodack
2. Food Tent set-up
   - Food Tent Committee
   - Lucille Razzano
**Tuesday before the Fair, August 11, all day (call your leaders for times)**

1. 4-H exhibits set-up          4-H Club Members          4-H club leaders
2. Food Tent set-up            Food Vendors               Food Tent Committee
3. 4-H Herdsmen Meeting 10:30 pm 4-H Teen Members       Debbie and Rich Norz
4. Tables/chairs for divisions Division Chairpersons Sign-out in pole barn
5. 4-H Information Tent contents Need Help              Joe Bakes
6. Bench seating for the public Teen Volunteers         Kelly Allison

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – August 12, 13, & 14**

1. Ribbon Cutting 10:00 am Wed. **Come one, come all!** 4-H Agents
2. 4-H Performances           Need 4-H talent          Betty Sommerville
3. Food Tent tables cleaned   All clubs or individuals Kelly Allison
4. Herdsmen breakfast 6:30-8:30 am Need parents          Sandy Clare, Pauline Kodack
5. Parade Wed. 5:00 at RC car tent All clubs and individuals Dave Van Skiver
6. Opening Ceremony Wed 7:00 pm. **Come one, come all!** 4-H Agents
7. Milkshake booth/evenings    Need Help                Janet Kolb
8. 4-H Herdsmen Meetings 10:30 pm 4-H Teen Members Debbie and Rich Norz
9. Man Information Booth       Need Help                Joe Bakes

**Friday night after the Fair**

1. Tables/chairs returned 4-H Center All Divisions Division Chairpersons
2. Exhibit boards, pens & blocks stack on pallets, wrap, label All 4-H Clubs Scott Szakacs
3. 4-H Info. Tent dismantled    Need Help                Joe Bakes
4. Milkshake booth dismantled   Need Help                Janet Kolb
5. Food Tent dismantled        Herdsmen, Need Help        Scott Szakacs
6. Prep boards dismantled      Prep Clubs                Dave Van Skiver, Harry Brochinsky
7. Commercial Tent snow fence dismantled & rolled Need Help        Dawn Hribik
8. Cotton Candy dismantled     Need Help                Kyle Miholics

**Saturday morning after the Fair – Aug 15 – We Need You!!**

1. Pack Pole Barn starting 6 a.m. Fair Managers     Mike Amorosa
2. Drop & roll wires, pack bulbs All Divisions (Need Help) Electricians
3. Remove bench seating          Need Help                Fair Managers
4. Rake debris on fairgrounds    All 4-H Clubs (Need Help) Joe Bakes
5. Return Info. Booth papers to Center Need Help            Pauline Kodack
6. Dismantle Show Tent           Livestock clubs         Mike Amorosa
7. Fire extinguishers returned  Somerset Sentinels 4-H Club Scott Szakacs
8. 4-H Food Booths to pole barn Need Help

**Saturday Morning 10:00 a.m. SECOND SHIFT**

1. Finish packing electrical supplies, Two Reps from each Club Electricians
   finish moving everything to Center Pete Hirsch
2. Man Volunteer Oasis (snacks, drink) Need Help Tina Pirro
3. Wash Golf Carts Need Help Abner Mathews
2009 4-H FAIR DIRECTORY

4-H FAIR MANAGERS
Abner Mathews - 526-2950
Britt Powell - 526-6773
Peter Hirsch - 874-5476
Scott Szakacs -732-558-8209
Tony DeVergillo - 658-4153
Mike Amorosa - 231-9585
Mike Pappas - 722-3352
Finances- Jim Wood
Food Tent - Annette Smutko,
Caitlyn O’Neil,
Fair Mgr Liaison-Scott Szakacs
Office contact- Lucille Razzano

4-H Information - Joe and Kathy Bakes, 725-4246
Fair Mgr Liaison - Pete Hirsch
Office contact - RoseMary Fleming
Herdsman Supervisors - Rich & Deb Norz, 369-8586
Fair Mgr Liaison-Britt Powell,
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Herdsman Breakfast- Pauline Kodack-704-9253
Sandy Clare-722-3465
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Commercial- Dawn Iribik, 725-6292
Fair Mgr Liaison-Abner Mathews
Office contact-Barb Navatto
Yearbook/Catalog Ads - Joanna Licuallen, 231-8849
Office contact-Barb Navatto
Yearbook/Catalog Photos - Joe Bakes, 725-4246
Office Contact- Kelly Allison
Entertainment- Betty Sommerville, 281-5238
Kim Mibolics
Fair Mgr. Liaison- Mike Pappas
Office contact- Barb Navatto
Parade- Dave Van Skiver
Ellen Parker
Fair Mgr. Liaison- Mike Pappas
Office contact- Barb Navatto
Sponsorship - Linda Au, 658-4165
Office contact- RoseMary Fleming
Milkshakes-Janet Kolb, 369-4865
Fair Mgr Liaison - Scott Szakacs
Office contact-Lucille Razzano
Logistics - Dave Rieur, 281-6656
Fair Mgr Liaison- Abner Mathews
First Aid, Fire-Christopher Ireland
Fair Mgr Liaison- Mike Amorosa
Corporate Volunteers - Pam Christian-369-3572
Office Contact- Lisa Darby
Volunteer Oasis - Tina Pirro, 732-906-2027
Erin Torres,
Fair Mgr Liaison - Pete Hirsch
Office Contact- Barb Navatto

Electrician’s Workforce- Tony DeVergillo- 685-4153
Britt Powell- 526-6773
Office Contact- Barb Navatto
PA Systems- Kyle Miholics,
Fair Mgr Liaison- Tony DeVergillo
Office Contact- Barb Navatto
Fair Photographer- Abner Mathews
Tent Superintendents
Horse - Carol Maciborski, 732-469-6295
Office contact-Carol Ward
Alpaca/Cat – Janet Weiss, 393-2762
Office contact-Carol Ward
Dog- Tina Pirro, 732-906-2027
Jeff Weinstein, 281-2595
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Sheep- Mary McLaughtlin, 392-4063
Office contact-Carol Ward
Poultry- Steve Fenyr, 359-7288
Office contact-Carol Ward
Dairy- Rich Norz, 369-8586
Office contact-Carol Ward
Beef-Michelle Ogle, 781-5576
Office contact-Carol Ward
Goats- Al Staehsol, 359-8569
Office contact-Carol Ward
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
RC Cars- Chris Heckman, 369-3583
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Science- Sue Postbergh, 704-4631
Office contact- Lisa Rothenburger
Arts- Laura Graham, 369-5190
Office contact-Lucille Razzano
Prep- Dave Van Skiver, 732-560-3691
Harry Brochinsky, 252-0797
Office contact-Lisa Darby
Small Animal- Laurie Hazen, 722-4948
Office contact-Carol Ward
Herpetology- Karen Fisch, 722-3120
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Show Tent – Pauline Kodack, 704-9253
Office contact-Carol Ward
Model Trains- Jan Lush, 429-1610
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Sno-Cone – Beth Kavanagh, 439-3751
Ice Cream – Debbie Norz, 369-8586
Cotton Candy- Lisa Darby
Board of Agriculture - Joanne Powell, 526-6773
Alumni-
Open Divisions- Office Contact- Rachel Bijaczyk
And in Other News...

Association News

Thanks to these officers for agreeing to serve another term beginning in September.

Rich Norz - President
Joe Bakes - Vice President
Jim Wood - Treasurer
Jeanne Fasullo - Assistant Treasurer
Caitlyn O'Neil - Recording Secretary

Welcome to new Corresponding Secretary, Maggie Navatto.

Many thanks to Janet Kolb our retiring Corresponding Secretary.

Yearly 4-H Room Request Due in August

4-H clubs may request use of rooms for club meetings in 2009/10 from MaryAnn DelGigante, the 4-H Center evening superintendent, beginning the first business day in August, Friday 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.

Dates Set for State 4-H Animal Shows

August is the time for 4-H members from throughout the state to showcase their project animals. Mark your calendars now for these culminating events.

Remember, you do not need to have an animal project to come to the shows. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer on other 4-H members from your county.

State 4-H Dairy Show
Date: Tuesday, August 25
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Hunterdon Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fairgrounds
Contact: Carol Ward
ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/dairy/default.asp

State 4-H Goat Show
Date: Thursday, August 20
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Hunterdon Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fairgrounds
Contact: Chad Ripberger
ripberger@njaes.rutgers.edu or 609-989-6833
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/goatshow/

State 4-H Championship Horse Show
Date: Friday, August 21 - Sunday, August 23
Time: vary - check 4-H website for details
Location: Horse Park of New Jersey
Contact: Carol Ward
ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/default.asp

State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show
Date: Saturday, September 12
Time: 9:30 am animal check in
Location: Horse Park of New Jersey
Contact: 4-H Office for more information 908-526-6644
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/default.asp

For more information about the shows contact your county 4-H Office or the New Jersey 4-H Website - www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/animalsci/index.html. On the Website just click on the appropriate animal species. The rules and entry forms for the show will be available on the Website.
Northeast Youth & Adult Forum

Conference Center, NH
July 23 - 26, 2009

Would you want to spend 4 summer days on the beautiful UNH campus in Durham, NH? Are you interested in a career in science, engineering or technology? Do you want to help your community? And, by the way, do you like to have fun? Teams from the Northeast region, comprised of 2 youth (13+) and 1 adult (4-H leader) may attend the conference. The cost of the trip is $400 and includes hotel, food, transportation and materials while at the event. For information and registration, please contact the 4-H office or visit our website.

New Clubs Forming

The 4-H Hip-Hop Dance Club met for the first time the end of April. The Club has room for more members. If you are interested in learning Hip-Hop Dance, you may contact the leader, Shawanta Barfield at HipHop4H@gmail.com. The club meets at 7:00 pm the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the upstairs lounge at the 4-H Center.

The new 4-H Karate Club has openings for several more members. This Club takes youth 3rd grade and above. If you are interested in learning Karate, come to their next meeting. This club meets in the upstairs lounge on the first, third and fourth Fridays of each month at 7:30 pm. For more information, you may contact the leader, Stephen Churpakovich at schurpakovich@gmail.com.

Word Problems in Math

A word problem math course teaches you about per cents, coins, age, distance-speed-time, etc. This class is open to anyone who has taken algebra. The cost is $95.00 for an 8-hour session. Courses are offered:

- July 7 - 10 -- 9:30 - 11:30 am
- July 7 - 10 -- 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- July 20 - 23 -- 9:30 - 11:30 am
- July 20 - 23 -- 1:00 - 3:00 pm

For more information or to register contact Harold Ning at 908-392-5193 or hning123@gmail.com.

Good Luck 4-H'er's
**Prep Has A New Name**

As of September 1, 2009 the New Jersey 4-H Prep Program will become the New Jersey 4-H Cloverbud Program. The 4-H Cloverbud Program is designed to provide K-3 youth with age-appropriate experiential learning activities in a small club setting. These youth may be registered members of a 4-H Cloverbud club or in a standard club with assigned, registered volunteers trained in the 4-H Cloverbud Philosophy and curriculum. This program, in the tradition of the Prep Program, will remain non-competitive. The 4-H Cloverbud Program is a nationally recognized program for younger 4-H members.

**Prep Has A New Name**

**Attend NJ 4-H Teen Leadership Camp**

4-H and Military Youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to participate in the NJ 4-H Teen Leadership Camp, August 21 - 23 at the Monmouth County Nomoco Family Campground in Freehold. Come ready to explore outdoor adventures, participate in building life skills and best of all, make new friends!

This free event is sponsored by the NJ 4-H State Teen Action Council and NJ Speak Out for Military Kids. Registration forms are available at the 4-H office or on the website www.4HisTops.org. Deadline to register, August 14.

**Important Dates for Horse Members!**

- 2nd Qualifying horse show is Sunday, July 12 at North Branch Park
- State Horse Show meeting for all members who qualify is Thursday, July 16th, 7:30 pm, in the 4-H Center large conference room
- Somerset County 4-H Fair Horse Members Meeting, Tuesday, July 28th, 7:30 pm, in the 4-H Center large conference room

**Treasuries & Fundraising Policy**

Just some general reminders for success and safety in 4-H fundraising:

**Raising Funds for a Specific Goal:** Fundraising will be done only to meet a specific 4-H club or program goal (i.e., purchasing supplies for a club project; funding a community service project; sponsoring members to attend an educational conference or 4-H camp). Money raised during the course of a 4-H year will be spent that same year, unless a long-term goal with a specific timeline is stated. Raising money should not be the club's primary activity and is not a requirement for club success.

**Informing County 4-H Office:** 4-H clubs must submit a Fundraising Worksheet to inform the county 4-H office of fundraising plans in advance to avoid conflict with other 4-H fundraising efforts and program goals. If the 4-H staff determines there is a conflict with other efforts or program goals, or is not informed of the fundraising plans, he or she may choose to deny support or permission for the fund-raiser.

**Meeting Legal Requirements:** Fundraising activities must meet legal requirements within the local municipality, county and state. The adult leader should contact the appropriate municipality to ensure compliance with local jurisdiction prior to any fundraising planning and must be able to produce documentation (i.e., permit) when requested.

**Safety Factors:** Door-to-door solicitation of funds is not permitted. Adult leaders should consider the personal safety of all youth when planning fundraisers. Precautions should be taken when needed. It is implied that adult supervision of any fundraising, as with any 4-H event, is necessary.

Another issue that is implied is that any fundraising will be properly identified with quality signage and all participants should be able to explain the purpose of the fundraiser. It’s important to uphold the positive image of 4-H.

More information can be found on the website at: http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/policies/club-treasuriesandfundraisingpolicy-12-16-08.pdf.

In addition, the same information is outlined in the recently revised Treasurer's Record Book.
**Hurray for...**

**2009 Outstanding...**

**4-H’ers:**
- Jennifer Frank
- Dan Lang
- Patricia Lin
- Samantha Schurick
- Joseph Shreve
- Allen J. (AJ) Stahoski
- Amanda Weinstein

**Alumni**
- Cathy Christy
- Sandra Dagnall

**2009 Scholarship Winners**

Congratulations to this year’s scholarship winners:

**Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarships:**
- Jack Egan, Jennifer Frank, Samantha Schurick, Rob Slovik, Alyson Weiss

**Joseph J. & Florence E. Klimas Scholarship:**
- Stacey Kodack

**4-H Prep Scholarship:**
- Alyson Weiss

**James Rudowski Scholarship:**
- Carolyn Rubinfeld, Rob Slovik

**Somerset County 4-H Trainmasters Scholarship:**
- Carolyn Rubinfeld

**Rob Fellows Memorial Scholarship:**
- Rob Slovik

**Ad Sales Update**

Congratulations to everyone that sold ads. With rising costs, it was especially important to reach our goal this year. In the end, nearly 42,000 in ads were sold, much more than was anticipated near the deadline. Thanks to everyone that pushed just a little harder to make it happen!

Special recognition to these top salespeople who sold more than $1000 each: Caleb Bruss, Paige Lamberson, Jessica Gilliam, Carolyn Rubinfeld, Joanna Lieuallen, Brian Rubinfeld, Levi Bruss and Gabriella Nascimento.

**4-H State Presentations**

On June 6, Rutgers University hosted the 2009 State 4-H Presentations Program. This event offers qualified 4-H members an advanced Public Speaking experience. Participants are encouraged to return from the contest and assist younger 4-H members in their county to develop their public presentation skills. To qualify for this State Event 4-H members must be in the 8th - 13th grade and have received an excellent rating in the County 4-H Public Presentation Contest.

Congratulations to these qualifying Somerset County 4-H’ers, who participated in the state contest:
- Daniel Basile, Mollie Booker, Melanie Boyea, Gina Callari, Justin Dagnall, Hannah Davelman, Alessandra DelPrinciple, Brian Franchuk, Kristen Johnson, Michael Maglione, Jessica Nunn, Kristen Obermeier, Chris Posbergh, Jade Palmieri, Isha Pandya, Daniel Philipscheck, Katherine Pirro, Lars Rasmussen, Colleen Ridder, Emma Rooss, Roxanne Rosinski, and Alyson Weiss.

The State Outstanding Room Award Winners for Somerset County were: Isha Pandaya, Katherine Pirro, Chris Posbergh, Colleen Ridder, and Alyson Weiss.
Hurray for Rich Norz:

Each year, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture recognizes the outstanding achievements of a young Garden State farmer who is an upstanding leader, respected agriculturalist and is active in community organizations. New Jersey's Outstanding Young Farmer for 2010 is Rich Norz, President of the 4-H Association and County Board of Agriculture. Rich is a dairy farmer and co-owner of the agri-tourism destination at Norz Hill Farm, Hillsborough. The OYF program encourages a greater interest in agriculture through the appreciation of the farmers’ contributions and achievements and recognizes local citizens’ contributions and encourages better urban-rural relations. Now he will proceed to compete for one of the top National OYF Awards.

Rich, the 4th generation family member to run his farm, is also an Outstanding 4-H'er and an Outstanding 4-H Alum. Even though, they sold the majority of their cows this spring, he is still very active in the NJ Holstein Association, The County Ag. Development Board and New Centre Dairy 4-H Club, leasing cows for show to 4-H members. At the Fair, he supervises the Herdsmen each night. During the Fall Festival at Norz Hill Farm there are all kinds of fun and creepy things to do.

State Horse Judging & Hippology

Judging:

Juniors:
Individual Performance: Ashley Thompson, 10th place

Seniors:
Senior Team: Justin Dagnell, Neha Sikka, Marissa Scalzo, 2nd place overall
Senior Individual: Justin Dagnell, 5th place overall

Hippology:

Juniors:
Junior Team: Kristen Johnson, Ashley Thompson with Cape May, 1st place overall
Junior Individual: Kristen Johnson, 1st place overall; Ashley Thompson, 2nd place overall
Individual Exam Phase: Kristen Johnson, 1st place; Ashley Thompson, 3rd place
Individual Stations Phase: Kristen Johnson, 1st place; Ashley Thompson, 2nd place

Seniors:
Seniors Individual: Justin Dagnell, 10th place overall
Individual Exam Phase: Neha Sikka, 7th place

Congratulations...

To the SC Team who participated in the 4-H Challenge: Walk Point to Point. The team came in first in the state, with members racking up an average of 365 miles each during an 8-week period. Participants were Peggy Doyle, Lisa Darby, Lucille Razzano, Daryl Minch and Georgeanne Valis.

We're Sorry!

We left off The 4-H Go-Kart Club in our list of contributors to the Big Basket Bonanza. The committee thanks them for their donation.

And Congratulations to Shruti Ramanathen of the Karate Club and Badminton Club and Rahul Ramanathen of the Mad Scientists, Legomanics and Karate Club for giving County Presentations.

National Volunteer Week

Accepting the Proclamation for National Volunteer Week is (l. to r.) Jan Lush, Somerset 4-H Trainmasters and PAWSabilities; Jill Brochinsky, Prep Chefs; Rick Fontana, Freehold Director; Katy Shoemaker, President, Somerset/Hunterdon Master Gardener; Camille Haberle, Master Gardener.
Secret Mystical Magicians
by Paige Lamberson

At the last few meetings Fair plans were discussed and members showed off the tricks they have been learning. The Club had a little raffle to get more tricks, and of course, there was a trick for everyone. Members have decided they want to have matching shirts and a logo was designed. Magicians will be performing at the Fair so tricks need to be practiced at every meeting. Several new members have joined the club and they, too, are learning tricks for the Fair.

The Chinese Culture Club
by Sam Chen

The Chinese Culture Club performed their Lion Dance on the National Day of Puppetry held at the 4-H Center on May 2. In the performance, two lions fall asleep and then slowly awaken with the opening of their eyes and fluttering of their ears, followed by yawning and scratching. They slowly get on their feet and upon fully awakening, perform 3 ceremonial bows. They dance happily to the beats of the drum and cymbal. After their performance, the lion dance team led the parade at the grand finale. The lions were performed by Justin Chen, Jacob Chen, Timothy Chan, and Patricia Chan. The drum and cymbal were performed by Ariel Rung and Stephanie Ho, respectively.

Wattles 'n' Snood
by Stephanie Duffy

Members participated in a poultry bowl for practice. They split into 4 groups and in the end everyone won! The Club discussed herdsmen opportunities and requirements. They also began planning for the Fair. Chris did a presentation on how to find out how old your chicken eggs are. Veronica did a project on “The Naked Egg.” Members are planning a “fun day” at the Bridgewater Sports Arena. In June, members received their ribbons and record books. Many wonderful presentations were done. Members brought blankets and pillows for the Plainfield SPCA. The meeting ended with the treat of delicious cupcakes.

Mighty Cavits & Rodents
by Katie Kouril & Allie Mahon

The Club scheduled a showmanship workshop at the 4-H Center on June 29. They also scheduled the health check for the Fair on Friday, July 31. Members were reminded about the herdsmen applications. Mandatory Fair meetings have been scheduled for May 27 and May 29. Members told about the presentations they gave: Matt did parts of a rabbit, Emily on Newfoundlands, Kelly on how to build a nesting box for a rabbit, Brian on animation, Caroline on pet therapy and Sarah on showmanship.

Somerset 4-H Trainmasters
by Kenneth Rosario & Jan Lush

The Club discussed the available Scranton Rail Camp Scholarship. Members need to write an essay. The Club’s community service project of weeding the flowerbeds and planting flowers for the Black River Ringoes Railroad station went well and members will keep tending the plants. After the Club was done, everyone enjoyed a roundtrip train ride. The Club is going to revisit their scholarship offering for 2010 to allow more applicants to qualify. This year’s winners were Carolyn Rubinfeld and the new Fellows Family scholarship went to Rob Slovik. There was a train show June 6-7. Funds will be used towards the scholarships. Those who attended the show enjoyed a fabulous selection to newly elected Kitchen Officer, Wayne Oborne.

Sheepfold
by Cathy Christy

The Club met at the Christy Farm in the spring to learn tail docking and castration techniques on newborn lambs. Members participated in a flea market and petting zoo in May. Members did a Club fund raiser selling candy bars. Members are doing Club presentations. Everyone is looking forward to the Sheep Show in August!
Somerset Sentinels
by Megan Kouril

The Club participated in a rocket launch on April 19 and their annual road clean up on May 17. Members cleaned their adopted road along with members from the new Lego Robotics Club. Members are looking forward to an amazing Fair.

Woolly Ones
by Gina Callari

The Club had a very successful bake sale at the Master Gardener Plant Sale. They sold lots of goodies to the Master Gardeners! At their last meeting, members played a fun game involving sheep breeds. Then the Club discussed its goals for record books and had a lesson on giving injections. The Club is planning a special clinic for new members on how to upkeep record books. Members voted to donate an award in the memory of Bev Eaton. The Club had a field day the end of June. They are also planning to participate in the National Service Project. Chris Posbergh won his room at state with a presentation on “Sheep to Shawl”.

Wags "n" Whiskers
by Carolyn Pirro

At every meeting members are training their dogs to get ready for the Fair, which is right around the corner! Some members are planning to attend the Middlesex County Dog Show in June. Congratulations to all those members who did state presentations. And special recognition to these members who participated in the State 4-H Dog Show: McKenna Brennan, Lizzy McGrath, Carolyn Pirro, Amy Miller, Brenna Massey, Colleen Rider, Kelsey Graham, Brian Franchuk and Nathalie Schlosser.

Kings Riders
by Patricia Anderson/Marissa Scalzo

The Club set up a display in the showcase window for the month of June. At the last meeting, members went over upcoming events and qualifying shows. Mrs. Anderson shared a photo album with the Club of her life and horses when she was in 4-H. Linny Warlick and Kelly Difiglia gave a demonstration on pulling and braiding a horse’s mane on a horse named Bailey, who then stood patiently while members gave it a try. He was quite handsome when they were done. The guest speaker was Cindy Hoogland, owner of Avila Fine Arts. She has been fox hunting for over 25 years and told members the history of fox hunting in both the US and England. Kelly Difiglia modeled clothes worn to a hunt and all members were invited to attend a clinic and barbeque on fox hunting.

Branchburg Beef, Dairy & Livestock
by Reni Melvin

Branchburg Beef Dairy and Livestock are off and running, preparing members as well as animals for Fair Time. All members have their animals picked out and are going to the farm on weekends to work with their animals and to just have some fun. The Club held a bake sale and petting zoo at the Tractor Supply in May and had a wonderful time. In June members brought some farm animals to the Treasures of the South Branch event. In July many of members attended the Freedom Fest Stars and Stripes Show at the NJ Horse Park to show beef and sheep. In September the Club will be showing sheep at the NJ Garden State Sheep Show. The club will be meeting up with the other Sheep 4-H clubs at the Christy Farm at the end of June to go over the process of the fair and to have a few practice rounds in showing sheep. Looks like a fun and busy summer.
Dear 4-H Prepper,

**IT’S FAIR TIME!** It’s time once again to start getting ready for the 4-H Fair. What a great way to show the fairgoers what you and your club have been doing throughout the year than with a club display in the prep tent. It is also a time for the prep members and their families to watch over the prep tent, spin cotton candy and talk about the 4-H to the fairgoers.

All Preppers going into the 4th grade can attend the graduation ceremony in the prep tent on Thursday, August 13th, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Look for a letter in the mail telling you all about it and be sure to return the information sheet to let us know if you will be attending.

Our Preppers are a very important part of 4-H and we are proud of each and every one of them. Although we will miss them, it will be exciting to see our graduates move onto a standard 4-H club.

*Mrs. Darby*

*4-H Program Coordinator*

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**Family Camp!**

Friday June 5th - Sunday June 7th, was the Somerset County 4-H Family Camp weekend and what a weekend it was! Although Friday night it rained, the rest of the weekend was beautiful. We had a great time boating on the lake, learning about frogs, keeping our hands busy in the craft barn, shooting bow and arrow at the archery range, hiking, making s’mores, playing 4 corners, having our torch march and ending the night signing around the camp fire.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the Brochinsky family for once again taking charge of the food for camp and running a smooth kitchen. Also, many thanks to Dave Van Skiver for leading the hikes, Ellen Parker and Paul Manti for taking charge of the camp fire, Rachel Bijaczyk for providing a program on frogs and Karen Lange for staying behind with me to make sure that all was in tip top shape before leaving the camp.

I look forward to seeing you all at camp next year!
Yakety-Yak!

Prep Chef Club

The Torracas family led the group in making ice cream sandwiches. Cullen said “This is dirty.” Gillian asked “Do I have any on my nose”. Gabriella and Brenna ate theirs very neatly! Daria made a person out of her ice cream. Evan got just as much on his hands as in his mouth. Next up we made Pizza Bagels. Julianne liked putting the topping on. Even and Gabriella liked making the pizza a lot. Francisca liked putting on the toppings. Daria liked putting on the sauce and Gillian liked everything about the pizza bagels.

The Discovery Prep Club

In May we were visited by Mrs. Posbergh and her son Chris. They brought new born baby lambs to our club so that we could learn about them. Our next meeting was organized by the Bell family. We went to the Somerset Airport and learned about gliders and prop planes. Our final meeting for the year was Movie night where we all enjoyed Mary Poppins.

Little Woofers

The following Little Woofers participated in the Neshanic Fire Company Memorial Day Parade: Brien Batori, Stephanie Chebra, Kristen Clerico, Michael Clerico, Rebecca Dry, Barbara Follett and Alli Maher. They were joined by trainers Sarah Fenwick and Elizabeth Frank and by fellow 4-H’ers Lizzie and Sean McGrath.
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2009
As we continue our BIG push for BIG money to make the necessary repairs to the Ted Blum 4-H Center, we are trusting that we can “Make the Best Better” by again working together in a really BIG way!

The 2009 Rummage Sale is going to be even BIGGER & BETTER than last year! There are two ways that you can be involved:

- **Donate…** De-clutter your home NOW and save your best treasures for the sale!
- **Volunteer…** Be a part of the effort and a part of the fun! Help accept, sort & price donations during the pre-sale days… Work the sales floor during sale days… or… Be an “angel” and help with the clean up on Sunday!

The **4-H Rummage Sale**

Ted Blum 4-H Center  
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807  
(908) 526-6644

Friday & Saturday, September 18 & 19, 2009  
9am-3pm  
(½ Price Saturday 1pm-3pm)

- **Donations Accepted:**  
  Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 14-15-16 from 9am-noon & 6pm-8pm  
  (Please drop off items at the back door of the gym)

- **“By Invitation Only” VIP Pre-Sale (for donors & volunteers only!):**  
  Thursday, Sept. 17 from 6pm-9pm

A really BIG thanks to all for donating and volunteering!
BIG 4-H Rummage Sale 2009
Set Up – Sept. 14th–17th
“By Invitation Only” VIP Pre-Sale – Thursday, Sept. 17th  6pm-9pm
Public Sale – Friday & Saturday, Sept. 18th & 19th  9am-3pm
½ Price Sale – Saturday, Sept. 19th  1pm-3pm
Clean Up – Sept. 20th

To volunteer… contact Linda Au at Linda.Au@Verizon.com
Please provide her with the precise dates/times you are able to help out. Thank you!

ADULT & TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Publicity -- Pre-sale -- distribute flyers, hang posters
Food Concession -- Friday & Saturday 9am-3pm – sell food
Bake Sale -- Friday & Saturday 9am-3pm -- donate or sell baked goods. Management team needed.
Set Up – Monday through Wednesday – accept/sort/price donations -- 9am-9pm (2-hr shifts)
Set Up – Thursday – finish sorting/pricing donations -- 9am-5pm (2-hr shifts)
Pre-sale for Donors and Volunteers – Thursday 6pm-9pm -- cashiers, sales floor help -- 5pm-9pm (2-hr shifts)
Public Sale -- Friday & Saturday 9am-3pm -- cashiers, sales floor help, parking attendants -- 8am-4pm (2-hr shifts)
Clean -- Sunday 1pm-job completed – final cleanup & packing up of items to send to the VNA

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Paper and plastic grocery bags
Baked goods

Sale Items Accepted:
- Gently used clothing
- Bedding, Linens, Fabric
- Books, Videos, DVDs, CDs
- Antiques, Collectibles, New Gift Items
- House wares
- Toys
- Jewelry
- Infant goods
- Furniture that is easily moved

Items NOT Accepted for Sale:
- Car tires or rims
- Baby furniture and car seats not up to safety code
- Encyclopedias, magazines
- Upholstered furniture, mattresses, built-in furniture
- Computers without hard drives and with chips older than Pentium or equivalent
- B/W computer monitors, computer monitors smaller than 14”, dot matrix printers, large and heavy copiers
- Air conditioners; air purifiers/vaporizers; humidifiers
- Larger, older models & built-in microwave ovens
- Framed pictures with broken glass, unframed mirrors or loose glass
- Halogen lamps without safety guards
- Large appliances
- Sinks, toilets, toilet seats, tubs
- Storm doors, screen doors, windows, & window screens
- Venetian blinds or shades; drapes/curtains with foam rubber, fiberglass, or rubber backs
- Wall-to-wall carpeting, rugs without binding
- Hazardous waste, flammable items
Both sides of this form must be completed by all youth participating in overnight activities, field trips, events requiring group transportation, and any other events sponsored through the 4-H Youth Development Program where it is deemed necessary by the adults (paid 4-H staff and/or registered 4-H volunteer leaders) responsible for the youth participants. The form should be submitted prior to the event and kept by the chaperone for at least 90 days after the event. The form has five parts: (1) information about the participant and activity, (2) parental permission and liability release, (3) medical emergency authorization and health information, and (4) behavior agreement and (5) media policy. Be sure to complete all five parts and sign where requested!

**Information about the Youth Participant and Activity**

Name of youth participant: __________________________  Birthday: __________________________

Address: __________________________

Telephone number: __________________________  4-H county: __________________________  Grade: __________________________

Name of parent/guardian: __________________________

Name of activity/event:  Somerset County 4-H Fair

Name of 4-H group sponsoring or participating in this event:  Somerset County 4-H

Location of event:  North Branch Park

Date and time of participation of individual named above:  August 12-13-14, 2009  10:00 am - 10:00 pm

**Parent Permission and Release of Liability**

I hereby give my son/daughter named above permission to participate in the event listed. Although Rutgers Cooperative Extension and its chaperones will use the utmost precaution in guarding the health of the above participant and preventing accidents, I release them from any liability in case of illness or injury as a result of this activity. Furthermore, I release the owner and driver of the car transporting my child to and from the event, from any liability in case of illness or injury.

Signature of parent or guardian: __________________________

**Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information**

I authorize the 4-H chaperone(s) to dispense the prescription drugs and/or over the counter medications listed below in accordance with the instructions provided on the label (prescription drugs) or below (over-the-counter medications). In case of sudden illness or an accident to the above named participant requiring immediate treatment or surgery while he/she is a participant in this activity, I authorize the 4-H chaperone(s) to take such action as seems appropriate to protect the health and physical well-being of the above participant. This authority extends to any physician(s) and/or surgeon(s) selected by the chaperone(s) to perform medical and/or surgical procedures including examinations and tests necessary to preserve the health and physical well-being of the above named participant. All efforts will be made to contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) in case of emergency.

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The following information is provided as an aid to the chaperone(s) in dealing with the well-being of the participant. The participant has the following health conditions: (include allergies, handicaps, diabetes, pregnancy, asthma, medications needed, etc.).

Health conditions: __________________________

Medications/Instructions: __________________________

Health Insurance: Company __________________________

Group# __________________________

ID# __________________________

Signature of parent or guardian  __________________________
Behavior Agreement

The 4-H Code of Conduct outlined below is in effect for all youth activities involving Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the Department of 4-H Youth Development. It applies to all participants in 4-H activities, with participants defined as 4-H members of any age or grade, all other registered youth and adults, and all other individuals who take part and/or attend 4-H events.

Participants who fail to adhere to the 4-H Code of Conduct may be subject to a range of disciplinary actions. Immediate corrective action will be taken to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants at the event. Additional disciplinary action may be taken upon further investigation of the infraction or incident. Participants in county events shall be subject to policies developed at the county level. Participants in state and national events shall be subject to the policy and process outlined in the "4-H Event and Activities Disciplinary Policy," which can be found at www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/policies.

If an individual continually disrupts the group or engages in illegal behavior, he or she will be given an opportunity to discuss the problem with the chaperones before more drastic action is taken. If, after discussion, the behavior continues, or in the opinion of the chaperones it would be detrimental for the individual to continue with the group, he or she will be sent home at the participant's expense.

4-H Code of Conduct

1. The health, safety, and welfare of others must be respected at all times.
2. Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times. Profanity, foul or abusive language, inflammatory statements, derogatory comments, or physical altercations toward any group or individual are not permitted.
3. Participants are expected to be present and participate at all scheduled program activities. Participants are required to wear nametags when dispensed.
4. All participants are expected to be on the site of the event at all times. Unauthorized use of vehicles during an event is prohibited.
5. Participants are responsible for following the instructions of all 4-H staff and event chaperones.
6. All behavior or language of a sexual nature at 4-H events is inappropriate and unacceptable. Dignified and respectable behavior is expected at all times.
7. Curfew hours must be strictly followed.
8. Behavior during unscheduled free time is subject to the supervision of 4-H staff and chaperones.
9. Dress code standards previously set for the event must be met by all participants (i.e., no sexually suggestive, culturally insensitive, tobacco or alcohol industry sponsored shirts, inappropriately cut shirts, shorts, pants or skirts, etc.).
10. Possession, distribution, or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. Prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications may be dispensed by adult chaperones only with written authorization provided by the parent/guardian on the 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth filed for the event.
11. With the concern for the well being of self and others, smoking and the use of other tobacco products is prohibited.
12. Care and respect for property, personal and institutional, is expected at all times. Theft, possession of missing property or damage to property is prohibited.
13. Unauthorized possession, distribution or use of weapons, ammunition or fireworks is prohibited.
14. Honesty is expected at all times from 4-H members. Dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism and forgery are inappropriate actions.

I HAVE READ the Behavior Agreement and 4-H Code of Conduct above and discussed it with my son/daughter. I understand and agree to the conditions set forth. I accept the cost and responsibility of having my son/daughter returned in the event it is necessary.

| Signature of participant in event | Date | Signature of parent or guardian | Date |

New Jersey 4-H Media Policy and Release:

The 4-H program routinely promotes activities through various media. This includes, but is not limited to newsletters, newspapers, brochures, and displays. In doing so, the names and photos of members may be included to help tell the 4-H story. However, New Jersey 4-H policy is that on web sites, youth in photos will not be identified by name(s).

- No, do not use my individual picture for any purpose. I will make an effort to avoid opportunities to be in group photos.
- No, do not use my name for any purpose.

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Welcome to the Somerset County 4-H Fair

August 12-13-14, 2009
Dated Material