Spring is coming and Somerset County 4-H is Green and Growing

It’s been a cold winter, but spring is finally on its way! The Somerset County 4-H Program is ready to “Spring Forward” with many fun and educational programs for this season. With this in mind, the 4-H Association chose a 2010 Fair Theme based on your nominations. This year’s 4-H Fair Theme is 4-H Green and Growing. Keep that in mind as you plan this year’s fair display for your club.

We kick March off with our Somerset County 4-H K - 3 Rally to be held the first Saturday of the month. This year’s theme is “Around the World.” We hope all of our 4-H members will be giving Presentations March 19, 23, 24 or 25. It is one of our most important events of the year! Even if you do not present this year, you should plan to attend one of the sessions to watch! March ends with our extremely popular 4-H Science –sational Day for youth grades 1- 6. Don’t forget to sign up and bring your non 4-H friends! Last year we maxed out at 200 people!

Also in March, the 4-H Association will host its third annual BIG Basket Bonanza Tricky Tray. A BIG Thank You to all the clubs who supported this effort. Proceeds help to improve the 4-H Center.

In April, we have our Puppet Adventures at 4-H. There are workshops in the morning for youth in grades K-5 and a free puppet show open to all in the afternoon. And don’t forget to catch S4-HL Revisited. Come out to support all the great 4-H talent we have. Saturday April 24 is Rutgers Day including the ever popular State 4-H Dog Show, tours of the Rutgers Gardens and animal facilities, research laboratories, and lot’s of food and fun. What a nice way to spend time with your family. Admission and parking are free.

We hope to see you at these events!

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 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.

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

The mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.

4-H Mission Statement

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April 10-11 – State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology, Cumberland County

April 24 – State 4-H Dog Show, Cook College, Rutgers

Please contact Carol Ward about any of the above events. ward@njaes.rutgers.edu

Judges Needed

Leaders and Parents welcome: Our Presentation Program is always a great success! Last year there were over 200 participants in the Presentation Program and more are expected this year. If you would be willing to judge for an evening, please call the 4-H Office (908-526-6644). Presentation dates this year are March 19-23-24-25, with afternoon sessions on March 19 & 24 at 4:00 pm. There is a judge's orientation preceding each session. It's fun and the members enjoy seeing a friendly face at the judges table. (see Club Corner for more details about presentations)

Horse Registrations are due April 1.
Livestock Loan Forms are due May 1.
Market Lamb Registrations are due May 1.
If You Are Moving

Please provide us with your new address within 30 days of your move so that our records can be kept up-to-date. Also, if you would prefer not to get a hard copy of Clovertales, but read it on the website, please let us know that as well. Thank you.

Livestock Symposium

March 20

All 4-H livestock club members are invited to participate in this day to be held on Saturday, March 20 at Cook Campus Farm.

Included in this day will be the NJ 4-H Dairy Clip-Off Contest. Check with your dairy club.

Registration forms are available at the 4-H Office, Center and on the website. Deadline to register is March 9.

New Livestock Lease Form Available

A new state-wide livestock lease form has now been posted to our website. This form will replace the individual forms for dairy, beef, sheep and goat. Download the form at www.4HisTops.org.

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Last Chance - for 2010 Yearbook and Catalog Pictures

Don't be left out! Have your memories in the yearbook. The volunteer committee that puts this 100-page book together is asking for your help! Please contribute the following:

By March 31 (even better earlier)

♦ The exact name of your club
♦ The list of leaders and members that are currently active in your club. Please double check the spelling
♦ Up to 6 photos of your club. These can be group shots or action shots (CD's, email, hardcopy, however you want to get them here)
♦ They can have captions but no names
♦ Please send pictures to yearbook4H@yahoo.com

This book is used as a promotional piece for the program, showing off 4-H'ers in a very positive way. It is given out free at the fair and other events.

Jr. Breeder Loan Program

Information and applications have been posted to our website at: www.4HisTops.org for the Jr. Breeder Loan program. This is a great program that assists youth participating in 4-H to acquire livestock via a low-interest loan. Please note: All applications must be signed by a County 4-H Agent before being submitted.

Delaware State Livestock Jackpot Preview Show

Saturday, May 22, 2010

Entry information can be found at: http://ag.udel.edu/extension/kent/4Handlivestock/4-H%20forms/4Hforms.htm

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Also, if you would prefer not to get a hard copy of Clovertales, but read it on the website, please let us know that as well. Thank you.
The National Day of Puppetry Presents Puppet Adventures at 4-H - April 24

The Somerset County Pretty Cool 4-H Puppetry Club and the Garden State Puppetry Guild will be offering a day of puppet workshops and a show for all on Saturday, April 24, at the 4-H Center. This is open to the public, you don’t need to belong to 4-H to participate.

9:00 am - 12:15 pm: All new workshops for children in grades K-5. Featuring hands-on demonstrations of the various kinds of puppets that can be made and puppetry techniques used for presentations. Cost $15.00 per child for 3 workshops and all materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

1:00 - 3:00 pm: Puppet Potpourri Extravaganza Show. Open to all. This show is Free! You need not go to the workshops to come to the show. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For those participants going to both the workshop and the show, you may bring your own lunch and you are welcome to eat it at the 4-H Center. Or you can leave and come back to enjoy the afternoon performances.

Registration forms are available at the 4-H Office, at the 4-H Center, or on-line at www.4HisTops.org. Please register by April 16.

Annual Living Well Conference Focuses on Improving Health

It is time again for the Family and Community Health Sciences annual Living Well Conference, on Wednesday, May 5. Erin Toomey, Health Promotion Coordinator, from the Office on Aging will present “Keeping Your Mind Sharp.” Daryl Minch, Family and Community Health Sciences Educator, will discuss health benefits and demonstrate recipes about whole grains.

After a delicious hot buffet lunch, Joanne Kinsey, Family and Community Health Sciences Educator/Ocean and Atlantic Counties, will present “Stress Less With Laughter” Seminar.

The cost for the entire day, including coffee/tea/muffins, lunch, door prizes and handouts is $14 if paid by April 9. Don't wait, reserve your seat now. Call Family and Community Health Sciences (FCHS) at 908-526-6295 for more information and to register. Visit the website at: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/fchs
Scholarships Available

- **4-H Association Scholarship** – 12th and 13th grade 4-H’ers can apply for $1000 scholarship. Deadline April 1.

- **4-H Prep Scholarship** – $500 to any 4-H’er who started in our Prep program. Deadline April 1.

- **Joseph J. & Florence E. Klimas Scholarship** – Any Somerset Co. 4-H Alumni, who is a Junior or Senior in college, majoring in Education can apply for $1000 scholarship. Deadline April 1.

- **4-H Trainmasters Scholarship** – Any 4-H High School Senior interested in a career in Science can apply for $1000 scholarship. Deadline April 1.

- **Rob Fellows Memorial Scholarship** (administered by Trainmasters) – Any 4-H High School Senior interested in a career in the sciences can apply for a $1000 scholarship. Deadline April 1.

- **Edward Rosania and William Staats and Peter Smith Memorial Scholarship** – 4-H High School Graduate majoring in agriculture-$500. Deadline July 15. Contact 4-H Office.

- **Benjamin C. Blackburn Scholarship** – $2500 Scholarship for students majoring in horticulture, botany, landscape architect or a related field. Deadline must be received by Scholarship Committee, located in Morristown by April 15.

Applications available on the web [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org).

Counselors Needed for Camp

**Applications Due April 23**

**Family Camp Helpers:** spend the weekend at Family Camp, June 4 - 6, helping younger campers with crafts, games and other activities. Call Lisa Darby, at the 4-H office, 908-526-6644.

**TOPS Day Camp Counselors:** 8th grade or older: spend June 28 - July 2 as a counselor assisting Summer Day Camp Program (TOPS) participants with activities at the 4-H Center. Applications are available on our website at: [http://www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org).

Lindley G. Cook Counselor Opportunities

Become a camp counselor at Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp in Stokes State Forest. Anyone sixteen or over may volunteer to be a counselor for one or more weeks this summer. **Mandatory counselor training is available June 20 - 28.** Visit the Camp Website for more information: [http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/](http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/)

Dairy Princess Applicants Sought

The Somerset County Dairy Princess Committee is looking for young ladies between the ages of 17 (By December 1, 2010) and 22, who are interested in promoting milk and the dairy industry. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Debbie Norz by March 26, 2010. Phone number 908-371-COWS (leave message), or email her at: norzhillfarm@msn.com. Please put “Dairy Princess” in the subject line.
National 4-H Congress Applications Due April 1st

National 4-H Congress is a unique leadership opportunity for 4-H members from all 50 states. The event focuses on leadership, youth empowerment, community service, career development, and cultural diversity. The event brings over 1200 4-H members to Atlanta over November 27 - December 1. The planning committee takes advantage of Atlanta’s standing as an international city and exposes delegates to as many venues in the city as possible including the Centennial Olympic Park, the World of Coca-Cola, CNN Center, Carter Presidential Library and the Martin Luther King Center. There are many outstanding workshops along with keynote addresses that round out the experience. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for 4-H members.

NJ sends approximately 25 4-H members and 3 adult advisors to the event each year. One to three delegates are nominated from each county and then final delegates are selected through a state interview process. The cost of the event is approximately $900, of which part is paid by the Somerset County 4-H Association, and includes air transportation, registration, lodging, and most meals. Local and state scholarships are available.

All interested 4-H members must be in the 10-12 grade at the time applications are due (April 1). Complete an application and go through a county and state selection process. Participants can only attend this event one time during their 4-H career. Applications are available at the 4-H Office or online at: http://www.national4-hcongress.com/

Outstanding 4-H’er Applications Due June 1

If you will complete your junior or senior year in high school this year, then you may want to apply to be an Outstanding 4-H’er. You will need to complete the application and ask one adult volunteer to write a recommendation letter for you. Applications will be available in April and will be due June 1. Contact the 4-H office or visit our website for an application or more information.

To be considered an Outstanding 4-H’er a 4-H member should be truly deserving of the award by excelling in the following areas.

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

Fourteen members and three chaperones attended from Somerset County. Members were Rob Slovik, Shanna Clifford, Sara Memoli, Amanda Weinstein, Willie Somerville, Debra Winters, Katherine Pirro, Chris Posbergh, Gina Callari, Kristen Johnson, Jason Ning, Wendy Franzyshen, Joe Shreve and Ryan Shreve. Chaperones were Caitlin O’Neill, Brian Bakes and Lisa Rothenburger.

Everyone had fun hiking, learning archery, outdoor cooking and teambuilding with new friends from Warren, Bergen and Passaic counties.
Club

A Community Service List of ideas has been posted to the website and will be updated as information becomes available or changes. Assisted living facilities are especially interested in club coming to entertain the residents. Weekend and evening visits are welcomed and the residents love animals and children. Please check the website often for ideas that your club can use for community service. www.4HisTops.org

Don’t forget! Once your club has completed a community service project or donated volunteer hours, please fill out a Community Service Data Form or Volunteer Hours Data Form and return them to the 4-H Office. These forms can be found under “Forms & Publications.”

Presentations: March 19, 23, 24, 25, 2010

Evenings
Registration 6:30
Presentations 7:00

Afternoons
19th & 24th Only
Registration 3:30
Presentations 4:00

What is your favorite topic? How would you like to present it? You have many choices.

♦ You may present as an individual or as a team.
♦ You may be judged or not.
♦ You decide how long it should be. (3-5 minutes for younger members, 5-8 minutes for older members and 8-15 for teens)

You choose the method.

A demonstration teaches through showing and explaining with actual supplies, tools, etc and ends with a finished product for the audience to touch or taste.

An illustrated talk tells about something or how something is done and must include visuals. Flip charts, posters, slides, etc are used.

A formal speech is written by the member or a noted individual and should stimulate thought or present a point of view. It is given from memory with brief notes. There are no visuals.

A performance incorporates drama, dance, instrumental or vocal music, puppetry, clowning, etc. The presenter introduces the art, performs and ends with a few comments.

Remember that every presentation needs an introduction, body and summary.

Registration forms, due March 12, are available from leaders, the 4-H Office, 4-H Center or on the website. You may make copies of the form in this newsletter.

Remember: State 4-H Guidelines and the Somerset County 4-H Requirements to compete at the 4-H Fair, state that a member must have given a formal or informal Presentation at a Club, County, Community, State or National event.

An informal presentation for your club counts! But it’s much more exciting and educational to participate in County Public Presentations!

Check out our new presentation webpage for helpful tips and information: www.4HisTops.org

Club Audit Forms
Were Due January 31

New Jersey 4-H policy states that all club volunteers and members should receive an accurate club treasury report monthly. In addition, the 4-H office is to be appraised of club fund-raising activities and receive an annual audit of the account. To date, we have received only a few audit forms for the year 2009. The club audits were due to the 4-H office January 31. Clubs must have their treasuries audited and forms into the office no later than March 15 or they will be in jeopardy of losing their fundraising abilities.

These forms can be downloaded from www.4HisTops.org, publications, then click on Club Treasury Audit Form (#4H247).

Thank you to these clubs who got their forms in: Udder Club, Wags ‘n’ Whiskers, Creations, Sidewinders, Mighty Cavits & Rodents, Pawsabilities, Sheepfold, Radical Rodents, Chinese Culture Club and Stablemates.
Somerset 4-H Live: Revisited

Despite the mud, the talent showcased on the 2009 Clover Theater stage was simply amazing -- in fact, so much so that we need an encore! Therefore, the 4-H Entertainment Committee is staging a reprise on the afternoon of April 25, 2010 - inside - at the 4-H center - on dry land. Mark your calendars and come out to applaud our 4-H kids and their unique talents at the 2-hour “S4HL: Revisited” Coffee House from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Open to the public, $5.00 donation per family.

Got 4-H talent! Oh yeah, we do! Let's put on a great show without worrying about the weather or parking! Betty Sommerville will be calling you to book your time and talent.

Club Camp Weekend
April 16 - 18

Everyone loves 4-H Camp! Here is your club’s opportunity to spend time at L.G. Cook Camp. Deadline to reserve is April 2. The cost is $42.00 per person and includes meals. Members will need to complete a 4-H event permission form and adults will need to complete a 4-H overnight agreement form. If a club leader is unable to attend, a parent volunteer may help. Call volunteer leader Sue Posbergh for more details (908-304-6506) or email her at: ksec@att.net

Kohl's Scholarships

Leaders are encouraged to nominate club members for the Kohl's "Kids Who Care" scholarships by March 15. Two winners from each store will receive $50 gift cards, 170 Regional winners will receive $1000 and 10 National winners will receive $5000 and a grant of $1000 to the charity of their choice. Please visit www.kohlscorporation.com to download rules and the nomination form.

Mounted Drill Team "Kick-Off" Meeting

All horse club members are invited to participate in the 4-H Mounted Drill Team. Our ‘kick-off” meeting will be held on Monday, April 26, 2010, at 7:00 pm in the Green Room. This is a quick, yet very important meeting to attend. Anyone even remotely interested should attend. Any questions or concerns, contact: Carol Maciborski, (732) 469-6295.

Festival of Trees

Save the Date!

It isn’t too early to start planning your tree display for our winter “Festival of Trees”? This will be a two day event held the weekend of December 11th & 12th in the gym of the 4-H Center. There will be plenty of room for everyone’s tree.

Ornaments can be handmade or store bought. The ornaments don’t have to be fancy or complicated. Simple is good. Your club can choose to donate the ornaments or your tree can be for display only. Profits raised will be donated to a local charity. More information to follow in the fall Clovertales.
HURRAY FOR...

Meow-Wow 2010 a Success

Whiskers, Paws & Claws held its first cat show, Meow-Wow, on Saturday, January 23 at the 4-H Center. Cat club members competed in junior and senior showmanship divisions, and their cats were judged independently in a separate animal division.

Winner of the animal division: “August”, an American Shorthair Tabby belonging to Eric Marchesini; Winners of showmanship: Junior division - Eric Marchesini; Senior division - Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach.

The cat show judge, veterinarian Dr. Joe Martins of the Belle Mead Animal Hospital, spoke to the group on cat care issues. He and his assistant, Ryan Dutta, performed vet checks prior to showing.

At the end of the show the club had its very first Cat Bowl contest. Nancy Kirby of New Centre Dairy organized and moderated the competition. It was fun to use the buzzer system and compete in front of an audience.

Kietra Wiggins was Head Steward, Thomas Schaffer oversaw setup and breakdown, Amy Couch organized refreshments and Kim Bowlby registered participants.

Whiskers, Paws & Claws would like to express deep appreciation to Dr. Joe Martins, Ryan Dutta, and Nancy Kirby, as well as to the parents of club members. Without everyone’s help, the cat show could not have happened.

“THANK YOU, NANCY KIRBY FOR HELPING WHISKERS, PAWS & CLAWS START A CAT BOWL!”

2010 NJ 4-H Goat Extravaganza

Congratulations to Kristen Johnson of the Udder Goat Club for placing second place as part of a team poster presentation.

County 4-H Achievement Awards

These 4-H members received their medals after the deadline of the last issue of Clovertales. We congratulate them on their achievements:

**Achievement:** William King, Thomas Duh, Dan Lang, Michele Bergen, Tom Armstrong

**Citizenship:** Jade Palmieri

**Community Service:** Daryl Chen, Kimberly Chan, Elizabeth Hobbie

**Horse:** Justin Dagnall, Marissa Scalzo, Linnea Warlick

**Lamp of Knowledge:** Jay Marion

**Leadership:** Patricia Lin, Clarissa Chu, Tim Glowinski, Dan Lang, Marc Bruggeman, Linnae Warlick, Stephanie Perlitz

**Personal Development:** Trevor Mazzalia, David Furmato

**Pets:** Josh Miller

**Teen Leadership:** Timothy Chan, Michelle Ma, Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach, Dan Lang, Sterling Ader, Travis Kolupanowich, Randy Bishop, Tim Brewer, Paul Cavallaro, Tim Glowinski, Eric Marion, Marc Bruggemann, Katherine Pirro, Nicole Hoffman, Brian Gonzalez, Elizabeth Hobbie, Neha Deshpande, Stephanie Perlitz, Linnea Warlick

Dear 4-H Magicians Guild:

Thank you so much for visiting with us. We LOVED it. Conrad has such stage presence and a sense of fun with all us younger kids. All the magicians succeeded in making the night a great success!!

The Crazy Clovers Prep Club

A Magical Night
**Horse Project Achievement Awards**

Junior English: Taylor Cox – Champion  
Carol Ann Bekus – Reserve  
Senior English: Justin Dagnall – Champion  
Liz Hobbie – Reserve  
Junior Western: Ashley Thompson – Champion  
Taylor Cox – Reserve  
Senior Western: Sophia Carol – Champion  
Neha Deshpande – Reserve  
Speed Division: Carol Anne Bekus – Champion  
Ashley Thompson – Reserve  
George Daniels Memorial Award: Justin Dagnall  
Most Improved Rider Award: Sienna Musara  
Sportsmanship Awards:  
    Junior: Taylor Cox  
    Senior: Stephanie Christian

**New Jersey State Model Horse Show**

Members of the King’s Riders Horse Club had a great time at the NJ State Model Horse Show on Saturday, January 23. The Club won 1st place for its herd of pinto horses and won 3rd place for a barn they created and entered in the “barn theme” category. The Club is thrilled about their ribbons and plan to place them with their exhibit, in the showcase in February.

Winners are as follows:

**Stephanie Gombas**  
High Point First Timer, Reserve Champion; First Timer Western Performance, 2nd & 6th; Open Barn Scene, 3rd; Open Custom Color, 2nd; Jr. English Pleasure, 4th; Jr. Tack by Exhibitor, 5th; Jr. Repaft by Exhibitor, 6th; Jr. of Appaloosa, 5th; Jr. of Drafts, 9th; Jr. of Gaited, 10th; Jr. Western Pleasure, 5th, 6th; Jr. of Spanish, 4th

**Marissa Scalzo**  
High Point Senior I Did it Myself Reserve Champion; Open Non-Equine, 5th; Open Fantasy, 8th; Sr. of Quarter Horse, 5th; Sr. of Other Breeds, 3rd, 6th; Sr. Props by Exhibitor, 5th; Sr. Repaint by Exhibitor, 1st, 2nd; Sr. of Morgan, 2nd

**Kate McGann**  

**Kudos 4-H Trainmasters**

The Somerset 4-H Trainmasters held their 7th annual Train Show on Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, January 31 at the Ted Blum 4-H Center. About 450 people attended over the two days.

In additional to the largest layout that the club has ever assembled, attendees were able to watch train videos, play with Thomas the Tank Engine on a carpet layout, view 4-H Trainmasters club history, handle People Pick-Me-Ups pets, interact with the 4-H Magician Guild and enjoy tasty concessions. Train magazines, NJ Transit schedules and transportation museum and train excursion information were also available.

Thank you to the 4-H community for making this such a successful event for the Trainmasters!
4-H Summer Camp 2010
Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp, Stokes State Forest

A special place for kids to have fun, relax, learn life skills, make new friends and strengthen old friendships. 4-H Camp offers challenging and exciting programs, tailored to the campers’ individual interest and guided by experienced staff at all times. Activities include swimming, boating, arts & crafts, GPS & hiking, camping, nature & ecology, drama, riflery, music, and new this year pioneer living skills, water games and kayaking.

Register now! Summer Camp will run for 6 one-week sessions from July 4th- August 14th. Camp runs from Sunday through Saturday. The cost of a session of camp is $450 basic fee, but there are discounts including multiple family discounts and discounts for 4-H members and children of Rutgers University employees. Registration information is available on the camp website- www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu. Just visit the “registration” page. Full registration is available on-line and the camp will invoice you upon receiving it. For questions, please contact the Program Director, Guy Weber at weber@njaes.rutgers.edu.

Somerset County 4-H Family Camp June 4-5-6

If you’ve ever been to camp, here’s your chance to relive those times spent boating, making crafts, singing around the campfire, eating in the dining hall and renewing old friendships. If you’ve never been before, join us and find out how much fun it is! This is a special weekend for our Somerset County families to enjoy camp.

Somerset County 4-H Family Camp
June 4, 5, 6, 2010
Lindley G. Cook NJ 4-H Camp

Bring your family, your club, 4-H and Prep Alumni, or folks you would like to get involved...you’re bound to have a great time. You may come for the whole weekend or just on the big day—Saturday. Cost is $60 per person and includes EVERYTHING! Call or stop by the 4-H Office for a registration packet. Packets will also be available in the 4-H Center Lobby and on the website in March. Contact the 4-H Office, 526-6644 for more information.

“Becoming an Outdoor Family” Weekend

May 21st - 23rd. Plan to spend the weekend at the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp for an exciting outdoor educational experience for the whole family. Learn about environmental conservation, safety and fun in the great outdoors. Stay overnight and participate in a choice of over 20 classes!

Expert instructors will begin each class with basics, providing hands-on experience and encouraging participants to ask questions. The variety of experiences include wildlife, forestry, orienteering skills, hiking, natural arts, outdoor cooking, kayaking, canoeing, firearm safety, fishing and much, much more.

The fee is $45.00 per person and includes meals. Details can be found at www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu or call the camp directly at 973-948-3550.

Camp Events

Volunteer Work Day: March 27. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend.

Open House: Please call to schedule a tour.

Science, Engineering & Technology Camp: June 29 - July 2. Check website.
4-H TOPS Camp

Totally Outrageous Program for Summer

Totally Outrageous Programs
Explore the world of science, arts and nature with a different and exciting theme every day.

Totally Outrageous Snacks
Make your own nutritious and delicious snacks! All snacks meet the new guidelines for Get Moving-Get Healthy NJ and may include such goodies as yogurt parfaits and homemade pretzels.

Totally Outrageous Games
Ball Games, Hoola-Hoops, Relay Races and more! Participate in an obstacle course and join in the Ultimate Wellness Challenge.

Totally Outrageous Crafts
Let your imaginations soar; your creative juices flow! Every day a new learning experience!

Totally Outrageous Fun!
Make new friends and have fun!!!

For Children Grades 1-6
June 28 - July 2, 2010
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
$200.00
Scholarships available

Call the office for an application or visit our website at www.4HisTops.org
Camp held here at the Ted Blum 4-H Center.

WANTED

Applications for TOPS camp teen counselor volunteers are now available in the 4-H office or on the web. To apply you must be completing the 8th grade or older.

Volunteers have the opportunity to develop their leadership and teaching skills by helping to create programs, teach crafts, organize and play games and assist in team building. Training is provided and mandatory to attend.

For more information, please contact the 4-H Office or download an application at: www.4HisTops.org.
Our New Fair Theme…

4-H: Green & Growing

Thanks to all who submitted Fair themes and congratulations to 4-H Battle Bots for submitting this exact theme. You may use it for Fair displays, banners, signs, t-shirts, etc., for the 2010 Fair!

S4HL Rocks!

Every year the “Somerset 4-H Live” (S4HL) noon hour at the Fair just gets better and better - thanks to all of our very talented 4-H members! This year it’s YOUR TURN to take to the Clover Theater Stage! If you have never performed during S4HL before, you must register by May 1st to be invited to audition. If you have been a performer in the past, or if you give your performance during County Presentations, we’ll contact you!

For further details about participating in the “performing Arts” Open Division at the 2010 4-H Fair, check out your copy of the Exhibitor’s Guide. Contact the 4-H Office if you have any questions!

2010 Yearbook & Catalog Ad Sales

You should have received your Ad Sales packet. If you did not, contact the 4-H office right away! Additional ad sales forms are available on the web at: www.4HisTOPS.org

Why do we sell ads? To raise money to support the fair, the building, and the program.

♦ Every club that sells $500 or more will receive 10% of their total ad sales for their club treasury
♦ The price for Friends is only $3.00
♦ Special message ads are $25.00

Remember:

♦ Every member with $100.00 or more in sales earns a special t-shirt
♦ 4-H’er should give all buyers of display ads a "thank you" supporter ribbon and a copy of the yearbook and catalog.
♦ American Express Gift Checks are presented to Top Selling Sales People
♦ 4-H Fair Food Tent Coupons are presented to Top Selling Families
♦ Deadline - April 23
♦ Every member and club is expected to help support the 4-H program to keep the Fair free!

2010 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide

Available on the website April 1. Look at “Open Divisions” to find more ways to participate.
Cattleman's Club
by Alanna Staffin

Members loved the holiday party held at a Chinese buffet. Business in January included discussions about fundraisers such as car washes and bake sales. Emily Gerlach and Jen Weinberg are the new health officers. Other business included hosting a livestock nutrition day, a 4-H display and theme ideas. Tiffany Freuler did a showmanship presentation and Mrs. Ogle discussed halter breaking.

4-H Broken Props
by Nick Heitkamp

Officers for the year are: President: Steven Modrowsky; Vice-President: Dan Struble; Secretary: Nick Heitkamp; past President and Secretary Dan Memoli is now liaison to Senior Council.

Whiskers, Paws & Claws
by Will Philips

In January, Eric introduced his little kitten August, who was shy at first. Mykala showed off Licorice, who “sang” while she talked to the club. Lauren’s cat “Kitty” is very cute but needs to learn manners about hissing! Members are preparing for their first cat show called “Meow Wow.”

Mighty Cavits & Rodents
by Katie Kouril

After introductions were done for new members, the club went on to discuss upcoming show opportunities, which included the Somerset County show in February, as well as a show in Ocean County, Atlantic County and the PSARBA show. Members then led discussion on their basket for the BIG Basket Bonanza and both club and county presentations. A new historian was elected. The club is planning to have a small animal vet comes as a guest speaker for their next meeting.

New Centre Dairy
by Ariel Staffin

New business included discussions on field trips and new club t-shirts. In December the club had their holiday party and participated in the Festival of Trees. New Centre Dairy celebrates 80 years, so members are planning special activities with this in mind. The club sold 56 wreaths this year. Other discussions included upcoming presentations. The meeting closed after a dairy judging presentation.

PAWSabilities

The club formed a committee for this year’s Festival of Trees. Julia and Kristy chaired the committee. The club is collecting for the homeless. Julia did a presentation on birds.

Sheepfold
by Cathy Christy

Sheepfold provided sheep and lambs for a living nativity at the Bridgewater United Methodist Church. Angie and Kristi Philipsheck took part in the living nativity. Club members met for New Year’s pizza party for their January meeting. Project plans were discussed for the year.

Country Kickers
by Betty Sommerville

The Kickers are having a new growing spurt with the club doubling in size this year. Members have helped design a new t-shirt which they will be wearing when they dance for the second time at the BIG Basket Bonanza in March.

Radical Rodents
by Tim Goetjen

The club has been busy this winter. In December, members visited a nursing home to share their small animals and holiday cookies with the residents. In January, the club was acknowledged as a 4-H Association meeting as a NJ 4-H Honor Club. Members also visited a prep club to talk about their animals and the club. Radical Rodents will be donating 2 baskets to the BIG Basket Bonanza. In February, members made Valentine cards for veterans, helped host the Small Animal Show and organized the Silent Auction, which raises money for all the county’s small animal clubs.

Doggone Crazy Dog Club

The club has been very busy. In December, members had their first holiday party and fun was had by all with the doggy gift exchange. After the holidays, members visited Camp BowWow in Bridgewater. Everyone had a great time and wants to go back. In January, the club will be...
making dog treats to sell at the upcoming dog show in February. Members will also be collecting supplies for local animal shelters.

**King’s Riders**  
by Marissa Scalzo

In December club members met at Ceffyl Farms owned and operated by Shaun Jones. This stable specializes in riding for special needs and young children. Shaun gave a lecture on trimming a horse’s hoof and also gave a tour of the barn. During the club holiday party, members decorated stockings for the horse’s stalls and gave them treats. Triniti Raposa did an excellent job on her 1st demonstration on “Ailments of a Horse’s Leg.” In January members designed and created artwork for the February showcase at the 4-H Center. The club attended the Achievement dinner where Linnea Warlick and Marissa Scalzo received top awards for their achievements in 2009.

Several members went to the State Model Horse Show and received awards. Way to go King’s Riders!

**4-H Magicians Guild**  
by Betty Sommerville

It’s been a busy new year for the magicians. Conrad, Justin, Paige and Rene performed for the Crazy Clovers Prep Club and magicians were invited to entertain at the 4-H Trainmasters Train Show. Besides the card tricks done by Conrad and Patrick, balloon animals, swords and hats were twisted by Paige, Angelica and Veronica (from the Sidewinders). Magicians will again be appearing at the Train Show in June.

**Crazy Frog Hoppers**  
by Sara Memoli

In February, members made plans to participate in Somerville’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade, BIG Basket Bonanza and county presentations. Other plans discussed were the food and fun luncheon and taking an ice skating trip. The club then practiced their jump roping.

**Somerset 4-H Servos**  
by Jeff Steele

The Somerset 4-H Servos are working hard on their many Lego design and programming projects. Recently 7 members of the club joined the First Lego League (FLL) as rookie FLL Team #4004 to compete in the FLL challenge. In November they competed against 22 other teams from around NJ. All 23 teams were given design specs and had to research information. The team presented their research on the pollution caused by cruise ships. They did this by performing a Game Show skit they called Cash Cruise. The team then had to compete in the robot design challenge and test. This was definitely a fantastic learning experience - learning, changing, and modifying the design to meet the challenge. The team programmed the robot to track up the middle of the field, drive under a bridge, reach out and touch 2 scoring goals and finally turn and shoot a direct hit projectile at the final scoring goal! The club is preparing for the Middle School Technology Design Challenge in March at the Bridgewater Raritan Middle School, Saturday, March 20. Everyone is welcome to cheer on club members. Admission is free.

**Administrative Professional Day**

April 21 is Administrative Professional Day and a BIG thank you to our 4-H administrative professionals. They are great; always courteous, helpful, and organized. We really appreciate all they do, and hope you do too! Thank them for all they do next time you see them: Mrs. RoseMary Fleming, Mrs. Marian Kaufman, Mrs. Georgeanne Valis and Ms. Julie Augustine.

Also thank you to the other RCE secretaries and office manager who help out and lend a hand to all of us, making us a true “cooperative” extension: Mrs. Carolyn Morella, Mrs. Jennifer Arago and Ms. Peggy Doyle.
The Prep/Cloverbud Page

A good time was had by all that attended the annual K through 3rd grade New Year's Celebration. The kids enjoyed crafts and tattoos; we had a pot luck dinner fit for a king and delicious ice cream sundaes. Yummy brownies were made and donated by the Prep Chefs Club. Once again Mike Malone from Music N Motion kept everyone entertained with fun music, dancing and games. Many thanks to all of you for a night to remember.

A special Thank You to the people who helped make the New Year's Family Night such a success: The Prep Chefs Club and the Brochinsky family, Willie Sommerville, Dan Lang, Christina O'Brien, Jessie Brygier, Kelsey Graham, Amanda Weinstein, Wendy Franzyschen, Beth Kavanaugh, Karen Lang, Debbie Norz, Cary Brochinsky, the Rothenburger family, the Reese family, and Steven Weiner.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

Save the date!! The Rally - March 6

Our K through 3rd grade Rally, "Around the World," will be held on Saturday March 6th from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Registration forms were emailed to all the club leaders and are located online to download at www.4HisTops.org. Hope to see you all there.

Yakety-Yak

Kindergarten Clovers - In December we named our club Kindergarten Clovers which was Christopher's idea. Members Justin, Conrad, Patrick and Theo along with their leader Glenn came from the Magic Club to entertain us. Christopher, Sam, James and Megan liked the rings. Dale and Travis liked Charlotte the Raccoon. Our club attended the Family New Year's Party.
In January, Mrs. Posbergh came and brought chickens. We saw several different types such as a multicolor and a blue hen. We learned that chickens eat seeds and feed. Then we made some paper chicks. Dale, Megan and Christopher liked touching the chickens. Travis liked holding the chicken. Sammy and Tri-An thought it smelled bad. We will be making butter at our next meeting.
**Prep Chefs** - In January the Prep Chefs made Brownies for the Family New Year’s Party. They came out nice and chewy. For our meeting Calie’s family led the group in making Valentines French Toast with strawberry sauce. YUM! In February we made sugar and chocolate chip cookies to be sold with the money being donated to Hearts for Haiti. Thanks to all of the people at the center who bought them from us. Also Calie’s dad is going to sell them for us at his job. We got to eat a few of the broken cookies for quality control!

**Lego Club** - In January at our first meeting we got to know each other. We also brought in a Lego project that we made at home and shared it with the other club members. At our second meeting we had our first “Build”. All of the kids enjoyed sharing their creation with each other.

**Little Woofers** - We trained and prepared for our first dog show, Woofminster, which was held on February 21st. All of the members and their dogs are having fun and making wonderful progress.

**Little Crafters** - Due to the hectic holiday schedule, the Little Crafters only met once during the month of December. However, it was a very special meeting because we took time to make handcrafted cards for soldiers who are seriously wounded and recovering in a Washington, DC hospital. A friend hand delivered these cards. They were greatly appreciated.

In January, we all created thoughtful get-well cards for our leader Miss Vickie who was out because of a necessary surgery. We are very much looking forward to having her back at the next meeting. Other projects for the month of January include torn paper mosaics and clay animals “Creations”.

**Crazy Clovers** - In December, we made “Shrinky Dink” ornaments along with all sorts of goodies for ourselves and for our soldiers. We then sent a box off to Operation Shoebox filled with cards and little gifts - all hand made.

In January we had a magical visit from the Magician’s Club. Our kids were enchanted by the tricks and jokes and everyone had a chance to volunteer. Our next January meeting was a visit from the Chinese Culture club who taught us about Origami. The kids got to make many different paper crafts.

**Knowledge Explorers** - In December we talked about oobleck, hydrogel and magic sand. We learned about the difference between physical changes and chemical changes. We also learned the word “hydrophilic” which means liking water and the word “hydrophobic” which means not liking water. Everyone liked the experiments.

In January we talked about reflecting light, rainbows and rain drops. We learned how a prism can deflect. Incandescent lights turn out to be blurry and fluorescent lights turn out to have a (more) perfect shape. A school bus is yellow because it’s supposed to bring children safely to school. The yellow color is used for safety since it can be seen better than most other colors even on foggy days. On January 25 we learned how to separate colors using a technique called paper chromatography. We compared the results of the chromatogram from different brands and types of markers and food dyes. Different brands of markers were slightly different because of the formula used. We also brought in samples from home such as mustard, ketchup, and cherries to test. We tested unknown food dye combinations and will see if we correctly identified the color combinations that Mr. Weiner put together.
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SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H PRESENTATION
PROGRAM REGISTRATION
March 19-23-24-25, 2010

4-H Members are responsible to register directly with the 4-H Office. Please return to the 4-H Office (or the 4-H Center office in the evenings) by Friday, March 12, 2010. (Fax 908-704-1821)

I will participate in the Somerset County Presentation Program at the 4-H Center on:

- Friday, March 19 - 4 p.m.
- Friday, March 19 - 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 23 - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 24 - 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 24 - 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 25 - 7 p.m.

Unless notified by the 4-H Office, all presenters will be scheduled for the day and time of their choice. Every effort will be made to keep siblings in the same room.

Name__________________________________  Grade______ Phone ____________________________
4-H Club __________________________________________ Email _____________________________

Presentation type:  _____ Demonstration  _____ Illustrated Talk
- _____ Performing Arts  _____ Formal Speech

The topic of my talk or performance will be ______________________________________________

Check all that apply:

- _____ I will need kitchen facilities.
  Be specific _________________________________________________________________

- _____ I would like to borrow audiovisual equipment.
  Be specific (due to limited supply, we may not be able to accommodate all requests)

- _____ I will have a live animal. What type of animal? ________________________________

- _____ I will bring music or play an instrument.

- _____ I have a partner. The name of my partner ______________________________________

- _____ I choose to have my presentation critiqued, but not judged.

- _____ I have allergies. Please don’t put me in a room with ___________________________

- _____ I need other special accommodations.
  Be specific _________________________________________________________________
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