I AM 4-H
I Am Somerset County 4-H!

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 2012 Fair Theme based on your nominations. This year’s 4-H Fair Theme is I AM 4-H. 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 Cloverbud Rally to be held the first Saturday of the month. This year’s theme is “If I Could Talk to the Animals”. We hope all of our 4-H members will be giving Presentations this year. It is one of our most important events of the year! Please note we are offering more of both afternoon and evening sessions. 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 fifth 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. Saturday April 28 is Rutgers Day including tours of the Rutgers Gardens and animal facilities, research laboratories, the state 4-H Dog Show, a new state 4-H Robotics Expo for robotics club members. There is also lots 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
Can You Keep Somerset County 4-H Green?

Help Somerset County 4-H be more green by reading **CLOVERTALES** online.

**CLOVERTALES** is always available on the website. Hard copies are always available at the 4-H Center. Mailed copies will take much longer to receive.

If you would still like a hard copy mailed to you, then please contact the 4-H Office ASAP. Otherwise, this will be the last **CLOVERTALES** mailed to you. Thank you!

Call: 908-526-6644

Email: somersetcounty4h@co.somerset.nj.us

Fax to 908-704-1821 or 

Mail back or leave with Maryann at the 4-H Center

☐ Yes, please put me on the mailing list for **CLOVERTALES**.

Name____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Address_______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City________________________________________State_________Zip ____________
4-H Science-sational Day
March 24

1st-6th graders can participate in hands-on science workshops that include our most popular Panning for Gems, Snakes & Lizards, IRobot and Alka Seltzer Rockets. New and returning workshops include We All Scream for Ice Cream, Go Fly a Kite, Amazing Chinese Yo-Yo, Colder Than Ice and Form, Storm, Norm & Perform.

In our opening session you will learn everyday science as you join Doug the dog and his friends and help him make it through the Jungle of Jersey using smoke rings, disappearing water, flying eggs and a whole bunch of sound effects! Brochures/registration forms for this fun day are available at the 4-H office, at the 4-H Center and on-line at www.4HisTops.org.

The cost is $25.00 per child, each additional sibling is $20.00 and parents can attend for no additional cost. Please provide your child with a lunch and drink that day. This program is open to all children. You don’t have to belong to 4-H to participate. Have your child bring a best friend! Open to the first 200 participants who register. Registration closes March 13. Call the 4-H Office at 908-526-6644 for more information.

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, please call the 4-H Office (908-526-6644). Presentation dates this year are March 20-21-22 (afternoons), and March 26-27-28-29 (evenings).

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)
**Jr. Breeder Loan Program**

Information and applications have been posted to our website at: [www.4HisTops.org](http://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.

**Livestock Symposium March 31**

All 4-H livestock club members are invited to participate in this day to be held on Saturday, March 31 on Cook Campus of Rutgers University.

The symposium will have tracks for equine, dairy and beef, sheep and goats, rabbits and poultry. Go to our website at [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org) for more information.

Registration forms are available at the 4-H Office, Center and on the website. **Deadline to register is March 15.**

**Livestock Lease Form Available**

The state-wide livestock lease form is always available on our website. This form replaced the individual forms for dairy, beef, sheep and goat. Download the form at [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org). Reminder: All livestock lease forms must be in the 4-H office by May 1.

**Projector for Club Use**

There is now a projector being stored in Maryann’s Office (Building Night Manager), for club use. If a club leader needs to use the projector for a meeting, please see Maryann to sign it out.

**Last Chance - for 2012 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 (earlier is even better)**

- 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.

**Remember Our Supporters...**

In these trying times, those companies that support our 4-H program are very important to us. Please do all you can to support those that support us. When in need of a service, place to eat, etc., check out our 4-H yearbook, the Basket Bonanza Program or the thank you lists in Clovertales for those companies that have given generously to 4-H.

If you visit one of these businesses, be sure to say thanks for supporting 4-H. "We Support 4-H" thank you ribbons are available in the 4-H Office. 4-H members and volunteers should give them to everyone that helps 4-H. There are special ones for ad sales.
The National Day of Puppetry
April 21

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 21, 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 14.

Explore Learn Play
A day for you. A day for your family. A day at Rutgers.

Bring your family and friends and come meet Rutgers' celebrated thinkers, artists, researchers, scientists and students while you enjoy a variety of children’s programs, tours, performances, exhibits and lively activities.

With performances, tours, exhibits, hands-on activities, and such perennial favorites as Zimmerli Family Day, Ag Field Day, the New Jersey Folk Festival, and the Faraday Lecture, Scarlet Knights athletic events, Rutgers Day encompasses university campuses across New Brunswick and Piscataway. There will be even more activities this year, with the 4-H State Dog Show and 4-H State Robotics Expo.

Admission, parking and on-campus shuttles are free! Come out and experience your state university!

Saturday, April 28, 2011
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Rain or Shine

Annual Living Well Conference Focuses on Living Healthy - May 2

The Family and Community Health Sciences Annual Living Well Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 2 starting at 9:30 am at the 4-H Center. The morning presentations will include: "Supermarket Sweep: What You Should Grab", about healthy supermarket choices and "Simple Swaps, Tremendous Taste", learn how to swap ingredients to make a healthier dish. Taste the results! In the afternoon enjoy a presentation about colonial kitchen gardens.

The cost for the entire day, including coffee/tea/muffins, lunch, door prizes and handouts is $14 if paid by April 13. Don't wait, reserve your seat now. Call FCHS at 908-526-6295 to register. View the flyer on the RCE website at: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/fchs.
Scholarships Available for College or Technical School

These scholarships are for students attending college, vocational or technical schools. Applications available on the web: www.4HisTops.org.

- **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** – Any 4-H High School Senior interested in a career in the sciences can apply for a $1000 scholarship. Deadline April 1.
- **4-H Balliet Scholarship** – Somerset County 4-H Members in 12th and 13th grades are eligible for this one-time grant of $500.00. Deadline April 1.
- **Tom Everett Memorial Scholarships** - Two scholarships, annual and continuing educational, are available from the Somerset County Board of Agriculture. Deadline has been extended to 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.

Counselors Needed for Camp Applications Due April 27

**TOPS Day Camp Counselors:** 8th grade or older: spend June 25 - 29 as a volunteer counselor assisting the TOPS Summer Day Camp Program participants with activities at the 4-H Center. Applications are available on our website at: http://www.4HisTops.org.

**Lindley G. Cook Counselor Opportunities**

Become a camp counselor at Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp in Stokes State Forest. Camp is looking for counselors that are 18 or older and who want to work at camp for the summer. Volunteer counselor positions are available for one week sessions. Please visit the Camp Website for more information: 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, 2012) 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 25, 2012. 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 23 - 27. 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 Coke-a-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

Winter Camp 2012

Sixteen members and four chaperones attended from Somerset County. Members were Sarah Bijaczyk, Becca Francis, Sally Gilligan, William Gilligan, Kristen Johnson, Dan Memoli, Emily Milz, Alyssa Peterson, Dan Peterson, Katherine Pirro, Daniel Rosario, Kenneth Rosario, Matt Thiel, Jake Vitaliano, Debra Winters and Jay Winters. Chaperones and helpers were Maggie Navatto, Sara Memoli, Brian Bakes and Lisa Rothenburger.

We joined Bergen, Passaic and Warren County teens for sledding (with the first snow of the season!), broom hockey, foosball, card games and outdoor fun at Winter Camp.
Club Audit Forms Are Due March 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 not received all the forms for the year 2011. The club audits are due to the 4-H office March 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 Annual Review. Thank you to these clubs who got their forms in: Sidewinders, Broken Props, Chinese Culture Club, Udder Club, 4-H Exchange, Mighty Cavits & Rodents, Wags & Whiskers, Stablemates, Knowledge Explorers, 4-H Somerset Trainmasters.

4-H Community Service Ideas

A Community Service List of ideas is available on the website and will be updated as information becomes available or changes. Assisted living facilities are especially interested in clubs 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 on the website under —Frms & Publications.”

Presentations: March 20-22, (afternoons); March 26-29 (evenings)

Afternoons
Registration 3:30
Presentations 4:00

Evenings
Registration 6:30
Presentations 7:00

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 9, 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 presentation webpage for helpful tips and information: www.4HisTops.org.
**1st Annual Sportsman and Fishing Show**

_Somerset County 4-H Exchange Association is hosting its 1st annual Sportsman and Fishing Show_

*When: April 1st, 2012
Where: Somerset County 4-H Building
310 Milltown Rd
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Time: 10 AM to 4 PM
Admission: $ 5.00 donation
There will be a lunch counter*

*Looking for more information email NJ_4-H_exchange@hotmail.com See you all there!*

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**Club Camp Weekend**

**March 23 - 25**

Want to experience 4-H Camp in March? Here's your chance to do so and kick back, relax and learn more about each other in the process of hiking, cooking, crafting, game playing, telling ghost stories, watching movies at night and helping our camp's labyrinth grow with, yes, more rocks! The cost is **$46.00 per person and includes meals.** To attend please let Betty Sommerville know by March 16. She can be reached at 908-635-1951.

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**New Theatre Club! Join the Clover Ensemble!**

Open to anyone 4th grade and up, the goal of this club is to create a theatrical ensemble through improvisation and theatre games. Time will also be devoted to auditioning, monologues, play writing, scene study and characterization. No experience is necessary, just a love of creativity and theatre! Meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning in May. Ellen Parker has volunteered to lead this club. She is an experienced theater teacher and 4-H leader. Interested? Please contact Mrs. Parker at hookcookbook@gmail.com or Barbara Navatto at the 4-H office.

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**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 23, 2012, 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.

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**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.kohls corporation.com](http://www.kohls corporation.com) to download rules and the nomination form.
March/April 2012

HURRAY FOR...

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:

Citizenship: Hannah Davelman, Michele Bergen
Community Service: Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach
Horse: Ashley Thompson, Kristen Johnson
Leadership: Wil Philips
Personal Development: Brooke Andrews
Public Speaking: Sarah Dagnall, Krian Kober, Garrett Ladignan, Madeline Reese
Teen Leader: Ashley Thompson, William Hartmann

NJ State Dog 4-H Quiz Bowl Results

Somerset County had 12 members attend.

3rd Place Senior Team
Jill Newbold
Colleen Ridder
Carolyn Pirro

2nd Place Senior Team
Sharon Toth
Melanie Boyea
Julia Meiers

1st Place Senior Team: (Mixed Counties)
Shannon Kile
Kristen Obermeier

3rd Place Junior Team
Shanna Gryder
Kristen Clerico
Kate Gallagher

2nd Place Junior Team: (Mixed Counties)
Melissa Phillips

Top 10 Juniors
Kate Gallagher 8th place
Shanna Gryder 5th place
Melissa Phillips 2nd place

Top 10 Seniors
Carolyn Pirro 10th place
Melanie Boyea 8th place
Jill Newbold 6th place
Shannon Kile 5th place
Kristen Obermeier 4th place
Sharon Toth 3rd place
Julia Meiers 2nd place

Administrative Professional Day

April 25 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: Ms. Julie Augustine and Mrs. Georgeanne Valis.

Also thank 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. Jennifer Arago, Ms. Barbara Dugan and Ms. Peggy Doyle.

Happy Retirement, RoseMary!

After 23 years working for Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County in the 4-H Department, Rosemary Fleming is retiring March 1st. She will be missed by all of her colleagues and we want to wish her health and happiness in her retirement. Thank you RoseMary!
**Horse Project Awards**

*from January Ceremony*

Junior English: Samantha Eristavi – Champion  
Michele Bergen – Reserve

Senior English: Taylor Cox – Champion  
Carol Anne Bekus – Reserve

Junior Western: Elizabeth Bergen – Champion  
Michele Bergen – Reserve

Senior Western: Amber LiBrizzi – Champion  
Julianna Nienart – Reserve

Speed Division: Sarah Rusk – Champion  
Ashley Thompson – Reserve

State Educational Event Awards: Kristin Johnson, Ashley Thompson, Samantha Eristavi

Most Improved Rider Award: Madison Whiting

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**4-H Goat Extravaganza**

2-D Art Novice
Katrina Duque 1st (tied) place
Justin Kavanaugh 1st (tied) place

3-D Art Novice
Katrina Duque 1st place
Justin Kavanaugh 3rd place

Team Poster Contest
Caleb Bell 1st place team
Kristen Johnson 2nd place team

Skill-a-Thon Senior
Kristen Johnson 2nd place
Debra Winters 3rd place

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**Meow-Wow Cat Show**

**Senior Showmanship**
1st Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach  
2nd Summer Andrews  
3rd Brook Andrews

**Senior Animal**
1st Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach  
2nd Summer Andrews  
3rd Brook Andrews

**Junior Showmanship**
1st Mikayla Couch  
2nd Hayden Berbanas  
3rd Alyssa Massi

**Junior Animal**
1st Phoenix Fela  
2nd Alyssa Massi  
3rd Mikayla Couch

**Open Division Showmanship**
1st Olivia Couch

**Open Division Animal**
1st Olivia Couch

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**Food & Fun Luncheon - A Culinary Delight**

The 4-H Center wafted with tantalizing odors as clubs got together for this annual event. Congratulations to the Outdoor Adventurers, Crazy Frog Hoppers, Senior Council, K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye, 4-H Master Chefs and Gingersnaps who treated us to a Clover Hop, Tea Party, Winter Wonderland, Beach Party, a Visit to the Tropics and an Afternoon with Dr. Suess!

Special thanks goes to our judges: Shannon Zimmitti, Mary McLaughlin, Elizabeth Halpin, Kathy Bakes, Karen Maddock, and Florence Klimas.

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**2012 NJ 4-H K-9 Arts Show**

Congratulations to Shanna Gryder for winning 1st place in the 7th - 9th grade categories Photography and Computer Graphic Arts.
**4-H Summer Camp 2012**

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, pioneer living skills, water games and kayaking.

Register now! Summer Camp will run for 6 one-week sessions from July 2nd- August 11th. Camp runs from Sunday through Saturday. The cost of a session of camp is $500 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](http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu). Just visit the “registration” page. Full registration is available on-line and the camp will invoice you upon receiving it.

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**Somerset County 4-H Family Camp June 1-3**

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 1, 2, 3, 2012
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.

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"Becoming an Outdoor Family" Weekend

May 18th - 20th. 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 $75.00 per person and includes meals. Details can be found at [www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu](http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu) or call the camp directly at 973-948-3550.

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**Camp Events**

**Community Service Days:** March 31 and April 21. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend.

**Open House:** Please call to schedule a tour.

**Science, Engineering & Technology Camp:** June 26 - 29. Check website.
Totally Outrageous Program for Summer
June 25 - 29, 2012
Science • Olympics • Carnival • Yummy Snacks • Crafts

New this year - Creative Arts
Puzzles, treasure chests, ice cream sculptures and wacky birds are all waiting to be created by you. Plus new exciting programs in science, Olympics and the ever popular Carnival Day. Lots of great new snacks and crafts to make. Every day a different adventure!

Totally Outrageous Fun!
Make new friends and have fun!!!
For Children Grades 1-6
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.

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...

I AM 4-H

Congratulations to William Yan of the Pretty Cool Puppetry Club for this year’s Fair theme. Thanks to all who submitted themes. You may use it for Fair displays, banners, signs, t-shirts, etc., for the 2012 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 2012 4-H Fair, check out the website under Open Divisions on the Exhibitor Guide page. Contact the 4-H Office if you have any questions!

I AM 4-H Talent!

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. To track your progress, contact the Ad Sales Chairperson at advertise4H@gmail.com.

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 Fair t-shirt with the “I Am 4-H” logo.
- 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 30
- Every member and club is expected to help support the 4-H program to keep the Fair free!
Tony DeVergillo, Britt Powell and Craig Hockenbury started their 4-H careers as club members in the 1960’s. As teen herdsmen, they helped at the Fair in many ways including working with the electricians. When Tony received his electrician’s license they took over and have been in charge of wiring the tents for about 25 years. They started work the week before the Fair and gave up vacation time to be sure the Fair was covered all day, every day. They worked with commercial vendors, food vendors, the tent company, the park commission and 4-H leaders and staff to make sure the Fair was well lit in a safe manner. Tony worked with the park commission to eliminate the outdated underground wiring and lay out the new pedestals. They organized numerous volunteers to help and taught many teens the basics of wiring. Through the years, they saved the 4-H Association a considerable amount of money by volunteering their professional services. Tony is helping to prepare instructions for the new electricians who will be hired this spring. They have all been recognized as Outstanding 4-H Alum and we expect they’ll find other ways to stay involved in the 4-H program. Well known for their crazy sense of humor, they always added to Fair time fun. We certainly appreciate their dedication and hard work. Thank you, Tony, Britt and Craig!
Help the 4-H Fair by Identifying Potential Sponsors!

Do you know someone who owns a small business or do you have a contact within a large corporation or foundation? Would your company or family like to be a sponsor? Please help the 4-H Association Fair Sponsorship Committee by providing names of foundation or corporate contacts. Because they know these contacts are important to you, the committee members will reach out with respect and courtesy.

**Bronze, Silver, Gold and Event Sponsorship Packages** range from $5,000 to $20,000. At the Event Sponsorship level of $20,000, the company’s logo would be printed on all promotional materials. All packages include tent sponsorship, a full page ad in the 4-H Yearbook and Catalog, commercial space at the 4-H Fair, and much, much more. (Visit [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org) for details).

Other sponsorships opportunities are as follows:

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If you know a potential donor please email Lisa Darby, [Darby@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:Darby@co.somerset.nj.us), with the name of the contact person and the company or foundation they represent. In the subject line specify **Attention: 4-H Association Fair Sponsorship Committee**. Thank you to Mike Pappas, Jill Brochinsky, Jan Lush, Joe Bakes, Rick Fontana and Jodi Kopecky for their work on this committee.
**The Udder Club**  
*by Maria Buzzoni*

In December, members celebrated the holidays at Cheeburger, Cheeburger in Flemington. Everyone enjoyed the wide selection of burgers and milkshakes (none featured goat milk). The Secret Santa gift exchange was lots of fun. Everyone put a lot of thought into the gifts they gave. The evening was a nice opportunity for the club to relax together and get to know each other.

**New Centre Dairy**  
*by Cary Brochinsky*

At the first meeting, new members were welcomed. The importance of fundraisers, wreath sales and ad sales, was discussed. The club made ice cream, which although was like vanilla soup, was still tasty. At the next meeting, wreath sales (over 100) were discussed. Five members, Cary, Alex, Josh, Melissa and Mary Ellen, went to the PA Farm show. It was huge, crowded and very exciting. The club will be retaining its membership in the NJ Jr. Holstein Club. Upcoming events include the Dairy Quiz Bowl, NJ Livestock Symposium and Presentations. Mrs. Ward was a guest and explained to members what 4-H has to offer.

**Senior Council**  
*by Shruti Ramanathan*

At the club’s first meeting, the SHIP Holiday Party was discussed. Members are making goody bags for the event. Winter Camp was also discussed. The second meeting was the club’s holiday party, featuring pizza and cupcakes. Team building games were played and gifts exchanged. Final details were discussed for the SHIP party and goody bags completed. In January, members discussed possible 4-H themes for the Fair. Other discussions included Big Basket Bonanza, Food & Fun Luncheon and the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. In February Shannon Zimmitti, NJTC Chaperone, came and spoke to the club about NJTC. Recent events as the blood drive and winter camp were discussed. Lollipops are being donated to the Goat club members participating in the St. Patrick’s Day parade. Upcoming events include Prep Rally, Big Basket Bonanza, Science-sational Day and presentations. The theme and menu for Food _n’_ Fun luncheon this year will be a Tea Party.

**Wattles ‘n’ Snood**  
*by Kyrstin Schwarz*

Discussions included members participating in the “Fun & Food” luncheon and the club participating in the Big Basket Bonanza, as well as Science-sational Day. Other upcoming events include a poultry workshop, presentations and the Delaware Poultry Show in April. The club is planning a trip to Rutgers Day. Members are looking forward to a new year and some new changes in the club.

**Cattleman’s Club**  
*by Danielle Staffin*

The club is planning a lot of cool events. Members had a great time at both their holiday party and the Festival of Trees. Upcoming events include a field day where members will learn about immunizations, clipping and showmanship, a car wash fundraiser, a farm show and a weekend camping trip. Mrs. Ogle taught members how to select a proper show animal. Already the club is excited for the Fair.

**Doggone Crazy**

Members have been training their dogs on heel, sit, down focus and more. A guest speaker talked to the club about staying positive when training and also on different types of dogs. Dogs can be classified as
sensitive, happy-go-lucky or independent thinkers. Members are working on remembering to praise their dogs when they do something good. The club will be participating in the upcoming dog shows and are planning a field trip to Camp Bow Wow to learn more about dogs. Members are planning to participate in county presentations.

4-H Master Chefs
by Lauren Neimeyer

The club started off the year by electing officers and reviewing project books for the new year. They have been busy learning to make new things such as baked pumpkin seeds, sweet potato pie, cranberry orange relish and apple raisin chutney.

Mighty Cavits & Rodents
by Elise McKean

The club participated in their award ceremony and year pins have been distributed. Members made ornaments for the Festival of Trees and sold 66 wreaths. Upcoming events include county presentations and the small animal show.

Just Kidding
by Jacob Bell

Members planned to participate in the livestock award ceremony. At the last meeting the club reviewed the by-laws. Some members did presentations on goat breeds. The club made holiday cards for the Lyons Veteran Hospital.

4-H Magician’s Guild
by Dale Brochinsky

The magicians participated in the Festival of Trees by making playing card box ornaments. They went over very well and many of them sold.

Pocket Pet Rescue
by Megan Moore

During the December meeting members decorated the club tree “Heavenly Angel Bunnies” for the Festival of Trees with the ornaments they had made at the previous meeting. In January the club welcomed six new members and made bucket seats to take to the February small animal show. Awards from the fair were presented along with year pins.

Alpaca Inc
by Stephanie Duffy

In celebration of the new year, the club is changing its name from Criations to Alpaca Inc. Members have donated items for the Big Basket Bonanza. Presentations were discussed and explained to new members. The club will be participating in a show in April. Danny Philipscheck will be head of the Tent Committee for Fair. In February discussions included the upcoming show in April and members practiced their presentations. Other discussions included Fair tent designs and ad sales. The club wishes everyone a Happy 2012!

Furry Friends
by Sheridan Hoyt

The club discussed upcoming shows and a design for their t-shirt. Sheridan, Jacob and Rachel shared their thoughts about a recent show they had attended. The club took a group photo for the yearbook.

4-H Country Kickers

The Kickers are busy learning dances for the Fair. They are working on bringing back some old favorites and learning some new ones. Watch they do a fun performance to the classic Proud Mary, with the version sung by the Glee chorus and the current number one hit Moves Like Jagger!
Unlike last year, it was a perfect day to celebrate the Family New Year’s party. The weather cooperated in every way. Our evening began with crafts and tattoos, followed by a pot luck dinner, ice cream sundaes & brownies made by the Prep Chef club. Music N Motion supplied the entertainment which included dancing and games. The evening ended with the New Year’s Eve count down and lots and lots of confetti. A great time was had by all.

I could have never pulled this event off without the help I received from Jill, Harry & Cary Brochinsky, the Reese family, Carolyn Pirro, Sarah Stamets, Alex Franchuk, Shivani Gupta, Sally & Pamela Gilligan. A special thank you to Pauline Kodak for sending me Jackie & Faith, two great volunteers. Many thanks to the Prep Chef club for making the delicious brownies and everyone else that had a hand in making our New Year’s party such a fun and successful evening.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

Save the date!! The Rally - March 3

The Rally “If I Could Talk to the Animals” is Saturday March 3, 2012 from 10:00am until 2:00pm. This Cloverbud/Prep event is free but pre-registration is required. To register or if you have any questions please contact Lisa Darby on (908) 526-6644 or email at darby@co.somerset.nj.us

Save the date!! Family Camp - June 1-3

Family Camp Friday June 1st thru Sunday June 3rd. See our Camp Connection page for more information.

Yakety-Yak

Mad Scientists - We learned about density at our last meeting. Alex showed us how to add salt to water and float an egg. It took a LOT of salt. Then we made the ocean in a bottle with water, oil and food coloring. We shook the bottles and it got all mixed up, then it separated out again - NEAT! For our last activity we made “lave bursts” with water, oil and salt. It was really cool to watch the oil bubble up from the salt.
Yakety-Yak

**Discovery Prep** - In December, we learned some cool things you can do with balloons. We rubbed them on our heads. They got charged with static electricity and we stuck them to the walls and the ceiling. You should have seen our hair stand up. Then we stuck a spool onto an old CD and put our balloons over the hole in the spool and made the discs into mini hover crafts. We had them racing all over the tables. Thanks to the Copelands for running the activity. At our last meeting we made paper airplanes. We tried all different types of designs and then test flew them to see which ones worked best. It was a lot of fun trying new designs and racing them against one another down the hall.

**Exploding Stars** - Our December meeting included making Reindeer dust so Santa and his Reindeer could find our homes. We mixed oats, spices and cloves to attract Rudolph and his friends. Then we put in bright sparkles so they can't miss the glitter of the dust. We also did an experiment with sound vibrations. We tied metal spoons to string and held the string to our ears as we vibrated the spoons on different surfaces. In January we enjoyed Lego night. Each member brought a favorite project to work on. We ended January with our favorite activity...Making marble roller coasters. Each was a unique and successful roller coaster.

**Prep Chefs** - We have been making some sweet treats lately. In December, Ashley and mom led the club in making cute polar bear and snowman cupcakes. For the Family New Year's party, Evelyn and her mom led the brownie making which went great with the ice cream sundaes. Also, Charlotte, Wes, and their dad taught the club how to have fun with chocolate by covering marshmallows and bananas. Calie enjoyed smashing, Lizzie liked dipping, and Dale's favorite part was decorating. In a vote for the favorite toppings, Corinne chose coconut and Madison preferred sprinkles. Mary was voted as the member who wore the most chocolate.

**Cloverbud Kids** - For our December meeting the Cloverbud Kids donated a child's hat, mitten or glove set to use for the Festival of Trees and at the end, the items were donated to the United Way. In January, the Cloverbud Kids had a great time at the Prep New Year's party! In January we visited with the Robotics club. Thank you to the Robotics club for sharing their meeting with us. In February we had Pajama Night! Everyone came in their PJ's brought their favorite stuffed animal. To start the activities we made Valentines for the Veterans. Then we made crazy critters from molding clay. Our evening ended with hot chocolate and popcorn. Thank you to all who helped out. We send an extra special 4-H thank you to Lacey for donating the molding clay.

**Little Crafters** - Our club started out the New Year by making a "Forever Calendar", a calendar the kids decorated that has the month, days and the weather. We then celebrated the Chinese New Year by making red felt dragons decorated with 3D fabric paint. They looked very cool and the kids were very creative in their decorating. In February, we made valentines for our special someone and for a nearby nursing home. We also added 3 new members to our club.

**Knowledge Explorers** - For our December meeting, leader Sara Rall talked to the club about safety. We learned about human anatomy and why it is important to wear seatbelts and have them fit on our bodies properly. In January, we spent two meeting working on the WeDo Lego Robotics sets. During our first meeting, everyone worked in pairs and built different Lego structures. During the next meeting, we learned how to use the laptops to program the Lego creations so that they moved and made sounds.

**Little Woofers** - The little Woofers had a great time in February by having the opportunity to participate in Woofminister, the dog show that is hosted by the Woof Dog club and again in March by attending the dog show presented by the Wags & Whiskers dog club. It was a great experience for all who attended.
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**NOTES:** All Livestock & Dairy Loan Forms Due in County Office May 1st
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 9, 2012. (Fax 908-704-1821)**

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

- Tuesday, March 20 - 4 p.m.
- Monday, March 26 - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 21 - 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 27 - 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 22 - 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 28 - 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 29 - 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 will give a power point presentation. I would like to borrow equipment.
  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 is _____________________________________

- 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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