I AM 4-H
Dear Members, Leaders and Parents:

With all our clubs filled to capacity, an extremely successful Science-sational Day, the largest group of participants for presentations ever, and a truly outstanding and record-breaking basket auction, 2012 is turning out to be a banner year. And that was only the warm up...

Coming up is our annual Family Camp, our hugely successful TOPS camp and of course the Somerset County 4-H Fair! Remember that the 4-H Exhibitor Guide is now available on-line. Check out the Fair Page for details. This will have all the information you need to prepare for Fair. Please spend time looking through the Open Divisions to see what interests you as well as your own club division.

And speaking of Fair, in celebration of our theme “I AM 4-H”, we would love to have pictures of 4-H’ers when you joined 4-H and a picture of you today. This includes current members who have been around for several years, long standing leaders and alumni! We plan on displaying these pictures at Fair, and would like to do a cover for Clovertales. Please forward your pictures to: somersetcounty4h@co.somerset.nj.us. If you want to drop a hard copy off, we will scan it and return it to you. These picture may also end up in the Yearbook, so send us some good quality photos if you can.

Thank you for all you do for Somerset County 4-H. Keep up the good work. Remember that together we continue “To Make the Best Better”.

Lisa Rothenburger
Carol Ward
Leaders May Nominate Outstanding 4-H’ers - Applications Due June 1

Members in 11th or 12th grade should be encouraged to apply to be a Somerset County Outstanding 4-H’er. If you feel a member of your club has proven themselves outstanding in the areas of leadership, personal growth, participation, achievement, attitude and contribution to the total program, you may write a reference for them and help them to complete the application. Applications are available online at http://www.4HisTOPS.org, in Maryann’s Evening Office or the 4-H Office. Due date is June 1 and recipients will be honored at the July 18th 4-H Association Meeting and again at the Fair.

Outstanding Service to 4-H Recommendations Sought by June 1

Each year at the Somerset County 4-H Fair, individuals, groups, and businesses are recognized for their support of 4-H. This award is for the support of the 4-H program year-round. If you have suggestions, please contact the 4-H office to submit a nomination. Give us the name and short justification of why this individual, family, business, or group deserves this award. Due by June 1. Send your nomination to any 4-H staff person.

CloverCon 2011 - May 20

The 4-H Anime & Manga Club: “The Village Hidden in the Clovers” will be hosting their second mini-convention at the 4-H Center on May 20, 11am - 7pm. So, come and see what's happening if you're already an "otaku" or “fan” or just curious about experiencing the many faces of this pervasive visual & aural art form originating in Japan. Come dressed as a favorite anime/manga character and greet your other fellow adventurers. Featured events will be a Cosplay Catwalk, an Artists’ Alley, Anime Screenings, Manga Reading Room, Workshops, a Let's Make a Deal Game, a Swap Meet, A "Dance Your Anime Off", and various themed Penny Wars. Pre-register for just $5 or pay just $8 at the door to enter a whole ‘nother world. If you want to donate goods or come as an artist or dealer or run a panel discussion or workshop, please check out the donation letter as well as the information and registrations forms listed on www.4HisTOPS.org and let our club know of your intent.
Alumni Newsletter for Fair

Holly Dunbar, 4-H horse club alumna and 4-H Association member, is looking for news of 4-H alumni for this year’s edition of the Alumni Newsletter. Many Somerset County 4-H parents, leaders and other volunteers are alumni, and we are asking them to take a minute to send an update on what they are doing now, how they are supporting 4-H today, or to share a favorite memory of their days in 4-H.

◆ What are you doing today?
◆ Did 4-H provide a start to your current career or a hobby?
◆ What do you consider to be the highlight of your days as a 4-H’er? What was your favorite activity or event?
◆ As a 4-H’er did you attend 4-H camp? If so, can you briefly describe a favorite memory from your days at camp?
◆ What do you consider to be the highlight of your days as a 4-H’er?
◆ Do you encourage your children or other young people to participate in 4-H? Why?
◆ How do you support 4-H now? (leader, volunteer, purchase a wreath, attend the fair, etc.)

This is your chance to reconnect with old friends and help us tell the story of how our involvement in 4-H has impacted our lives. Please send your response to one of the questions above, or any information that you would like to share with alumni, to Holly at hdunbar@ddcf.org. Be sure to include your name and the name and project area of your club, along with the name of the county where you were a member. And photos, past or present are welcome! Thank you!

Fundraising Activities

If your club is going to be participating in fundraisers beyond the 4-H Wreath Sales and Yearbook Ad Sales, please let the 4-H office know. Thank you!!!

Please check our website for our Fundraising proposal and worksheet.

Mark These State 4-H Show Dates...

Dairy:
August 14 State Dairy Show in Hunterdon County

Goat:
August 23 State Goat Show in Hunterdon County

Equine:
June 24 Somerset County 4-H Qualifying Show
July 8 Somerset County 4-H Qualifying Show
August 18 Equestrian of the Year in Monmouth Co.
August 24-26 State Horse Show at Horse Park of NJ

Small Animals:
September 8 State Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show, Gloucester County

NJ 4-H Middle School Conference
May 19, 2012
Burlington County 4-H Office

The NJ 4-H annual Middle School Conference will be held from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 19 at the Burlington County 4-H Office located on 2 Academy Drive, Westhampton. This conference is open to all 4-H’ers in grades 6 - 8. Participants will be involved in experiential learning activities and developing knowledge and skills in leadership, communications, goal setting, community engagement and public speaking. It’s an opportunity to interact and have fun with other 4-H’ers from around the state.

The cost of the conference is $15.00 and includes morning refreshments, lunch and program materials. Registration forms can be downloaded at: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-2012-Middle-School-Conference.pdf

Always check out the website at www.4HisTops.org for the latest information about Somerset County 4-H and other important opportunities for members and their families.
BIG Basket Bonanza a Brilliant Benefit

The 4-H Association is happy to report that once again the BIG Basket Bonanza was a huge success and the proceeds were even more than last year. Sincere thanks to all the 4-H volunteers and members that worked the event, solicited donations or contributed gifts or materials.

A Special Thanks To The BBB Committee for their help & generosity
Annette Smutko, Basket Bonanza Chairman, Maggie Navatto, BIG Committee Chairman, Joe Bakes, 4-H Association President, Susan Schurick, Jan Lush, Pauline Kodack, Ruth Schmidt, Estee Craft, Kim Miholics, Kyle Miholics, Steve Miholics, Betty Sommerville, Jeffery Weinstein, Barb Navatto, 4-H Staff Liaison to Basket Bonanza, Lisa Darby, 4-H Staff Liaison to BIG

A Very Special Thanks To:
Somerset County 4-H Sr. Council Members, and 4-H Udder Club Members

And thanks to 4-H members:
Mellissa Smutko, Megan DeMichele, Samantha DeProspro, Sarah Bijaczyk, Dale Brochinsky, Megan Norz, Susie Norz

We appreciate the assistance and/or generosity of:

Thanks to the 4-H Clubs for baskets and other donations:
4-H Anime & Manga Club, 4-H Arts Clubs, Battlebots 4-H Club, 4-H Chinese Culture Club, Cattleman’s 4-H Beef Club, Chaps & Spurs 4-H Horse Club, 4-H Cloverbuds, Country Kickers 4-H Club, Crazy Frog Hoppers 4-H Club, Creations 4-H Alpaca Club, Discovery Prep Club, Gingersnaps, 4-H Go-Kart Club, Here Tomorrow 4-H Conservation Club, Hippity, Hoppity, Happy Handlers Club, Hoof Beats 4-H Horse Club, Just Kidding 4-H Goat Club, Kindergarten Closers 4-H Club, The 4-H Magicians Guild Club, Master Chefs 4-H Club, Mighty Cavits & Rodents 4-H Club, Pawsabilities 4-H Dog Club, People Pick Me Ups 4-H Club, Prep Chef 4-H Club, Radical Rodents 4-H Club, Raving Robots 4-H Club, Roboforce 4-H Club, Scale Modelers 4-H Club, 4-H Scooter Club, 4-H Senior Council, 4-H Trainmasters, Sidewinders 4-H Herpetology Club, Udder 4-H Goat Club, Wag & Whiskers 4-H Club, Watts & Snoods 4-H Club.

And a special thank you to over 100 other individuals, businesses and organizations that donated to this event.
National 4-H Conference
By Matthew Thiel

My National Conference trip was a great experience. This trip truly took everything that represents 4-H and put it into one exciting week. National Conference is a national 4-H program that allows every state to send delegates to represent that state. I was lucky enough to be chosen to represent New Jersey on this exciting trip. Once in Washington D.C., we used our extra time to meet other 4-H'ers from across America and to explore the lovely campus of the National 4-H Conference Center.

We all attended round table sessions that helped to prepare us for the demonstrations we were assigned. My round table session was on the topic of how 4-H’ers, partnered with the government, can make STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) subjects more interesting to underrepresented groups in these fields, such as woman and minority groups. We presented our round table’s solution to the President’s science advisors in the White House Business Offices, or as we called it, The Castle. This presentation pushed our leadership skills and especially, our public speaking skills.

Overall this trip was a great experience because we succeeded in our presentation and I got to meet some of the coolest 4-H’ers in the country. Did you know that almost every region in America has a different version of the “Cotton-Eye Joe”, well I didn’t until this trip.

National 4-H Conference was one of the most educational and exciting trips I have ever been on.

Outstanding 4-H’er
Applications Due June 1

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

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

Applications are available online http://www.4HisTops.org or in Maryann’s office at night, or in the 4-H office during the day. Due date is June 1 and recipients will be honored at the July 20 Association Meeting and again at the Fair.

Herdsman Applications – Due July 6

If you are in 8th grade or older and are interested in being a herdsman at the 4-H Fair, you MUST fill out an application and attend an orientation. Look for more information in Fair Facts. http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-2012-Youth-Herdsman.pdf
North Jersey Teen Conference

This year’s theme at NJTC (North Jersey Teen Conference) was New Frontiers. With this theme we could explore the last frontier of space or go back in time and explore the “new” Western frontier. However, there is a hidden frontier we all encounter, and that frontier is college.

Jake Vitaliano and I were both presenters for a “Space: The Final Frontier”. Within our presentation, we covered the history of space travel, and what NASA is doing today to continue exploring this Final Frontier.

In addition to space age workshops and activities, there was also country dancing and preparing for college, just to name a few. NJTC is always a very educational experience that prepares you for all things that one may encounter in high school or college.

NJTC is a good introduction to state level 4-H events and activities. For example, I have always been comfortable inside my club level activities until I participated in NJTC that opened my eyes to many other state and national level activities such as National Conference and Citizenship Washington Focus.

Many thanks to fellow Somerset County 4-H’ers who were part of the planning committee and helped to make this a great event: Jake Vitaliano, Jill Newbold and Alessandra DePrincipe. NJTC has inspired 4-H’ers to explore the Final Frontiers and make the best better.

By: Matthew Thiel

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp Counselor Opportunities

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

Citizen Washington Focus

These 4-H members will be representing Somerset County at CWF in July:

Alessandra DePrincipe
Kristen Johnson
Debra Winters
Dan Peterson
Alyssa Peterson
Plan Your Club’s Fair Exhibit Now

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

Remember the 2012 4-H Fair theme…
I AM 4-H!

Foods Judging
July 21, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Any 4-H member who would like to have Breads, Cake Decorating or Dairy Foods judged should bring these items between 11:00 - 3:00 pm on July 21. These are Open Divisions and rules are listed in the 2012 Exhibitor Guide. Foods and Nutrition Project members will have their food and nutrition units judged at this time. Pre-register with the 4-H Office by July 13.

Clothing Judging
June 9 - 11:00 am

For members enrolled in the 4-H clothing construction project. Plan to arrive at the 4-H Center between 11:00 am - 12:00 noon. Please register with your leader.

National Volunteer Week

Accepting the proclamation from Freeholder Director, Patricia Walsh for Somerset County RCE are Master Gardeners Katie Shoemaker and Camille Haberle, Paul Cirillo, 4-H Astronomy Club leader and Daryl Minch, Family & Community Health Sciences Educator.

If your club is looking for ways to be more involved in the Fair, Mike Pappas is willing to come to your meeting and talk about volunteer opportunities before and after the Fair. Contact Barb Navatto to reach Mike.
Navatto@co.somerset.nj.us

Spring Club Camp Musings

By Betty Sommerville

Some threats of rain, that never really came, didn’t get us down at camp. Members from the 4-H Pretty Cool Puppetry Club, Woolley Ones, Country Kickers, and the Village Hidden in the Clovers: Anime & Manga Club mixed it up with lots of laughter, learning a new game of Munchkins & eating very well. On Saturday we maintained our labyrinth with yet more rocks & raking and later hiked out to Tillman’s Ravine. Our version of Stone Soup & Apple Crisp got us primed for our campfire and s’mores and later on a puppet show and improv by the fireplace in the kitchen. We love club camp so much and have already started planning for the next one in the Fall.
Hurray for the 4-H members who participated in Public Presentations! They are:

**Alpaca, Inc.**
George Bright*
Taylor Ciattarelli*
Kimberly Duffy
Stephanie Duffy*
Deanna Farber*
Macy LeBlanc*
Benjamin Lewis*
Sarah Parisi
Danny Philipcheck*
Emily Wallace
Scott Weiss
Breanna White*
Cheyenne White

**Astronomy Club**
Ricson Cheng*
Sean Jedick

**Battlebots**
Alex Strasser

**Cattlemen’s Club**
Caleb Bruss*
Joshua Bruss*
Levi Bruss
Alexa Johnson
Emily Milz
Danielle Staffin*
Rachel Staffin*
Jennifer Weinberg*

**Chaps & Spurs**
Sarah Dagnall*
Kara Johnson
Kristen Johnson*
Isha Pandya*

**Chinese Culture Club**
Savern Lau*

**Clanga Club**
Kira Edgar

**Crazy Frog Hoppers**
Uma Balasubramamian
Gina Shaughnessy
Melissa Smutko

**Creative Writing**
Surya Pillai
Cassandra Siniscalco
Sarah Wise

**Discovery Prep**
Dale Brochinsky

**Doggone Crazy**
Tanasia Barbagello*
Megan Hickson
Julia Kaschan
Noelle Kaufman
Ally Laird
Emily Laird
Brandon Sebor
Brianna Zeitler

**Fantastic Fiber Club**
Aislinn Harte*
Emily Ward*

**Fantastic FotoFanatics**
Rashni Gala
Isha Gupta
Kristie Rosado

**Furry Friends**
Caleb Bell
Eli Bell
Isaac Bell
Jacob Bell
Casey Billera
Sydney Billera

**Gingersnaps**
Daria Monti

**Hippity Hoppity Happy Handlers**
Sophie Winter

**Hoof Beats**
Elizabeth Bergen
Michele Bergen
Francesca Fazio
Denise Grohn*
Jessica Nunn

**Just Kidding**
Maeve Egan
Taylor Johnson
Jenna Juechter
Shawn Kavanagh
Allison Parascandola

**Master Chefs**
Evan Brochinsky
Samantha DeProspo
Tyler Giebas
Lydia Gargano
Lauren Niemeyer
Marcus Ramos

**Mighty Cavits & Rodents**
Todd Gallagher
Megan Kouril*
Sophia McKean
Melanie Quick
Austin Raymond*
Daniel Sutherland
Judah Sutherland

**New Centre Dairy**
Melissa Bright*
Cary Brochinsky*
Elizabeth Frank*
Emily Hill
Josh Miller*
Kyra Morgan
Alex Natale*
Alex Norz
Susie Norz
Grace O’Sullivan
Alanna Staffin*
Ariel Staffin
Lily Teeple
Taylor Wyatt
Lauren Yutko*

**Outdoor Adventurers**
Alex Hall
Ashley Hall
Dillon Monti
Darcy Schulz
Shannon Schulz
Brenna VanSkiver
Cullen VanSkiver
Gavin VanSkiver*

**PAWSabilities**
Melanie Boyea
Jennifer Clougher
Kate Gallagher
Stephanie Gombas
Ashley Korbeil
James Meier*
Julia Meier*
Samantha Pellicone*
Jennifer Versfelt*
Kayla Versfelt

**Pocket Pet Rescue**
Chelsea Obermeier

**People Pick-Me-Ups**
Kim Anderson*
Rosemary Davidson
Adam Schneider

**Prep Chefs**
Eliza Rothenburger

**Radical Rodents**
Abby Denning
Brianna Glowinski*
Valerie Kral
Johnathan Schramm*

**Radio Control Cars**
Owen Booker
Brian Kober
Matthew Thiel*

Hurray for the 4-H members who participated in Public Presentations on March 20-22-26-27-28-29
Public Presentations on March 20-21-22-26-27-28-29 (continued)

Raving Robots
Sunny Cheng
Rahul Ramanathan

Scale Model Club
Ryan Digricoli
Jacob Mattheiss
Colin Reese*
Madeline Reese*

Scooter Club
John Jannone*

Senior Council
Sarah Bijaczyk
Megan DeMichelle*
Patrick DeMichelle*
Becca Francis
Alyssa Peterson
Riddhima Rao*
Shruti Ramanathan*
Anjali Wadhwa*

Sheepfold
Teresa Buzzoni
Angie Philipsheck*
Kristi Philipsheck*

Sidewinders
David Furmato*
Julie Pirro
Katherine Pirro*
Noah Rothenburger

Somerset Servos
Madara Dias
Nelusha Dias
Richard George
Jack Steele

Somerset Trainmasters
Zayn Aldabagh*
Mathew Amerman
Chase Brickman
Thomas Davidson
Soren Delinger
Douglas Evans
Zachary Ferreira
Derek Fought*
Nick Gagliardi
Zachary Gumble
Bobby Gwiazda
Thomas Healy*
James Hughes
Thomas Presley*
Billy Quick*
Kenneth Rosario*
David Sanders
Ricky Sepe
Andrew Simmons
Anthony Siniscalco
Graham Switzer
Gregory Veneziale
Christian Wizda*
Joseph Zimmerman

Wags & Whiskers
Braeden Aldrich
Daniel Basile*
Dominick Basile
Ariel Camaligen*
Jonathan Czorkes
Alessandra DePrince*
Shanna Grieder
Sammi Hall
Christine Jensen
Michael Knoll
Erin Kopecky*
Lizzy McGrath*
Sean McGrath
Amy Miller*
Helen Newbold
Jill Newbold*
Destiny Pappas
Carolyn Pirro
Colleen Ridder*
Mary Ellen Sousa
Sarah Stamets*
Greta Wickman

Wattles & Snood
Barbara Follett
Hailey Kirsch*
Diana Stone
Reed VanDerMeiren
Alex Wick

Whiskers, Paws & Claws
Mikayla Couch
Hannah Davelman*
Erika Jenkins
Alyssa Massi
Peter Philips
William Philips*

Hayden Verbanas
Kietro Wiggins*

WooF
Kristen Andreychak
Rachel Blumberg
Mollie Booker*
James Clelland*
Kristen Clerico
Rebecca Dry*
Sarah Fenwick
Kelsey Graham*
Emily Helm
Casey Hennessy*
Eileen Hennessy
Megan Jannone
Shannon Kile
Allison Koopman
Alli Maher
Victoria Marconi*
Veronica Moditz*
Kristen Obermeier*
Stephanie Patullo
Molly Shanahan
Sharon Toth*
Kristen Volpe

Woolly Ones
William Staats

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

Dan Peterson Wins Award
Dan Peterson recently won first place in the NJ woodworking show in Somerset. His father, Glenn came in second. He has qualified to attend the National show where he will be up against the top 21 winners from across the country.

Matthew Thiel Meets Congressman Lance
Matthew Thiel met Congressman Leonard Lance in Lance’s Capitol Hill office while participating in the National 4-H Conference. Conference teaches members about leadership, communication skills and government.
4-H Science-sational Day

This year Science-sational Day was again Sen-sational! There were 13 workshops covering a broad range of science subjects which included our always popular Panning for Gems, Snakes & Lizards, I Scream for Ice Cream and Alka Seltzer Rockets, Go Fly a Kite, iRobot. We had many new workshops this year: Blast Off, Chinese YoYo, Cold as Ice, Form-Storm-Perform, Trashy Treasures, as well as 2 different Aquifier workshops: The Water Below, and the Mysterious World of Underground Lakes.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made 4-H Science-sational Day a success: Jillian Reilly, Kathleen Udasco, James Thomson, Harry Brochinsky, Karen Fisch, Jenny Frank, Brynn Kirby, Rebecca Kalenak, Dave Rieur, Glenn Valis, Savern Lau, Shu Chang, Jonathan Lin, Evanna Wang, Ching Hsuen Chu, Donghui Wu, Linh Fruge, vyoma Patel, Rahul Patel, Michael Fitzgerald, Iraklis pappas, Abner Mathews, Kitty Matthews, Purusottam Mookerjee, Lori Terry, Spencer Terry, James meier, Jake Vitaliano, Chase Brickman, Alex Strasser, Jonah Schneidermann, Carson Stacy, Connor Dunning, Madara Dias, Bill Klinger, Shelly Brown, Hazel Bell, Nisha Puranapanda, Ernie Hall, Richard Hall, Andrew Cronce, Patrick Hill and Kevin Hill. Special thanks to all the members of the Sidewinders Club who came with their pets.

Thanks to these assistants who helped the day run smoothly: Lisa Darby, Georgeanne Valis, Annette Smutko, Gladys and Ian Rios, Ruth and Elise McKean, Pamela Gilligan, Sally Gilligan, William Gilligan, Ashley Miller, Paige Lamberson, Sarah Bijaczyk, Jesse Maze, Alyssa Peterson, Dan Peterson, Jennifer and Sage Lau, Elvin Kong, Sophia Young, Edward Lai, Angelina Lai, Carey Brochinsky and Suling Hung.

Special thanks to Mellissa Smutko, Riddhima Rao, Lauren Lee and Anjali Wadhwa for assisting with the preparation of both breakfast and lunch and to Shu Chang and the Chinese Culture Club for assisting with clean up after the event.

Thank You to All the Presentation Judges!

### Woofminster Dog Show Results

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### State 4-H Dairy Judging

These Somerset members participated in the State Dairy Judging Contest.

**Juniors:**
- Cary Brochinsky placed 10th
- Josh Miller did well for his first year!!

_Congratulations to both._

*Thanks to Nancy Kirby & Rich Norz for coaching these members.*

### NJ 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

_Congratulations to the 4-H Dairy Club members who participated in the NJ State Dairy Quiz Bowl._

**Junior Teams**

- Josh Miller, Mary Ellen Sousa, Alanna Staffin, Ariel Staffin - 1st place

_Two alumni, Christina O’Brien and Jessica Brygier also participated._

*Many thanks to Nancy Kirby for coaching the team.*

### Results of Dairy Clip Off

_Congratulations!_

**Junior Teams**

- 4th Place - Emily Hill & Mary Ellen Sousa
- Participants: Cary Brochinsky & Josh Miller

**Beginner Teams**

- 3rd Place - Ariel Staffin & Hannah Richman (Salem)
**State 4-H Equine Art Show**

Congratulations to our winners:

- **Kayla Steinkopf**: 4th & 5th place Sr. Computer Enhanced Photos; 3rd, 4th & 5th place Sr. Color Photos
- **Michelle Bergen**: 1st place Jr. Wood Projects
- **Elizabeth Bergen**: 3rd place Jr. Wood Projects

**State 4-H Model Horse Show**


- **Sianna Musarra**: Open Classes - 2nd place Collector’s Class; 1st place First Timer Western Performance; Senior Classes - 3rd Hunter/Jumper; 6th-7th-8th Sr. Tack by Exhibitor; 3rd Sr. Repaint by Exhibitor; 6th Sr. Arabian; 3rd, 9th Sr. Quarter Horse; 6th Sr. Gaited; 6th, 10th Sr. Mixed Breeds; 9th Sr. Paint; 4th, 5th Sr. Morgan; 5th-6th-7th Sr. Thoroughbreds/Standarbrdeds; 7th Sr. Other Breeds

**State 4-H Equine Presentations**

- **Senior Individual**: 6th place - **Julianna Nienart**
- **Senior Team**: 2nd place - **Kristen Johnson & Ashley Thompson**

**State Horse Bowl**

**Senior Team**: Kristen Johnson & Ashley Thompson

- 1st place: Somerset/Sussex

**Top Seniors**: Kristen Johnson

- 2nd place: Ashley Thompson

**Junior Team**: Samantha Eristavi & Kara Johnson

- 1st place: Somerset/Sussex/Warren

**Top Juniors**: Samantha Eristavi

**State Horse Judging and Hippology**

**Senior Horse Judging**

- Ashley Thompson: 10th pl. Individual Overall Scores
- Kristen Johnson: 8th place Halter Individual 2nd place Team Scores/Team Oral

**Senior Hippology**

- Ashley Thompson: 3rd place Individual Scores 2nd place Exams 3rd place Stations 1st place Overall Teams

- Kristen Johnson: 6 place Individual Scores 1st place Exams 2nd place Stations 1st place Overall Teams

**Junior Horse Judging**

- Samantha Eristavi: 2nd place Individual Scores 3rd place Halter Individual 2nd place Individual Oral Reasons 2nd place Performance Individual 3rd place Overall Team

**Junior Hippology**

- Samantha Eristavi: 1st place Individual Scores 1st place Exams 1st place Stations 1st place Judging 4th place Overall Team

- Kara Johnson: 4th place Overall Team
Calling all Somerset County 4-H families! Do you remember all the fun you had at Prep Camp, Club Camp, or Winter Camp? Were you a camp counselor or attended summer camp at L.G. Cook? Well, here’s your chance to come back and relive those times boating, making crafts, singing around the campfire and renewing old friendships...and we can’t forget all that good food! Somerset County 4-H Family Camp is open to all Somerset County 4-H members and their families.

June 1, 2, 3, 2012
Lindley G. Cook NJ 4-H Camp

Cost is $60 per person and includes EVERYTHING! Scholarships available. You can come for the whole weekend or just Saturday. But by all means...plan on coming. Registration packets are available at the 4-H Office, the 4-H Center lobby or on our website. You can contact Mrs. Lisa Darby at 908-526-6644 or email her at darby@co.somerset.nj.us for more information.

4-H Summer Camp 2012 (Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp, Stokes State Forest)

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

Register now! Summer camp will run for six one-week sessions, Sunday -Saturday, from July 2-August 11. The camp schedule is packed with fun & exciting activities from dawn to dusk. On the website there is a sample Daily Schedule, a Week in Review, Activity (Class) Descriptions to give you an idea of some of the activities available, photos of the buildings and activities and a detailed packing list to download.

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

To register for camp you may download and fill out the Summer Camp Registration Form on the website www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu or call the 4-H Office and we will print one for you. (There is an additional charge to mail out hard copy registration forms.) There are many discounts offered including a $50.00 discount for registered 4-H members, a multiple family member discount and a discount if you bring a friend. More information can be found on the camp website. Camp is also located on Facebook that provides the most up to date information on programming and other happenings at camp. To get to the Facebook page, visit the camp website and click on the Facebook link at the top right of the page. Would you like to visit camp? Please call to schedule a tour: 973-948-3550.
We're on the look out to load the S4HL noon hours with 4-H performances! The 2012 Fair Entertainment committee is in search of talented 4-H’ers (in cloverbud or standard clubs) who would like to perform on the Clover Theater Stage.

It's easy to be eligible! If you didn't already perform at the County Presentations in March, a quick audition at the 4-H Center is all we need. For inspiration, check out the description of the Open Division: Performing Arts in the 2012 Exhibitors' Guide on-line.

All interested 4-H'ers should contact Betty Sommerville (908-281-5238, cell 908-635-1951) or the 4-H Office by May 31. Let's celebrate our super Fair with talent!

Limited Fair Grants Available

The 4-H Association is happy to consider funding requests from clubs, divisions or tents seeking funds necessary to display your project or maintain safety at the Fair. Applications will be available at the 4-H Center and on the website after May 1. Deadline August 1st 2012.

Clubs requesting grants must have sold ads and/or wreaths.
**Fair Planning Meeting**  
**May 22, 2012, 7:30 pm 4-H Center**

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

- Funding & Budget
- Traffic & Parking
- Security & Safety
- Club Responsibilities & Yellow Pages
- Supplies/ribbons available at the 4-H Center
- Planning & prep prior to Fair
- Activities & Opportunities during the Fair
- Packing Up, Friday
- 2nd Shift Clean-Up, Saturday morning
- Food, Commercial & Entertainment Committees
- Publicity & Sponsorships
- Maps & Schedules
- Inclement Weather Procedures
- Service to 4-H Awards

**Member in Good Standing Requirements**

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

- Must have been a registered 4-H project member by January 1. ✅
- Attend at least 70 percent of regular club meetings. ✅
- Complete a 4-H project, doing one’s own work with minimal assistance from parents or others. ✅
- Give a community, club or county 4-H public presentation. ✅
- Complete a project record book. ✅

**Ad Sales**

Thank you to all that purchased and sold ads. **4-H’ers who sold ads** - remember to take a copy of the Yearbook & Catalog to your ad customers as well as green supporter ribbons, available at the 4-H Center. If you sold $100, be sure to pick up your t-shirt at the 4-H Center after August 1.

**Space for Commercial Vendors**

Parents, friends or ad customers may be interested in having a commercial booth at the fair. Space is limited, but the rental prices are good and the exposure is terrific. Contact Kimberly Lynn Cook, 908-420-3475, and reserve your space now or visit our website for more information.

**Volunteers Supporting Volunteers**

The **Volunteer Oasis Committee** will provide meals and water for Fair Managers and other volunteers that are on the fairgrounds the week before the Fair and Saturday after. We are looking for clubs or individuals who would like to help by cooking or providing a meal, part of a meal, or snack. Schedule to be announced, but help is definitely needed the Tuesday before the Fair at lunch time to host the corporate volunteers. If you or your club is interested in helping, please contact Tina Pirro at 732-906-2027 or kmpirro@msn.com.
Open Divisions For All 4-H'ers!

Look at “Open Divisions” to find more ways to participate. Open Divisions are for everyone and include:

- Bread
- Cake Decorating
- Crafts
- Creative Arts
- Creative Writing
- Dairy Food
- Fiber
- Horticulture & Agriculture
- Needlecrafts
- Performing Arts
- Photography
- Woodworking & Wood Science

Check out the complete list of rules and regulations on our website at: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/fairexhibitorguide.html. Remember, projects made in school or for another organization such as scouts, can be submitted.

How Sweet It Is!

Once again, the Cloverbud Division will oversee the cotton candy tent at the 4-H Fair. As always, we need your help. Please register to spin cotton candy by calling Lisa Darby at (908) 526-6644 between 8:30am and 3:00pm Monday - Friday at the 4-H office. Our volunteers are very important to us and we always appreciate all of your help. Remember, everyone that spins will receive a free Cotton Candy tee shirt.

Adults to work the Milkshake Booth!!!

Did you know that the 4-H Association runs the Milkshake Booth? All of the profits support the 4-H Fair. Any adult may volunteer to help in the booth. In the past we have had parents, aunts, uncles, corporate volunteers, even grandmas & grandpas. It is so much fun that it is a well kept secret. Don’t miss out on the fun and camaraderie. Sign up for an hour or two and support the 4-H Fair. Please contact Andrew Lerch at andrewlerch@verizon.net or 908-425-8578.

4-H FAIR WELCOME PARADE

Calling all clubs to participate in the 2012 4-H Fair Opening Day Parade! Now lead by the Trainmasters Brass!

Wednesday, August 8th

Gather at 5:30 pm outside the Radio Control Car Tent

Parade starts at 5:45 pm

More details in the July/August issue of Clovertales. For more info contact Ellen Parker at hookcookbook@gmail.com
New Centre Dairy  
*by Cary Brochinsky*  
In February the club decided to take out a full page ad in the Yearbook. It’s being designed by members. Members received year pins and records books. Ms. O’Neil gave the club a demonstration on presentations. The meeting ended with members practicing how to judge dairy cows. Topics at the March meeting included 4-H presentations and the announcement that the Jr. Quiz Bowl team had won the state tournament! Since animals will be arriving soon, lease requirements were discussed and caring for an animal. The activity for the evening was having a well-stocked tack box.

### National Day of Puppetry  
**Celebrated by Pretty Cool Puppetry Club**  
*by Betty Sommerville*  
On April 20, the club co-hosted with the Garden State Puppetry Guild another successful day full of puppetry for the 5th year running it at our 4-H Center. Workshops about making & moving puppets in the morning was followed by a series of puppet shows featuring Chinese Lions (thanks to Chinese Culture Club’s dance team), shadow and hand puppets & marionettes. A triumphant parade including children with their new puppets was filmed by villeTV for the future enjoyment of all.

### Woolly Ones  
*by Mary McLaughlin*  
Woolly Ones members have been keeping busy! At the February meeting, members got hands-on learning about nutrient and oxygen transport by dissecting lamb and calf hearts. In March, Chris Posbergh led members through an activity to make their own rope halters! Several members also attended Club Camp at Lindley G Cook 4-H Camp. They enjoyed hiking, cooking and crafting together! Members attended the NJDA Junior Breeders Symposium where they learned about farm management practices like docking, castrating and tube feeding, parasite control for Barber Pole worm, and ruminant nutrition. Members also continued to welcome new lambs to their flocks and started selecting additional breed and market lamb project animals for the coming fair.

### CloverCon 2012 & Arts on Division  
*by Betty Sommerville*  
The Village Hidden in the Clovers is hosting another delightful mini-convention at the 4-H Center. Featuring artists & dealers as well as varied panels and games, it’s a day’s worth of sharing and promoting the exciting Japanese art forms of anime and manga. Participants can come in costume to walk our "catwalk" dressed as their favorite character from these creative worlds. This is the second year for this BIG fundraiser to show how much we love 4-H & our special 4-H Center. The weekend before, at Somerville's Arts on Division event, members in cosplay will help make a chalk labyrinth & team up with the Pretty Cool 4-H Puppetry Club to dance the "Metamorphosis" of a giant butterfly.

### The Magicians Guild  
*by Glenn Valis*  
The Magician’s Guild has been working on learning new tricks, improving old ones, and practicing steadily. They did a show for one of the cloverbud clubs in the fall and will be at the Somerville Street Fair performing at the 4-H table. They have another cloverbud club show due soon. They will be doing a show each day at the fair, and preparing for that will be their focus for the rest of the spring and summer.

### Just Kidding  
*by Jacob Bell*  
Members discussed cheese making and the recent K-3 Rally that they participated in. The club planned to participate in the St. Patrick’s Day parade. Other subjects included Science-sational Day and the Jr. Breeders Symposium. Several members gave club presentations.
The Cloverbud Page

Saturday March 1st, was our annual k-3 Rally. Since the rally was on livestock & small animals, titled “If I Could Talk to the Animals”, we started the day off with a class on Germ Busters. Rachel and Theresa taught the children about the importance of hand washing. Afterwards the kids broke into groups and rotated through 4 workshops. Our members learned about milk bubbles from our state Dairy Princess, Elizabeth Frank and dairy cows from Alanna Staffin & Brynn Kirby from New Centre Dairy. A workshop on goats was presented by Beth, Duane, Shawn, & Justin Kavanaugh, Jack & Barbara Cochrane all from Just Kidding and Debra Winters from the Udder Club. The sheep and fiber workshop was given by Dawn Granja and Angie & Kristi Philipsheck from Sheepfold and Mary Stamets from the Fantastic Fiber club. Ellen Parker and the Radical Rodents presented the workshop on small animals.

Thanks to EVERYONE that helped make the day a great success, including Amy Frank, Julie Augustine, Debbie Norz, Sue Midura, Beth Verb and all of our teen helpers, Sarah S, Becca, Sally, Sarah B, Pamela, Carolyn, Cary & Christina. We could not have done it without your help.

Happy spring!

Lisa Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

Reminder!

The registration packets for Family Camp, which will be held Friday June 1st thru Sunday June 3, 2012, are available in the lobby of the 4-H Center or on line at www.4HisTops.org. If you have any questions please call me at the 4-H office on (908) 526-6644.

Yakety - Yak

Mad Scientists – We welcomed 4 new members in March; Ben, Pooja, Maggie and Rishi. Then Alex's family taught us about levers. We used one penny and a lever to lift 45 other pennies. We also learned that longer levers work better than shorter levers. We had a great time making and learning about the levers.

At our next meeting we made super balls and slime from cornstarch and water. It was really neat to see how the balls got bouncy and the slime was SUPER icky! Then we also played with water & oil and discovered a lot about density. We made our own colorful volcanoes with them.
More Yakety - Yak

Prep Chefs – For Saint Patrick's Day treats, Corinne and her mom taught the club how to make Leprechaun Pudding and Clover Crispies. Wes, Ashley & Calie liked making and shaking the green pudding. Madison had fun licking the top of the container. Lizzie & Mary enjoyed decorating the clover, and Dale put 4-H's on his. Evelyn said that she liked everything! Aloha - Eliza and her mom led the Chefs in making Luau Cakes and Lagoon Coolers. Lizzie enjoyed frosting the cakes, while Wes liked decorating them. Dale used his Picasso style art skills. Madison & Charlotte had fun juicing the lemons. For another meeting, Calie's family taught us how to make berry scones. What were the favorite parts of the activity? Ashley – cracking the eggs; Calie – adding strawberries; Lizzie & Wes – kneading the dough (but Wes didn't like the messy hands); Dale – making a dough ball; Charlotte & Mary – shaping the dough (except Mary didn’t like to feel the lumpy strawberries); Madison – eating the scones; Evelyn – everything!

The Cloverbud Kids – We were very busy 4-H’ers during the month of March. First we attended the K-3 Rally and learned a lot about cows, sheep, goats & small animals. The favorite animals of the day were all small animals. For our March meeting we had Show-N-Tell night. Each member shared a special talent or brought a special trinket to talk about. Some members sang, played their violin, showed us how to knit, shared special toys, brought in fossils and a painting. The club finished off their meeting night by decorating their own cupcakes. All the parents were exceptionally proud of all the Cloverbud Kids for doing an extra special great job at the March meeting! Finally, the Cloverbud Kids ended the month of March with their visit to the RVCC Planetarium in North Branch. It was a great trip. The members toured the Planetarium, learned about the stars & planets in the night sky and saw the Magic Tree House Space Mission.

Discovery Prep – We had a great time with color fun in March. Dora’s family showed us how to make very colorful designs with milk, food coloring and dish soap. It was great to see all the different patterns. We wish we could have saved some for our display at the fair. Next we made colorful eruptions with water, vinegar, food coloring and baking soda. It was a good thing we did this in cups on plates because they really fizzed up. It was great to see how close they came to the tops of the cups. What a great night. At our next meeting we painted with paints that we made ourselves from pigments in the clay we dug up outside. It was cool to see the different colors we made and then we did our own art pieces. At our last meeting we made birdfeeders to welcome the birds back for spring. We also made silly putty. What a blast.

Reminder:

Each club is responsible to put up a club display in the cloverbud tent during the 4-H Fair in August. It is never too early to start thinking about your display. If anyone has any question, please contact Lisa Darby on (908) 526-6644 for more information.
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Annual 4-H Spring Train Show

Bridgewater, NJ
310 Million Rd. Bridgewater, NJ 08807

4-H Center
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
June 9-10, 2012

Concessions available all day.
$2.00 Children under 12
$4.00 Adult

www.somersetcounty4h.org/directions

Directions to the 4-H Center:

Admission

Registration Form

If you are under 18 years old, a parent or guardian must accompany you.

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:

If you want to come to a character contest, please indicate character theme.

I want to be included in the cosplay contest. Give us one character name.

Age:

If you are not registered, you can still participate in the door prizes on May 20.

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Somerset County 4-H Center

May 20, 11 am - 7 pm

4-H Anime 4 Manga Club: Hidden in the Clovers

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