Fall 2015 for Somerset County 4-H

What an exciting time of year it is for Somerset County 4-H! We have lots of new clubs forming and we want to thank everyone who helped with another successful Open House. We had a huge crowd and there were many new families who came to learn about 4-H. The Somerset County 4-H program continues to expand, offering new and innovative clubs.

Fall and winter is when we recognize all of our leaders and members for their achievements throughout the year. Please check out Leaders’ & Parents’ Outlook to find out when the Achievement Nights will be held. Achievement Nights are held for Livestock, Dog, Arts, Robotics, Small Animal and Horse. Please attend these celebrations of the work our members have done this past year. This is also our opportunity to thank our volunteers for all their dedication and time. We hope to see YOU there!

Sincerely,

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

Carol K. Ward
County 4-H Agent

4-H Mission Statement

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

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

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Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!
The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status, and any other category protected by law. Contact our office at 908-526-6644 for information regarding special needs or accommodations. RCE is an equal opportunity program provider and employer. Contact the State Extension Director’s Office if you have concerns related to discrimination, 848-932-3583.

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## 2016 Somerset County 4-H Calendar of Events

The 2016 Somerset County 4-H Calendar of Events is being prepared now. It includes state and countywide events for the upcoming calendar year. It also includes major club events. If you have any ideas or contributions, let us know. If you’re not sure if your event should be on the calendar, give us a call. The 2015-6 Calendar will be available in the January/February Clovertales.

## Achievement Dinners

- **Arts Achievement Night**
  - Friday, November 6th, 6:30 pm

- **Dog Project Achievement Brunch**
  - Saturday, November 7th, 10am

- **Livestock Achievement Dinner**
  - Saturday, November 7th, 6:00 pm

- **Horse Achievement Dinner**
  - Sunday January 10, set-up 4 pm

- **Small Animal Achievement Awards**
  - TBA

## What To Do In Case of Inclement Weather

If your club meets at the 4-H Center and you are a club leader, please contact the 4-H office before pm at 908-526-6644 or the building managers, between 6-9 pm at 908-526-8242, to let them know if you will be canceling your meeting that night. You are also responsible for contacting club members to let them know the meeting is canceled. If you are a 4-H member in doubt, contact your club leader.

If the decision is made by the buildings & grounds committee to close the building for the evening, an attempt will be made to reach all leaders. Members, check with your leaders if you are not sure before coming to the 4-H Center.

Leaders, please make sure that the night building managers have a number where you can most likely be reached during the day. Thank you!

## 4-H Rutgerscience Saturdays

Rutgerscience Saturdays will continue throughout the winter into spring. These programs encourage youth grades 5-8 to spur their interest in science and in their everyday lives. Check out the website for more information and dates and times of programs: http://4hset.rutgers.edu/set-programs/

## Georgeanne has Retired!

Thank you and best wishes to Georgeanne Valis as she leaves her desk at the RCE Office. Her talents will be greatly missed!

## Wreath Decorating Dec. 2

Help is needed on Wednesday, Dec. 2, to decorate wreaths. Association members, parents, leaders, and friends are asked to come beginning at 7 pm. Bring a friend! It’s always a fun evening. (These wreaths are to fill orders phoned in, not club orders.)
Starting the New Year Right

Please remember that every club should have officers and be conducting a business meeting on a regular basis. Barb Navatto is willing to come and get you started with an informal workshop about how to run a meeting and duties of officers.

Every club should have a secretary keeping minutes and taking attendance. This is important because members wishing to compete at Fair must have attended 70% of club meetings and activities (excused absences are at the leader’s discretion). Members away at college are excused for those months, but should be expected to participate when they are home.

An officer should send announcements of club activities to the 4-H Office for Clovertales.

Every club should have a treasurer that keeps track of club finances.


Treasuries & Fundraising Policy

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

**Raising Funds for a Specific Goal:** Fundraising will be done only to meet a specific 4-H club or program goal (i.e., purchasing supplies for a club project; funding a community service project; sponsoring members to attend an educational conference or 4-H camp). Money raised during the course of a 4-H year should be spent that same year.

**Informing County 4-H Office:** 4-H clubs must submit a Fundraising Worksheet ([http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-Fundraising-Worksheet.pdf](http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-Fundraising-Worksheet.pdf)) to inform the county 4-H office of fundraising plans in advance to avoid conflict with other 4-H fundraising efforts and program goals. The 4-H staff may choose to deny support or permission for the fund-raiser.

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

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

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

More information can be found in the Leader Training Manual all club leaders received at orientation.

Protection Of Minors Training—Nov 18th 7 PM

The 4-H Agents will be hosting a Youth Protection training for those volunteers who have been unable to do this online. Please register by responding to: SomersetCounty4H@co.somerset.nj.us

Online Registration Session

On that same night, we will be having a session for parents and leaders to trouble shoot the 4-H Online registration process at the 4-H Center. If your club members have not enrolled in the 4-H Online system by December 31, they will not be eligible to participate in state events, or competitive events at the Fair. Please register for this session at: SomersetCounty4H@co.somerset.nj.us
Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 21
10am to 2pm
Please mark your calendars to attend our one-stop-shopping BIG Holiday Bazaar at the 4-H Center. Items for sale include jewelry, home decorating products, candles, kitchenware, gourmet foods, baskets, cosmetics, wooden items, gift items and much more. With almost 50 crafters & vendors, you’ll be sure to find something for everyone on your holiday shopping list! Profits support the 4-H Center.

4-H Festival of Trees
December 12 - 13
10am to 4pm
Calling all 4-H and Community Clubs: Time to start planning your fundraiser festival tree. It’s an excellent and fun way to make your club treasury grow. Or, you can donate your handmade/store-bought ornaments to benefit a worthy cause, our 4-H Holiday Dinner. We welcome and encourage trees of different clubs, community groups, cultures and denominations. The application and flyer are on our website: www.4HisTops.org. Come join the fun! For more details please email Sue at susar@rcn.com or call 908-281-5858.

Set-up is Friday, December 13, 6-9 pm.

4-H Wreath Sales
Club Orders Were Due October 30
October was 4-H Wreath Sale Month!! If you did not order one, please call the 4-H office at 908-526-6644. We may have extras! The proceeds help to support our Free Fair! Clubs receive $1.00 for each wreath they sell.

Burn off those Thanksgiving dinner calories. Come join the fun by helping unload wreaths on Friday, November 27 at 7:30 am.

Club leaders should pick up wreaths:
- Saturday, November 28, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Monday, November 30, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Each club should plan to decorate their own wreaths. To keep wreaths fresh, do not store on concrete, which absorbs moisture. Please call the building managers at 908-526-8242, 6-9 pm, Monday-Friday, at least a day before you plan to pick up your ribbon, wire and cones. Wreaths should be delivered to the customers by December 7. The cost is $15.50 decorated; $12.50 plain. Before turning in your money, keep $1.00 per wreath for your club treasury if payment is made to the 4-H Association by December 16. Clubs making payment after December 16 should keep only 50¢ per wreath. Clubs making payments after December 30, 2015 will not be able to keep any money for selling wreaths. Leaders: Money drop-off days, December 15 - 17, 7 - 9 pm, 4-H Center. The 4-H building managers will also accept funds in a sealed envelope.
Rummage Sale a Success

We did it! Another successful year! The tenth annual sale raised over $13,000. Held on September 18 & 19, the meeting rooms, gym and large conference rooms were packed with many treasures from books to vintage goods. There was something for everyone. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our staff, volunteers, 4-H members, parents and leaders, we were able to price, sort, display and sell thousands of items. In addition to raising funds for the improvements and maintenance of the 4-H Center, the rummage sale offers bargains on needed items, gives families an outlet for their unneeded household goods, benefits the nonprofit organizations that receive the leftover items, and brings our 4-H family closer together as we work side by side toward a common goal. We couldn’t have done it without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Thanks again to all who helped, donated and shopped.

4-H Lucky Clover Tricky Tray (formally the BIG Basket Bonanza)

Clubs Needed to Help Support this 4-H Association Fundraiser

The BIG Committee is hosting their 8th annual basket auction on Sunday, March 6, 2016, to raise funds for the 4-H Center. Last year’s event was a BIG success thanks to the many clubs, local businesses and organizations that contributed to the prizes.

Themed baskets are welcome; all items should be new and in original packaging with a combined value of at least $20. But the committee can also use cash of any amount, gift cards or single items. Be creative! Think about what you might like to receive as a gift. Please send or drop off your donation at the 4-H Office or with the building managers. Any questions, please contact Annette Smutko: asmutko50@gmail.com.
Senior Member Winter Camp
Register by December 1
Members in grades 8-13 will have lots of fun at L.G. Cook Camp January 8-10, 2016. This year, Somerset will go with teens from Bergen, Passaic Ocean, and Warren Counties. This is always a popular event, so get your application in early. Cost for the whole weekend is only $60.00. Scholarships are available. Applications are available on the website. For more information contact Lisa Rothenburger, rothenburger@njaes.rutgers.edu

North Jersey Teen Conference
March 11-13
Deadline to apply is January 29.
Open to All 4-H Teens Grades 8 - 13
This is a weekend of fun activities in leadership and community service and an opportunity to meet 4-H’ers from all over northern NJ. Come for lots of fun! This is year the NJTC will take place at the Best Western Regency House in Pompton Plains, NJ.

2015-2016 DAR Contests Available
The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) invites 4-H’ers to participate in the following contests. Awards are given on the local, state and national levels. For complete instructions, please contact Holly Dunbar at hdunbar@verizon.net.

American History Essay Contest—Open to students in grades 5-8. The theme is “A Colonial Family’s Reaction to the Stamp Act.” Passed by the British Parliament in 1765, this law required all colonists to pay a tax on every printed piece of paper they used and was viewed by the colonists as taxation without representation. Deadline: January 15, 2016.

Christopher Columbus Essay Contest—Open to students in grades 9-12. This year’s theme is “Columbus and Lindbergh: A Journey Across the Atlantic.” Participants are asked to discuss the similarities and differences between Columbus’ voyage to the New World and Lindbergh’s solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. Deadline: January 1, 2016.

Junior American Citizens Contest—Open to students pre-school through grade 12; also open to groups, including 4-H clubs. This year’s theme is “Celebrate America.” Categories: Poster, Stamp Design, Banner, Photographic Essay, Community Service, Poem, Short Story. Deadline: January 1, 2016. Patriot Award winners should consider entering the Community Service category.

NJ Agricultural Achievement Award
This $500 scholarship is open to any High School Senior who is planning a career in agriculture or science. Contestants must submit a resume and an essay on the topic:
“How has your involvement in 4-H helped to shape your future career choice?”
The qualifications for receiving this award can be found at:
www.jerseyequine.nj.gov/agachievementapplform.pdf
Deadline for submissions is January 2, 2016.
For more information, visit the website or contact Lynn Matthews at 609-292-2888 or lynn.matthews@ag.state.nj.us
Members MUST be registered by January 1st to be eligible to compete in the events at our 4-H Fair or state 4-H events! Get your new member forms in to the 4-H Office today and GET REGISTERED IN 4HOnline!!

Workshops for Clubs
"How to Run a Meeting" and
"How to Give a Presentation"

Your club can reach all its goals if meetings are run efficiently. We have games and fun activities to bring to your club meeting to help you learn the roles of officers, how to proceed through an agenda and how to define your goals.

It's never too early to start thinking about presentations. In this fun workshop, members learn the parts of a presentation, what the judges look for, how to use visual aids, how to relax and much more.

Contact Barb Navatto to schedule a training at navatto@co.somerset.nj.us or 908-526-6644.

Equine Scholarship

The NJ Equine Advisory Board has announced a $1,000 scholarship to help 4-H and FFA members, as well as any young adult that is a member of a NJ Equine organization represented on the NJ Equine Advisory Board, pursue their equine activities.

The Sara Dubinin Scholarship, in memory of Sara, who loved horses, will be presented at the NJ Bred Equine Breeder Awards Luncheon on January 24, 2016, at Charley’s Other Brother Restaurant in Eastampton.

Those interested in receiving the scholarship must submit an essay on, “How horses have affected my life and how horses figure into my future.” Consideration is based upon candidate's financial need.

Application: www.jerseyequine.nj.gov/dubininapplicationform.pdf

The deadline to submit the essay is January 2, 2016 to Lynn Mathews at (609) 292-2888 or lynn.mathews@ag.state.nj.us.

Public Presentations

Save the dates— April 4-8 (both day and evening hours)

Before you begin, you might want a few easy tips on how to give a better presentation. See our information above for how your club can schedule a workshop on presentations.

Attention New and Returning Health Officers

If you’re interested in health, fitness, nutrition, and safety, becoming a Health Officer is a great way to learn more about these topics and provide leadership for the 4th “H”, HEALTH, in your club! These officers are responsible for carrying out short health activities or sharing a healthy thought at each club meeting.

Mark Your Calendars! Materials and information for this year will be distributed at the Health Officers’ training on Thursday December 3rd from 7:00—8:00p.m. at the 4-H Center. All Health Officers should plan on attending. Please RSVP with your name and club name by November 26th.

Contact Theresa Hanntz to RSVP or for more information at hanntz@co.somerset.nj.us or 908-526-6644.
**Adopt-a-Family Program**

Clubs can help make Thanksgiving special for a needy family in Somerset County through the Adopt-a-Family program sponsored by the Somerset County Freeholders. The cost of a Thanksgiving meal is $40.00, but all donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, visit our website at: http://www.AmericanIncomeLife.com or call 800-849-4820 to request plan brochures designed specifically for 4-H.

**Record Books**

It is very important for members to learn to keep records and to think about why they are in 4-H. They should be able to articulate their goals and what they are learning. If they intend to compete at the fair (this includes the open divisions) they must complete a record book. The information in their record books helps tremendously when completing forms for state and national awards as well as college and job applications.

Some projects have specific record books that are on the website under “forms”. The General record book is on the website: http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=4H123. If you wish to adapt a record book for your specific

**Discover the Leader in You!**

Applications Due February 16

4-H members in grades 6 - 8 are invited to attend this leadership conference. You will have fun, meet new friends and develop leadership and personal development skills that you can utilize at home, in school, in your 4-H club and your community. The conference will include a guest speaker and interactive workshops. The cost is $30.00 and includes snacks, lunch and program supplies.

There will be 2 conferences held, March 14 in the Gloucester County 4-H Office and March 21 in the former Agricultural Museum of NJ on Cook Campus, New Brunswick. Both programs run from 10:00am - 3:30 pm with check in beginning at 9:45 am. Forms due February 16, 2015.

http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-2015-

**Loans Available for Livestock Club Members**

The New Jersey Junior Breeders Loan program can help 4-H members get the funds to purchase livestock. These low interest loans are available for purchasing breeding stock. It is a good way for youth to develop a positive credit rating and become eligible for college scholarships. If you want more information, please visit http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/md/prog/juniorbreeders.html
Volunteers Needed for Fall Leaf Clean Up, November 21

Would you like to help an elderly or disabled person get his or her yard ready for the winter months? The Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services is looking for volunteers for its annual fall leaf clean-up program. Volunteers are needed to rake leaves for elderly and disabled homeowners around the county who have no other means to do yard work. The annual leaf clean-up project will take place **Saturday, November 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** For more information call the Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 541-5715. Other dates are available for those who cannot make November 21.

4-H Senior Council does this every year. They have a great time!

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Resources Available On-Line

Visit the National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System website to find resources for your 4-H project area. The National CCS curriculum is used throughout the US and is found in hard copy. But there are additional on-line resources all volunteers can access for many of the different project areas. Please visit this site and see what resources it offers for your club meetings.

[http://www.n4hccs.org/](http://www.n4hccs.org/)

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Cap Collection for the American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society wants milk caps and twist off caps to recycle. In exchange for the caps, they offer free chemo treatments to those in need. Caps collected at the 4-H Office will help a friend of a 4-H family. The collection basket is outside Rachel Bjaczyk’s office. Thanks for your help!

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Rutgers University begins its 250th Celebration!

Rutgers’ 250th anniversary begins November 10, 2015 and continues until the milestone anniversary on November 10, 2016. With pride in our standing as one of America’s original colleges and one of its most revolutionary, we invite you to take part in the wide array of anniversary-related events and activities scheduled for the coming year, including events at Rutgers Day and displays for the Fair. Watch for more info in every Clovertales issues this year.

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Take Those Pictures!

Now that clubs have started to meet again, this is a great time to think about taking pictures of your club for the Yearbook and Catalog. You might even consider electing a club photographer!

Please send photos to **yearbook4h@yahoo.com**.

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Tips from Sponsorship Committee

Be sure to check the weekly e-mails to see some helpful hints from the sponsorship committee. These will include information about employers that provide matching gifts, new sponsorship opportunities for the 2016 Fair, and other ways to support 4-H.

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On November 10, 1766, William Franklin, the Royal Governor of New Jersey, granted a charter to Jacob Hardenbergh for Queen’s College for the purpose of educating young men for the ministry in the Dutch Reformed Church. Jacob Hardenbergh became the first President of Queen’s College, later called Rutgers. He lived in the Dutch Parsonage in Somerville, NJ.

At present, Rutgers is unique as the only university in the United States that is a colonial chartered college (1766), a land-grant institution (1864), and a state university (1945/1956).
Hurray for...

Open House a Huge Success!

The twenty sixth annual “Join 4-H!” Open House was held at the 4-H Center on October 8 during National 4-H Week. Approximately 300 people came to learn more about 4-H.

The following 4-H clubs were represented at the “Join 4-H” Open House to encourage new members to join: 4-H Magicians Guild, Anime & Manga Club, World Wide Writers, Ink., Just Kidding Goat Club, 4-H Go-Kart Club, 4-H Whiskers, Paws & Claws, Twirling Clovers, Scale Modelers Club, Broken Props Model Airplanes, Somerset Sentinels, Somerset 4-H Trainmasters, Chaps & Spurs, 4-H Beekeeping Club, 4-H Senior Council, Wags & Whiskers, K-9 Seeing Eye Puppy Club, PAWSabilities, People Pick-Me-Ups, Clover Explorers, Club Clanga, Woolly Ones, Sidewinders, 4-H Grade A Beef Club, CloverWorks Steam Punk, Da Bug Club, Minecraft, Card Board Gamers, Crazy Frog Hoppers, American Culture Club, K-9 Leaders, Mighty Cavits and Rodents, Pins and Needles, Pocket Pets, Something Fishy, Tailfeathers, The Advanced Art of Filmmaking, Threads and Thimbles, Video Game Club, Woof Dog Club, Little Woofers, Proud to Be Prep, and Knowledge Explorers.

New 4-H clubs starting this year: Garden and Bee Club, 4-H Fine Arts Club, and Creative Crafters.

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Best of Show– Emily Ranells
Best Reserve of Show– Jason Pasquale
BOB Hamster– Emily Fernandez
BOB Hedgehog– Jason Pasquale
Bob Rat– Emily Ranells

Showmanship

Senior Rabbit– Dan Sutherland
Junior Rabbit-Surya Pillai
Senior Cavy– Todd Gallagher
Junior Cavy– Lexi Sacks-Wilner
Best Project– Melissa Baldi
Best Record Book– Dan Sutherland
Best Jr Record Book– Carly Galvin
State Small Animal & Herpetology Show

Kudos to Surya Pillai and Lexi Sacks– Wilner who recently won several awards at the State 4-H Small Animal and Herpetology show:

- Surya won 4th in Intermediate Class B1
- Lexi won Best Abyssinian Cavy

Food and Nutrition results from the Fair!

- Best Unit 1 – Evan Gilmurray, Megan Van Antwerp
- Best Unit 2 – Brie Larson
- Best Unit 4 – Brianna Ferrullo-Szackas
- Best Unit 5 – Julie Pirro
- Best Graduate Cook – Jen Versfelt

Clothing Construction Fair Results

- Sarah Wilhelm, Year 1-1st Place
- Grace Benge, Year 1-2nd Place
- Emily Rannals, Year 2- 1st Place
- Eliza Rothenburger, Year 2 - 2nd Place

- Julia Meir, Best in Show

Broken Props Fair Results

- RC Electric Plane – Dan Rosario
- RC Glow Engine Plane – Steven Modowsky
- RC Trainer Plane – Peter Belick
- RC Sailplane – Chase Brickman
- Best in Show – Robbie DeVergillo
- Most Improved Flying – Andrew Evans
- Best Pilot – Robbie DeVergillo
- Overall Participation – Alex Tole
- Yearbook Ad Sales – Reed Fela

State 4-H Dairy Show Results

- First Year Showman – Maeve O’Sullivan
- Grand Champion, Junior Champion and Spring Yearling Jersey – Josh Miller
- Reserve Grand Champion, Reserve Junior Champion and Junior Heifer Calf Jersey – Theresa Buzzoni
- Grand Champion, Senior Champion and Two Year old Brown Swiss – Josh Miller
- Holstein Junior Heifer Calves – Maeve O’Sullivan

Congratulations to the other Somerset County 4-H members who participated: Alex and Suzie Norz, Melissa Bright, Kyra Morgan, Molly O’Sullivan, Grace O’Sullivan and Jaquilin Kirby.
The Prep (Cloverbud) Page

I would like to welcome back all of our returning prep members and leaders and extend a warm welcome to all of our new members and leaders. Thank you to everyone that came out to help support our Open House. It was a great success.

The new 4-H year will begin with a Prep Rally titled “The Wizarding World of 4-H” which will be held on Saturday 11/14/15 from 8:45am to 2:00pm. The day will begin with an opening program called “Potions” presented by Picarillo Science. The kids will then rotate thru four workshops, two before lunch and two after lunch. The workshops will include Dragon Goo, Maps, Magical Cooking and Fun with Potions. If you are a registered Prep member and would like to attend, please send in the registration form to Lisa Darby at Darby@co.somerset.nj.us. Available at the 4-H Office.

January 9, 2016 will be the annual Prep Family New Year’s Party. It will be held at the 4-H Center from 5-7:00pm. This is an opportunity for all of our prep members and their families to celebrate the New Year and to meet preppers from other clubs. The New Year’s party will begin with crafts, tattoos and a pot luck dinner. Entertainment will be supplied by Mike from Music N Motion. The night will end with games, ice cream sundaes and lots of confetti. I hope you can all come out for a fun and festive night.

I look forward to another fun year in Somerset County 4-H!

Lisa Darby, 4-H Prep Program Coordinator

Yakety Yak

Little Woofers held our first meeting on October 22nd. We decorated puppy cupcakes and previewed what we and our pups will learn.

Proud 2B Prep will hold our first meeting on November 4th. We will have a visit from Madison Eurich and her goat and learn about the goat project. We will also be making some special Thanksgiving treats in the kitchen.

Save the Dates....

Prep New Year’s Family Party

Sat. Jan. 9, from 5:00-7:30pm at the 4-H Center.

4-H Family Camp L.G. Cook 4-H Camp Friday – Sunday, June 3-5, 2016 More information to follow.
Thanksgiving Word Search

cook corn dinner fall family feast food gravy harvest

maize pilgrims pumpkin relatives settlers squash stuffing thanks turkey
Plan Now for Summer Camp

If you know someone thinking about going to camp this summer, a gift certificate to Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp makes a great holiday present. Summer sessions will run from June 29 - August 8 with a $50 discount for 4-H members. Early bird registration until March 1.

Micro Camp- June 29-July 2 Science

Family Camp- May and Sept. Outdoor educational experiences for the whole family

Volunteer Counselor applications accepted Jan 1.

For more information and updates check the camp website: www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/.

4-H Senior Member
Winter Camp
Register by January 2nd

8-13th graders from Somerset County will have lots of fun at L.G. Cook Camp January 9 - 11, 2015. This is always a popular event, so get your application in early. Applications are available on the website at www.4HisTops.org. Cost for participants is $60.00. Scholarships are available. This year we are sharing the weekend with Warren, Bergen, and Passaic county 4-H'ers.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Rothenburger at 908-526-6644 or Rothenburger@njaes.rutgers.edu

4-H Summer Campers

These Somerset County 4-H members participated in the state 4-H summer camp programs:

Congratulations to the new officers of Tail Feathers Poultry Club; Kyrstin Schwarz, President, Kyra Schwarz, VP, Justin Kavanaugh, Treasurer and Evie Sullivan, secretary. They had a busy meeting writing Fair thank you notes, discussing wreath sales, reviewing their by-laws and planning field trips. Justin discussed their pigeon raising activity.

Congratulations to the new officers of Just Kidding Goat Club; Maeve Egan, President, Carol Ann Perry, VP, Davis Perry Treasurer, Madison Eurick, Secretary, Allie Parascandola, Historian, Katrina DuQue, Community Outreach, and Justin Kavanaugh, Health Officer and Reporter. They discussed their participation in the Lord Sterling 1700’s Festival.

Members of the Piano/Music Club have been busy performing at Crème de la Crème and Child Time day care centers, where the children enjoyed the theme song from Sponge Bob Square Pants. They allowed the children to try their instruments and the club leader, Madara Dias taught how to conduct an orchestra. Brook Crane, Gabrielle D’Alessandro, Madara Dias, Nelusha Dias, Rohit Madikonda and Tracy Wang also played “Feed the Birds” from “Mary Poppins” at Chelsea Senior Center.

Senior Council is off to a great start! They reviewed the activities of last year; working at a soup kitchen, roadside clean up, and selling sno cones at the fair. They discussed upcoming activities including the annual leaf raking they do for the elderly, and social events such as pumpkin and apple picking. They had fun playing a team-building game.

Congratulations to the new Senior Council officers; Emily Ward, President, Kristen Clerico, VP, Christine Arcoleo, Secretary and Melissa Bright, Treasurer. Kate Gallagher and Becca Franis are the new Senior Council Representatives to the 4-H Association.

Congratulations to the officers of the Alpaca Club; Kim Duffeye, President, Ben Lewis and Alex Gonzalez, co-VPs, Alex Niewiadomski, Treasurer, Sydney Billeria, Secretary and Kate Gallagher, Public Relations Officer.

Hurray for Aislinn Harte of the Fantastic Fiber Club and Aradhya Rajanala of Senior Council! They were named Bridgewater High School National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists.

Welcome to the new Fine Arts Club! They brainstormed club names, discussed the upcoming Arts Bake Sale and ideas for ornaments for their tree at the 4-H Festival of Trees.

Congratulations to the new officers of Pins and Needles Sewing Club; Eliza Rothenburger, President, Sarah Wilhelm, VP, and Kate Aeschliman, Secretary/Treasurer.

4-H Footprints at Fall Club Camp  By Betty Sommerville

Camp started with a bit a rain and muddy footprints! Members from Anime, Clanga, Puppetry, and Magicians visited the Main Dining Hall for some snacks, games, & crafts with the folks attending the Camp’s 5K Run Fund-raiser. Members also tried their hand at pumpkin chunkin’ into the lake while they held on to a 2-person slingshot. Campers hiked through the woods to our Clover Labyrinth (built Fall 2009), adding even more rocks to its “walls”. We also cleared away fallen branches from the Nesbitt Trail to help keep up the Camp’s trail system. Later that night, our talent show started off with a scary story by E.A. Poe and continued with songs, guitar solos, drumming, and ended with magic! As always, anime & movies, games and crafts entertained the campers. Simple, but satisfying, meals also came together. Several practiced sketching and guitar playing, but most importantly everyone enjoyed themselves & laughed often! Good News: Spring Club Camp is already scheduled for March 18-20!
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A Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program designed to connect middle school age young people to Rutgers University faculty and inspire them to become scientists and engineers.

We offer young people the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities and demonstrations that highlight a wide variety of STEM disciplines offered at Rutgers University.

**Program Outline**

4-H Rutgerscience Saturdays are offered predominantly on the Cook Campus of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences. The program is a combination of demonstrations, tours, field experiences, and hands-on activities focused on a different STEM theme. The objective is to create opportunities for young people to experience skills used in a specific STEM discipline, with the assistance and guidance of a practicing Rutgers scientist.

**Save the Dates!**

Food Science  
*November 7, 2015*  
Work with Food Scientists to explore fluorescent food pigments!

Marine Science  
*January 23, 2016*  
Explore the higher latitudes and talk to scientists in Antarctica

Physics - Optics  
*April 16, 2016*  
Work with scientists to explore light, reflection, refraction, etc.
Program Agenda

A typical 4-H Rutgers Science Saturday involved 6 scientists interacting with approximately 40 young people.

10:00 am Youth participants are welcomed and divided into three groups (10-15/group) and rotated through three programs over the course of the morning and afternoon.

12:00pm Participants enjoy a catered lunch with university scientists where they can informally talk and get answers to their science questions.

2:00 pm Youth participants reflect and provide feedback on the day’s experience. Participants receive a Rutgers souvenir for participating in the program.

Register Today

Download registration materials from our website:
http://4hset.rutgers.edu/youth-events/

Contact for more information or questions:

Janice McDonnell, 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology (SET) Agent
mcdonnel@marine.rutgers.edu.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status, and any other category protected by law.
Festival of Trees

Funding comes from the 4-H Annual.
This program is sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Association.
In case of heavy snow, please call the office and listen for the recorded message.

Seating is limited. So call early!
RSVP: 4-H Office 908-752-6444 By 12/22/15
Take out will be available.
but you must have reservations to be seated.
This dinner is at no cost to those who attend.
When: December 25th
2:00pm to 4:00pm
Location: Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County

Join our 4-H family for some good company
and an excellent meal on Christmas Day!

Holiday Dinner
2015 4th Community
Presenting the Somerset County 4-H

Additional Information: More Information
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807
310 Milltown Road
Ted Blum 4-H Center

All money donated to 4-H will benefit our Free Community Holiday Dinner

Sunday, December 13th, 10am-3pm
Saturday, December 12th, 10am-4pm

Year an ugly Holiday sweater win a prize!
People Welcome for a unique photo opportunity
Local Musicians, Children’s Crafts
Unique, Handmade Ornaments for Sale!
Santa Claus will be there!
Free Admission

Festive! of Trees
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