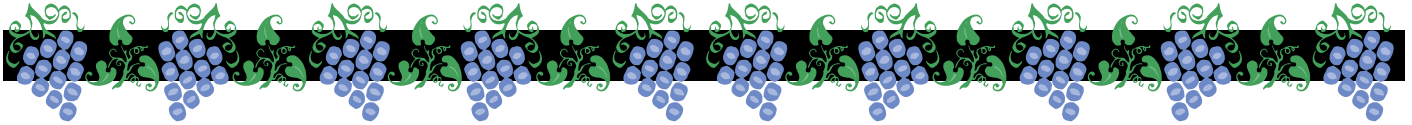


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Family Grapevine  
Information for 4-H families  
January/February 2022



From the Desk of  
the Agent



Dear 4-H Volunteers and Families:

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Please see the full message from Rachel Lyons on page 3.



WE **R** HERE WHEN YOU NEED **US**



# Reminders

## The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

**February 2, 2022 via Zoom 7:30 pm**  
All registered Warren County 4-H leaders are welcome.

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*If you prefer a hard copy mailed to your address, please call the office and confirm your updated contact information so we can send you a paper copy. We will only send paper copies to those families that contact us. We hope that 4-H families take advantage of the Grapevine online and help us save the environment.*

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### The Jr. Breeder loan program

a great program for young adults already participating in 4-H to acquire livestock via a low-interest livestock loan. Contact the 4-H office for the forms and additional information.



Going to Rutgers?????

Going to miss 4-H???

No Need! You can join the Collegiate 4-H Club

They do much to support 4-H in NJ

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### Our Mission

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.



This 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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# Mark Your Calendars!

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Reported daily increases in new COVID-19 cases in our state are tracking higher again and community transmission of the virus continues. To protect the health of our communities, Rutgers Cooperative Extension is aligning with the University's protocols to continue programming only in remote formats through January. This means all 4-H events, programs, club meetings, and other group activities organized by or under the auspices of Rutgers Cooperative Extension - 4-H Youth Development must be conducted remotely.

New Jersey 4-H members, families, and volunteers are creative and innovative. Over the past two years, our 4-H community has found meaningful ways to connect, and we will continue to do so. Please check out [4-H From Home](#) for resources for volunteers and interactive opportunities for youth across the state (new resources and opportunities are added weekly).

RCE 4-H faculty and staff will continue to support our youth, families, volunteers, and local partners as we navigate our country's health emergency. We thank you for your support as we continue to learn from our health officials and educational partners the best methods to serve young people during this extraordinary time.

We wish you and your loved ones a relaxing and reflective holiday season. Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

Sincerely,  
Rachel Lyons, Chair  
Department of 4-H Youth Development

## 4-H From Home Workshops and S.T.E.P. Clubs

### Upcoming sessions include:



**4-H FROM HOME**

# Winter Fun!

Interactive Webinar every Tuesday in January and February from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Open to all youth in 4th grade and up. Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to participate.

\*One session for youth in grades K-3, Tuesday January 25th - Fun Winter Crafts

Learn about animal adaptations in the winter, mindfulness activities, recipes, and much more!

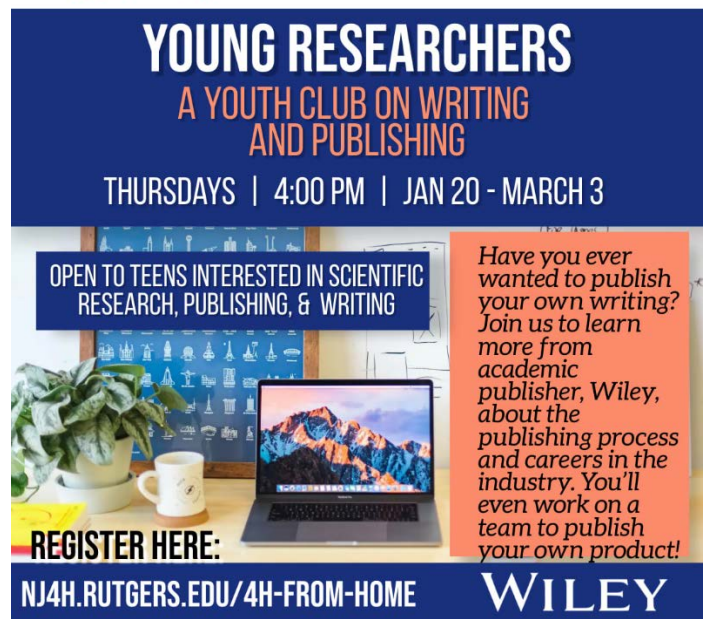
To register: <https://nj4h.rutgers.edu/4h-from-home/interactive-webinars.html>



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**4-H FROM HOME**



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## Woofminster Dog Show

February 26, 2022

Somerset County's Woof 4-H Dog Club is hosting their annual Woofminster Dog Show on Saturday, February 26 at the Ted Blum 4-H Center in Bridgewater.

## WOOFMINSTER DOG SHOW

*Somerset County 4-H Winter Dog Show*



*Sponsored by:*

### **WOOF DOG CLUB**

**Saturday, February 26, 2022**

**9:30 AM** (Doors open at 8:15 AM)

Entry forms due by February 18, 2022

Entries will be accepted the day of the show but will not be included in the Show Catalog

Please bring a dog/cat food, or a new/gently used blanket to be donated to Somerset County Animal Shelter.



### **WHERE:**

Somerset County 4-H Center  
(Ted Blum 4-H Center)  
310 Milltown Road  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Questions? Please email Woof Leader: James Gaudet  
At 4Hwoofclub@gmail.com or 201-463-1367

NOTE: If COVID Restrictions remain in place all attempts will be made to reschedule the event  
If cancellations are necessary – refunds will be provided  
Information will be provided via email



## 2022 Agri-Science Summit

March 10-13, 2022

Attention teens in grades 9-12! The National 4-H Youth AgriScience Summit is scheduled for March 10-13 in Bethesda MD. NJ applied for a grant to help defray the cost of the Summit and therefore, registrants will only pay \$50 for the three day experience!!! There is also an option for applicants to apply to become Pollinator Habitat Ambassadors in the link!

At the National 4 H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

Event: March 10-13, 2022

Register here for the 2022 Agri Science

Summit: [https://rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/.../SV\\_d0cSa8Dt9ZHkX42](https://rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/.../SV_d0cSa8Dt9ZHkX42)



## 2022 AGRI-SCIENCE SUMMIT

March 10-13, 2022  
Hyatt Regency Bethesda



AT THE NATIONAL 4-H YOUTH SUMMIT ON AGRI-SCIENCE, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DEVELOP THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE NEEDED FOR THE CHALLENGES FACING AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY, AND SUSTAINABILITY. STUDENTS WILL WORK WITH EACH OTHER AND EXPERTS IN THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY IN THIS COLLABORATIVE, HANDS-ON EDUCATIONAL SETTING.



# 2022 County Public Presentations

## Hybrid Format: In-Person, Pre-Recorded and Zoom

With the fluidity of the pandemic, we are going to offer a hybrid format for county level public presentations this year. We will have 2 in-person nights at the 4-H Office, 2 Zoom night and a pre-recorded video submission option.

The 2 in-person presentation nights will be **Monday, March 21** at 6pm and **Wednesday, March 30** at 6pm. There will be a maximum of 10 presentations scheduled for each night and each presenter can bring 1 parent or guardian so we can maintain appropriate social distancing. Masks must be worn at all times while in the building (presenter may take mask off while presenting).

The Zoom presentation nights will be on **Tuesday, March 22** at 6pm and **Thursday, March 31** at 6pm.

Pre-recorded Video submissions are due on **March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**Registration deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please use the following link to register for your presentation.

<https://forms.gle/vbXi3sGEbgB9ms2H8>



## Jr. Breeder Livestock Symposium

March 26, 2022



## NJ State Dairy Show

August 16, 2022

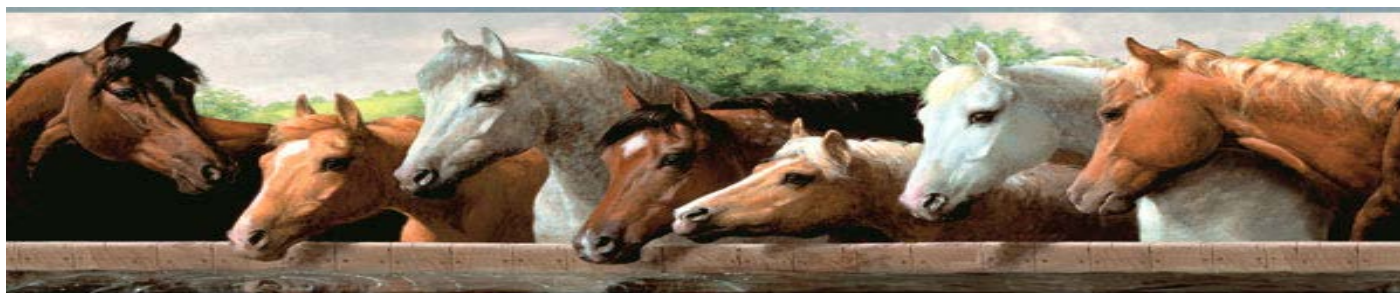


## NJ State 4-H Goat Show

August 25, 2022



# Horse News



## Horse Leaders Meetings

January 12, 2022 via Zoom

April 13, 2022 in conjunction with Equestrian of the Year Interviews

July 13, 2022 in conjunction with Horse Awards

September 28, 2022 via Zoom



## 2022 State Model Horse Show

POSTPONED

The annual State Model Horse show at the Somerset County 4-H Center has been postponed. New information will be sent out as soon as a new date is set.

For questions and more information please contact, Brittany Rigg at [rigg@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:rigg@njaes.rutgers.edu)

The primary objective of the 4-H Model Horse Project is an educational tool for teaching 4-H'ers about horses. Through the Model Horse Project, members learn about breeds, colors, gaits, tack and show ring activities. This project also allows members to use their artistic talents in the remaking of models, construction of tack and the designing and building of backdrops. The Model Horse Program also provides a venue for "horseless" club members to participate in a "horse show."



## Tack Sale

March 19, 2022

The annual Tack Sale sponsored by the Horse Leaders will be held on Saturday, March 19 at the Independence Fire House. More information and the flyer will be available shortly.



## Mark Your Calendar!

### Equestrian of the Year Interviews

April 13, 2022

Information and the application will be mailed to all eligible horse members early in February.

### 4-H Qualifying Show

June 5, 2022

### Horse Awards

July 13, 2022

### NJ State Horse Show


August 18-20, 2022







## News!



**RUTGERS**  
New Jersey Agricultural  
Experiment Station


**WORKSHOP  
WEDNESDAYS**

Join us the third Wednesday of the month at 10 am, January-July, to brush up on your horticultural knowledge and prepare to get growing in your garden in 2022. Topics will include:

- Basic Gardening w/Straw Bale Gardening-1/19
- Backyard Composting- 2/16
- Backyard Chickens- 3/16
- Pests and Disease in the Garden- 4/20
- Common Invasive Plants in NJ Part I- 5/18
- Preserving your Harvest- 6/15
- Common Invasive Plants in NJ Part II- 7/20

To register follow the link or scan the QR code  
<https://go.rutgers.edu/WorkshopWednesdays>

For more information please call 908-475-6507 or email [lwaclawski@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:lwaclawski@co.warren.nj.us)



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## Animal Career Exploration Workshops for high schoolers

St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center is proud to share our Virtual Career Exploration Workshops with all interested high school students. Workshops take place live via ZOOM and feature expert panelists currently working in a variety of animal-related fields. Registration is required to hold your spot! <https://www.sthuberts.org/kids-camps>



**Saturday, January 29, 10:00am – noon: Veterinary Medicine**



Are you familiar with the multitude of career choices within the field of veterinary medicine? Veterinarians with specialties in

wildlife and emergency and critical care will discuss their work and their educational and professional journeys. Plus, a surgical and ophthalmology veterinary nurse, who transitioned to veterinary equipment supply and sales, will share her experiences.



## Warren County 4-H is on Facebook!

Please join our Facebook Group: Warren County 4-H

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/942441635878633/> to stay up to date on news, events, and opportunities for Warren County 4-H members. This is a closed group so please request to join the group!

We also have a general public Warren County 4-H Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/warren4h/>



## 2022 Species on the Edge Art and Essay Contest



Hosted by the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey

*Empowers 5th grade students to advocate for an endangered or threatened species from New Jersey through a well-researched, creative essay and original art piece.*

*Simple, Fun, and Free to Enter!*

Open to all New Jersey fifth grade students. One winner from each county will be selected. The contest kit (including rules, species list, & entry form) should be downloaded below.

<http://www.conservewildlifenj.org/education/edge/>

**ENTRIES ARE BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2022 BY MAIL AND ONLINE.**

### BY MAIL:

Mail your artwork, essay, and entry form to:  
Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ  
2 Preservation Place  
Princeton, NJ 08540

### ONLINE:

Email a scan/digital photo of your artwork, essay, and entry form to...

[Ethan.Gilardi@conservewildlifenj.org](mailto:Ethan.Gilardi@conservewildlifenj.org)

*Contest winners who have submitted their artwork electronically will be required to mail their artwork to CWF for inclusion in our calendar and statewide exhibitions.*



## Club Updates:

Out Of Our Shells 4H have been working with the Community Outreach Center. Their goal is to bake and package items for the Outreach patrons as well as collect needed items. They also love stocking shelves and coming up with new ideas to enrich their patrons experience. 4H strong!



**Got club news? Send it to  
4-H@co.warren.nj.us**