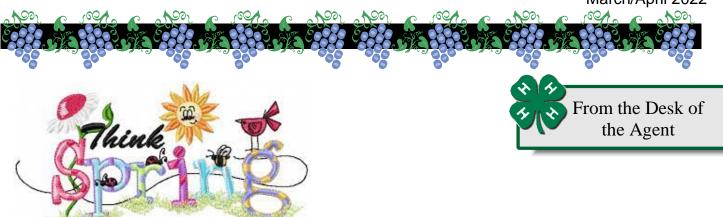




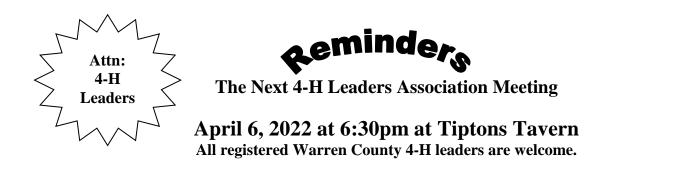
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Family Grapevine Information for 4-H families March/April 2022



Calling all 4-H volunteers, teen leaders and parents! This 4-H virtual program is for anyone who wants to learn how to better handle conflict in any 4-H setting! It's recommended to participate in all 3 interactive sessions but they will also be recorded. To register click <u>here.</u>





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.

#### 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

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



This mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults Family Grapevine Bi-Monthly Newsletter Rutgers Cooperative Extension 165 County Route 519 South Belvidere, NJ 07823 (908) 475-6502 www.warren4-h.org

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## Mark Your Calendars!

If you are interested in joining Teen Council, please call the 4-H Office at 908-475-6502.



#### NJ Junior Breeder Symposium Saturday, March 26, 2022

This year's **NJ Junior Breeder Symposium** will be held **IN PERSON** on **Saturday, March 26** at the Rutgers Cook Campus Farm in New Brunswick. We have put together an all-star line-up of Rutgers professors, veterinarians, animal care professionals, graduate students, and volunteers. Register today to learn about animal care, behavior, training, breeding, showmanship, and more through interactive sessions that you choose! Our experts will engage both youth and adults through live demonstrations, discussions, illustrated talks, and games.

- Saturday, March 26 (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., opening session at 9:00 a.m., finished at 3:00 p.m.)
- IN PERSON Rutgers Cook Campus Farm (check-in and opening in Round House, College Farm Road and Sheepfold Lane)
- \$12 per person (includes lunch), payable at the door (cash or check)
- More details will be emailed to all registrants a week before the event.

Sessions are designed for those interested in horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, rabbits, cavies, small animals, and beekeeping. There are also some more general sessions that are useful for those in any animal project. See the details at the registration link.

For questions about symposium offerings or **registration**, contact Amelia Valente at amelia.valente@njaes.rutgers.edu.

#### **AgDiscovery Program**

The 2022 AgDiscovery program is currently accepting applications through **March 31, 2022!** 

AgDiscovery is a national summer outreach program designed to introduce 7-12 grade students to the exciting world of agricultural sciences! The APHIS Office of Civil Rights, Diversity, and Inclusion provides administrative leadership over AgDiscovery nationwide.

The program is a unique opportunity for students to gain a first-hand view of many fascinating career paths available in the agricultural sciences field, including plant and animal health and sciences, wildlife management, biotechnology, environmental science, forestry, entomology, food safety and food production, as well as managing the business aspects of agriculture. AgDiscovery challenges students to consider the importance of American agriculture, and the role USDA plays in this critical mission. The program exposes students to the interconnections of agriculture in both rural and urban communities, and the diversity of career opportunities offered in the field of agricultural sciences. USDA employees conduct a variety of workshops, classes, and hands-on activities for the students, allowing them to practice innovative and advanced agricultural technologies, and to interact and network with agricultural professionals. Additionally, AgDiscovery students gain valuable information and tools to become competitive college applicants.

There are 21 universities hosting AgDiscovery in 2022. For more information, and to apply, please visit: <u>www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery</u>.



# Warren County Agripalooza & Tractorcade!

Saturday, April 23, 2022 10am - 2pm

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Warren County will be holding its Tractorcade and Agripalooza on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 10am-2pm at the Hoff Van Atta Farm on Route 519 in Harmony.

Come join us for a day of crafts, activities, various agricultural workshops and tractor parade! The tractor parade kicks off at 10am!

4-H Clubs are invited to come and set up an activity table or fundraiser, bring animals or other props to showcase what your club is all about! It



will be a great way to recruit new members! A vet will be giving rabies vaccines free of charge to any members who bring their livestock animals or horses.

This event will be free admission and free parking and will be advertised county wide!

For more information, please email the 4-H office at 4-h@co.warren.nj.us.



#### 4-H From Home



The 4-H From Home website keeps expanding!

Interactive webinars, Community Service, Virtual STEP clubs and Resources!

<u>STEP Clubs</u> - STEP Clubs are short-term exploratory programs focused on a topic (STEM, Healthy Living, etc.). STEP clubs meet multiple times over the course of several weeks. Club registration is limited and will be on a first come first serve basis.

#### NJ Pollinator Habitat Ambassadors

Thursdays: 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 6/9, 6:30–8 p.m. Open to youth in grades 9–12.

New Jersey 4-H is seeking teens like **YOU** to become Pollinator Habitat Ambassadors. Our goal is to help Teen Pollinator Habitat Ambassadors to educate more than 250 younger youth about the important of pollinators in our state over the next year. Receive training and teach others in your home community about the importance of pollinators.

More information about the 4-H Pollinator Habitat Ambassador Program

NJ4H Pollinator Habitat Ambassadors Zoom Training registration

#### **Cool Chemistry STEP Club**

Thursdays: April; 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, and 4/28 from 4–5p.m.

Youth must be in grades 4–6

Put on your lab coats and get ready for some do-ityourself science! Back by popular demand, Colgate Palmolive Scientists and IT specialists will guide you through the world of hands-on STEM. Get ready to engage your brain with exciting experiments in this four session virtual series.

**Register by March 17** 

<u>Interactive Webinars</u> - Each interactive webinar will focus on a different topic which in most cases will be an introduction to some of our state-wide longer-term programs. Youth do not need to be 4-H members to participate.

## An Evening Abroad Haiti (*click to register for the* <u>event</u>)

#### March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

The New Jersey 4-H "family" includes people from all over the globe. An Evening Abroad highlights members of our extended family to show off just how diverse the NJ 4-H program truly is! In this March 23 session, we'll explore the beautiful island nation of Haiti from Haiti's own Mr. Dugue, a friend of 4-H in Camden County. Register to receive a link for this hour long, fun, and in depth virtual exploration of Haiti. An Evening Abroad is fun for all 4-H members and their families and begins at 7:00 pm.

#### Interactive Agriculture Hazard Hunt Game April (*click* to register for the event)

#### April 2 at 1:00 p.m.

Agricultural work is important - but it can also be dangerous. Any work with animals, or work on a farm, poses risks to young people. We can learn how to prevent them in this interactive Kahoot game, happening live on April 2 from 1–2 p.m. Join with a smart phone or second device ready to play a Kahoot quiz-style game. Fun prizes mailed to you at home!

Check out everything 4-H From Home has to offer at

http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/4h-fromhome/virtual-step-club.html



#### Somerset County 4-H Rabbit, Cavy & Small Animal Show

Saturday, April 23, 2022

The Somerset County 4-H Small Animal Club Council is hosting a Rabbit, Cavy and Small Animal show on Saturday, April 23 at the Ted Blum 4-H Center at 310 Milltown Road in Bridgewater. Pre-registration until April 15<sup>th</sup> is \$3.00 per animal Day of Show entries are \$4.00 per animal. Doors open at 8:30am For more information and registration materials, please contact Sandy Bate at 908-963-9715 or SC4HSAENTRY@yahoo.com



# Horse News



## Tack Sale

March 19, 2022

The 4-H Tack Swap & Sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 from 9am to 2pm at the Independence Fire House in Great Meadows.

For more information or to reserve a table, please contact Wanda at 908-797-1239.

# State 4-H Horse Bowl Results

Warren County was represented at the virtual State Horse Bowl competition in February. **Kimberly Kolibas and Lianna Vance** participated in the Senior Division.

**Kimberly** was placed on a combination team with Atlantic and Sussex Counties. The team placed 1<sup>st</sup> High Senior Team Overall.

**Elizabeth Sodtablers, Arica Sodtalbers, and Valentina Maza** participated in Junior Division. The team placed 4<sup>th</sup> High Junior Team Overall! Arica also placed 7<sup>th</sup> High Individual Overall.



#### **Horse Leaders Meeting**

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Reminder that the next Horse Leaders Meeting is on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7:00pm

### Equestrian of the Year

April 13, 2022

The annual Warren County Equestrian of the Year contest will take place on April 13, 2022 Applications have been emailed to eligible horse members.





#### State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest

The annual State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology contest planned for April 9 & 10, 2022. Details will be available very soon.

#### **4-H Qualifying Show**

June 5, 2022

Horse Awards July 13, 2022

**NJ State Horse Show** 

August 18-20, 2022



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## News!

#### Warren County 4-H is on Facebook!

Please join our Facebook Group: Warren County 4-H

https://www.facebook.com/groups/9424416358 78633/ 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 Public Presentations**

48 members registered for our hybrid public presentations event! Masks will need to be worn for the in person nights and presenters may bring one guest. Zoom information will be going out shortly for those that registered for a zoom night. If you are submitting a video presentation, remember that the deadline to upload it is March 31<sup>th</sup>. Judges will have 2 weeks to review the video presentations and then we will email the score sheets to the presenter.

Thank you to everyone who signed up!

#### 4HOnline Update

New members can sign up for 4HOnline at <u>https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in</u>

Returning members need to "re-enroll" each fall with the start of the new project year. **Please make sure you have "reactivated"** your membership for the 2021-2022 project year!

Fortunately, the process is very simple. Just login to your Family account in 4HOnline. (If you've forgotten your password, you can request a new one on the program's entry page.)

Once in, click the **Edit** button next to your name. Click the **Enroll for 2021-22** button at the bottom of the page. You'll type/sign for the Code of Conduct and Media Release Policy. Click **Submit** and you'll be done. Your registration will then be confirmed by the club leader and accepted by county staff for the new program year.

Once you have been accepted at the county level, you cannot add or change your membership in current clubs. To add a club,

delete a club, or switch from one club to another during the project year, you will need to contact the 4-H staff in the county office!







# **Results!**

## 4-H Goat Extravaganza

4-H members from seven counties (Burlington, Cumberland, Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth, Somerset, Warren) participated in the state 4-H Goat Extravaganza.

Warren County was represented by Kathryn Zurovchak and Valentina Maza.

Kathryn is a member of Kidding Around and placed  $2^{nd}$  in the Senior Photography division,  $1^{st}$  with her team in their Poster Presentation on "What does it take to have a goat" and  $2^{nd}$  in the Senior Skill-a-thon.

Valentina is a member of Asbury Junior Dairy and placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Goat Themed Art show for 2-D Art Novice and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Photography Novice as well as placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with her team in the Poster Presentation! She also places 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior Quiz Bowl contest!



## Miscellaneous

## Seeing Eye Day with the NJ Devils

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Group Package included seating during the game, group welcome message on Jumbotron, NJ Devils' branded dog collar, and raffle ticket to win two tickets to a Prudential Center concert/show.

For ticket information, please contact Kevin Orcel at korcel@prucenter.com or call 973-757-6404

## Workshop Wednesdays

Join Lynn Waclawski for Workshop Wednesday the third Wednesday of the month at 10am to brush up on your horticultural knowledge and prepare to get growing in your garden this year!

April 20 – Pests and Disease in the Garden May 18 – Common Invasive Plants in NJ Part I June 15 – Preserving Your Harvest July 20 – Common Invasive Plants in NJ Part II

For more information please contact Lynn at 908-475-6507 or <u>lwaclawski@co.warren.nj.us</u>.

Check out and join our Facebook group at <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/9424416358786</u> 33 for updates and keeping in touch!



#### We would LOVE to hear what your club has been up to! Please drop us a line or photograph!

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





Experiment Station

Cooperative Extension

**Tractor Parade application for the** 



Warren County Agripalooza! & Tractorcade\*

# 2022 date: April 23rd 10am – 3pm10 am paradeLine up at 9 am

Agripalooza Address/Location:

Hoff-Vannatta Farmstead Route 519 Harmony, NJ



Please complete and return this form with a check for \$20 made payable to: <u>*Warren County 4-H</u>*</u>

Send to: Alayne Torretta Warren County 4-H 165 Route 519 South Belvidere, NJ 07823

Fax: 908-475-6514

PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN by 4/11/22

OWNER NAME (Last, First)

DAY PHONE /EVENING PHONE

TRACTOR MAKE/MODEL/YEAR

I hereby release the Harmony Township Governing Body, Rutgers Cooperative Extension. and 4-H from any and all responsibility or liability for injury or damages; and also agree to indemnify the Harmony Historical Society, Rutgers Cooperative Extension and 4-H against damage claims, legal proceedings or judgments arising out of the vending at the Agripalooza and Tractorcade. I further agree to hold the said Harmony Historical Society, Rutgers Cooperative Extension and 4-H harmless from any claim or suit for injury, damage or blame resulting from the participation in this event. I understand that I am participating in this event at my own risk and recognize that I am responsible for my tractor and property as well as injury to others caused by me.

Applicant's Signature

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#### 2022 Tractorcade Route

