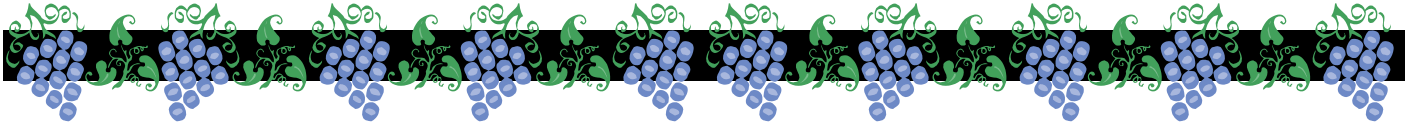


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Family Grapevine
Information for 4-H families
May/June 2024



5TH ANNUAL



RUTGERS
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From the Desk of
the Agent

Agripalooza

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Van Nest Hoff Vannatta Farmstead

Rt. 519N

Harmony, NJ

Free Parking
Free Admission



10:00 a.m.-
3:00 p.m.

- ⇒ Live Animals
- ⇒ Live music
- ⇒ Antique Displays
- ⇒ Food vendors on site



Educational Workshops:

- ⇒ Beekeeping Demo
- ⇒ Marry Had a Little Lamb- The Real Story!
- ⇒ Wildflower Meadows
- ⇒ Kids crafts *and more!*

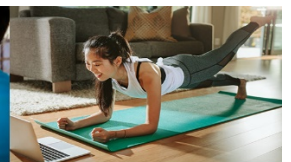
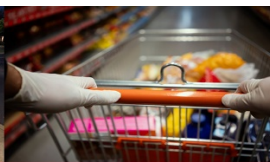
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For more info:
Call: 908-475-6507

Take a picture so you don't forget!!



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Reminders

The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

June 5, 2024 at 7:30pm via Zoom

All registered Warren County 4-H leaders are welcome.

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 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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Alex Zolla, 4-H Secretary

Mark Your Calendars!

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



Agripalooza May 18, 2024

Don't forget to come and enjoy the day with us Saturday, May 18th from 10-3 at our 5th annual Agripalooza!

Here are some of the attractions you can take advantage of:

- Mary had a Little Lamb--The Real Story 12:00 p.m.
- Creating a Wildflower Meadow 1:00 p.m.
- Chat with a Beekeeper 11:00-2:00
- Live Music
- 4-H Seeing Eye Pup Demo
- The Angry Chorizo Food Truck
- Fiddler's Farm Bakery
- Wild Hearts Skin Care
- Animals
- More!

Address: Hoff Vannatta Farmstead
3026 Belvidere Rd., Phillipsburg, NJ.
Free admission, free parking!



2024 4-H/FFA Exhibit Rule Book

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<https://warren.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/fair/>

All entries are due by Monday, July 1, 2024!



SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H

BUILDING A BETTER YOU!

MAY 21ST
6:30-8:00PM
GRADES 8-13TH

A free workshop designed to explore...

- Resume building
- Cover letter writing
- How to dress to impress
- Interview practice

Come and build your positive **YOU** statement!

You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend.
In person at the Somerset County 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road Bridgewater NJ

Register Here:



4-H & Youth Sheep Showmanship & Fitting Clinic June 1, 2024

Asbury Jr. Dairy 4-H Club is so excited to offer a clinic to help youth learn more about sheep showmanship and fitting. Sessions will include shearing & fitting, proper showing, as well as health and deworming. This event is open to youth beyond 4-H! For more information, please contact Tracy Smith at bdtsmith@gmail.com



SUMMER Showdown

4-H MODEL HORSE SHOW

Saturday, June 15th
10:00 am start time

Gloucester County Clayton Office Building
1200 N Delsea Drive, Clayton, NJ 08312

To Register
Scan the QR Code

***NEW* Fundraiser Scene Class!!!**
Theme: Summer Fun!
Open to ALL 4-H members, Cloverbuds, 4-H Alumni, and even 4-H Staff!!!!
Cost is \$5.00 per entry.
Proceeds go towards the annual State Model Horse Show Clinic

or click this link: rb.gy/8j89xu



On Target Archery Club 2024 Spring Archery Day Archery Golf & Open Range Shoot



Open to any 4-H members currently enrolled in an archery project.

WHEN

June 22, 2024

WHERE

Ted Blum 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Archery Golf 9:30 - 11:30.

Open Range Shoot 1:00 - 3:00.

Best Ball™ Archery Golf Round 3:30 - 5:30.



Project Record Books

Fair time is right around the corner! This is a great time to make sure your record book is up to date!

At this point in the project year, you should have completed the goal setting section; activities log should be up to date with events, meetings, presentations, etc.; and finances should be caught up.



If you are looking for a record book please check out our website at: [Record Books – RCE of Warren County \(rutgers.edu\)](https://www.rutgers.edu/record-books)

If you are not sure which project book to use, you can contact the 4-H office or download the general record book.



Mark Your Calendars!

New Jersey 4-H
**VOLUNTEER
RETREAT**
at 4-H Camp!

SEPTEMBER 27-29
Save the Date!

LG COOK 4-H CAMP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NJ

INTEREST SURVEY

<https://go.rutgers.edu/VolRetreatInterest>

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4-H Flag at USDA Headquarters in Washington DC



Horse News



Horse Leaders Meetings

July 10, 2024 via zoom (if needed)

September 11, 2024 via Zoom



2024 Equine Presentations

Valentina Maza, Arica Sodtablers, Elizabeth Sodtablers, and Kirsten Voll participated in the 2024 NJ State Equine Presentations event.

- Valentina placed 4th in the Junior Individual Presentation category with her illustrated talk "The Equine Detective"
- Arica and Elizabeth placed 1st in the Junior Team Presentation division with their talk "Finish Line"
- Kirsten placed 6th in the Junior Individual Presentation division with her illustrated talk "Clydesdale"



4-H Qualifying Show

June 9, 2024

NJ State Horse Show

August 23-25, 2024

2024 Equine Arts Show

Valentina Maza participated in the 2024 Equine Arts Show! She placed 3rd in Junior Ceramics and Sculptures and 1st in Junior Collages & Mixed Media 3D!



Equestrian of the Year

Congratulations to our 2024 Warren County Equestrians of the Year!

Valentina Maza: Novice Equestrian of the Year

Amelia Garis: Junior Equestrian of the Year

Alicia Garis: Senior Equestrian of the Year



Way to Go



News!

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New website

<https://warren.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/>

If you need information from our website, please use the one listed above. The old one (warren4-H.org) is currently not working but we hope to have it back up and running very soon.



Club Updates:

Recycling Rebels

Welcome to our newest club Recycling Rebels!!! This club is fascinated with upcycling! For more information please email

upcyclewarrennj@gmail.com



Out of Our Shells

Out of Our Shells has set up a "Little Free Pantry" at Outreach on Main Street in Blairstown. The cabinet was painted by local artist Jodi McKenna. Donations of non-perishable food would be very much appreciated!



Teen Council

Over the past several years, Teen Council members have been collecting soda tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Over **103 pounds** of soda tabs were delivered to the RMDH of Northern and Central New Jersey in New Brunswick! Teen Council members James Shanley and Grace Greco as well as Teen Council alumni, Hannah Beck participated in the field trip to New Brunswick. RMDH House manager Kristi, gave the group a tour of the facilities.



Please keep collecting soda tabs! They can be dropped off at the 4-H Office during regular business hours or in the drop box after hours!

Teen Council members have also been working on their leadership, decision making and communication skills.



Results:

State 4-H Dairy Judging

The contest was held Saturday May 4th at Dark Horse Farm in Pennsylvania.

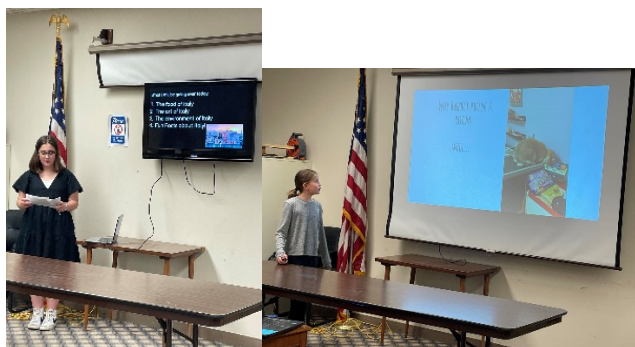
Arica Sodtaltbers placed High Junior Overall and 2nd in the Junior Reasons division

Elizabeth Sodtaltbers placed 2nd Overall and 4th in the Junior Reasons division



2024 County Public Presentations Wrap Up

23 4-H members gave county level public presentations in March! 5 qualified to go to the NJ State Public Presentations Contest!



Members who receive an excellent on their presentation and who are in 8th – 13th grades are invited to give a state level presentation. This year **Alicia Garis, Abby Smith, Arica Sodtaltbers, Elizabeth Sodtaltbers, and Haley Wargo** qualified to present at the state level!



Please keep in mind that participation in any state level event requires that members be in good standing which includes giving either a club or county level presentation. Events that take place in the fall (the start of the new project year), member in good standing status is verified from the previous project year.

Congratulations!



STEM Saturdays

The first STEM Saturday! Heliophysics 101 included making sunspot cookies, a solar eclipse with chalk, greenhouse gas molecules with gumdrops, and an aurora bracelet! Next stop on our journey will be Mars....



Leaders Appreciation Dinner



Spring Tote Bag Workshop



Fair Ambassador

Deadline to enter May 31, 2024
Mandatory meeting June 7, 2024

One of the longest running traditions at the Warren County Farmers' Fair is expanding the opportunity for contestants. Several years ago, the State agricultural fairs began to include all youth between the ages of 16 to 21. The Ambassador contests, formerly Fair Queen and Fair Princess contests, allow all to become the spokesperson for agriculture in the County.

Many ask if the contest is just for 4-H or FFA students. It is not! Nor is it just for what we consider farming in the traditional sense. Agriculture touches many careers. Are you headed into a career in environmental science, engineering or biology, farm management, economics, nutrition or food science?

If so, there is opportunity for you too! Some rules and requirements need to be followed. They can be viewed on the attached PDFs (links below) for specific age groups.

THIS CONTEST IS NOT RUN BY, NOR PART OF, THE WARREN COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM. If you have any questions about this contest, please visit the Warren County Farmers' Fair

website: <https://www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org/>
or you may email the Fair Secretary Kelley Smith at farmersfairwc@gmail.com.



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