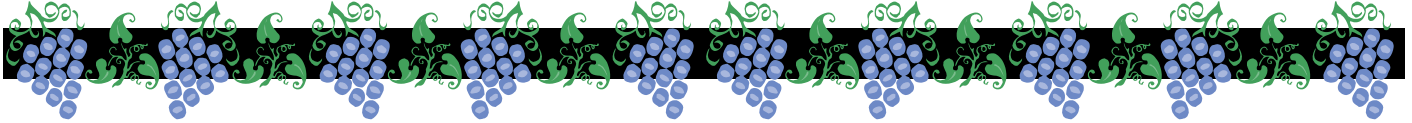


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Family Grapevine
Information for 4-H families
September/October 2024



From the Desk of
the Agent

Coming Soon – 4-H Re-Enrollment with ZSuite

We are excited to announce that New Jersey 4-H will be transitioning to a new online enrollment program, ZSuite. It is a very user-friendly and we are looking forward to this new change.



More information and instructions on how to enroll coming soon.

Existing 4-H Families and Volunteers, as well as, new members and Volunteers, who go to 4-H Online will receive a message that the system is closed.

Please note that during the transition you will continue to receive emails from 4-H Online (Regmax) until January 1.



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Reminders

The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

November 6, 2024 7:00 pm 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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Mark Your Calendars!

Teen Council Open House

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Calling all 4-H'ers in 8th through 12th grade! You are invited to come check out the Teen Council on Wednesday, September 25th at 7pm at the 4-H Office!



New Jersey 4-H Volunteer Retreat Weekend

September 27-29, 2024



Register Today! The weekend will be full of fun, learning, and networking at this special event just for NJ 4-H Volunteers. It will be held at the LG Cook 4-H Camp in Branchville! The price is \$45 per person for the full weekend and \$25 per person for Saturday only. Friday evening will be optional with meet and greet activities and refreshments. Saturday will include workshops, camp activities, a recognition dinner and giveaways. Sunday will include a closing reflection ceremony. Are you in?!

Register here: <https://go.rutgers.edu/VolRetreat2024>



2024 NJ State 4-H Avian Bowl

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Senior Center, 4 Gauntt Place
Flemington



Through a quiz bowl format, 4-H'ers will be stimulated to expand their knowledge of avian facts and become proficient in poultry management. This opportunity will also give youth a chance to meet new friends that have similar poultry interests.

For more information and to register to: [NJ State 4-H Avian Bowl \(rutgers.edu\)](https://rutgers.edu)

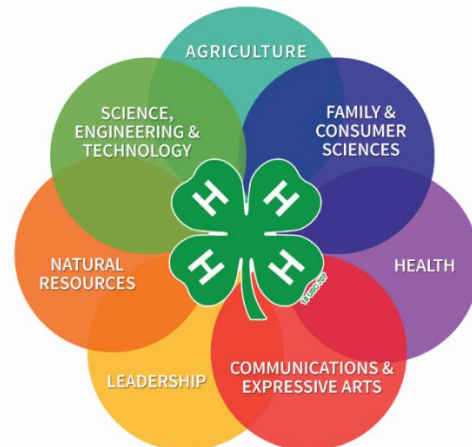
Registration Deadline: September 8, 2024



Record Books Due

Monday, September 30, 2024

Turn in your completed project record book to be eligible for a project completion certificate and pin!



National 4-H Week

October 6-12, 2024

How is your club or your county program celebrating National 4-H Week?

4-H dates back to 1902, but National 4-H Week had its beginning during World War II. Following Pearl Harbor, it was decided to postpone the annual National 4-H Camp held in Washington, D.C. Soon after, 4-H leaders in Ohio announced their plans for a State 4-H Mobilization Week, focusing on what 4-H members could do for national defense. The idea was embraced by 4-H leaders nationwide and evolved into National 4-H Mobilization Week, observed in 1942, 1943 and 1944. In 1945, it became known as National 4-H Week and has been celebrated every year since.

This year, Wednesday, October 9, has been designated as Spirit Day, when 4-H members, alumni and volunteers are urged to wear 4-H attire. If you do not have a 4-H shirt or hat, you can wear green to show your support.



Commissioner Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Please join us for the monthly meeting of the County Commissioners to celebrate National 4-H Week on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 6pm. The meeting will be held at the Pohatcong Municipal Building located at 50 Municipal Drive Phillipsburg



Coming Soon! 4-H Year End Celebration

Join us for an afternoon potluck celebration and recognition of our outstanding 4-H members and all their hard work over the past project year!

Invitations will be going out very soon!



Sewing Workshops

November 9 and 11, 2024 &
December 30 and 31, 2024

Join Tracy Smith and Michelle Teitsma for some creative sewing workshops to enhance your sewing skills!

November 9th and 11th we will be learning how to make a set of placemats!

December project is still TBD but rest assured it will be a fun challenge!

Registration information will be out shortly!



Fall 2024 Senior Shooting Sports Matches

Below is a link to the fall senior shooting sports matches and all information needed to participate, including the dates of each match. <https://rutgers.box.com/s/4aoozt2haeku2jerlp1yt0ocae2z463a>

Deadline for on-time registration of all events: September 16, 2024. On-time registration fee is \$20.00 per exhibitor/per event. Registrations/fees postmarked after September 16th will be \$25.00 per exhibitor/per event & accepted if space is available.

Send registrations to: Dept. of 4-H Youth Development, 88 Lipman Drive, Martin Hall Suite 329, Rutgers the State University, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. One club check per club should be made out to *NJ4HSSAC*.



Discover the Leader in You



The *Discover the Leader in You!* 4-H Leadership Conference is for 4-H members in grades 6-8. While attending the conference, middle school youth will have fun, meet new friends, and develop leadership and personal development skills that they can utilize at home, in school, in their 4-H club, and in their community.

More information and registration information will be available shortly.

Questions about the Discover the Leader In You! Conference can be directed to Warren County 4-H Program Associate Michelle Teitsma (teitsma@njaes.rutgers.edu).



Leadership for Life

New Jersey 4-H members in grades 9-12 who are members in good standing are invited to participate in a multi-level leadership program called the NJ 4-H *Leadership for Life Program*.

Adapted from Ireland's youth development program Foróige, the *Leadership for Life Program* is based on theories and principles of youth work, leadership development, and leadership styles.



Offered in three sequential modules, this program is aimed at equipping young people to explore their vision and passion and to develop such key skills as planning, decision-making, critical thinking, goal setting, and problem-solving.

Members must complete Modules 1 and 2 before they are eligible to complete Module 3. The Advanced Module is held during a 9-day travel experience to the Foróige Leadership for Life Conference at the University of Ireland in Maynooth, Ireland.

The *Leadership for Life* Program will be offered on the following dates during 2024–2025. Modules 1-3 will be held at the Mercer County Extension Office located at 1440 Parkside Avenue in Trenton.

Module 1: Saturday, January 11, 2025 10am-5pm

Module 2: Saturday, February 22, 2025 10am-5pm

Module 3: Saturday, March 15, 2025 10am-3pm

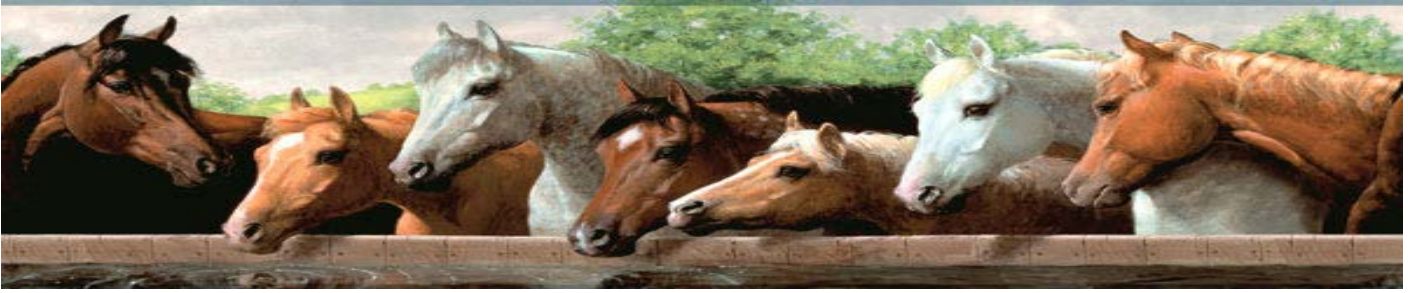
Module 4: 2026 University of Ireland at Maynooth

Information and registration for all of the NJ 4-H Leadership for Life Program Modules will be available on the NJ 4-H Website at: <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/leadership-for-life/>

Questions about the *Leadership for Life Program* can be directed to Camden County 4-H Agent Sharon Kinsey (sbkinsey@njaes.rutgers.edu) or Warren County 4-H Program Associate Michelle Teitsma (teitsma@njaes.rutgers.edu).



Horse News



Horse Leaders Meeting

The next Horse Leaders Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 7:30pm via zoom.



Equine Science Team

The Equine Science Team will begin practicing in October! For more information or to join the team, please contact Tracy Smith at bdtsmith@gmail.com.



State Horse Show Results:

5 members from Warren County participated in the annual NJ State 4-H Championship Horse Show across 3 divisions Very Small Equine, Western, and Games. **Alicia Garis, Amelia Garis, Jesse Gibilisco, Jadah SanFilippo, and Haley Wargo.**

Alicia Garis: 8th Western Showmanship & Grooming Senior, 4th Western Halter Geldings, 4th Western Pleasure Horse Senior, 5th Western Horsemanship Senior, 6th Ranch Rail Pleasure, 1st Ranch Confirmation,

Amelia Garis: 5th Western Showmanship & Grooming Junior, 3rd Western Halter Mares, 4th Ranch Riding, 5th Ranch Rail Pleasure, 3rd Ranch Confirmation, 1st Bow Tie Horse, 1st Plug Race Horse, 1st Barrel Race Horse

Jadah SanFilippo: 4th VSE Showmanship & Grooming, 10th English/Western Halter, 9th VSE In Hand Trail, 3rd VSE Equine Hunter In Hand Over Fences

Haley Wargo: 6th VSE Showmanship & Grooming, 2nd English/Western Halter, 7th VSE In Hand Trail, 5th VSE In Hand Jumper, 4th VSE Equine Hunter In Hand Over Fences, 4th Walk/Jog Western Pleasure Horse Beginner, 7th Walk/Jog Western Horsemanship Beginner, 1st Walk/Jog Ranch Riding Beginner, 3rd Walk/Jog Ranch Rail Pleasure Beginner, 4th Ranch Confirmation,





News!



If you missed the Pampered Chef 4-H Fundraiser during the Fair, I have good news: you can start shopping next year's fundraiser now! Get ready for Thanksgiving, tackle your holiday shopping (our consultant offers fantastic teacher gifts!), and recommend the fundraiser to your family and friends! You can also host your own rewards party with our consultant and the 4H program will receive a donation from your party as well! Our next fundraiser technically runs August 1-15, 2025, but can be ordered from at ANY TIME and every purchase gives back to the program! Scan the QR or visit linktr.ee/mangiamacchia. Click on our fundraiser to start shopping, or email our consultant to arrange a party or inquire about gifts!



Our Pampered Chef consultant, Amanda Macchia, is a 4-H Alumna!



The 2024 STEM Challenge was developed by 4-H educators from LSU AgCenter, North Dakota State University, Penn State Extension, and University of Nebraska–Lincoln. This year's kit will provide fundamental knowledge on food security, how people are impacted locally and globally, and how youth can co-create more food secure communities.



The Food for Thought kit offers a range of activities designed for individuals or groups and are adaptable for after-school programs, 4-H clubs, classrooms, home use, and more!



[STEM Challenge - National 4-H Council](#)

- **Food Fighters:** This collaborative board game gamifies learning about the global food supply chain. Students work together to secure their town's food supply, making strategic decisions and building teamwork skills.
- **Chew on This:** This entrepreneurial challenge encourages students to think critically about food waste reduction. By brainstorming innovative uses for food scraps, students develop problem-solving and design thinking skills.
- **Know to Grow:** This hands-on engineering activity introduces students to plant science and controlled environment agriculture. Students design and build efficient growing environments, fostering an understanding of plant cultivation and its role in food security.



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/>



The first episode of [4-H Volunteer Ventures](#) is available on [Spotify](#) and other platforms. The [4-H Volunteer Ventures Facebook page](#) is also available.

The 4-H Volunteer Ventures Podcast examines the fun, but sometimes confusing role of the 4-H volunteer. Each episode will explore a specific aspect or challenge volunteers face and offer best practices to improve the experience. Join hosts, Kelly and Laura, as they discuss current trends, share resources, and offer tips and tricks learned from their own volunteer experiences.

Spotify link:

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/4hvolunteerventures>

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558574791500>

We want to hear from YOU! If you have any suggestions for volunteer-based topics you would like us to address, or something you would like to learn more about as a 4-H volunteer, let us know.

We appreciate your input.



4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp



The 4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp is a unique opportunity for 4-H'ers to explore the world of animals at Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida.

In this experience, the world's largest zoological organization partners with 4-H to

offer the opportunity for members to experience one-of-a-kind adventures in Busch Gardens' 335-acre African-themed living classroom and SeaWorld's 200-acre aquatic classroom.

4-H'ers become amateur zookeepers, assist zoo staff behind the scenes, and observe animal care sessions. In this learn-by-doing environment, members explore careers in the animal field and learn about animal conservation all while having fun in the park!

Two Camps are open to all 4-H Members 4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice Camp for youth ages 11-13 & 4-H Zoo Apprentice for youth 14+! Truly a great way to spend winter break!

Registration and complete details can be seen with the link below.

<https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h/4-h-projects-opportunities/4-h-opportunities/4-h-zoo-apprentice-camp>



Results

State 4-H Dairy Show

Kerstin Voll from the Asbury Jr. Dairy 4-H club participated in the NJ State 4-H Dairy Show last month. Kerstin placed 7th in showmanship and 10th in the Winter Heifer Calf Class with her calf S+B Baldwin Goldchip Holly.



2024 WCFF Fair

Congratulations to everyone that participated in the 4-H events at the 2024 Warren County Farmers' Fair



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