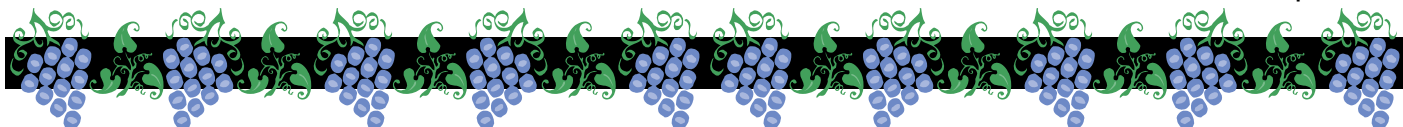


Family Grapevine
Information for 4-H families
March/April 2025



From the Desk of
the Agent



APRIL 20-26, 2025



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



Reminders

The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

April 2, 2025 6:00 pm at Tipton's Tavern
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.

Family Grapevine
Bi-Monthly Newsletter
Rutgers Cooperative Extension
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www.warren4-h.org

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Alex Zolla, 4-H Secretary

Mark Your Calendars!

Learn to Sew Clinic

March 23, 2025

Warren Grange #110 and Warren County 4-H are offering a **SECOND** community wide **Learn to Sew Clinic** for **EVERYONE** of **ALL** ages!

We will be offering stations on:

- Basics on sewing machine use
- Basic hand sewing/slip stitching
- Make a small pillow or drawstring bag
- How to make a quilt square
- Show how to repair a button or hem a pair of pants (bring with you!)
- How to properly iron dress shirts/pants

When: Sunday, March 23 from 1pm to 4pm
Where: Warren Grange Hall
101 Asbury-Broadway Rd
Washington, NJ (Franklin Township)

For additional information, call or text Tracy at 908-887-2630 or email bdtsmith@gmail.com.



4-H and Makers Day!

March 22, 2025

NJ STEM Month is a celebration co-hosted by the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network and Research & Development Council of New Jersey that highlights the Garden State's incredible accomplishments in science, technology, engineering, math, and innovation.

For NJ STEM Month, the Warren County Library System will be offering a full day of activities and projects on Saturday, March 22 for New Jersey Makers Day!

Free activities for all ages will be available from 10am to 3pm at the Gardner, Northeast, and Southwest branches.



NJ Junior Animal Science Symposium

March 29, 2025

Rutgers Junior Animal Science Symposium will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at the Cook Campus Farm, Rutgers University, New Brunswick. Event includes hands-on workshops in equine, swine, sheep and goat, cattle, poultry, beekeeping, rabbit, cavy, small animals and an animal science video contest.



Save the Date!
2025 NJ Junior Animal Science Symposium

Saturday
March 29, 2025
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Round Barn
@ George H. Cook Campus
Rutgers University

For youth and adults
Rain or shine!

Register by March 15



<https://tinyurl.com/2025AnimalSymposium>

Questions? Contact:
Amelia.Minervini@rutgers.edu
mb2173@njaes.rutgers.edu

Hands-on workshops in the following tracks

- Equine
- Swine
- Small Ruminant (Sheep & Goat)
- Large Ruminant (Dairy and Beef Cattle)
- *New* Canine
- *New* Anthropology
- Poultry
- Beekeeping
- Rabbit
- Cavy (Guinea Pig)
- Small Animals
- Animal Science Video Contest

Sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture Junior Breeder Program, in cooperation with Rutgers Cooperative Extension faculty and staff.

Registration can be found at

<https://nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/junior-symposium/>



Warren County 4-H Teen Emergency Preparedness Program

April 1, 8, 15 and 29, 2025

Not all heroes wear capes! Disasters and emergencies can happen at any moment! From weather-related disasters to fender benders to home fires to extended power outages – life can change in a heartbeat. When disaster strikes, do you know how to help your family, friends, neighbors, and community?

Join the new 4-H Teen Emergency Preparedness STEP club youth preparedness/youth leadership program. Open to all youth in 7th grade or higher. This club will meet 4 times in April from 6-8 pm for a total of 8 program hours and will use the United States Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency-certified CERT training manual as a guide to cover Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Basic First Aid, Light Search and Rescue, Disaster Psychology, Weather & NOAA, and Terrorism.

This program will be held at the Wayne Dumont Administration Building located at 165 County Route 519S in Belvidere from 6-8 pm on April 1, 8, 15, and 29, 2025.

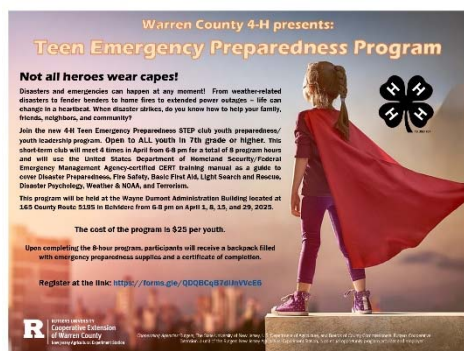
The cost of the program is \$25 per youth.

Upon completion of the 8 hour program, participants will receive a backpack filled with emergency preparedness supplies and a certificate of completion.

Register at the link:

<https://forms.gle/QDQBCqB7diJnVVcE6>

For more information, please contact the 4-H Office at 908-475-6502.



NJ State 4-H Foods Day

April 5, 2025

NJ STATE 4-H FOODS DAY



APRIL 5, 2025



TED BLUM 4-H CENTER, 310 MILLTOWN ROAD, BRIDGEWATER

GRADES K-3

9:00 - 12:30 (no lunch)

Workshops & Cooking Session

Scan for more info



GRADES 4-13

9:00 - 4:00 (bring lunch)

Workshops & Competitions

Scan for more info



Open to ALL registered 4-H members

Register by March 30, 2025



Scan to Register



Ag-Venture Days

April 14-17, 2025



Ag-Venture Days

Spring Break
April 14-17, 2025

310 Milltown Rd, Bridgewater, NJ

8:30am - 4:30pm

Cost: \$300
Grades 2-6



Register by
April 4th, 2025

Activities include:

- Various Farm tours
- Small Animal Care
- Marine Science
- Gardening
- Equine Science
- Cooking: Farm to Table
- and More!



Questions: Call (908) 526-6644

Spring Break just got a whole lot more exciting!

Somerset County 4-H Youth Development Program is bringing you 4 full days on April 14th-17th of animal science fun designed especially for grades 2-6. Whether you're a future farmer or just curious about how animals are part of our world, this is the adventure for you!



Save the Date

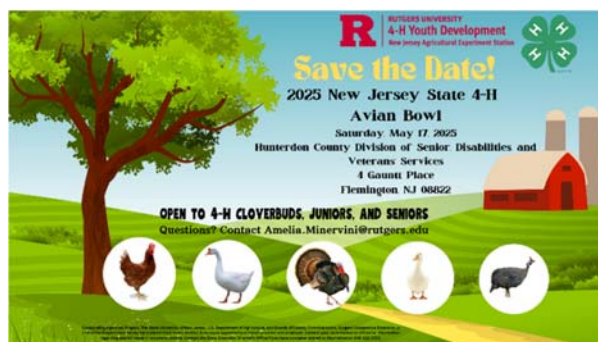
Rutgers Day 2025

April 26, 2025

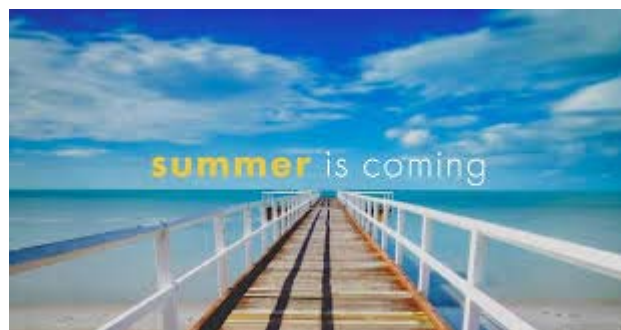


NJ State 4-H Avian Bowl

May 17, 2025



For more information please contact Amelia Minervini at Amelia.Minervini@rutgers.edu



Summer is Coming!!!
Are you ready for summer camp?



It's that time of year! Registration for 4-H Camp is open for both the classic overnight program, and our day camp, 4-H camp at Rutgers Gardens.

More information can be found on the camp website at <https://nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/>

Also check out the new overview video on the website at <https://nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/videos.html>

Still need more details Call 973-948-3550 to reach the Camp Office with any and all questions.



Horse News



Horse Leaders Meetings

The Horse Leaders Meeting schedule:

April 9, 2025 in conjunction with Equestrian of the Year Interviews

July 9, 2025 via zoom (if needed)

September 10, 2025 via Zoom



Congratulations to our Horse Bowl Teams!

Senior Team: **Alicia Garis, Arica Sodtalbers and Elizabeth Sodtalbers**

Junior Team: **Claire Jones, Amelia Garis, Valentina Maza, Vivian Maza**

The Junior Team placed 3rd Overall!

- Amelia placed 3rd High Individual
- Valentina placed 7th High Individual

The Senior Team placed 2nd Overall!

- Elizabeth placed 3rd High Individual



Equine Presentations & Art Show

March 15, 2025
Cedar Creek High School in
Atlantic County

Mark your
calendar!

Tack Sale

March 29, 2025

The annual Tack Sale sponsored by the Horse Leaders will be held on Saturday, March 29 at the Independence Fire House from 9am to 1pm.

Horse Judging & Hippology

April 5-6, 2025
Sussex County

Equestrian of the Year Interviews

April 9, 2025

Information and the application has been mailed to all eligible horse members. Senior, Junior, and Novice divisions will be offered.

4-H Qualifying Horse Show

June 8, 2025

NJ State 4-H Horse Show

August 15-17, 2025
Dream Park





News!

Project Record Books

Don't forget to keep up with your record book for the 2024-2025 project year!

If you need a new record for the current project year, please visit <https://warren.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/record-books/> and download the specific book for your project area.



Keeping a record book allows you to track what you have learned and accomplished throughout the project year. It is also a very handy way to keep track of community service activities! Filling out your record book is a great asset when you go to fill out National Honor Society applications, Tri-M Honor Society applications as well as college applications. All your activities, community service, and goals are in one place!

A Record Book Cheat Sheet (a guide to help you fill your book out) will be emailed to everyone.



New website

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

If you need information from our website, please use the one listed above.



Don't Forget: We've MOVED!!!!



We are finally in our new home at
3 Shotwell Drive, Belvidere!

Office hours and phone numbers have stayed the same!



RE-ENROLLMENT

With this new project year comes a new 4-H enrollment system, Zsuite.



The enrollment process for Club Members (youth) and Volunteers (adult club leaders) is similar. We're excited with the options Zsuite will offer us in the office as well as to club leaders.

Please go to <https://4h.zsuite.org/> and create a family profile to re-enroll.

An email was sent to all registered 4-H members with instructions on the new process. If you or your members have any issues creating a profile or re-enrolling, please contact the 4-H Office at 908-475-6502.



Results:

On March 1, Warren County members participated in the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and related events.

Junior Team: **Claire Jones, Valentina Maza, Vivian Maza** placed 2nd Overall

Senior Team: **Arica Sodtalbers, Elizabeth Sodtalbers**

- **Arica** placed 3rd High Individual, 6th in Management, 2nd in Senior Jeopardy,
- **Elizabeth** placed 2nd High Individual, 5th in Management, 1st in Senior Jeopardy,
- **Claire** placed 5th in Management
- **Valentina** placed 1st in Management, 3rd in Junior Jeopardy, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in Photography, 1st in Scientific Tri-Fold, 1st in Prepared Speech
- **Vivian** placed 4th in Management, 1st in Fine Art, 1st in Creative Tri-Fold, 2nd in Prepared Speech

CONGRATULATIONS!



Club Updates:

Puppy Power

Members (humans and dogs) came out for the Seeing Eye Puppy Raisers open house in January.



Teen Council

held a Taco Dinner meeting last Month.



Members worked in teams to prepare the meal.



Data to the Rescue: Penguins Need Our Help STEP Club

Members learned about Antarctica and how climate change is affecting the populations of 3 different species of penguins that call Antarctica home. The project capstone was a zoom meeting with Rutgers researchers living at the Palmer Station in Antarctica.



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