

From the Desk of
the Agent

Farm Camp is Back for 2025!!!

Warren County 4-H

FARM CAMP

At the VanNest-Hoff-Vannatta Farmstead
3026 Belvidere Rd, Harmony, NJ 08865

June 24th & 25th

9:30am - 3pm

Each day is a new adventure!

Tuesday: Fiber Day with Natalie Burger
from Hidden Pastures Farm

Wednesday: Bee & Pollinator Day

\$50 per camper

OPEN TO
ALL YOUTH
IN GRADES 2-6

Register today!

https://forms.gle/urYBrW3TxySyKEX36

Questions?

4-h@co.warren.nj.us

908-475-6502

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Reminders

The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

June 4, 2025 7:00 pm at 3 Shotwell Drive
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
165 County Route 519 South
Belvidere, NJ 07823
(908) 475-6502
www.warren4-h.org

Alayne J. Torretta, County 4-H Agent
Michelle Teitsma, 4-H Program Associate
Alex Zolla, 4-H Secretary

Mark Your Calendars!

Teen Council

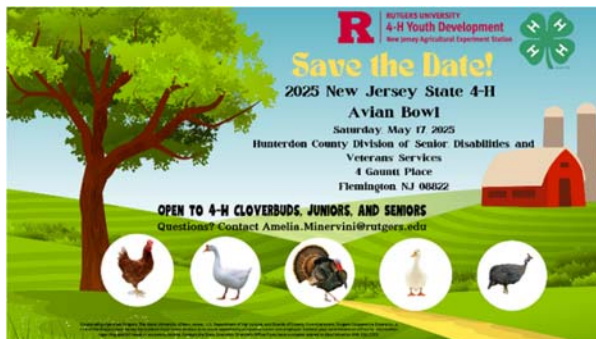
May 15, 2025

The next 4-H Teen Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 15th at 7pm at the Dumont Building located at 165 County Route 519S in Belvidere.



2025 NJ State 4-H Avian Bowl

May 17, 2025



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



NJ 4-H Culinary Egg Challenge

June 1, 2025

The Culinary Egg Challenge will be held on June 1, beginning at 10:00 am at the Somerset County 4-H Center in Bridgewater. All 4-H members in grades K-13 are eligible to participate!

The cost is \$10 per person.

For more information, please visit [NJ State 4-H Culinary Egg Challenge](https://nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/culinary-egg-challenge/) or <https://nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/culinary-egg-challenge/> or Amelia Minervini at Amelia.Minervini@rutgers.edu



4-H International Camp United Program

Join youth from the United States and across the globe! Learn about leadership and global citizenship while enjoying the great outdoors at the Arkansas 4-H Center. Open to youth ages 13-18. The cost is \$675 per person and includes seven nights lodging, meals, snacks, program supplies and camp activities. Contact Michelle Teitsma at teitsma@njaes.rutgers.edu for more information or to register!



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REGISTRATION OPEN TO YOUTH AGES: 13-18
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Optional: August 4-6 in Washington, DC. Cost is \$375 USD and includes two nights hotel lodging and two dinners.

Optional: August 14-15 post camp tour of Arkansas. Cost is \$200 USD and includes one night lodging and three meals (B/L/D).

For more information, contact Arkansas 4-H at arkansas4h@uada.edu or 501-671-2000



4-H Club Officer's Council Workshop

June 10, 2025

We are inviting all 4-H club officers in grades 4-13 to attend the new 4-H Officers Council Workshop on Tuesday, June 10 from 6-8 pm at the Warren County Administration Building.

This workshop will provide youth with the skills and knowledge to effectively run a club meeting, leadership training, games, and activities that can be shared with their club members and much more!

Registration is required:

<https://forms.gle/8VqTa73YRNjMihQv7>



4-H Family Eggsploration



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Embryology Project

Incubate eggs at home to hatch at the Warren County Farmers' Fair!

\$40 per family **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

Keeping chicks is optional

Information/ Sign Up **Free Fair entrance for the family!**

Information Meeting
at the 4-H office in the County Admin Bld
Belvidere
Friday June 27 @ 6pm

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!
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2025 4-H/FFA Exhibit Rule Book

The updated 2025 Exhibit Rule Book and entry forms for the Warren County Farmers' Fair are now available online on our website at:

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

All entries are due by Tuesday, July 1, 2025!

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:

July 9, 2025 via zoom (if needed)

September 10, 2025 via Zoom



4-H Qualifying Show

June 8, 2025

NJ State 4-H Horse Show

August 15-17, 2025

Dream Park



Horse Judging Results



Valentina Maza represented Warren County at the NJ State 4-H Horse Judging competition held in Sussex County last month. Valentina placed 8th for Junior Individual Reasons, 1st for Junior Team Reasons, and 1st High Team Overall!



Congratulations to our 2024-2025 Equestrians of the Year!

Alicia Garis is the Senior Equestrian of the Year!

Amelia Garis is the Junior Equestrian of the Year

Valentina Maza is the Junior 1st Runner Up!

Vivian Maza is the Novice Equestrian of the Year!

All 4 candidates rocked their presentations!



Barn and Tack Sale May 17, 18, 24, and 25

9-5 rain or shine

51 Lenape Lane, Allamuchy at Growing Dirt. English and Western saddles, bridles, pads, and other horse related items. Also antiques, collectibles, furniture, and miscellaneous items. All proceeds to benefit Hickories Farm, Equine Rescue.





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.



RE-ENROLLMENT



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.



National 4-H Youth in Action

Check out this article highlighting NJ 4-Her (Ocean County) and National 4-H Youth in Action winner, Katie Culbert, and National 4-H Council, Jill Bramble, in USA Today.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2025/04/22/4-h-ffa-remain-vital-parts-of-rural-youth-agricultural-education/79059993007/>



Learn by Doing:

Sewing Workshops



Claire Jones, Valentina Maza and Vivian Maza participated in the 1st annual Spring Sewing Skills workshops.



Legislative Leadership Experience



Mason Varga represented Warren County at the 3rd annual Legislative Leadership Experience program held at the State House & NJ Farm Bureau Complex in Trenton.



Club Updates:

Puppy Power

Puppy Power Leader, Todd Fenwick, shared a table with 4-H Office staff at the Warren County Public Health night at Warren Technical School not only to promote the Seeing Eye puppy raisers club and 4-H but to engage the public in a community service project: upcycling t-shirts into dog toys.



Teen Council



Teen Council members have been doing team building challenges including Flip the Ship and Building Marshmallow towers with spaghetti.



Public Presentations



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