Register for Sciencesational Day Early This Year

This year Sciencesational Day will be on Saturday, April 2. All 4-Hers are welcome to sign up and join in all the fun! Those leaders who would like to provide an activity at Sciencesational Day must be registered early by January 14. The form for leaders to register is attached in the back of this issue of Discoveries. Club members and their friends can register in March to take part in all the cool experiments. There will be plenty of science activities for all to participate in.

Remember Sciencesational day is not just for 4-Hers, so if you have a friend or a family member who would like to join please invite them along. This is one of our most anticipated events of the year, so don’t forget to mark you calendars for Sciencesational Day! Call Terri Yost at the office to volunteer or for additional information regarding Sciencesational Day (973)285-8300 x3

See you in the lab!

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service January 17

Monday, January 17 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Morris County 4-H will celebrating Dr. King’s legacy by baking bread to donate to local food pantries. Teen Council will be taking the lead but all clubs are invited to attend.

This is the second year 4-H has nationally taken the initiative to make MLK Day a service day for clubs that would like to participate.

“Community service has always been a central part of the 4-H program. It is important that young people learn early on how to be contributing citizens of their community,” said Rachel Lyons, Morris County 4-H Agent.

Please contact the office if your club would like to be involved.
Dear 4-H Families,

Welcome to 2011! Happy New Year!! We are gearing up for a great year filled with plenty of exciting events and activities for you to participate in over the next few months. On January 17th Morris County 4-Hers will be participating in National 4-H Day of Service. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun of baking bread. January 22nd is the date of the State 4-H Dog Bowl in Burlington County. Morris County’s quiz bowl team members have been practicing for months; we wish them lots of luck. The State Model Horse Show will take place on January 29 in Hunterdon County. Morris County 4-H Teen Winter Camp is scheduled for January 28th – 30th. March 11th – 13th is the North Jersey Teen Conference. Once again our very popular Sciensational Day is scheduled for April 2nd followed by County Public Presentations on April 15th. Look for more information on all of these events in this issue of Discoveries. We also love to report on what’s going on in your club so make sure that your club reporter sends in your club news and pictures each month so that we can include it in our next issue.

As always, the success of our programs is due to the dedication of our volunteers who are willing to share their time and knowledge to making “the best better”. We thank you for all for what you have done for Morris County 4-H in 2010 and we look forward to a great 2011.

Rachel Lyons                          Kathy Murarik                      Terri Yost

Remember, 4-H is for Everyone, Everywhere!
The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age appropriate basis, without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, or disability.

4-H Mission Statement
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 adult. RCE Programs are open and accessible to all. If special accommodations are needed please contact the 4-H Office.
On November 13, 2010 at the annual Morris County 4-H Awards Night Dinner, Teen Council club member, Alix Zudick, was named the new “4-Her of the Year.” Alix was recognized as an outstanding member of 4-H who has shown deep involvement and commitment to the 4-H program through local club, county, state, and national activities as well as demonstrating leadership and service through 4-H involvement. Alix joined 4-H hoping to learn about dog training and obedience. It didn’t take her or her Labradoodle Beau, long to get hooked on 4-H. Since that day she has been actively involved in 4-H on the club, county, state and national level. She has been an active member of three 4-H clubs - Dogs ‘R’ Us, Teen Council and Be The Change. She has faithfully exhibited each year at the County 4-H Fair and the NJ State 4-H Dog Show. She was instrumental in planning and implementing recent North Jersey 4-H Teen Conferences. She represented Morris County at Citizenship Washington Focus in DC this past summer. Congratulations Alix!

Alix with 4-H Association President, Rich Everett, and Rachel Lyons, 4-H Agent
Teen Winter Camp
Get ready for another fun-filled three days at Teen Winter Camp, January 28-30 at L.G Cook campgrounds. 4-Hers in grades 9-13 from Morris, Salem, Gloucester, and Mercer Counties will all get together at this popular teen event. Be sure to get your application in early. The cost for the weekend is $50.00 and includes meals. For registration forms go to http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu Registration deadline is Friday, January 15.

Scholarship Opportunities for High School Seniors
The Seeing Eye offers an annual scholarship to recognize members in The Seeing Eye Puppy Raiser Program with a $1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. This scholarship is open to high school seniors that have raised two or more puppies, the second having been during the junior or senior year of school. Students can be currently raising their second puppy. Applications will be available in late January 2010 from Seeing Eye leaders.

The Lance Corporal Andrew W. Lubrano 4-H Scholarship is available to High School Seniors who have been involved in 4-H during their four years of high school. Completion of record books is NOT required. This award of $1,000 is intended to recognize an active, well rounded 4-H member. We encourage all who qualify to apply. Please make sure that you give your leader plenty of time to write the required recommendation to meet the deadline. This scholarship was established in memory of Morris County 4-Her Andy Lubrano who grew up in Randolph Township. Andy’s accidental death in 1991 at age 20 in the Marine Corps left friends and family with memories of his fun loving personality, his ease in making friends, and love and respect for family. Applications are available from your leader or the 4-H office. Entry deadline is March 15, 2011

Join the NJ State Teen Action Council!
Criteria:
- In grade 9-12
- Completed two years of 4-H
- Excellent Public Speaking Skills
- Community Service Involvement
- Outstanding Leadership Skills
Call Terri Yost @ (973)-285-8300 x3

North Jersey Teen Conference
March 11-13, 2011
Fairfield Executive Inn, Fairfield, NJ
For Teens grades 8-13
Call Terri Yost for more information
(973) 285-8300 x3 or email Yost@njaes.rutgers.edu
Leader’s Lines

Thank You
4-H Club Leaders!
For Your Years Of Service

Rich Everett—1 year
Laura Graham—1 year
Mike Lynch—1 year
Rosanne Oblen—1 year
Gary Rauco—1 year
Lisa Seeger—1 year
Christen Harm—2 years
Keith Small—2 years
Terri Yost—2 years
Glen Roth—3 years
Marla Weetall—3 years
Jane Ellis—4 years
Christine Gothman—4 years
Rachel Lyons—5 years
Joanna Kaiser—7 years
Kim Blewett—7 years
Lyn Danson Smith—7 years
Jim Newquist—7 years
Arlene Parsons—7 years
Stan Firer—8 years
Jennifer Carberry—12 years
Sue Filak—12 years
Linda Kabis—12 years
Beverly Hahn—18 years
Kathy Murarik—18 years
Martha Bardin—43 years

Welcome New Club Leaders!

Marci Braunstein
Arlene Cronin
Marc Ellis
Patti Handzus
Gary Heller
Laura Johnson

Attention Club Leaders

Please have your club registration forms filled out in their entirety. This includes any signatures and complete dates of birth for both youth and adult members. This is very important for our members and our records to be recognized as official.

Remember all members must be registered before they are eligible to participate in any 4-H events, including club meetings.
Save The Date

Saturday, March 26
Cook College
Campus of Rutgers University
NJ Junior Breeder and Young Farmer Symposium
To register call 609-984-4389 or Email Lynn.Mathews@ag.state.nj.us
Or Debra.Moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us

Rutgers Day
And State Dog Show
Saturday, April 24
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Rain or Shine
Formerly Known as Ag Field Day
now includes activities on all Rutgers campuses
Enjoy Animal Shows, garden and Nature Tours, Performances, Lectures, Children’s Programs and much more
www.rutgersday.rutgers.edu

Get your Fair Entry Book
Changes in by February 13

Great things are already happening as we plan for our 4-H Fair. The dates have already been chosen for July 22, 23, 24, 25. The Fair will be extended this year, for an additional evening! What fun! We’re always looking for volunteers and helpers to support our annual Fair. If you are interested in playing a role in helping to make this year’s Fair even better, then contact us. There are plenty of jobs to go around! Also, be on the look out for the Fair Entry Book this Spring. Don’t forget to start thinking about a yearbook page and club exhibit! Get involved in planning for the Fair and mark your calendars early on.

Citizenship Washington Focus

This year’s date for Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) are July 10-16 It is a great experience for teens grades 9-12. Check out the website at www.4hcwf.org
If you are interested in learning more about this trip. Participants get to explore the country’s capital and learn all about politics and government. Applications will be available in the spring. Keep a lookout in our spring edition of Discoveries, or call the 4-H office @ (973) 285-8300 x3 for more information.
**4-H Notable News**

Somerset County 4-H
Small Animal & Herpetology Show
Saturday, February 19, 2011
Where: The Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County
Doors open 7:30 a.m., judging to start promptly at 9 a.m.
Fee: $3.00 per animal
Please call Laurie Hazen at (908) 722-4948 or lhazen07@verizon.net with any questions regarding cavies or rabbits
Please call Karen Fisch at (908) 722-3120 or fischfoot@verizon.net with any questions regarding herpetology animals.

Former 4-H Member and Current Library Director of the Whippanong Library, Sulekha Das, in the library with the Knit Wits

**NJ 4-H Skill-A-Thon**
**Multi Project Adventure**
Test your knowledge on a topic related to a 4-H Project.

**Where:** Warren County Grange Hall #110

**When:** Sunday, February 13, 2011

**Time:** 1:30-4 p.m. Cost-Free

Please RSVP By January 15, 2010
To: Annette Devitt, Salem County 4-H Agent
RCE of Salem County 51 Cheney Rd., Suite 1,
Woodstown, NJ 08098
Phone: 856-769-0090
Email: devitt@njaes.rutgers.edu

**Somerset County Dog Shows**

**Woof Dog Show**
February 5th

**Wags and Whiskers Dog Show**
March 12th

**SAVE THE DATE**

**County Public Presentations**
Friday, April 15

*Register early, form included in this newsletter*
A wonderful time was had by all who caroled at this year’s Holiday Sing at Morris View Nursing Home on December 11, 2010. A large group of 48 participants, representing eight clubs, along with many Seeing Eye puppies and family pets divided into two groups and visited each unit of the nursing home. Led by our song leaders the residents were treated to a variety of holiday songs. During the visit holiday cards were given out to all of the residents and special time was given to all who wanted to pet the dogs. At the end we all got a chance to sample delicious cookies and drink some punch. Morris View thanked us very much for our visit.
4-H Holiday Sing
Contest Winners 2010

Congratulations
Katrina Heller
The 2010 Holiday Card Contest Winner!

A Big Thank You to All of Our Entrants

Thank You to All Clubs Who Participated In The Window Display Contest During National 4-H Week

Feathered Friends
Tractor Supplies in Flanders

Radical Rocketeers
Mt. Olive Library

4-Footed Leaders
Madison Pet Shop

Winner of Window Display Contest Dogs 'R' Us at the World Design Center in East Hanover
Horse Scholarship Opportunity

In honor of 19-year-old Sara Dubinin of Sayreville, who loved horses, a $1,000 Scholarship is being offered to help a 4-Her pursue their equine activities. The scholarship will be presented at the NJ Bred Equine Breeder awards Dinner on January 30, 2011.

Those interested in receiving the scholarship must submit an essay on “How horses have affected my life and how horses figure into my future.” Consideration of applications will be weighted upon the candidate’s financial need. Deadline January 12th

Contact: Debra Moscatiello
@609-984-4389

State Dog Bowl Competition

Open to Dog Project Members in Grades 4-13

4-H Dog Clubs can join together to make up teams and compete against other county dog clubs!

January 22, 2011

Call Kathy if you are interested in being on a team @ (973) 285-8300 x3

St. Patrick’s Day Parade

This year the St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011. All who are interested in marching with their club banner please call the 4-H office to register. We will meet behind the Morristown Municipal Building between 11-11:30 p.m.

Public Presentations Workshop
February 9, 2011
7p.m. to 8:30 p.m. @ the office

*RSVP By Wednesday February 7

Welcome

The Junior Explorer’s !!! Cloverbud Club

Meets every other Wednesday at Camp Jefferson, Lake Hopatcong

We look forward to learning about all their adventures
Dogs R' Us Club News

We have had a busy fall season. During October Hannah and Kate represented our club at the Noah's Ark annual Howl & Hike for our community service project. They helped sell bandanas for the club and helped Kathy with her sled dog demonstration. Monique came to the event and entered the costume contest dressed as a bumble bee. Our club also had a Halloween Party at Morris View and did a parade for the residents. We had lots of fun.

In November we moved our club training meetings indoors at Paws-ative Experience. We elected officers at our business meeting. Our officers are: President – Kate Dodge, Vice President – Morgan Sanchez, Secretary – Greg White, Treasurer – Amy Roberts, Health Officer – Hannah Takach, Reporter – Carolyn Roberts, Vice Secretary – Danny Kinskey-Lebeda, Vice Treasurer – Monique Bourgeois, Vice Reporter – Kent Sanchez.

At the Awards Night our club won Best-In-Show for the Window Display Contest. Congratulations to everyone who received an award.

Submitted by-
Leader Kathy Murarik

Horsing Around?
Check Out These Upcoming Equine Events

Nature’s Keepers

To start things off in Nature’s Keepers, we elected officers for our club. Our new president is Jake Harris, our Vice President is Billy Sikes, our Secretary is Melissa Joseph, and our club Reporter and Photographer is Carly Ellis. At our next meeting Carly Ellis ran the Nature’s Keepers Halloween party with a murder mystery. Club members searched for clues by following compass directions, searching for hidden puzzle pieces, and unscrambling words to make a sentence. For the next meeting, Samantha Zarzycki and Jenny Kellam planned it. Their meeting was about brain teasers, puzzles, tangrams, and other activities that got us thinking. Nature’s Keepers then went on our first field trip of the year! We went hiking at Pyramid Mountain to the famous Tripod rock. It was so much fun, and the picture below is us underneath the 170 ton boulder. We have been having a great time this year and we are looking forward to our future activities!

Submitted by - Carly Ellis
Awards Night Section

Cloverbud Graduates

Gabriella Armenti
Tyler Braunstein
Diana DeMottie
Samantha Dietz
Pierce Everett
Alberto Garza
Katrina Heller
Maggie McDonald
David Moster
Alexsandra Ortega

Cloverbud Graduates Katrina Heller and Pierce Everett at the 4-H Annual Awards Night Dinner on November 13, 2010

Katrina and Pierce celebrate by giving their graduation hats a toss
Special Awards

FAIR THEME AND YEARBOOK COVER WINNER
Chris Blewett

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR
Laura Graham

LUBRANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Katie Ellis
Brian Bartel

CLARA R. FARST AWARD
Bonnie DiCola

WORK AND WIN WINNER
Dawn Piccione

WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST
Dogs ‘R’US
**State and National Events**

**NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS**
Matt Elam

**NJ STATE PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**
Chris Blewett
Rachael Dimichino
Sarah Dimichino
Katie Ellis
Jake Harris
Amanda Pittigher
Reilly McWilliams
Alix Zudick

**CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS**
Alix Zudick

**NJ STATE 4-H DOG SHOW**
Martha Bardin
Mimi Bauer-Pullis
Katelyn Baumgartner
Erin DeBiasse
Kate Dodge
Ginny Haven
Kristen Kabis
Karen Megill
Hannah Takach

**NORTH JERSEY TEEN CONFERENCE**
Katelyn Baumgartner
Mike Baumgartner
Chris Blewett
Matt Elam
Katie Ellis
Maya Epelbaum
Talia Everett
Diana Hamer
Jake Harris
Melanie Kolacy
Gail Spielberger
James Onerevole
Allison Waldron
Alix Zudick

**STATE DOG BOWL**
Mimi Bauer-Pullis
Kate Dodge
Danny Kinsky-Lebeda

**STATE HERPETOLOGY SHOW**
Jake Harris
Mikayla Harris
Billy Sikes

**NJ 4-H/OMK LEADERSHIP CAMPOUT**
Katelyn Baumgartner
Patrick Baumgartner
Michael Baumgartner
Dalton Stack
Elizabeth Stack
This year in 4-H, I gained something that I couldn’t learn anywhere else. I couldn’t be taught this; I had to figure it out myself. After it was done I felt very accomplished. Only 4-H could present me with this opportunity to do this. This year in 4-H I think the most important thing I gained was experience. This is the first year I had the chance to run a meeting and I’m very glad I did it. It really taught me how much work it takes to complete something and get it done right.

At first I didn’t have a clue about what I wanted to do. Then I remembered how much I liked team building activities. I wanted to plan my meeting around this. Now came the hard part; finding activities that the member of Nature’s Keepers didn’t do yet. It took me longer than I expected, but I finally found a few games that our club could learn something from. Now I could just cross my fingers and hoped that everyone liked it.

After I planned the meeting, I actually had to run the meeting. I remember feeling like something would go terribly wrong. After the pledges Mrs. Blewett announced that I may start. I felt nervous walking up in front of everybody. After straightening up my notes for the third time, I explained the first activity. I was really grateful that my fellow club members were listening and asking questions. Everyone seemed excited to participate. After a few minutes, I forgot my nerves and started having a lot of fun. Everyone liked the blind-folded trust walk through an obstacle course.

And it was fun to see everyone brain storming how to solve the next challenge. Everyone had a chance to say their ideas and use their skills. I think that my first meeting was a success. I definitely learned some tips for the next time I run a meeting.

After all the stress of my first meeting was behind me, I realized how much this skill will help me in life. I will need to be in charge of groups of people many times later in life, and this is preparing me for that. Now I feel that I will be able to talk more easily to an be in charge of people. I’m much more confident now that I have gained this new life skill. I feel certain that I will remember this next time I’m in front of a crowd; I can lead them without a problem.

My freshman year in my intro to tech class we made trobeches. I though it was really cool and wanted to bring this knowledge to the club. My mom thought it would be too difficult as we needed to do a lot of wood cutting, clamping, etc. So I opted for other projects my first year as teen leader. Last year we went to the Pumpkin’ Chunkin’ Competition in Delaware with the Ellis’. This made me want to plan my meeting around this. I was really grateful that my fellow club members were listening and asking questions. Everyone seemed excited to participate. After a few minutes, I forgot my nerves and started having a lot of fun. Everyone liked the blind-folded trust walk through an obstacle course.

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**Project Book Awards 4-8**

**Dog Care and Training Record Book:**
Best Record Keeper: Katherine Dodge

**Small Animal Record Book**
Julia Kolacy
Rebecca Dimichino
Kate Dollar
Reilly McWilliams
Taylor McWilliams
Best Record Keeper: Rebecca Dimichino

**Leadership Record Book**
Carly Ellis
Michael Baumgartner
Best Record Keeper: Carly Ellis

**Project Book Awards 9-13**

**Dog Care and Training Record Book:**
Best Record Keeper: Hannah Takach

**Poultry Record Book**
Best Record Keeper: Sarah Dimichino

**Seeing Eye Record Book**
Katelyn Baumgartner
Sarah Maass
Alison Waldron
Best Record Keeper: Allison Waldron

**Small Animal Record Book**
Carolyn Cuesta
Sarah Dimichino
Kaelleigh Nelson
Victoria Peterson
Best Small Animal Record Keeper: Sarah Dimichino

**Teen Leadership Record Book**
Chris Blewett
Patrick DeBiasse
Maya Epelbaum
Alix Zudick
Best Record Keeper: Chris Blewett

**Herpetology Record Book**
Jake Harris
Chris Blewett
Best Record Keeper: Jake Harris

**General Purpose Record Book**
Alix Zudick
Rachael Dimichino
Best General Record Keeper: Rachael Dimichino

**Poultry Record Book**
Best Record Keeper: Sarah Dimichino
Clover Award Winners

Nature's Keepers
Dominique Benson
Christopher Blewett
Gena Blewett
Erin Curley
Katie Ellis
Carly Ellis
Jake Harris
Jenny Kellam
Billy Sikes
Samantha Zarzycki
Vivian Nilsen

Dogs 'R' Us
Annie Matney
Kate Dodge
Erin DeBiasse
Danny Kinskey-Lebeda
Morgan Sanchez
Hannah Takach

Teen Council
Tessa Masi
Diana Hamer
Anthony Cordero

4-Footed Leaders
Claire Dempsey
Sara Maass

Be The Change
Katie Baumgartner
Zach Becker
Melanie Kolacy
Nicole Reynolds

Puppy Tails
Brian Bartel
Caitlyn Brunner
Christian Brunner
Kyle Faresich
Melissa Fathers
Megan McGlynn
Kyle Faresich
Rachel Staub
Robert Tagliaferro
Allison Waldron
Rachel Waldron
Special County Awards

I DARE YOU AWARDS
Christopher Blewett
Jake Harris

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Katie Baumgartner  Sara Maass
Hannah Takach    Kate Dodge

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS
GRADES 4-8
Mikayla Harris
Wade Zdroik
Billy Sikes
Mike Baumgartner

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS
GRADES 9-13
Jake Harris
Pat DeBiasse
Maya Epelbaum

CLUB SCRAPBOOK AWARD
Katelyn Baumgartner
4-Footed Leaders

CLUB TREASURER’S RECORD BOOK AWARD
Shannon Bailey
Dogs R’ Us
Fair 2010 Photo Contest Winners

1st Place– Gr. 4-8
Erin DeBiasse
“Chincilla Love”

1st Place Gr. 9-13
Alix Zudick
“Girl with Mouse”

BEST IN SHOW
1st Place Adult
Mike DeBiasse
“Girl with Chick”
Fair 2010 Photo Contest Winners

2nd place- Gr. 4-8
Erin DeBiasse
“4-H Friends”

2nd place- Gr. 9-13
Alix Zudick
“Beau”

2nd Place-Adult
Mike DeBiasse
“Prize Winning Pup”

3rd place- Gr. 4-8
Erin DeBiasse
“Mechanical Man”

3rd place- Gr. 9-13
Alix Zudick
“Rain Barrels”

3rd place- Adult
Mike DeBiasse
“Kissing Booth”