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Dear 4-H Families,

Can you believe it is Fair time again? This is the time to wrap up your projects and register them for entry into the Fair. Exhibiting at the Fair is a great opportunity for you to showcase all of your talents and take pride in your accomplishments. Parents, we encourage you to support your children in their efforts at the Fair both at home and by helping out during the Fair. Speak with your child’s leader about opportunities that are available for volunteering at the Fair, or call the office at 973-285-8300 x3. There are many volunteer opportunities for adults and families.

We look forward to seeing all of 4-H families at Family Set-up Day on Sunday, July 20 from 9a.m.-3p.m. (food will be provided). Family Set up Day is a rewarding and fun way to work together as a family in support of the 4-H Fair. We hope to see you then!

Check out our new website… http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu. You will find information about upcoming events as well as forms and newsletters!

Sincerely,

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 adults.
Notable News & Kudos

4-H Theme Fair Selected, “Reach for the Stars with 4-H”

Congratulations to this year’s fair theme winner Katie Ellis of Puppy Tails and Nature’s Keepers. Her theme of “Reach for the Stars with 4-H” will be the cover of this year’s yearbook, and used on various materials throughout the year. Her design is attached.

Thank you to all of our other entrants:
- Alix Zudick
- Allie Broome
- Caitlin Brunner
- Christian Brunner
- Hannah Takach
- Julia Flores

Bonnie DiCola, our 2006-2007 friend of 4-H alumni was recently recognized by the local media for her help at a “Pet Out” at Cedar Hill Elementary School in Towaco. Bonnie helped fifth graders see off Elijah, a seeing eye dog that will soon be matched with a blind person.

Bonnie continues to be a friend of 4-H and the Seeing Eye! Congratulations Bonnie, keep up the good work!
Around The County

Animal Guardian Angels

During the last couple months of 4-H, we have been very busy. During our previous meeting we decided to watch a video on horse behavior. It was very interesting, and had a lot of tips on how to control a horse, and have it respect you, and work with you. Our next meeting took place at Running S Equine Veterinary Clinic. There we saw an ultrasound of a possibly pregnant horse. Unfortunately she was not. But they will try to impregnate her again, so we can follow her until birth. We have also been to Dr. Hodes's office. We talked about the incident with 6 Bells, and had found that the jockey really did not have anything to do with it. We also talked about hoof care. We learned lots of different diseases that take place in the hoof, how to treat them, and even how to prevent them from happening.

TEEN COUNCIL REPORT

Teen Council Members have been busy preparing for the Fair. Members designed the club's display and will putting it together in June and July. The club also voted to sell cookies again this year at the fair. Each member will make lots of cookies! Teen Council will be serving as Master of Ceremonies for both Opening and Closing Ceremonies at the fair and we are brainstorming and preparing for both events. Members also reported on the special Association meeting and the presentation given by Ms. Ginny Powell, State 4-H Program Leader. We are all looking forward to the Fair!!!
Hello Everyone! We've literally been so busy this year, that we've been missing our Discoveries deadline. This time, while still busy, we wanted to be sure we got our info in. What have we done? A better questions might be what haven't we done? We didn't build a rocket and launch it to the moon - yet - that is coming to be our meeting this week!

We've had many meetings, a few of them led by our Teen Leader Katie Ellis where she taught us fun ways to recycle. She also helped us make bird food ornaments for the holidays. We had a great herpetology meeting where many members and non-members brought in their reptiles and talked about them. This meeting was led by Christopher Blewett. Jake Harris brought his blue tongued skink, Skinky, Leopard gecko, and baby boa named Fang. Jenny Kellam brought her bearded dragon, Buddy. Gena Blewett brought her baby bearded dragon named Rainbow and Hiss, our 6' boa while Chris brought Arson, his fire skink and Ghost, his baby bearded dragon. We also had a beautiful iguana visit that night. We built and flew AMA cub planes. The kids had a blast! We've practiced for Public Presentations and many of our members participated. A few of our presentations were: Brownies by Erin Curley, Chocolate Chip Cookies by Sammi Zarzycki, My Aunts' Donkeys by Bridget Knodel, and The History of Football by Billy Small. Everyone did a great job and Jake Harris, a first time presenter and Katie Ellis both went to States! Congratulations to them all!

We had a great time on our trips too. We went to Liberty Science Center in February and horseback riding in May. We even went on an overnight this past weekend to Weis Ecology Center. Even with the heat, we all had a great time. We learned about life in a stream - after catching the critters that lived in the stream. Viviane Nilsen was one of our star crawfish catchers and Dominique Benson won the "catching your glasses award!" Carly Ellis even caught a baby trout! When it rained that evening we had indoor fun by playing Bat and Moth to help learn about how nocturnal creatures use their senses. We even had s'mores. The next morning we learned compass skills and got to apply them. Eventually we had to come home to Rockaway, but that's okay as we have more fun things to do! Rocket building, display creating and fair prep and the list goes on. . . . We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fair.

Write for Discoveries!

You can send in articles or pictures. We’d love to see your accomplishments! Our deadline for the next Discoveries is on Friday, August 8th. Please send anything you would like to see published in Discoveries to 4hmorris@njeas.rutgers.edu
COMMUNITY BULLETIN

NJ Teen Leadership Camp Out

Calling all teens! The NJ 4-H State Teen Advisory Council and NJ Speak Out for Military Kids Project are sponsoring a campout for 4-H and military teens in grades 8-12. This is a great opportunity to get to know teens from all over New Jersey! The weekend will be filled with leadership and teambuilding activities, swimming, hiking, boating, and more! It will be held from August 27-29 at the Monmouth County Park System-Nomoco Family Campground. The cost is $10 per person. Contact the 4-H office if you are interested in attending, and we will send you the registration forms. Forms are due by August 1st, 2007.

New Food and Fitness Ambassador

Cynthia Onorevole of Teen Council will be the 2008 Food and Fitness Ambassador. Cynthia will be working to get the word out about healthy eating and exercise over the next year. We are excited to have her to help us at various events. The Ambassador's goal is to get people, especially youth, to eat healthier and participate in more physical activities. If you would like to become a Food and Fitness Ambassador, then contact the 4-H office at 973-285-8300 x3.

“GET MOVING, GET HEALTHY!”

Leaders! Don’t miss out on a weekend of fun!
Register this Spring for the weekend of
October 23-October 26, 2008
Radisson Hotel Manchester, NH
Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum (NERVF)

All 4-H leaders and teen leaders are invited to attend. It will be an opportunity to connect with others in a meaningful and positive way. Group management skills are learned and improved and friendships renewed. This is a great place for leaders to refresh, rejuvenate and have some fun. There will be tours, workshops, speakers, evening entertainment and so much more. The cost is $325.00 with meals included. 4-H leaders-check with the 4-H office for possible scholarships.

*Call the 4-H office today for a detailed itinerary and hotel promotional codes
Clover Notes Are Available

**WHAT:** Clover notes are messages in the yearbook that you can purchase for your child to congratulate him/her for a great 4-H year!

**WHO:** Parents, friends or family can send their 4-Hers a personal note.

**COST:**
- Two lines $5.00
- Five lines $10.00
- Twelve lines $20.00

**DEADLINE:** The notes should be in by Friday, June 6.

**CONTACT:** Call 973-285-8300 x3

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See the back of Discoveries for mail-in-form-

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**Clip Contest**

4-H needs your set of eyes to help look for newspaper articles- “clips”. Next time you open a newspaper be sure to look for any articles regarding 4-H. Cut them out and make sure the name of the newspaper, the date, your name, your club and your phone number are all included. Participants may enter more than one clip, but it may not be the same article. All clips will be entered into a drawing and the winner will be picked at the annual Fair in July during opening ceremonies. The prize (TBA) will be well worth your effort.

Send Clips to: RCE of Morris County
4-H Clip Contest
P.O. Box 900,
Have you started thinking about the fair yet? We have! This section of Discoveries is devoted to letting you know about what is happening with the fair. Take a look around, see if there is anything you or your club is interested in helping out with, then contact the office to let us know!

What Do I Need To Do To Make the Fair Great?

4-H Members

Be sure to complete your projects and send in your registrations on time. The Entry Book contains all of the information, rules, and requirements that are needed to enter the fair.

4-H Leaders

Encourage your 4-H members to prepare for and participate in the Fair! Plan a Club Exhibit to promote 4-H. You can find the exact rules in the 4-H Fair Entry Book.

4-H Parents

Support your children, help with pre-fair club activities and volunteer at set-up and take down. Call the office to sign up for a shift in one of the many areas available including Info Tent, Hay Ride and Chicken BBQ.

Help Us Pay For The Fair and Earn a Ride Wrist Band and Pizza Party!

Please solicit sponsorships from your places of employment as well as local companies and businesses. (Anywhere you and your family go- the salon, car shop, grocery store, dry cleaner.) Please also ask your own family and 4-H club if they would like to sponsor a tent. Private and corporate sponsorship is necessary to meet fair expenses. We need to raise over $12,000 for tent rentals, entertainment, awards, and more. Sponsorship can be as small as $50, or as large as $2,000. Any amount is appreciated. For every $500 of sponsorship that you bring in to the fair, you will receive a weekend amusement ride armband. This is an opportunity to ride the rides all three days of the Fair for free!

Please contact Kathy in the 4-H office at 973-285-8300 x3 if you would like copies of the sponsor sheet for anyone you talk to. We appreciate all of your anticipated help and support!

TO FIND A COMPLETE LIST OF 4-H FAIR DATES THROUGHOUT NEW JERSEY PLEASE VISIT

www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/fairs/default.asp
**We Need Your Help!**

The fair is a huge success every year due to the fact that we have such wonderful volunteers to help us every year. Can you help out this year? Below is a list of fair jobs/division chairs that are still needed. If you feel you could help out in any of these positions, please contact the office at 973-285-8300 x3 and let us know!

- Fair Announcers
- Publicity Writer
- Shift Worker Scheduling Crew
- Road Sign Crew
- Photo Contest Chairperson
- Dignitary Reception Refreshments Coordinator
- Hospitality Host/Hostess
- Division Judges Refreshment Coordinator
- Literary Chair

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**Your Club Can Be In The Yearbook**

What’s a yearbook if you’re not in it? We encourage each club to create a page for the yearbook that helps to describe their club. The annual yearbook will be given out at the Morris County 4-H Fair from July 25-27.

The page should include your club’s contact information and tell about your club. The design should fit on an 8 1/2” x 11” page with a 1/2” border around the edges. Use black ink or a marker to create your page, as it will be photocopied in black and white. Photos and drawings may also be used.

If your club is planning to participate, please have your entry to the 4-H office asap.

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**Children’s Country Store**

**Items Needed**

Spring cleaning is the perfect time to clean out your closets and pack up all of those toys, books, puzzles, etc. that are no longer being played with at your house and donate them to the Children’s Country Store for the 4-H Fair. This popular booth sells used games and toys at bargain prices throughout the fair. Last year, thanks to the generous donations of our 4-H families and friends, we collected close to $1,000. Please pack your items securely in boxes and then put them in plastic trash bags for safe transport. Please bring your donated items directly to the Fair during Fair Set up Day on Sunday, July 20. This is also a fun place to volunteer for a three hour shift.

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**Don’t forget about our club banner and display contest!**

There is a $25 scholarship being offered by the Association for supplies and other expenses incurred while preparing the display and banner. If your club is interested in applying, please call the 4-H office.
Get Involved in The Fun!

- Bring your camera to the Fair. Anyone can take pictures, just point, shoot, and click anything you think will make great fair pictures. Photos can be entered into a contest.
- Give a Presentation -- All 4-H members who gave a county public presentation are invited to present again at the Fair.
- Show your club’s team spirit. Have a club meeting at the Fair, and a private club fair pizza party! Leaders can take the lead on this!
- Ride on all the rides you want! For $20.00, 4-Hers can purchase a fair wristband that allows them to ride on any ride, at any time, the whole weekend of the fair.

Spend the Night at The Fair

4-H would love to have you spend the night at the Fair! Everyone who spends the night needs to fill out a permission slip from the 4-H office.

A copy of this 4-H form can be downloaded off of the eBoard @ www.morriscounty4h.eboard.com. You must have a parent or chaperone staying with you. All permission slips must be signed by you, your parent, your chaperone and your tent manager.

Each adult staying at the Fair needs to sign an Adult Overnight Permission Slip as well. Everything must be completed before the fair and sent to the 4-H office.

Morris County 4-H Fair 2008
Parking Pass

Show to parking volunteer
NOT good for overnight parking
Family Set Up Day
July 20

The fair set up starts about a week before we actually open on Friday morning, and we need lots of help setting up! Once the tents and equipment are put up, we begin to unload the trailers. So how can you help?

The Sunday before the fair, July 20, we will be working hard under the tents setting up cages, building displays and decorating the stage. We start at 9 a.m. and work until 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier! Everyone who signs in will be entered into a drawing for a free weekend amusement ride armband.

At the end of the day, there will be a drawing for four weekend amusement ride armbands for those who participate.

Canine Good Citizen Testing

We will be offering Canine Good Citizen testing to all dogs on Saturday immediately following the dog show. You do not have to pre-register your dog, just stop by the table under the dog tent and sign up for a time slot. The cost of the test will be $10 and is being offered through the North Jersey Siberian Husky Club. If your dog passes the test you will be eligible to receive an AKC certificate. You will need to bring a brush and a 6-foot long leash to complete the test. For more information on Canine Good Citizen Testing visit www.akc.org/events/cgc.

Don’t forget to sign up and to meet!

Club members and parents are encouraged to sign up for a three hour shift in one or more of the areas listed. (See attached sheets at the end of this newsletter). For everyone who works a shift, they will be entered into the $100 work and win contest.

Fair Schedule

Check out the Fair Entry Book for the scheduled times of events and shows. A complete fair schedule will be posted on the Morris County website at www.morriscounty4h.org.