County Events

St. Patrick’s Day Parade
March 15

Public Presentations
April 18

Morris County 4-H Fair Dates 2008
July 25, 26, 27

State Events

Middlesex Small Animal Show
March 8

Wags and Whiskers Dog Show
Somerset County
March 15

National 4-H Conference
March 29-April 3

New Jersey Jr. Breeder’s Symposium
April 5

Monmouth County
4-H Small Animal Show
April 5

North Jersey 4-H Teen Conference
April 11-13

State Dog Show
April 26

State Hippology and Horse Judging Contest
May 3 & 4

State Public Presentations
March/April

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Deadlines

North Jersey 4-H Teen Conference Registration
March 10, 2008

Lubrano Scholarship Application
March 15, 2008

Horse Registration Forms
April 1, 2008

Club Reports Submitted By
April 10, 2008

Public Presentations Registration
April 11, 2008
Dear 4-H Families,

Spring is right around the corner, and that means lots of activity in 4-H! In March, we have the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, and several animal shows around the state. Public Presentations are April 18, and registration is due April 11, so keep practicing! Also in April is the North Jersey Teen Conference (NJTC). This event, which has been a Youth/Adult Partnership every step of the way, will be an opportunity for teens from the northern counties to interact, have fun, teach, and learn. Find more information about NJTC in the Teen Talk section. April is also the month for the State Dog show. There is still room in Challenge U as well, so if you haven’t signed up yet, be sure to get your registration in as soon as possible!

Happy Spring!!!

Sincerely,

Rachel Lyons
4-H Agent
Kathy Murarik
4-H Program Associate
Terri Yost
4-H Program Associate

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.
It’s about that time for Public Presentations

Pick your subject and get your note cards ready, public presentations time is right around the corner. The event date will be April 18, at the County College of Morris.

Registrations are due by Friday, April 11. There is an entry form in the back of this edition of Discoveries.

Spring into Action for Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22. Perhaps you would like to spend the day planting a tree. The Morris County Soil Conservation can provide the seedlings you need. You can order Spruce, Fir or Red Bud trees or Lilac bushes by Wednesday, April 4 to pick them up on the 16th, 17th or 18th of April. This could be a great community service project for your club. See the flyer in back of this issue of Discoveries, and sign up for your seedlings today.

St. Patrick’s Day Parade

We’re looking forward to seeing everyone at the Parade! Be sure to come and march with us on Saturday, March 15. We will be meeting behind the Morristown Municipal Building between 11 and 11:30. If your club will be participating, please contact the 4-H office and let us know!

State Dog Show April 26
Cook Campus, Rutgers University

Good Luck to all the 4-H Participants!!! Results will appear in the next issue of Discoveries!
90th Annual Rutgers Ag Field Day
April 26, 2008
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Rain or Shine

Rutgers Ag Field Day is a campus wide all day festival at Cook Campus. Bring your family and friends and enjoy:

- The 4-H Dog Show for Seeing Eye puppy raisers and dog project members
- Tours of Rutgers Gardens
- Flower and Plant Sales
- Face Painting, Clowns, Magicians and Cockroach Races

*4-H members please see your club leaders for eligibility requirements and registration for the dog show.

Horse Registrations Due

All horse registrations are due to the 4-H office by April 1, 2008, no later!

Remember, horses must be registered to be eligible for the State 4-H Horse Show, fair, trail and and some other county, state and national events.

Here are some additional tips to ensure your paperwork will be accepted for 2008:

- Each registration form must be submitted in triplicate
- All information must be complete, legible and accurate
- If applicable, complete the lease/borrow form in triplicate
- The photo of the animal must be in color on each copy and fit in the square on the form
- The helmet policy must be signed and on file in the 4-H office
- The health records and current coggins are not due until April 18, 2008

New Jersey Junior Breeder's Symposium

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day
April 5th
Hands-On Activities, Food & Fun
Cost: $12.00 per person
Contact (609) 984-4389

*Call the 4-H office for a registration form
Preppers Prepare To Sign Up For Public Presentations As Participants

At Public Presentations grades 1-3 are not judged, but have the opportunity to present a topic near and dear to their hearts. Perhaps you play an instrument or have a pet that you love. Whatever you have to present, we want to hear!

If you have never participated in public presentations, there is no need to fear. The more you learn to stand in front of an audience the less frightened you will become. Remember this is not a competition, all preppers will receive a participation ribbon. So have fun!!!

Key advice for preppers’ presentations:

1) **Choose a topic you are familiar with:** By choosing something you know about, you already create a “comfort zone” and will have an easier time delivering your speech in three to five minutes.

2) **Practice, Practice, Practice:** Remember that practice makes perfect. When you practice at home in front of an audience (mom, dad, sibling, friend, your dog) you will quickly feel at ease and be prepared to handle your topic with ease on presentation day.

3) **Don’t Stress:** Public Presentations are fun! Everyone there watching is rooting for you and truly interested in what you’re going to say. So take a deep breath and relax! You’ll do great!

4) **Sign Up Early:** There is a public presentations sign up sheet in the back of this newsletter. Parents: please take the time to help your prepper fill it out and hand it in no later than April 11. Public Presentation Day is scheduled for April 18 at Morris County College.

The Learning Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 6:46 with Pledge.

1. Officers will rotate every 2 months. The office of treasurer was added.
2. One dollar dues will be collected from each member at each meeting.
3. We will celebrate members’ birthdays.
4. Meetings will be held on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, no meetings in August.

Meeting closed at 7:25.
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

Are you excited about a craft, hobby, or interest? Do you think youth would be too? Then think about presenting a hands-on workshop to youth at our Challenge U camp this summer. Workshop proposals are now being accepted. Topics could include: Photography, art, animals or anything else that you enjoy!

Call the 4-H office at (973) 285-8300 x3.

Mini Grants

Mini Grants are always available from the Association for clubs to purchase education materials or to offset the cost of trips. If you are interested in applying, contact the office for an application.
National 4-H Congress

Teens in grade 9-12: this program is for you!
Would you like to go to Atlanta, Georgia November 28—December 2? National 4-H Congress could be one of your most memorable 4-H experiences. This 4-H event is educational and hones in on leadership development as well as cultural and social programs. Be sure to check out the website www.national4-hcongress.com Call the 4-H office for an application.

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Teen Council has been very busy. In early February some of our members attended Winter Camp. Now we are planning NJTC, an upcoming trip to NYC and a special service project. NJTC is around the corner and we are working on the program and decorations. It is going to be a great conference- even if you are not in Teen Council you should consider coming. We voted to take a trip to NYC in the spring. Our plans include visiting Tiffany’s, Ripley’s Believe It or Not Museum and doing some general sight seeing. We are really looking forward to it. In February we planned our spring service project- making Birthday-In-A-Box for the local food pantry to help families in need celebrate their children’s birthdays. Our next meeting is March 10th- if you are in grades 8-13 you should stop in and check out what Teen Council is all about!

Camp Counselors Wanted For Challenge U Camp

Hey Teens! Are you good at working with kids? Do you like being outdoors? Will you complete 8th grade in June? Why not volunteer as a camp counselor for Challenge U this summer. It may be the perfect opportunity for you! You would be helping kids in grades 3-5 to have a fun-filled week, June 23-27. You’ll get to meet new people, have new experiences, and work with kids. Contact the 4-H office at 973-285-8300 x3 for an application.

North Jersey 4-H Teen Conference (NJTC)

Introducing the 1st Annual 4-H Teen Conference for North Jersey! NJTC is a fun-filled weekend conference where teens in 4-H can meet people from other counties, and participate in lots of fun-filled activities.

Who: 4-H teens in grades 8 and up
What: A Weekend of making new friends, learning new skills, and having fun
When: April 11-13, 2008
Where: Days Inn, Bridgewater, NJ
Cost: $165—limited scholarships are available
Deadline: Registration due March 10, 2008

*Contact the 4-H office for a registration packet, see back of Discoveries for detailed flyer.
WINTER CAMP, A BLAST!

This winter, we had several people attend Winter Camp at the L.G Cook Campground in Sussex County. The weekend was filled with fun! Although there was no snow, we had fun rolling down the ice covered hills, playing in the Nature Center, and being crafty in the Winter Headquarters. We played board games, worked on quilts to be donated to ill children, and enjoyed sitting fireside. Saturday night, we created a fire, cooked s’mores, and even sang Karaoke. There were great renditions of old Righteous Brothers songs, new country hits, and even the Backstreet Boys. Everyone had a blast, and we look forward to going again next year!

SAVE THE DATE

State Public Presentations
Saturday, June 14

All teens in grade 8 and up can qualify. If you are presenting at Public Presentations on April 18 and receive a blue ribbon you will be able to attend and present at State Presentations. Mark your calendars!

Attention:
High School Seniors
Lubrano Scholarship Application
Deadline postmarked by March 15, 2008

See your 4-H leader or call the 4-H office for an application.
Fair Theme/Yearbook Cover Contest

This unique contest offers more than the usual perks. Your artwork will be on every yearbook and program guide for the Fair, plus it will be a crucial part of the Fair’s theme! If you have any great ideas brewing get started designing! Mail your entry to the 4-H office by May 16, 2008. You are allowed as many entries as you’d like. However, each entry should be on a 8 1/2” x 11” sheet of paper with a 1/2 inch border around the edges. Last year’s winning theme was “4-H Pot of Gold For Youth,” by Kristen Miicke of Puppy Tails. This year it could be you!

Mail entries by May 16, 2008 to the 4-H office:
Fair Theme/Yearbook Cover Contest
P.O. Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07963-0900

Happy Designing !!!

Last year’s winning design by
Kristin Miicke

Be A Part Of The Fun! Help Raise Fair Funds!

Chi-Ching!! Thanks to all your help last year we were able to get a good number of sponsors to help fund the Fair. Please be aware that where ever you go (grocery store, salon, dry-cleaners) these are all potential sponsors! So feel free to politely ask if they would be willing to help fund the 4-H Fair. Families, places of employment are all eligible too. 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. Contact Kathy at 973-285-8300 x3 for more info.
Your Club Can Be in The 4-H Yearbook

What's a yearbook if you're not in it? We encourage each club to create a page for the yearbook that helps describe their club. The annual yearbook is available 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 a 8 1/2 x 11" page with a 1/2 in. 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 by June 30.

Volunteer For The Fair

The fair is a success every year, thanks to all our volunteers. Can you help out this year? We still need help for the following jobs:

- Fair Announcer
- Publicity Writer
- Shift Worker Scheduling Crew
- Road Sign Crew
- Photo Contest Chairperson
- Dignitary Reception Chairperson
- Refreshments Coordinator
- Hospitality Host/Hostess
- Horticulture Chair
- Cake Decorating Contest Chairperson
- Watermelon Eating Contest Chairperson

CLOVER NOTES

 Reserve your space early for this year's Clover Notes! Clover notes are messages in the 4-H Fair yearbook that you can purchase for your child, leader or special volunteer to congratulate him/her for a great 4-H year!

 Clover Notes can be purchased for:

 Two lines $5.00
 Five lines $10.00
 Twelve lines $20.00

 DEADLINE: June 15

 CONTACT: The 4-H Office at 973-285-8300 x3

Club Banner Display Contest

There is a $25 Scholarship being offered by the 4-H Association for supplies and other expenses incurred while preparing the display and banner. To apply for your club please call the office to request an application.
Spring is right around the corner—here are some fun spring events happening in your 4-H communities

**Somerset County**

**Somerset County 4-H Dog Show** hosted by Wags and Whiskers. The event takes place on March 15. Registrations are due by March 3rd. Doors open at 8 a.m., Grooming class begins at 8:30, and the show begins at 9 a.m. Donations will be taken for the Somerset Animal Shelter.

One of our exciting opening programs this year for **Science-Sational Day** is **Dragons & Dreams**. The registration form is in back of Discoveries. First-6th graders can participate in hands-on science workshops that include our most popular Panning for Gems, Snakes & Lizards, Surgeons in Training and our newest success story, Try It - Fly It. This year new workshops featuring Cool Plants, A Bee's Life, Who Done It? and Tower Power.

The cost is still $20.00 per child and parents can attend for no additional cost. Call the Somerset County 4-H Office, 908-526-6644, for more information. Registration forms are also available online at [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org)

**Middlesex County**

**4-H Spring 2008 Small Animal, Poultry, and Herpetology Show**

Saturday, March 8, 2008
8:30 AM
For all 4-H Members
If you have any questions, please call:
Dennis Miller (732)634-4622
Fred Offenburger (732) 634-4622

[www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org)
Monmouth County 4-H
Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal and Herpetology Show

Saturday, April 5, 2008
Taylor Pavilion, Belmar, NJ
Free Dress-Up Contest
Doors Open at 8 a.m.,
Judging promptly at 9 a.m.
This is a 4-H show only!
Entry Fee: $3.00 Per Animal
Call (732) 431-7263

Focus On
Morris County

Tune into Cablevision Channel 21 or Patriot Media Channel 8
Mondays - Fridays 8:30 a.m.
Friday nights- at 10:30 p.m. or Sunday nights- at 9:30 p.m.

This is local
Morris County News.
Tune into to see 4-H update the county on our latest programs.

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,
Morristown NJ 07963
Hello again! We are still semi-new, but we’ve managed to get a lot done—we finished our banner in two meetings! For those of you who didn’t get to read our first article, we’re a veterinary science group, which means that we’re learning about what it takes to be a vet, what a vet does in their practice, and we get to have some fun with the animals. Our group leaders are Laura Tarlowe and Liz Carlson, and they are awesome—both as people and as leaders.

Our group has 7 members—Morgan Hamill, Stephanie Tarlowe, Emillie Boehm, Lindsey Nordstrom, Michelle Mondok, Erika Severud and Lindsey Severud.

We haven’t had too many more meetings since the last article, but we have done quite a bit. We’ve attended the Tractor Supply Opening, and that was a blast. At Dr. Hodes’, the last time we went we learned about skulls, how to float animal’s teeth, and the symptoms of overgrown teeth. He showed us different size floats, and how each one is made to fit the animal. We also learned about West Nile Virus and how it is transmitted. Although there are a few vaccinations out there for it, the disease is still out there. The next time we’re going to Dr. Hodes, we’re going to learn about appendicitis and kidney failure.

The latest activity we have gone to is a horse judging clinic. Those of you who are interested in horse judging and have attended the basic courses, we highly recommend this course. It is very informative and teaches you quite a bit over the course of two days. It took place on January 26th and 27th, at the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show grounds. The beginning of this course takes place in a barn during the morning—be sure to wear those extra thick socks and gloves! Aaron Callahan is a horse professor from Black Hawk college in Illinois, so he’s the best of the best. He really knows his stuff and will teach you a boatload of information.

Submitted by,
Lindsey Severud and Erika Severud

Attention 4-H Club Reporters
Keep up the great writing!!
Our next deadline for your articles will be on Friday, April 10 for our May/June Issue of Discoveries
The 4-Footed Leaders are in full swing this year. On January 12 we went to the Livingston Mall for our clubs mall walk. After we walked the dogs and did a demo. We ended the day with lunch at Apple Bees. On January 21 we were once again asked to return to The Connection in Summit to do a demo. Last year one of the children in attendance enjoyed the demo so much that she became a puppy raiser. On January 26 we returned to the Boonton Firemans Home where we spent time with the residence and then did a demo for them.

At our general club meets we have been working on a project to send Thank You cards to the soldiers in Baghdad. We are inserting photos of our dogs and writing notes to the soldiers. They will then be forwarded to the Soldier Angle organization where they will be sent to the soldiers that are not receiving mail from home.

By-Katelyn Baumgartner

New club officers:
President - Elena H
Vice President - Lindsey K
Secretary - Kate S
Reporter - Katie B

Puppies that returned to the Seeing Eye:
Katie’s Krystal
Jean's Kelsey
Brook’s Ginny
Elena’s Dayton
Greg’s Eli
Jackie’s Queenie

New club puppies:
Sharon’s Poclo
Katie’s Dollie

Coming Soon! Clover Country CD
Eleven songs by former 4-H artists such as Reba McEntire, Faith Hill, Sugarland, Martina McBride, Alabama and many more.
Available for sale in March be on the lookout for more information.
Dogs ‘R’ Us

On January 15, 2008, we held our monthly business meeting. We remembered our fun filled holiday party in December, where we held a gift exchange which included gifts for dogs AND humans. The Woofminster Dog Show was held February 2. Allie discussed the process of completing a record book. In our next business meeting we are going to go over public presentations.

Upcoming Events We Plan on Attending:
St. Patrick’s Day Parade—March 15th
Public Presentations—April 18th

-By Zoe Everett

Puppy Tails

Although it has been a quiet month, the Puppy Tails club is keeping busy. On February 5th—several puppies and their trainers ventured to the Lowes in Hacketts-town. A good time was had by all.

Unfortunately, one of our puppies has to go back this time around—Halo. Thanks goes out to the family who took such good care of this fine Shepard.

Now, some exciting news: We have a new addition to our Puppy Tails family. Ollie—a male black lab mix. Ollie is a little over 15lbs, and I believe 9 weeks old. Thank you to Elizabeth and the Groveman family for raising yet another puppy! Ollie is such a cutie! Have fun with him!!

Om March 7th—Samantha Zarzycki is getting her puppy Arcie. Arcie is a 7 week old black lab. Good Luck to Sami and her family! I don't know who is more excited about the puppy—my mom or I.

Till next time—
Reporting live—
Sami Z.

Election Results for Dogs ‘R’ Us

President—Allie Broome
Vice President—Kate Dodge
Treasurer—Danielle Bailey
Secretary—Alix Zudick
Reporter—Zoe Everett
Vice Reporter—Alix Zudick
Vice Treasurer—Talia Everett
Radical Rocketeers

In January, the 4-H club "Radical Rocketeers", hosted "Hands On" Native American experiences, and "Creating Moon Craters" science experiments, as part of Rutgers Universities Geology Museum Open House.

Some of the displays consisted of "Native American dolls", by Meredith Rouse; Native American Clothing and Lifestyles of the Lennee Lenape Indians by "Jay" Michael Dennis. Some of the native American participation events were: “Art rubbing plates by Ryan Nelson;” Using words & symbols to tell a story by: Mustafa and Aya Salim; “Creating wildlife Tracks by JJ Montana; “Geological Dig” by Megan Rouse; and "Daily objects and Projectiles by Ashe Replogle and Aniruh Ramesh.

The second session consisted of two experiments with "meteoroids,” to see how the size of a rock affects the size of a crater. The children took different sized stones and dropped them into a pan of flour and recorded depth and width of craters created.

The Geology Museum of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, was constructed in 1872. George Cook, who founded the Rutgers Scientific School, intended the museum to exhibit the many specimens collected by the NJ Geological Survey. As Dr. Cook hoped, the exhibits serve to cultivate the scientific interests of Rutgers students and the public.

These displays and experiences were hosted by the 4H club to give the children a "spark" of interest in native American culture and science.

In attendance were the following adult Volunteers: 4H club leader: Jim Newquest; ASST. LEADER: Glenn Roth; guest speaker: Jay Michael Dennis; Roy Nelson, Ed Bohon, Alyce Salim; Ramesh Varadarajan; Derk and Alicia Replogle; Raginu Rarian; John and Maria Montana; and Doreen Tafone.

By- Jim Newquist, Leader
**Challenge U: A 5-Day Summer**

**Challenge U** is an energetic 5-day camp for youth. Campers will challenge themselves to grow into independent people through trying new things, learning new skills, and interacting with their environment. Each day will present a new challenge! Youth who attend camp will be involved in teambuilding activities, games, and hands-on learning experiences.

The **Challenge U Summer Day Camp** program is designed and coordinated by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development program in Morris County. 4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The mission of this camp is to give youth an opportunity to grow and learn while developing these skills.

**WHO?** Youth who have completed grades 3-5

**WHAT?** A Week of Fun!

**WHERE?:** Lewis Morris Park, Morristown NJ

**WHEN:** June 23-27, 8:30-4:30

**COST:**
- Early Bird (before March 1) $200
- Regular: (March 1-April 30) $250
- Late: (May 1-June 15) $275

**Monday, June 23 Challenge: Be Active**

Monday will challenge you to try new games and activities, and have fun with your fellow campers.

**Tuesday, June 24 Challenge: Explore Your Surroundings**

Tuesday will focus on the world around us. We will take hikes, explore waterways, and discover things we can do to protect our environment.

**Wednesday, June 25 Challenge: Compare the Past with the Present**

Wednesday we will think about how our life would be different if we lived at the turn of the century. This day trip to Fosterfields will give us the opportunity to experience how people in Morris County used to live.

**Thursday, June 26 Challenge: Something Different**

Thursday's activities will be a range of games and activities presented by many of our 4-H clubs and teens. All of these activities will give us a chance to learn different skills in a hands-on manner.

**Friday, June 27 Challenge: Help Your Community**

On Friday we will be exploring different ways to help in our community from recycling to volunteering. Everyone will participate in designing and carrying out a group community service project.
DATED MATERIAL