Morris County 4-H Fair Dates — July 18, 19, 20, 21

This year the Fair will take place on July 18, 19, 20, and 21. On Thursday evening, July 18, the Fair will open at 4 p.m. and fair-goers will be able to go on rides, attend opening ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. and enjoy live entertainment, exhibits and great food. Our popular fireworks will light up the night sky on Friday. The Fair will be a fun filled four days with a variety of exhibits. If you are interested in playing a role in helping to make this year’s Fair even better, there are plenty of jobs to go around! Be on the look out for the Fair Entry Book to come in the mail sometime in May. Don’t forget to start thinking about a yearbook page and club exhibit!

For those 4-H club members interested in spending the night at the Fair, applications for Overnight Fair camping can be downloaded from our website at http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu or call the office if you need an Overnight Fair application.

Please see our special Fair section - pages 16-21

A Message from County 4-H Agent, Rachel Lyons

Thank you, Morris County 4-H! It has been an absolute pleasure to work with such a great group of 4-H youth, volunteers, and parents over the past eight years. I want to thank you all for being a part of Morris County 4-H and for supporting the program.

Many of you have heard by now that I have been assigned a new role within 4-H. I wish you all nothing but the best. While I am leaving Morris County, I am not leaving Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Beginning May 1st, I will be providing leadership to the New Jersey 4-H Program by serving as the interim Chair of the Department of 4-H Youth Development and State 4-H Program Leader. This change is bittersweet for me. While I look forward to having the opportunity to make an impact on the 4-H program statewide, leaving the Morris County 4-H program is one of the hardest things I have done as a 4-H Agent.

Please know that Morris County 4-H in good hands. Kelly, Kathy and Donna will continue to do great things in your county.

I will miss each and every one of you and know that you will continue doing great things through 4-H. If you are ever on campus, please stop by the State 4-H office for a visit! Rachel
Dear 4-H Families,

Welcome to spring and a new season of 4-H events and activities. Flowers are popping up all over and green leaves are returning to the trees. April brings us County Public Presentations and the 4-H State Dog Show. June has State Public Presentations for all of our teens who qualify. As the days grow longer and the weather gets warmer, thoughts are starting to once again turn to summer fun. Our 4-H Fair is just a few short months away. Mark your calendars now for July 18, 19, 20 and 21. This year we have a great lineup of activities.

Remember, our fair opens on Thursday evening at 4 PM with lots of activities including Opening Ceremonies at 7:30 PM. Included in this issue is a Fair Shift-worker sign-up sheet to fill out and return. Invite your friends and relatives to help out also. Everyone is welcome! Keep a lookout for the Fair Entry Book to be put on our website sometime in May.

Happy Spring !!!

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. If special accommodations are needed please contact the 4-H office.

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.
Hats Off & Kudos

Thank You North Jersey Teen Conference Participants March 8-10

The 2013 North Jersey Teen Conference (NJTC) was an exciting weekend for 4-H teens in grades 8-13. The theme for this year’s conference was "4-H: Investigations" which encouraged a weekend of using clues to solve puzzles.

The Friday night entertainment kicked-off the weekend with a "who-done-it" mystery. Someone stole the 4-H diamond and it was up to the teens to prove their innocence and discover the thief. On Saturday, teens participated in a number of workshops including stress management, crime scene clean up, and dancing. For the Saturday afternoon field trip the teens traveled to Rutgers University to watch an amazing science show put on by Busch Campus graduate students and their professor. Saturday concluded with a formal dinner followed by a dance party, swimming, games, and an ice cream social. Sunday morning’s group activity focused on team building in a survival situation in the desert.

All too soon, it was time to say goodbye until next year. Be sure to join us next year at NJTC 2014!

4-H visits Science Fairs

4-H staff and volunteers have been busy spreading the word about 4-H and science, and promoting Science-sational Day, at local Science Fairs this winter. We visited the Chester Science Fair at Black River Middle School, the Long Valley Jr. Women’s Club Science Fair at Cucinella School in Long Valley, the Tinc Road Science Fair and the Sandshore School Science Fair in Mount Olive. We will also be present at Centenary College’s Science Fair on April 27.

Thanks to the following staff and volunteers that helped out at these Science Fairs:

- Kathleen Onorevole
- Reilly McWilliams
- Kelly Allison

- Jim Newquist
- Taylor McWilliams
- Donna Pomel

2013 North Jersey Teen Conference Participants
- Katelyn Baumgartner
- Michael Baumgartner
- Patrick Baumgartner
- Charlie Becker
- Zach Becker
- Gena Blewett
- Kim Cronin
- Kate Dodge
- Carly Ellis
- Melissa Joseph
- Samantha Zarzycki
Teen Winter Camp 2013

The bitter cold didn’t shut down any of the fun at this year’s Winter Camp. Five Morris County 4-H teens traveled to L.G. Cook 4-H Camp from January 25-27th. They met up with 4-Hers from Burlington, Gloucester, Mercer, and Salem for a weekend of crafting, cooking, hiking, and games.

New for Friday night, teams of 4-Hers competed in minute-to-win-it challenges. On Saturday, a variety of activities kept everyone busy. From broom ball to karaoke, there was always something going on. When it was time to head home on Sunday everyone had plenty of fun memories of Winter Camp to take home. We are looking forward to next year’s Winter Camp and hope that you will join us!

Thank You to our Winter Camp Participants!

Katelyn Baumgartner
Patrick Baumgartner
Katharine Dodge
Morgan Sanchez
Samantha Zarzycki

Welcome New 4-H Clubs and Leaders!

We are excited to announce the formation of two new 4-H clubs in Morris County.

Wing Nuts - Teaches poultry care from egg to hen. The club meets at Fosterfields Living History Farm in Morristown. Leaders are Robert and Julie Kibbe.

Kids 4 Kindness - Variety of community service projects focused on supporting people on the county, state and national levels. The club meets in Long Valley. Leaders are Michelle Lis, Michelle Munley and Jen Masterson.

Welcome all new 4-Hers and Leaders!!

Prepare Well for Public Presentations

This year’s Public Presentation event will take place on Friday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. at County College of Morris in Cohen Hall. Presenters should arrive early to sign in on time.

Cloverbud members should prepare to present for at least 1-5 minutes. Presenters in eighth grade and up should present for at least 8-15 minutes to be eligible for the State Presentations on June 8. All other presenters should have at least a 3-15 minute presentation. If you are bringing a dog as a part of your presentation, please be sure to have it on a leash.

Everyone is asked to bring a tray of refreshments to share. For more tips on Public Presentations, please see page 6. Also find the Registration Form at the end of this newsletter.
National 4-H Congress Application Deadline April 16

This year’s National 4-H Congress will be held on the weekend after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29th to Tuesday, December 2nd. National 4-H Congress is a long weekend for 4-H teens around the nation in grades 10-12 to come together for a quality, educational and cross-cultural experience. 4-Hers can attend this event only one time in their 4-H career.

If you are interested in going, get on the ball early. Be sure to download your application online at www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/nat4hcongress. Please contact the 4-H office with any questions at (973)285-8300x3.

Become a club guest speaker!
4-H is looking for people to talk about their hobbies, activities, & interests at 4-H meetings as guest speakers. This helps our club leaders, especially Cloverbud clubs, expose children to many different topics and activities. All adults and older teens are welcome, currently in 4-H or not! Please spread the word! Whatever your interest, 4-H wants you! If you have something you’d like to tell kids about, please contact the 4-H office.

Morris County 4-H Speaker’s Bureau
Name:______________________________________
I would like to tell 4-H club kids about ____________________________
___________________________________________
I am interested in working with kids in grades: ___ K-3 ___ 4-8 ___ 8-12 (Check all that apply)
You can contact me at: ___________________________________________
(Phone)__________________________________________
(Email)__________________________________________
Return this to 4-H, PO Box 900, Morristown, NJ 07963-0900
or call 973-285-8300 x 3 or email 4hmorris@aesop.rutgers.edu
I was asked by ____________________________

Share your Artistic Talent at Rutgers Day!
4-Hers who would like to share a Visual or Performing Arts/Media activity are encouraged to share their exhibits! Cloverbud and Standard 4-Hers are invited to share their talents in visual, performing and media arts (e.g., music, dance, magic, clowning, drawing, painting, photography, drama, writing, filmmaking, puppetry, etc.). 4-Hers need not be registered in an arts related 4-H club to participate. 4-Hers can perform or exhibit visual or media arts they have created on their own, in their club, or at school.

Individual and group entries welcome. This is a non-competitive event; all 4-Hers will receive participation ribbons and certificates. Registration due on April 19. Contact Ellen Williams: 732-932-9214 or Williams@njaes.rutgers.edu for registration and permission forms.

Saturday, April 27
10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Free Admission Rain or Shine

In this milestone 5th year, Rutgers Day will continue to offer performances, tours, exhibits, hands-on activities, and perennial favorites like Ag Field Day, the Engineering Open House, and the New Jersey Folk Festival. Come share in our Rutgers pride by exploring the university’s research, education, and service. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a full day of discovery and lively activities like animal shows, garden and nature tours, performances, lectures, children’s programs and the annual State 4-H Dog Show.

The College Avenue Campus will feature the best of Rutgers’ arts and humanities. Visit the Busch Campus for fabulous science and athletic programming. The Cook/Douglass campus will be a bustling center for all things green from plant sales to barn tours. Check the website in April for a complete program - http://rutgersday.rutgers.edu/.

Don’t miss the new Rutgers Day parade at 11 a.m. on the College Avenue Campus. Floats, jugglers, swing dancers, and even a Quidditch team will parade down College Avenue and through the Voorhees Mall. Cheer on the Scarlet Knight and the Army ROTC Color Guard, and feel the scarlet spirit with the Rutgers Marching Band.

4-H Notable News
RUTGERS DAY
Experience New Jersey’s State University
**Key Advice For Public 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.

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 Cloverbud fill it out and hand it in no later than April 13. Public Presentation Day will be held on April 19, 2013 at County College of Morris.

All those in 8th Grade and up who receive Excellent on their Presentation on the county level are eligible for State Public Presentations. State Presentations will be held **Saturday, June 8th** at Hickman Hall, Cook/Douglass Campus.

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**Get help Preparing your Public Presentation!**

A Public Presentation Workshop will be held on **April 3** at the **4-H Office**

6:00 PM – Presentations 101
- Learn what a Public Presentation is
- Learn what you need to do to prepare for your first Public Presentation

7:00 PM – Advanced Presentations
- 4-H Staff members will help you polish and perfect your presentation
- Get lots of helpful hints on how to make your presentation the **best**

**Don’t Miss this Valuable Workshop!**

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**Please send in your pictures!!**

Email us your digital pictures in jpg. form from your club meetings or trips and we’ll include them in Discoveries. We’d love to see what your club has been up to!

Please send your pictures via email to: 4hmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu or mail to:

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County
4-H Youth Development
P.O. Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07963-0900

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**Mini Grants Available**

Morris County 4-H clubs can apply for grants of up to $50 from the 4-H Association to help pay for educational trips or materials. Mini-grant applications may be submitted any time throughout the year.

Call the 4-H Office at (973) 285-8300 Ext 3 for more information.
**NJ State 4-H Dog Bowl**

Good Luck to the Morris County Junior Team members Erin DeBiasse, Corrine Rybarski and Kent Sanchez.

Good Luck to Senior Team members Kate Dodge and Morgan Sanchez.

The 4-H Dog Bowl competition will be held on April 14. This event provides an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of canine science and management.

For more information, visit [http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/dogs/dogbowl/](http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/dogs/dogbowl/)

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**Middlesex County 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal & Herpetology Show**

**Saturday, April 13, 2013**

8:30 AM

Open to all 4-H Members

Middlesex County 4-H Center
645 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick

Contact (732) 398-5261 with any questions

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**Horse Club Members**

**Save These State Event Dates**

State 4-H Hippology and Horse Judging Contest
Sat. and Sun. April 6-7

NJ State 4-H Equestrian of The Year Contest
Sat. August 17, Monmouth County

State 4-H Horse Show

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We salute all of our wonderful 4-H volunteers this National Volunteer Week April 21-27

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the youth of Morris County!

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**Save the Date!**

**September 7, 2013**

**NJ State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal & Poultry Show**

Registration Packet and further details will be available in May

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**Words to Live By**

Volunteers are not paid — Not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is just that little extra.

Teamwork allows common people to attain uncommon results!

Volunteers don't just do the work ~ they make it work.
**2013 Horse Photo Contest**

- Contest is for Amateur photographers only
- Entries deadline Friday, May 31 - **Photos must be in on that date.** Horse News is not responsible for lost or delayed mail.
- The theme is equine, but the horse does not have to be the main element of the photo
- Winning photos will be published in Horse News beginning in the July issue
- Covers for future Horse News issues will be selected from the entries
- Winners will be chosen in several different categories based on age and/or subject, which will be determined by the entries
- Entries may be prints, slides, or digital. Submit digital entries on CD, DVD or via e-mail at a minimum resolution of 200 dpi at about 4 inches by 6 inches for best print quality. TIFF and JPEG formats are preferred
- On the back of the photo or in the e-mail message, write: name of photographer, age if under 18, identities of all animals and people in photo, address, phone and e-mail. Include a note stating whether or not you own a horse. A brief description of where and when the photo was taken may be included, as well.
- There is a limit of 10 photo entries per person
- Winning photos from previous years are not eligible

Send entries to: horsenews@hcdemocrat.com or Horse News, 8 Minneakoning Road, Flemington, N.J. 08822. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope to have photos returned. For additional details call 908-948-1271 or e-mail: horsenews@hcdemocrat.com.

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**TRACTOR SUPPLY STORES SPRING PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN**

May 8-19 are the dates for the 4-H Spring Paper Clover Campaign at all Tractor Supply stores. Our nearest store is in Flanders on Route 206. If you are shopping at the store, be sure to check it out and show your support to 4-H.

All 4-H clubs are invited to set up a club booth to spread the word about 4-H during this time. If your club would like to do this during the weekends of May 11-12 or 18-19, please let us know so that we can make arrangements at the store.

A portion of the money collected comes directly back to the Morris County 4-H program. Features added to this spring’s promotion are:

- A $5 Paper Clover available for purchase in addition to the $1 option
- A Purina coupon will be attached to each Paper Clover
- A new incentive program allows counties to receive additional funds
- A regional 4-H award winner, which will award $1,000 to the top performing state in each 4-H region

**Stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center**

Are you and your family planning a visit to Washington, DC? If so, did you know that **you and your family** can stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center?

The National 4-H Youth Conference Center is just one mile from Washington, DC and is one of the most modern, comfortable, and efficient residential-training meeting and hotel/guest room facilities in the Washington, DC, area and is uniquely designed for youth. For more details, contact the center @ 1-800-FOUR-H-DC or http://www.4hcenter.org.
Roxbury Riders

Hello everyone! We’ve been having a galloping good time here at the Roxbury Rider’s club. We held a meeting over Christmas break with Mercy and Charity Tyne. Due to the weather the horses were a little too crazy to take out for a ride. Last week we held a sleepover meeting with Hope and Keziah Anderson in Montclair. We even did movie night!

Roxbury Riders has been keeping busy with various projects and activities and is always coming up with new ideas. Becca and our leader Jan designed and built some pretty cool jumps this past winter. It was a fun activity and the jumps turned out looking really nice. We are all looking forward to trying them out this spring! (Especially Bubba!)

We now have club T-shirts which are black with a spirited white horse on the front. They are also personalized by each member.

We are all very excited about the 4-H fair this summer and are already starting to plan for it! A warm welcome to Candace Grabow our new adult volunteer! Candice has helped out with the chick display at the 4-H fair the last few summers and is glad to be involved with a club. Also welcome back Peter Millus! Looking forward to the next meeting and warm riding weather!

Kids 4 Kindness

The Kids4Kindness Club is a club where students and adults work together to raise awareness and help spread kindness throughout the community. This will be done through fundraising and staying current with what is happening in our world. This club was started October 2012. We then found out about being a part of the 4-H and were excited to join and be a part of the 4-H Community. Our objectives of promoting kindness in the community and inspiring members to be positive role models fits in nicely with the 4-H characteristics. We look forward to welcoming new members and expanding to spread kindness.

Before becoming a 4-H club we have done the following projects: we collected and wrapped pajamas with a ribbon and poem for the Morris County Foster Children and distributed them at their holiday party, we made over 100 microwaveable heat packs for residents of a local nursing home and sang carols to them, we made over 700 red, white and blue friendship bracelets for the students and staff at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT, we made origami angels for a local teen battling cancer and most recently we made treat bags for the first aid and fire house men and women in our town and handed them out at their monthly meeting.

In the future we are looking forward to making kindness posters that will be shared throughout the community, making birthday baskets for the local food pantry, having a Kindness Day in May, hosting a party for children with disabilities and working with local animal shelters. We will also have fundraising events throughout the year to help pay for the projects. New events are added each month and to us the sky is the limit!

Come and join us for our meetings which are the third Monday of every month at the Long Valley Middle School at 7 pm starting in April.

Wing Nuts

A new 4-H club has formed in Morristown at Fosterfield’s Historical Farms on Kahdena Road. Our members and cloverbuds chose the name "4-H Wing Nuts" to show our interest in poultry and birds.

We are ably led by Farmers Rob and Julie Kibbe, who live and work at the Farm, and who are educating our mostly urban kids in the whats and whys of poultry.

We recently made a banner and marched in the Morristown St Patrick’s Day parade. Contact jlkibbe@gmail.com for more information on joining our club!
Adventure Seekers

Adventure Seekers continued to explore new horizons this winter! In January, we learned about adventurer Charles Darwin and his discovery that Galapagos finches have different beak shapes depending on the food they eat. Since we didn’t have time for a jaunt on the HMS Beagle, we brought the Galapagos to Chester by playing a beak adaptation game. Members tried to pick up small objects, like beads and foam insects, using tools such as spoons and popsicle sticks. As they imitated birds foraging for food, the Adventure Seekers tried to determine which “beaks” were most appropriate for each type of “food.”

Our bird theme continued in February, when Bella and Joe’s mom lead a great project that also emphasized our responsibility for the environment. She explained the importance of recycling and passed out something that everyone should be recycling: paper towel cores. Then it was time to get messy! The Adventure Seekers covered the cores with peanut butter, then rolled them in bird seed to create outdoor bird feeders that our feathered friends will appreciate in the cold wintertime.

We Marched right into the next month at the Morristown St. Patrick’s Day Parade! The Adventure Seekers had a blast decorating their club banner and riding on the 4-H float. They were excited to ride on such a festive float, and enjoyed waving their 4-H signs at thousands of parade-goers.

Nature’s Keepers

Nature Keeper’s has been really fun and interesting since December. In our January meeting, we only had the teen members, no cloverbuds. We took that time to plan our future meetings and discussed what field trip we might want to go on.

Our next meeting at the end of January, we dissected owl pellets run by our teen leader, Sammie Zarzycki. We learned about owls, how many types there are in New Jersey, what they eat, and that they have two stomachs! We found many bones in the owl pellets, and everyone was really intrigued about finding the skeletons of rodents and other small animals.

In February, we had Melissa Joseph and Jenny Kellam run a meeting about Egg Drops. We took an egg and made a little “protection layer” around it to protect the egg. Then we dropped the egg, and checked to make sure it didn’t break. If it didn’t, our egg “baby” survived, and if it broke, then it had died. Everyone was very creative in making a protection layer, and everyone enjoyed it.

Also in March, Mrs. Ellis ran a meeting about sound waves and how they travel. Everyone was very interested, and we all learned a lot. We learned that sound waves travel fastest in solids then it does in water. We watched as Mrs. Ellis demonstrated how sound waves look as she dropped water into a pan full of water, and we watched the waves. Then we made cup phones, where we measured string and attached them to cups, and if we pulled them tight enough, we heard our partner talking; which everyone loved!

Nature’s Keeper’s has been very busy, we went on a field trip to the Great Swamp and learned about Maple Sugaring! It was very cold, but we learned a lot! We have worked hard, had great meetings and field trip.

Thank you Jenny, Melissa, Sammie and Mrs. Ellis for planning our meetings!

By Sammie Zarzycki
4-H Club News from Around the County

Dogs “R” Us

This winter our club has been busy with training our dogs and some of our club members have been practicing for the State Dog Quiz Bowl that is taking place in April. Erin, Corrine and Kent are practicing for the Junior Team and Morgan and Kate will be moving up to the Senior Team.

Corrine and Erin proudly marched in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade with Smarty Pants and Roxy. Kate gave us a report on NJTC that she attended. Erin announced that Roxy received her Therapy Dog certification.

We are also preparing for the State Dog Show at the end of April that is held on Rutgers Day.

By Erin De Biasse

Attention Club Leaders:
Please help us with Registration Forms

Please note the importance of having the new member registration forms filled out in their entirety. Please encourage new members to complete the forms to the best of their ability, including all required signatures. An incomplete form must be returned to the potential member before they can be processed and the member recognized as official. If possible, please check the forms for accuracy.

Also please remember that all members/leaders/assistant leaders must be registered before they are eligible to participate in any 4-H events, including club meetings. Pertinent information includes dates of birth for both youth and adult members. This information is needed in order to accurately complete our end of year reports.

Thank you for your help!

Next Discoveries Deadline is June 6

Thank You for all your great submissions and pictures! We love reading your club news!

Please continue to send us your club information and updates.

Check out the National 4-H website
http://4-h.org
The site has great 4-H information, links, and resources!
4-H Camps & Weekends

4-H Summer Camp

At Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp, campers explore and discover! Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp is a residential summer camp located in Branchville, New Jersey in the heart of beautiful Stokes State Forest and has served 4-H and non-4-H campers since 1951.

Our experienced and dedicated staff provide a challenging yet nurturing setting, where we help your child “learn by doing” within the philosophy of Rutgers University 4-H. The unplugged environment of our camp allows campers to try new things, open new doors, meet new challenges and make new friends. Our community is intentionally small to offer your child the individual attention that they need to succeed.

Choose from six fun-filled weeks of summer camp.

- July 1-6: 4th of July Celebration
- July 8-13: Campfamous!
- July 15-20: Chaos
- July 22-27: Time Travel
- July 29-Aug 3: Color Wars
- August 5-10: Classic Camp S'Moregasbord

Activities range from campfires, talent shows and games to in-depth classes in our five subject areas: Creative Arts, Outdoor Education, Shooting Sports, Leadership Development and Water Sports. We also offer a special Science, Engineering and Technology (S.E.T.) session that provides fun, hands-on opportunities to learn about rocketry, CSI, ecology, and more. See the article below.

Rutgers Employees and 4-H Members get $50 off their registration! (discount does not apply to S.E.T. Camp fees)

Visit our website at http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu or email us at 4hcamp@aesop.rutgers.edu.

Come for a tour of camp at our Celebrate Camp Open House, April 7th from 12 to 4 pm! Come and join the fun!

Science Engineering & Technology Camp (S.E.T.) - June 25-28

S.E.T camp is a week-long camp option for 5th-8th graders who would like to learn and experience more with science. The S.E.T camp will take place on the L.G. Cook campgrounds and will feature hands on learning experiences in one of the S.E.T initiative subject areas.

Our camp offers intense, focused classes in a variety of creative science course areas such as Robotics, Rocketry and Aeronautics, Car Talk, Eco-Detectives, Designing a Super-Coaster, and MORE! Each camper will chose one workshop topic to explore, with 6 sessions in that topic area. The cost of the camp is $300. Find out more and download registration info at http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/SET.html

Becoming An Outdoor Family Weekend at Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp

Come join us May 17-19, 2013 in the heart of beautiful Stokes State Forest for an affordable outdoor educational experience for the whole family.

This program is a joint effort by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Get Moving Get Healthy Program, NJ 4-H Shooting Sports Program and L.G. Cook 4-H Camp in the spirit of the “Get Outdoors, It’s Yours” national campaign.

Expert instructors begin each class with the basics, providing hands-on learning experiences in orienteering, hiking, natural arts, outdoor cooking, kayaking, canoeing, firearm safety, fishing, and much more.

Cost is $75 per person for the entire weekend stay and includes housing, meals, instruction, class materials and equipment.

For more information, check out our website http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/Outdoor_Family

You may contact us at 4hcamp@aesop.rutgers.edu or 973 948-3550 Register by May 3
**St. Patrick’s Day Parade**

4-H Clubs March at St. Patrick’s Day Parade

The 35th Annual Morristown St. Patrick’s Day Parade took place on Saturday, March 9. The weather was warm and sunny and helped to draw a crowd of about 70,000 spectators that lined the streets of Morristown. The parade included 120 groups that proudly marched, including several traditional Bagpipe bands as well as several Irish step dancers.

Morris County 4-H had a great representation with 53 4-Hers and family members marching. We had a great float this year, decorated by 4-Hers. 4-H was also represented with The Seeing Eye, where members of Puppy Tails and 4 Footed Leaders marched with their dogs.

Special thanks to all the 4-H clubs that marched in this year's parade and to all that helped decorate our float. Special thanks to Performance Trailer, Inc. of Flanders for donating the trailer and to Mic McWilliams for driving our float. A great day in green was had by all!

Thanks to all our marchers:

- Robin, Mic and Taylor McWilliams - Cloggers and 4-H Board of Directors
- Morgan and Maria Kovach - Cloggers
- Thomas and Erin Huber - Cloggers
- Amelia, Maria, Michael and Tracy Alfano - Feathered Friends
- Clayton and Glen Zdroik - Feathered Friends and 4-H Board of Directors
- Luke and Richard Cadman - Claybusters
- Klune Ershow - Feathered Friends
- Christopher DeRosa - Feathered Friends
- Meghan, Anabella, Joseph and Anthony Dicristina - Adventure Seekers
- Alex, Anthony and Henry Levine - Adventure Seekers
- Corrine Rybarski - Dogs “R” Us
- Janet Dodge - Knit Wits
- Johanna, Michael and Valerie Pipoli - Knit Wits & Buckaneers
- Mia, Sarah and Caroline Hwang - Knit Wits & Buckaneers
- Gemma, Kit and Bob James - Wing Nuts
- Erin and Mary Ellen DeBiasse - Dogs “R” Us
- June Perigo - Wing Nuts
- Galen Martin - Wing Nuts
- Nan Perigo - Wing Nuts
- Emmalee Miller - Buckanears
- Emily Gladden - Buckanears
- Laura Graham - Phoenix Horses
- Jo Wade and Rachel Daniels
- Kathleen Onorevole - Adventure Seekers and 4-H Board of Directors
- Justin Tuttle - Buckanears
- Kate, Renee and Mike Dollar - Buckanears
- Kathy Murarik - Dogs “R” Us and 4-H Office Staff
- Donna Pomel - 4-H Office Staff and 4-H Board of Directors

Join us next year for a fun event!
St. Patrick's Day Parade

TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER
4-H CLUBS
MORRIS COUNTY

St. Patrick's Day Parade
This section of Discoveries will give you all the important information you need to know about the upcoming Fair, July 18—21. Take a look and see if there are any volunteer opportunities that interest you, then contact the office and let us know how you can help.

**Important Fair Meeting!**

*May 16 7PM*

Bring your ideas on how we can make our Fair *even better* this year! *Please come!*

**Create your Club Page for our Fair Yearbook!**

Clubs should start designing a club page for our Yearbook. The page should include your club’s contact information and tell about your club. Photos and drawings may also be used. Be as creative as you like! Remember, fairgoers take our Yearbook home. This is a great opportunity to showcase all the great things your club does.

Use black ink or a marker to create your page, as it will be photocopied in black and white. Create your page on 8 1/2" x 11" paper with a 1/2" border around the edges.

All club pages should be in the office *no later* than Friday, June 21. We can’t emphasize enough how helpful it is when all clubs cooperate with the deadline so we can get our Yearbook to the printer on time.

We really appreciate all of the clubs’ efforts on this project and look forward to seeing some very creative pages!

**Tricky Tray Gift Baskets Needed**

This year’s Tricky Tray will be held on *Saturday night, July 20* at the Fair. The Tricky Tray is one of the most anticipated events at the 4-H Fair. We are looking for clubs to make baskets and to go to stores to collect gifts or gift certificates. Each club is also asked to donate its own tray.

Please bring gift items to the fairgrounds and deliver them to the Information Booth on Wednesday, July 17 between 4 and 9 p.m., or any time on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, July 18-20.

Please bring all gift certificates to the office or fair by Wednesday!

For every *five gifts* you collect, you will receive a *free sheet of Tricky Tray raffle tickets*.

**Volunteers Needed for Fair Setup**

Fair set up will be at 9:00 am on *Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14*. We will be setting up tables, chairs, animal cages and pens and many other things in and around the tents. We need as many volunteers as possible; the better the turnout, the quicker it goes. Every 4-H member and family member who comes out to help will be given a raffle ticket for the drawing for a free $20 wrist band for the Amusement Rides. A delicious lunch will be provided by Janet and Kevin Malcolm.
**Club Banner & Display Contest**

The 4-H Association is offering a $25 scholarship to clubs for supplies and other expenses incurred while preparing their club display and banner. If your club is interested in applying, please call the 4-H office to request an application. We hope every club participates in this event!

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**Help Sponsor our Fair and Earn an Amusement Ride Wrist Band**

For every $500 of sponsorship that you bring in to the Fair, you will receive a weekend amusement ride wristband. This is an opportunity to ride the rides all four days of the Fair **FOR FREE**! Please solicit sponsorships from your places of employment as well as local companies and businesses. (Anywhere you and your family shop: salon, car shop, grocery store, restaurant, dry cleaner, etc.).

Please also ask your own family and 4-H club if they would like to be sponsors. Private and corporate sponsorship is necessary to meet Fair expenses. We need to raise over $20,000 for sponsorship. Sponsorship can be as small as $25; any amount is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Kathy in the 4-H office at 973 285-8300 x3 for more info on how to get Fair sponsors. Sponsor forms can be downloaded our website at - http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/sponsorship.html.

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**Fair Yearbook and Theme Design Contest**

Pick your own theme and design your own cover for this year's Yearbook and Fair Program Cover in the Fair Theme Contest. Think about what the Fair means to you and incorporate this fact into your design. Please mail your entry to the 4-H Office by Wednesday, May 15, 2013. You may enter as many designs as you wish, but each entry must have your name, address and phone number as well as your club's name on the back. The design should fit on an 8 1/2” by 11” sheet of paper with a 1/2 inch border around the edges. The contest is open to all 4-H members.

Last year's winning theme was -

“4-H is a Place where Everyone Belongs; Belong, Believe, Achieve!”

by Kate Dollar of Buckaneers 4-H club.
2013 4-H Fair

You Can Choose What To Do!

Here are some ideas of things to do at the Fair:

- **Bring your camera to the Fair.** Anyone can take pictures of anything you think will make great fair pictures. Photos can be entered into the Fair Photo contest after the Fair.

- **Present a Program at Cloverbud Corner.** All 4-H members are invited to give a short talk or presentation on a topic of their choice to our youngest fairgoers (grades 3 and under). Talk about your 4-H project and bring your animal/project with you. Or talk about anything you think would interest our young friends. Contact Kelly at the 4-H Office if you’d like to sign up.

- **Give a Public Presentation.** All 4-H members who will be giving a county public presentation are invited to present again at the Fair.

- **Show your club’s team spirit.** Have your club’s meeting at the Fair, and maybe a club party! Talk about it with your club!

- **Ride on all the rides you want!** For $20, 4-Hers can purchase a fair wristband that allows them to ride on any ride, at any time, the whole weekend of the Fair. Call Kathy to put your name on the list. Make checks payable to the Morris County 4-H Association. Mail to: Morris County 4-H Fair, P.O. Box 900, Morristown, NJ 07963-0900

Don’t forget to sign up to help at our 4-H Fair!

Club members and parents are encouraged to sign up for a three hour shift in one or more areas at our Fair. (See attached sheets at the end of this newsletter for sign up opportunities).

For everyone who works a shift, they will be entered into the $100 Work and Win contest. PLEASE HELP!!!

**IMPORTANT MEETINGS!**

Please mark your calendar and be sure to attend the following important Fair meetings.

**May 9, 7PM - Food Tent Meeting**

Any club that is planning to sell food of any type must attend this important meeting!

**May 16, 7PM - General Fair Meeting**

This is an important meeting to discuss all areas of the Fair. Please come & bring your ideas on how we can make our Fair even better this year!

Rutgers Cooperative Educational programs are open and accessible to all. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the 4-H office.
Opening Ceremonies Kicks off the Fair

We hope that your club will be marching in our Parade of Clubs at Opening Ceremonies on Thursday, July 18th at 7:30 pm. We will be marching through the fairgrounds to proudly display our clubs; stopping briefly at the judges reviewing station for photos. Every club who marches in the parade will receive a special award. Let’s make this year’s parade a really fun event. Project animals are always welcome in our parade. Don’t miss it!

Donations Needed For Children’s Country Store

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 more than $1,000. Please pack your items securely in boxes and then put them in plastic trash bags for safe transport. You can bring your items to the 4-H office or directly to the Fairgrounds. Please call the office before making a delivery to make arrangements with Kathy.

This is also a fun place to volunteer for a three hour shift.
Help out at the Fair

We are so grateful for the many volunteers who help out at the Fair each year. Would you like to help out this year? There are many volunteer opportunities to get involved with. Jobs that need to be filled include:

Corporate Volunteer Recruiter
Fair Announcers
Models Chairperson
Fair Ambassadors
Hay Ride Drivers
Publicity Announcer
Road Sign Crew
Hospitality Hosts & Tent Cooler Crew
Fair Photographer

Please see the Fair Sign Up Sheet at the end of this newsletter for more volunteer opportunities

Call the office at (973) 285-8300 x3 to sign up!

What to wear to the Fair:
4-H t-shirts or bandanas.
These may be purchased at the Fair Information Booth.

What not to wear to the Fair:
NO Bare feet;
sneakers are best.

What not to bring to the Fair:
No Bicycles
No Retractable Dog Leashes

After a tiring day at the Fair, it’s time to hit the hay!

4-H would love to have you spend the night at the Fair! Some special activities are being planned for some of the nights after the Fair closes.

Everyone who spends the night needs to fill out a permission slip from the 4-H office. A copy of these 4-H forms can be downloaded from the 4-H website at http://njaes.rutgers.edu. 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 complete an Adult Overnight Permission Slip as well. All forms must be completed before the fair begins and sent to the 4-H office.
1. Where is the Fair and when do I enter my exhibit?

The Morris County 4-H Fair will be held from Thursday-Sunday, **July 18-21, 2013**, at Chubb Park in Chester. All exhibits must be registered in advance of displaying in order to be judged and receive recognition. Refer to the 4-H Fair Entry Book for all details.

2. Where do I put my exhibit?

There will be a large 4-H exhibit tent. The exhibits will be displayed on tables or display boards set up in the tent. The tent coordinators will tell you where to place your exhibit.

3. How do I enter my exhibits?

You will receive a 4-H Fair Entry Book in the mail. You can also download it from the website at [http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu](http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu). Enclosed in this Entry Book are your entry forms. **New this year will be online entries.** All entries at the Fair must have entry tags. You will receive your entry tags when you bring your entries to the fairgrounds on Wednesday, **July 17**, between 6 - 9 p.m. All food entries will be brought to the Chester Public Library on Wednesday night between 7– 9 p.m.

4. How many exhibits may I enter?

4-Her’s are eligible to exhibit in as many divisions and classes as they desire. Some projects may have certain limitations explained under each division. All articles must be made or raised by the exhibitor.

5. How will my entry be judged?

Exhibits will be judged on the Danish System: blue ribbon for excellent, red for very good, yellow for good and white for fair. The Morris County 4-H Fair committee will secure competent judges.

6. What award might I receive?

Morris County 4-H Fair award ribbons will be given for each exhibit entered. A special rosette will be awarded to the outstanding exhibit for each division. Rosettes will be awarded in some divisions. The Best in Show Awards will be given to the exhibitor at the Closing Ceremonies of the Fair.

7. When will I get my award?

An official Fair Awards Ceremony will be held at approximately **3:30 p.m.** on **July 21**. Rosettes and trophies will be awarded to the outstanding exhibits. Danish Ribbons will be given out when the exhibits are judged.

8. When do I remove my exhibits?

Removal of exhibits will be after 4 p.m. on Sunday, **July 21**. Exhibits **MUST** be on display until then to be eligible to receive awards. You may make arrangements to have your exhibits picked up if you will not be able to get them yourself.

9. What can I do to help make the Fair a success?

- Enter your exhibits **BEFORE JULY 5**.
- Attend the Fair and be willing to help out whenever needed.
- Have a smile on your face and cheery disposition to promote 4-H and it will endear you to all the spectators who visit the 4-H Fair.
- Help keep our fairgrounds neat and clean. Pick up any litter you see.
4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

April 19, 2013
County College of Morris
Dover-Chester Road, Randolph, NJ
All 4-H Members (Including Cloverbuds)
Please arrive at 6:00 to check in
Presentations begin at 6:30 p.m.

Return by:  April 12, 2013
Check which type of presentation you are giving:

- _______ Demonstration
- _______ Illustrated Talk
- _______ Formal Speech
- _______ Performing Arts

Return to:    Morris County 4-H Office                     P.O. Box 900
Attn:  Public Presentations              _______  Demonstration
        Morristown, NJ 07960                _______  Illustrated Talk
        Fax: 973-605-8195               _______  Formal Speech
        Email: 4hmorris@aesop.rutgers.edu _______  Performing Arts

NAME: ___________________________________CLUB:_________________________________________
E-MAIL ADDRESS: __________________________________________ Phone #______________________
GRADE: ___________ BIRTHDATE:___________________  YEARS IN 4-H__________________________
CLOVERBUD MEMBER_______ NUMBER OF PAST COUNTY PRESENTATIONS GIVEN ______________
LAST YEARS PRESENTATION TITLE & SUBJECT: _____________________________________________

TITLE OF YOUR PRESENTATION____________________________________________________________

BRIEF EXPLANATION_____________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

LENGTH OF PRESENTATION: _________MINUTES
(Suggested times: Cloverbud 1-5 Minutes,  8th Grade & Up 8-15 Minutes, All others 3-15 Minutes)

*8th Grade & Up* - Mandatory 8-15 Minutes presentation with an Excellent Rating for State Eligibility.

I WILL BE USING POWERPOINT _____ Yes    _____ No      Computer and projector will be provided

I WILL USE SMALL ANIMALS _____ Yes    _____ No      Kind:  ________________________________
(small animals and dogs acceptable)

I WILL BE PREPARING FOOD    _____ Yes    _____ No

EQUIPMENT:  4-H member is responsible for providing all equipment needed for the presentation.
If you need special assistance, call the 4-H Office (973-285-8300, Ext 3) before April 8, 2013.

MY LOCAL WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IS: (Please give the name of your weekly newspaper)

______ Yes, I will bring a tray of snacks, hors d’oeuvres or other finger food for refreshment at the Awards Ceremony. (i.e. cheese and crackers, veggie platter)

Grades 4-13, Check one: _______ Yes, I would like to be a host/hostess.
______ No, I would not like to be a host/hostess.
We’re asking each 4-H Family to sign up for at least one shift! *Thank you!*

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### Club:

### Address:

### Telephone:    Cell Phone:    Email:

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*Please arrive early for your shift to help with any last minute set up.*

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Place check mark here if you can help.

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