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.

This year the Fair will take place on July 17-20. On Thursday evening, July 17, the Fair will open at 4 p.m. and fair-goers attend opening ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. and enjoy our Talent Show, 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!

Caitlin Brunner represents Morris County 4-H at the New Jersey State Agriculture Convention

The New Jersey State Agriculture Convention was held on February 5-6 in Atlantic City. The Morris County 4-H representative was Caitlin Brunner. Read about Caitlin’s experience at the Convention:

“The New Jersey State Agriculture Convention served as another ever important reminder on the qualities 4-H presents. This annual multi day event captures many aspects of agriculture from workshops to displays. My portion of this was serving as the Morris County Agriculture Ambassador, a roll I was selected for as Morris County 4-Her of the Year. Each county came together with their ambassadors to display and explain the agricultural values of their area. This evening concluded with a dinner with awards presented to both the future and veterans of agriculture.

For me personally, this was a particularly exciting event. Some counties donned multiple ambassadors, allowing the total to come just below forty-five. Out of this group, I knew 15 from various 4-H events at the state and national level. It was pleasant to again be reminded of the value 4-H has beyond it’s own borders.”

We Have New Telephone Numbers!

The 4-H office has a new telephone system. We now each have a direct line and you can dial us directly, at the following numbers:

4-H Office Main Line - 973 285-8301
Kathy Murarik - 973 285-8311
Kelly Dziak - 973 285-8312
Donna Pomel - 973 285-8301
Dear 4-H Families,

Welcome to spring and a new season of 4-H events and activities. This winter has been hanging on forever. The sub freezing temperatures falling on the last week of March was no surprise after having so many cold days all season. We know that flowers will be popping up all over and green leaves will be returning to the trees. As the season changes we know that April brings us the 4-H State Dog Show. May has County Presentations followed by June with 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 17, 18, 19 and 20. 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 are details about signing up to volunteer at our Fair. Please 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 !!!

Kathy Murarik             Kelly Dziak                   Donna Pomel

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.
North Jersey Teen Conference 2014

The annual North Jersey Teen Conference (NJTC) brings together teen 4-H members from across northern NJ for a weekend of learning, exploration, and fun. This year’s theme was “Back to the 4-H Future” with workshops that explored the history of chocolate, discovering our ancestors, and dancing through the decades. Many workshops were led by teen members of the planning committee.

Morris County 4-Hers, Katie Baumgartner and Kate Dodge taught participants how to manage their stress in “Slow Down Time”. Kimberly Cronin also taught a workshop titled “Reality Check” which explored simple ways to trick our senses.

Following the workshops, NJTC participants explored the Historic Paterson Museum and Falls. The day was wrapped up with a formal dinner and dance complete with ice cream social.

This year’s NJTC was a great opportunity to make new friends, explore new ideas, and be part of one of the best 4-H events of the year. Be sure to ask one of our Morris County representatives how you can get to next year’s conference!

Morris County 2014 North Jersey Teen Conference Participants

Katelyn Baumgartner  
Kimberly Cronin  
Katharine Dodge  
Jason Fiumefreddo  
Justin Fiumefreddo  
Maria Russell  
Samantha Zarzycki  
Clayton Zdroik

Adult Chaperones

Kelly Dziak  
Matthew Pomel

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 in Long Valley Middle School, the Tinc Road Science Fair and the Sandshore School Science Fair in Mount Olive.

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

Jim Newquist  Charlie Pomel  
CJ Sinko  Kelly Dziak  
Elyse Sinko  Donna Pomel  
Rosanne Oblen
Teen Winter Camp 2014

What better way to describe the fun of Winter Camp than hearing it directly from a participant! Here is what one 4-H’er had to say about Teen Winter Camp 2014:

“I had the best time ever in 4-H Winter Camp. I loved snow tubing, ping pong, and making lunch for the other campers. The minute it to win it and the other games/activities were outstanding. At first I was nervous about being here, but after 5 minutes I knew I was going to have tons of fun. I made new friends and learned how to play table tennis (the right way). The cabins were heated wonderfully and the beds were comfortable. The salads and the fruits were delicious and just ripped. I hope there will be snow next year in winter camp. Also the cabins were clean and new. I will invite my friends to come to the summer and winter camp. Also I like to thank the chaperones and the organizers for doing such an amazing job to organize this camp.”

Thank You to our Winter Camp Participants!

Katelyn Baumgartner
Caitlyn Brunner
Katharine Dodge
Mikayla Harris
June Perigo
Maria Russell
Anna Sikes
Robert Szumski
Elizabeth Verge
Samantha Zarzycki
Clayton Zdroik

Shannon Rauter will represent Morris County 4-H at Citizen Washington Focus

Citizen Washington Focus is a leadership program conducted by National 4-H Council for 4-H’ers in grades 9-12. New Jersey will be represented along with 6 other states for the week-long program on July 6-12. 30 of the approximately 300 4-H members representing their states will be from New Jersey. Morris County 4-H is pleased to be sending Shannon Rauter, of Teen Council 4-H Club, to the Conference.

Staying at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD, just outside our nation’s capital, delegates will learn about government, citizenship and civic education through workshops, committee work, field trips and social events.

We look forward to learning about Shannon’s experience when she returns.

100th Anniversary of Cooperative Extension

In 2014, we celebrate the centennial of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the Cooperative Extension Service, a unique educational partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the nation’s land-grant universities that extends research-based knowledge through a state-by-state network of extension educators. Through Rutgers University, we have a network of educators who extend university-based research and knowledge to the residents of New Jersey.

For 100 years, the Smith-Lever Act has stimulated innovative research and vital educational programs for youth and adults through progressive information delivery systems that improved lives and shaped a nation.

Join us as we celebrate 100 years of extending knowledge and changing lives.
**National 4-H Congress**

**Application Deadline April 15**

This year’s National 4-H Congress will be held on the weekend after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 28th to Tuesday, December 1st. 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](http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/nat4hcongress). Please contact the 4-H office with any questions at (973)285-8301.

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**Saturday, April 26**

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/](http://rutgersday.rutgers.edu/).

Don’t miss the Rutgers Day parade down College Avenue, and displays on information about our participation in the Big Ten conference. The Scarlet and White spring football game will take place at 4 p.m.

**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 18. Contact Ellen Williams: 732-932-9214 or Williams@njaes.rutgers.edu for registration and permission forms.

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**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.

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**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 973-285-8301 or email 4hmorris@aesop.rutgers.edu

I was asked by ____________________________________________
### 4-H Reminders

#### 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!

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 7th** at Hickman Hall, Cook/Douglass Campus.

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#### Prepare Well for Public Presentations

This year’s Public Presentation event will take place on **Friday, May 2 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. **See you there!**

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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) 285-8301 for more information.

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A Call for Help

We received the following email from our 4-H friends in Ocean County:

“I am reaching out today on behalf of a local 4-H family that lost everything in a house fire over the weekend. All family members and animals are safe thanks for the quick work of the volunteer fire department and Mrs. Myhren who was home alone and thought of the animals first. The Myhren family has been in Ocean County 4-H for 11 years. Kelsey and her brother Evan attend high school in Jackson and are bright students looking to attend college in the near future. Since the fire, the family has been split up at various friends houses waiting to hear the fate of their family home.”

Ocean County 4-H is asking for support for this family from the wider 4-H community. Letters of encouragement may be sent directly to the Ocean County 4-H office, 1623 Whitesville Road, Toms River NJ 08755. Gift cards to Wal-Mart and Target are also being collected to help the family purchase clothes, bedding, cleaning supplies, and other goods.

Please encourage your club members to show their support for this 4-H family during their time of need. Your club can help this family just by letting them know that their 4-H community cares.
TRACTOR SUPPLY STORES
SPRING PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

April 23-May 4 are the dates for the 4-H Spring Paper Clover Campaign at all Tractor Supply stores. Our nearest store is on Route 206, Flanders. Please stop by and be sure to 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. Jim Newquist will also be on hand to talk about all Morris County 4-H has to offer. If your club would like to set up a display during the week-ends of April 26-27 or May 3-4, please let us know so that we can make arrangements at the store.

A portion of the money collected comes directly back to Morris County 4-H.

New this year!!! 4-H Paper Clover Sweepstakes

Any 4-Hers who participate in an event at their local TSC store during the Spring 2014 Paper Clover Fundraiser can enter the sweepstakes. After your club participates in a local store event during the Paper Clover event, visit http://www.tscand4h.com/4h_site/sweepstakes.html to submit an entry with your 4-H Club contact information and participants’ names.

- Ten Sweepstakes entries will be drawn on May 12, 2014 at random.
- Winning clubs will receive a $100 TSC gift card for the club, and a $15 TSC gift card for each club member who actively participated in the TSC Paper Clover event and is listed on the winning entry form.

2014 Horse Photo Contest

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.

Contact the center @ 1-800-FOUR-H-DC or http://www.4hcenter.org.
Teen Council Club News

The Teen Council club is a club that is dedicated to helping the community in any way that we can. For the month of February, the Teen Council’s community service activity included working with the Jersey Battered Women’s Shelter (JBWS). In this activity, Teen Council listened to a presentation given to by a representative from JBWS. The main goal of this activity was to learn about dating abuse, differentiate between a normal relationship and an abusive one and what we can do to help. Later in the evening, the Teen Council listed various ways in which we can help promote the idea that dating abuse is wrong. Throughout the night, we were able to come up with many ideas and are currently in the process of forming a basis for our activity. Teen Council now plans on using what was learned at the presentation to present it at the 4-H fair, so please, for those attending the fair please anticipate it!  ~Reported by Kim Cronin

4-H Notable News

NJ State 4-H Dog Bowl

Congratulations to the Morris County Junior Team members Erin DeBissae and Sammi Sternstein. Who won 2nd place at the State 4-H Dog Quiz Bowl competition on Saturday, March 2. All of their practice paid off with the tough competition. Erin placed 2nd and Sammi took 5th place in their high individual scores. Our Morris County team was paired with a member from the Hunterdon County Team to make a team of three.

Congratulations to Senior Team members Corrine Rybarski and Morgan Sanchez who were awarded 1st place along with a Hunterdon County team member. Morgan placed 2nd and Corrine placed 6th in their high individual scores. Congratulations all!!!!

2014 4-H K-9 Arts Show

Morris County 4-H members scored well in the 4-H K-9 Arts Show. Our results:
Photography - Gr 4-6:
1st Place - Sammi Sternstein

Photography - Gr 7-9:
1st Place - Erin DeBissae
2nd Place - Erin DeBissae

Colored Pencil - Gr 4-6:
1st Place - Sammi Sternstein

Congratulations 4-H’ers!

2014 NJ Goat Extravaganza

The NJ Goat Extravaganza was held on January 11 in Hunterdon County. 52 4-H members represented clubs from six counties. Charlize Sinko, of Morris County’s Just Kid N’ Around 4-H Club, received the following honors:
2-D Art, Gr 4-5 - 2nd Place
Photography, Gr 4-5 - 2nd and 3rd Place
8-Station Skill-a-thon, Gr 4-5 - 1st Place

Congratulations Charlize!!

Woofminster Dog Show

The Woofminster Dog Show, sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Woof Dog Club, was held on Feb 22. Kate Dodge, of Dogs “R” Us 4-H Club, represented Morris County at the show. Kate and her dog Jessie won 3rd Place in Obedience and 4th Place in Junior Show. Congratulations Kate (and Jessie))!

2014 4-H K-9 Arts Show

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4-H Camps & Weekends

4-H Summer Camp - Explore & 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 7-12: The Hungry Games!
July 14-19: Pirates
July 21-26: Chaos
July 28-Aug 2: Medieval Mythland
August 4-9: Super-Secret Agent Spy Week
August 11-16: Camp Smorgasbord

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 & 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, May 17th 1:30-5:30 pm!

Come & join the fun!

Science Engineering & Technology Camp (S.E.T.) - June 30-July 3

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 areas such as Robotics, Rocketry and Aeronautics, Car Talk, Eco-Detectives, Designing a Super-Coaster, and MORE! Each camper will choose 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 & Cook

4-H Camp

Come join us May 16-18 in 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 $80 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/Seasonal/Family%20Camp.html

You may contact us at 4hcamp@njaes.rutgers.edu or 973 948-3550

Register by May 3

A NJ 4-H Leader talks about 4-H Summer Camp

Why do you send your daughter to overnight camp? I wish I had a quarter for every time someone asked me that question. For years I was not sure myself. I just knew that she loved going to LG Cook 4-H Camp, so I let her continue to go for a week or two each summer. She spread the word to her friends in 4-H clubs and many of them followed suit. Now most all of our club members look forward to returning each summer. Many count the years until they are old enough to go to camp because they hear the wonderful stories and yearn to join in the fun.

I often ask them what they love about summer camp. They have a hard time putting their finger on it. They might pick a certain game or activity but truly I can see that it is something more. The huge smiles on their faces and feelings radiating from their hearts tell me that it is more of a feeling then any particular activity that they love.

The secret is that they learn a lot more than is obvious. Taking responsibility, learning independence and the skills of friendship and cooperation are all necessary for our children as they grow into young adults. How can we send them away to college without giving them the opportunity to practice these skills beforehand? I feel that the skills learned in 4-H, and in particular at LG Cook summer camp, have made my daughter a successful college student as much or more than her high school did.

LG Cook 4-H Camp registration is open for this summer, and 4-H members get a discount when they register. Please encourage your club members to spend a week at camp. Sure they will enjoy the activities and classes, meet many friends and come home with loads for great stories but mostly they will grow and practice those necessary life skills.
4-H Clubs March at St. Patrick’s Day Parade

The 36th Annual Morristown St. Patrick’s Day Parade took place on Saturday, March 15th. The weather was surprisingly warm and sunny, after experiencing weeks of frigid temperatures and snowstorms. A crowd of about 80,000 spectators lined the streets of Morristown and cheered on each and every marching group. 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 41 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 and Mic McWilliams - Spotlight Cloggers and 4-H Board of Directors
- Julie Kibbe - Wing Nuts
- Johanna, Michael and Valerie Pipoli - Buckaneers
- Jenna Muszelik - Buckaneers
- Hannah Vivian - Buckaneers
- Jamie and Sadie Hoberman - Wing Nuts
- Jacob Fugger - Wing Nuts
- Jen Nichols - Wing Nuts
- Sammi Sternstein and Lisa Blizzard - Dogs R Us
- Caitlyn Brunner - Teen Council
- Casey, Denise, Rylan and Harper Masterson - Wing Nuts
- Erin and Thomas Huber - Spotlight Cloggers
- Morgan Kovach - Spotlight Cloggers
- Clayton and Glen Zdroik - Feathered Friends and 4-H Board of Directors
- Parris Johnson - Teen Council
- Gemma, Kit and Bob James - Wing Nuts
- Erin and Mary Ellen DeBiasse - Dogs “R” Us and Teen Council
- Kent Sanchez - Dogs “R” Us
- Halle Damiano - Teen Council
- Mary Johnson - Teen Council
- Maria Russell - Teen Council
- Jason Fiumefreddo - Teen Council
- June Perigo - Wing Nuts
- Galen Martin - Wing Nuts
- Nan Perigo - Wing Nuts
- Emmalee Miller - Buckaneers
- Kathy Murarik - Dogs “R” Us and 4-H Office Staff
- Kelly Dziak - 4-H Office Staff

Join us next year for another fun event!
St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Members of Puppy Tails
Seeing Eye 4-H Club

Members of 4-Footed Leaders
Seeing Eye 4-H Club
St. Patrick’s Day Parade
New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct

Last year, NJ 4-H updated the behavior agreement which is signed by all members and leaders to ensure the safety and well-being for all participants. Please read and become familiar with the Code of Conduct below.

New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct

The primary purpose of the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants at 4-H sponsored events and activities. It applies to all participants, with participants defined as 4-H members, their parents/guardians, and volunteers.

As a participant in the 4-H program, I will:

Conduct myself in a courteous manner and treat members, parents, 4-H volunteers, Extension staff, judges and others with respect. Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times.

Respect and adhere to the rules and guidelines of the 4-H program including all those specific to a 4-H event or activity.

Uphold an individual’s right to dignity by supporting an environment of inclusion which welcomes involvement of participants from all backgrounds.

Accept supervision and support from county and state 4-H staff while participating in the 4-H program. This includes acceptance of supervision and support from appointed 4-H volunteers coordinating 4-H events and activities.

Obey local, state and federal laws.

Participants who fail to adhere to the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct are subject to a range of disciplinary actions. Such actions will be taken in compliance with the New Jersey 4-H Discipline Policy and Procedure. When appropriate, immediate corrective action will be taken at the 4-H event to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants.

I understand if I fail to adhere to the above Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action and may potentially be prohibited from attending and participating in the New Jersey 4-H program.

Policy Adopted: January 2013
Volunteer at the Fair!

We are asking each 4-H member and their family members to sign up for a three-hour shift in one or more areas at our Fair. Everyone who works a shift will be entered into the $100 Work & Win contest. See details below. PLEASE HELP!!!

Help out as a Fair Manager

We are so grateful for the many volunteers who help at the Fair each year. Would you like to help this year? There are many volunteer opportunities to manage the many events and divisions at the Fair.

Jobs that need to be filled include:

- Small Animal Division Manager
- Crafts Division Chairperson
- Open Pet Show Manager
- Needlework Division Chairperson
- Small Animal Bowl Coordinator
- Corporate Volunteer Recruiter
- Poster Paws Contest Coordinator
- Fair Ambassadors
- Fair Photographer
- Cloverbud Corner Coordinator
- Childcare Division Chairperson
- Office Trailer Customer Service
- Clothing & Textiles Division Chairperson

Call the office at (973) 285-8301 for details if your skills can help with these positions.

Volunteers Needed for Fair Setup

Fair set up will be at 9:00 am on Saturday and Sunday, July 12 & 13.
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 entered into a drawing for a free $20 wrist band for the Amusement Rides, which will allow the winner to ride the rides Friday through Sunday! In addition, all volunteers are invited to enjoy a delicious lunch, provided by Janet and Kevin Malcolm.

Please come out and help!

Volunteer at the Fair!

We are asking each 4-H member and their family members to sign up to work a 3-hour shift during the Fair. There are many jobs to be done, for all ages, and we need your help!! Please review the list of jobs available to see where you might like to help. This year, we will be using an online sign-up for our volunteers. Watch for an email or be sure to review our Newsflashes to signup to help at the Fair. Questions? Call the 4-H office at 973 285-8301. Here are our available jobs:

- **Fair Announcer**: Announce Fair events over PA system
- **Chicken BBQ**: Cook and/or sell our Chicken BBQ dinners
- **Children’s Country Store**: Sell items, organize merchandise (This is similar to a Garage Sale)
- **4-H Information Station**: Promote 4-H to interested fairgoers
- **Hay Ride / Tractor Driver**: Sell tickets, assist riders on/off wagon
- **Info Booth**: Answer Fair questions, give directions, sign-in volunteers, sell T-shirts, bandanas, etc., sell 50/50 tickets
- **Photographer**: Take pictures of events, 4-H’ers and visitors throughout the Fair
- **Soda Booth**: Sell beverages; make change
- **4-H Office**: Answer phones, take messages, answer questions
- **Petting Barn**: Watch over animals and guide young children with farm activities
- **Design your own Fair T-Shirt**: Assist fairgoers in designing a Fair t-shirt

Call the office at (973) 285-8301 for details if your skills can help with these positions.
2014 4-H Fair

**IMPORTANT FAIR MEETING!**

*May 15 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 20th. 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 some very creative pages!

**Donations Needed For Children’s Country Store**

Spring cleaning is the perfect time to clean out your closets and pack up all the toys, books, puzzles, etc. that are no longer being played with and donate them to the Children’s Country Store at the 4-H Fair. This popular booth sells used items at bargain prices during our Fair.

Last year, thanks to the generous donations of our 4-H families and friends, we collected *more than $1,000*. Please pack items securely for safe transport and bring them to the 4-H office or directly to the Fairgrounds. Please call the office before making any deliveries to the office.

**Tricky Tray Gift Baskets Needed**

This year’s Tricky Tray will be held on *Saturday night, July 19* 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 16 between 4 and 9 p.m., or any time on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, July 17-19.

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.

**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](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.
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!

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 wrist-band. This is an opportunity to **ride all the rides** from Friday morning until the Fair closes on Sunday **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 973 285-8311 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](http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/sponsorship.html).
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 all the rides, at any time, Friday through Sunday 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, PO Box 900, Morristown, NJ 07963

### 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 15, 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!

### What to wear to the Fair:
4-H t-shirts or bandanas, or your club shirts, to show your 4-H spirit!
4-H items 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
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 17th 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.
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 17-20, 2014**, 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 16**, 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 20**. 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 20**. 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 7**.
- 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.
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